SECOND WAVE: Mississippi has seen a 40% jump in cases since our statewide mask mandate ended. WHITE CASES SURGE: Over the past two weeks COVID cases for Whites outnumbered Blacks by almost 2 to 1. White cases and deaths now lead Black cases and deaths for the first time.

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Charts and rankings: Washington Post, NYT (masking order date added by MCJ)

Rural mostly white counties now have among the highest rates of new infections. Clusters include higher education, prisons, and other facilities, but there is no data on meat packing facilities.

Mississippi remains 2nd among the Deep South states in cases, and deaths per capita, and continues to narrow the gap with Louisiana in cases and deaths since June 10. It now is 4th in tests in Deep South behind all but Alabama. (Washington Post).

Whites now lead Blacks in our state in total cases and deaths; nevertheless racial disparities persist, although at lower rates. For Black Mississippians, COVID-19 cases and deaths are 26% and 24% higher respectively than the Black share of the state’s population. For Whites, COVID-19 cases and deaths are 22% and 20% lower respectively than the White share of the state’s population.

Mississippi is 45th in the nation in daily testing for coronavirus, with 1,465 tests per million, below the national average of 3,263. Kaiser Family Foundation. The state’s cumulative percent positivity rate is 13.16%, double the national average of 6.5%. Mayo Clinic.

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