Mississippi has administered twice as many vaccines to Whites than Blacks while Hispanics account for only 1% of total doses. ❷

After emerging from a lethal winter surge in cases and deaths, Mississippi has ended statewide mask mandates as of March 2, and opened vaccinations up to all adults. CDC forecasts a continued drop in weekly cases over next month. CDC. National health experts caution, however, that the state is among 15 states at risk for an uptick in infections. ABC News.

Just over 11% of Mississippian have been fully vaccinated, with 20% receiving one injection. Twice as many Whites than Blacks have received vaccinations. MDOH.

Mississippi is 1st in deaths, 3rd in cases, and tied for 1st (with LA and SC) in vaccinations per capita among Deep South states. (Washington Post) Mississippi’s case rate is 20% above the national rate.

Whites continue to lead Blacks in total cases and deaths and the disparities continue to narrow. For Black Mississippians, cases and deaths are 0% and 5% higher respectively than the Black share of the state’s population. For Whites, cases and deaths are 6% lower than the White share of the state’s population. For both groups the disparities have reduced by double digits since the statewide mask mandate ended.

Mississippi is 51st in the nation in daily testing for coronavirus, with 666 daily tests per million, below the national average of 1,510. Kaiser Family Foundation. The state’s cumulative percent positivity rate is 16%, over three times higher than the national average of 4.7%. Mayo Clinic.

For MCJ’s legal response to the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit our COVID page.

### New reported cases per day

### New reported deaths per day

See this video clip by Pastor Lazarus Taylor, Tchula, MS, on concerns and answers about COVID vaccination.

Additional resources here and here.