

Democrats want to monitor your TEXTS and use 'aggressive' fact-checkers to dispel vaccine misinformation, report claims

- Biden administration officials are alarmed by rising COVID cases in 43 states
- The DNC is planning to send text messages and use 'aggressive' fact-checkers to dispel misinformation, a report suggests
- Biden last week said the administration would go 'door to door' but latest plans rely on 'trusted' providers including family physicians
- Officials are moving ahead with how to manage the country with only 68% of people vaccinated
- 91 million people are unvaccinated; 42 states have increase in COVID infections
- 'We are under no illusions that each person in this stage will take longer to reach,' a senior administration official told Politico

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President Joe Biden's administration is out of ideas on how to raise the stagnate COVID vaccination rate

The Biden administration is planning to ramp up efforts to combat vaccine misinformation in areas where vaccination rates are lagging and COVID cases are rising, according to a report.

The Democratic National Committee is considering working with SMS companies to vet texts and send messages directly to Americans to stop the spread of inaccurate information, [Politico](#) reported Monday.

The party organization is also reportedly considering employing 'aggressive' fact-checkers to monitor communications in a plan drawing furious pushback from conservatives.

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The report did not specify how the [DNC](#), an outside party organization, would work with companies that handle text messages.

Resistance to getting a shot in the arm has caused the vaccination rate to flatline despite an all-out effort by the White House to raise it. Biden, first lady [Jill Biden](#), Vice President [Kamala Harris](#) and Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff have been on a nation-wide tour to urge vaccinations.

But administration officials are now looking at the next steps as 91 million people remain unvaccinated and 43 states are seeing an increase in COVID infections in the last week as the Delta variant causes cases to spike.

The report the Democrats would increase their intervention in the vaccine effort to 'dispel misinformation' drew immediate condemnation from conservatives and GOP lawmakers.

Fox News host Tucker Carlson, who is himself the recipient of administration pushback for his on-air criticism of vaccines, [teed off](#) Monday night on the line from the story, which came just as the White House is stressing its intention to keep politics out of the vaccine effort, without growing outbreaks in Missouri and southern states.



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Biden allied groups, including the Democratic National Committee, are also planning to engage fact-checkers more aggressively and work with SMS carriers to dispel misinformation about vaccines that is sent over social media and text messages. The goal is to ensure that people who may have difficulty getting a vaccination because of issues like transportation see those barriers lessened or removed entirely.

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Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) tweeted it was an effort to 'force vaccine compliance and who knows what else'



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Rep. Lauren Boebert, whose own comparisons of vaccinators to Nazis drew a rebuke Monday, blasted Democrats after the report



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- Carlson highlighted the line and called it outright government censorship. 'Nothing that questions official regime policy will reach you,' he told viewers. DailyMail.com has reached out to the DNC for comment.

'So now the Biden Administration wants to get into people's text messages ... to force vaccine compliance and who knows what else,' tweeted Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.).

Wrote Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-Colo.): 'Biden's regime has announced they'll be working with SMS providers to stop vaccine 'misinformation' spread via text messages. This is on the same day the White House said they support local officials who implement mandatory vaccines. No wonder they can't condemn Communism.'

Boebert has been contending with her own issues for her vaccine resistance. The Auschwitz Museum on Monday condemned Boebert's tweet that invoked the Holocaust when she said 'Biden has deployed his Needle Nazis to Mesa County.'

The effort comes as an effort that seeks to persuade and entice people into getting life-saving jabs is bumping into limitations, with COVID cases on the rise in states and counties where President Joe Biden's trust and approval ratings are lower than they are nationwide.

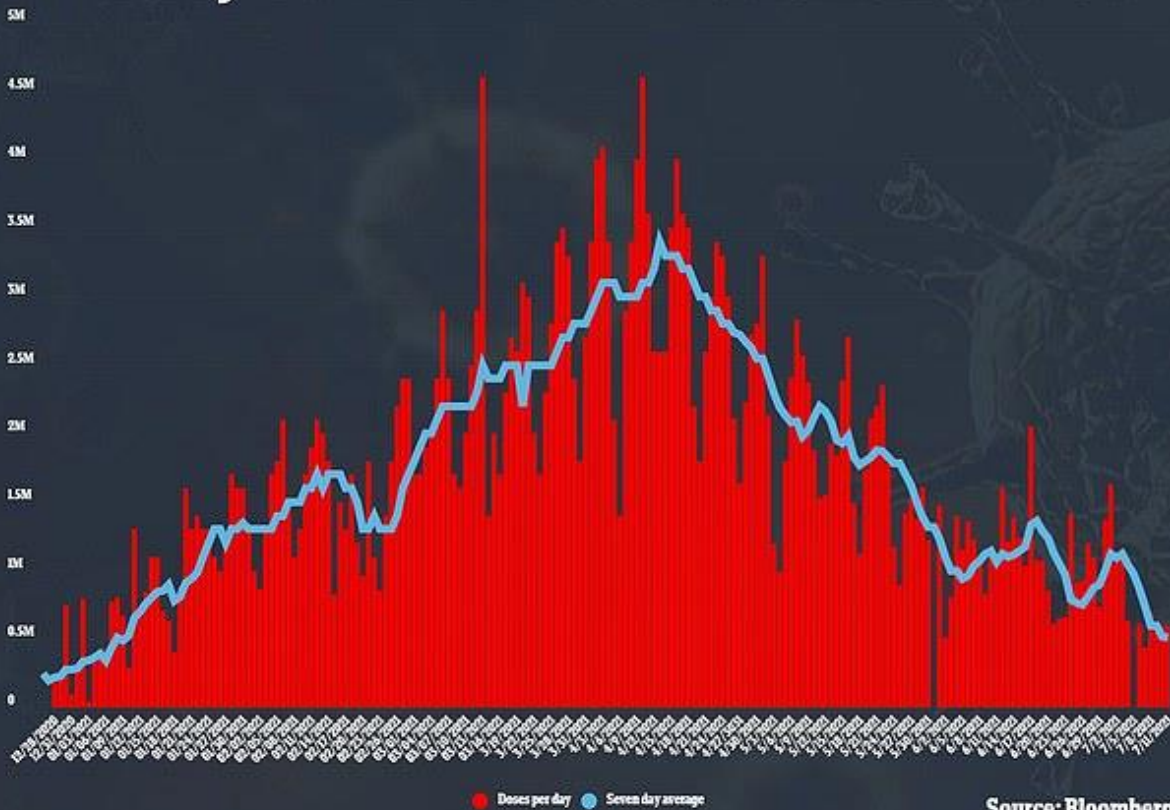
Administration scientists have taken pains to stress efforts to 'meet people where they are,' and got behind state-run efforts that used lotteries and other lures for vaccination. But some recent efforts show the imprint of a team accustomed to political battle after the 2020 race against President Trump.

'We are steadfastly committed to keeping politics out of the effort to get every American vaccinated so that we can save lives and help our economy further recover,' White House spokesperson Kevin Munoz told Politico.

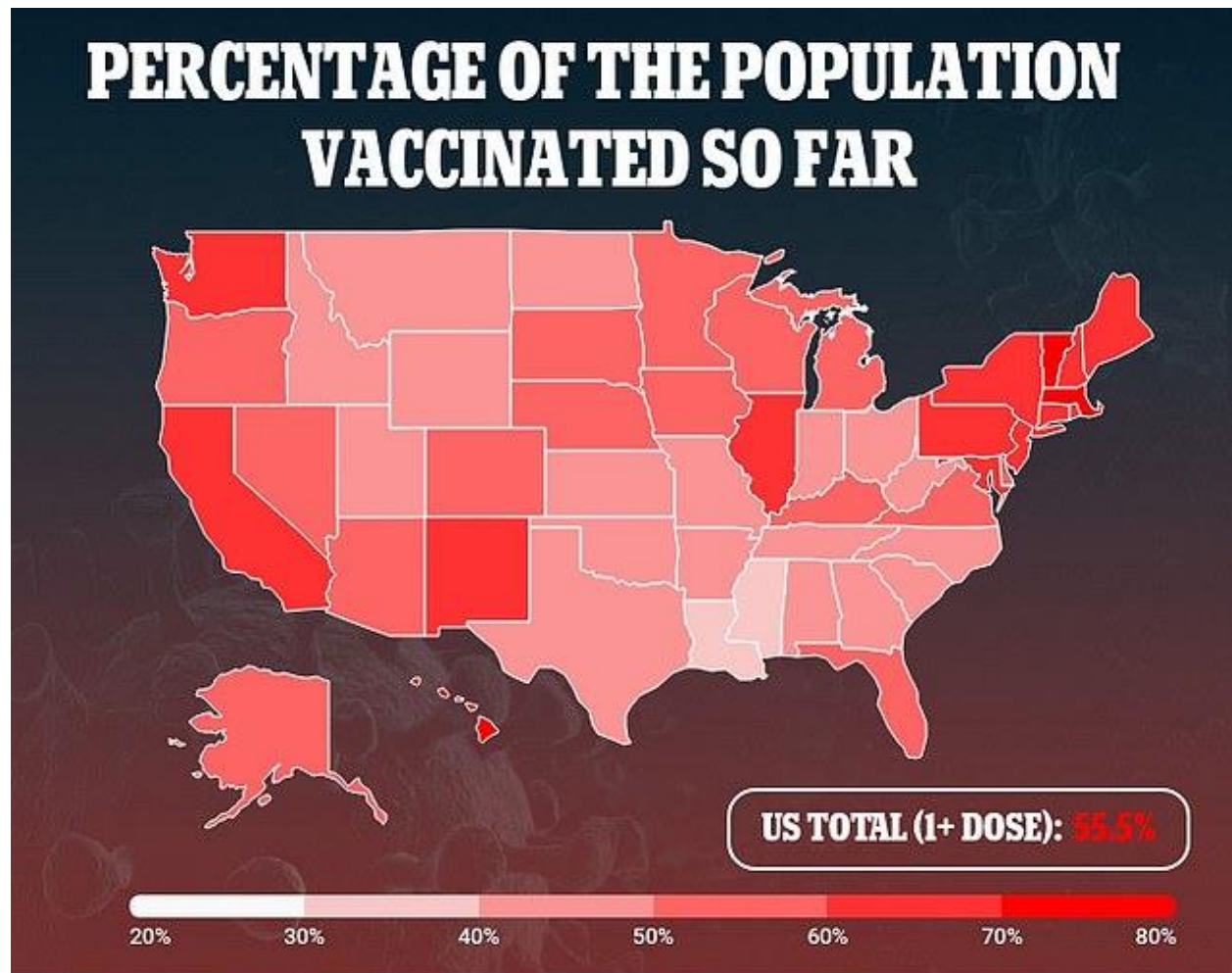
'When we see deliberate efforts to spread misinformation, we view that as an impediment to the country's public health and will not shy away from calling that out,' he said.

Infectious disease expert Dr. Anthony Fauci, who has become something of a lightning rod after tussles with Trump, called out Fox News, which has given considerable airtime to figures with vaccine skeptics, including prime time host Tucker Carlson. Carlson called the vaccine plan an effort to 'force people to take medicine they don't want or need.'

Daily COVID-19 vaccinations in the US



Source: Bloomberg/CDC



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Said Fauci: 'The big misinterpretation that Fox News or whomever else is saying is that they are essentially envisioning a bunch of federal workers knocking on your door, telling you you've got to do something that you don't want to do,' Anthony Fauci, President Biden's chief medical adviser, said in an interview on Sunday.

'That's absolutely not the case, it's trusted messengers who are part of the community doing that — not government officials. So that's where I think the disconnect is.'

Centers for Disease Control head Rochelle Walensky has been warning about the risks of rising COVID cases in states that lag on vaccinations. She said last week: ' Simply put, in areas of low vaccination coverage, cases and hospitalizations are up.'

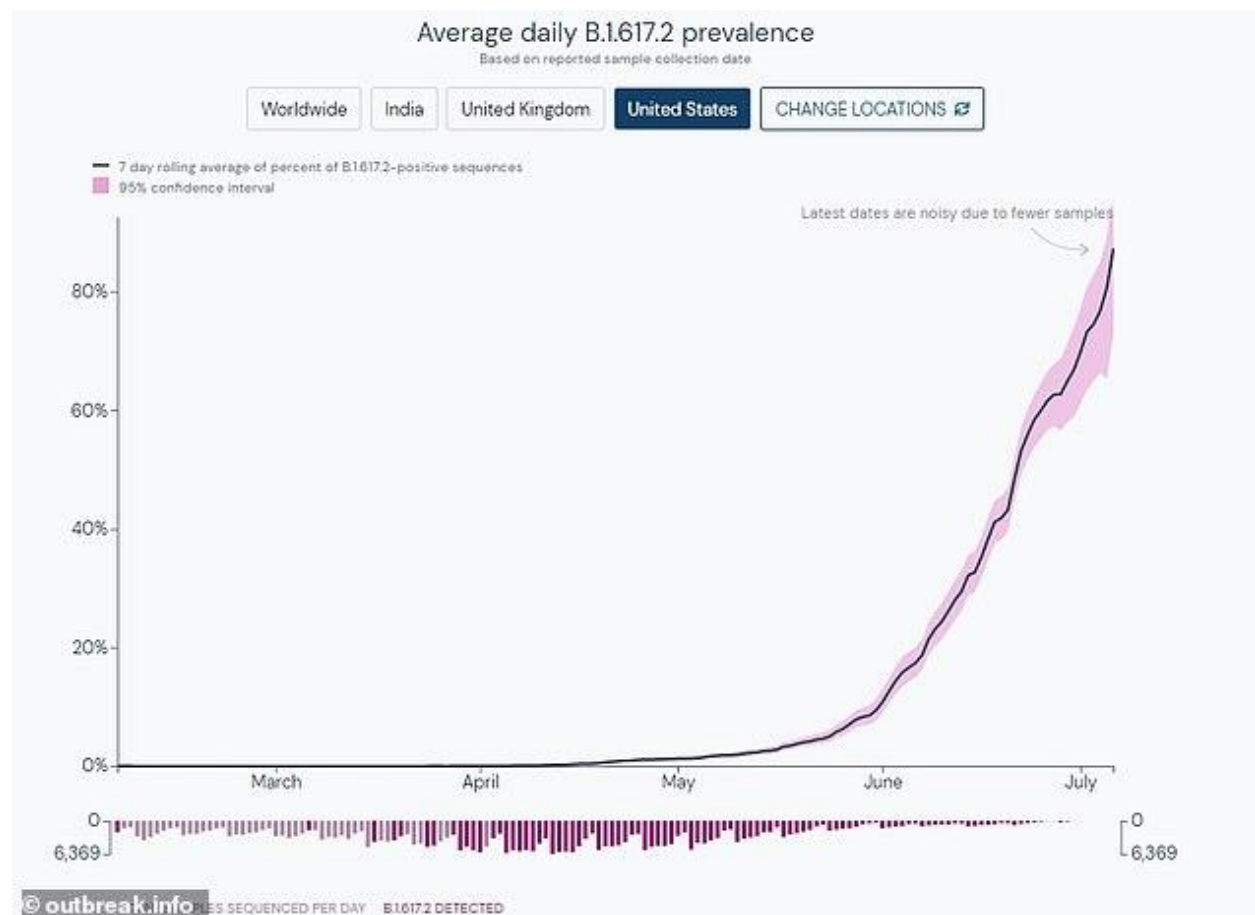
Officials are running out of ideas for jumpstarting the pace of coronavirus vaccinations, [Politico](#) reported.

'We are under no illusions that each person in this stage will take longer to reach,' a senior administration official said. 'The first 180 million were much easier than the next 5 million.'

White House press secretary Jen Psaki defended the administration's outreach program on vaccinations in her press briefing on Monday.

'We want to make sure we are lifting up some of the innovative innovative ways that Americans across the country are meeting their communities where they are with the vaccine,' she said.

'We all have a duty to continue making the cases of vaccine to our friends and family. Companies, media and individuals all can play a special role as trusted messengers to an unvaccinated person by sharing the fact that the vaccines are safe, effective, accessible and free across the country we're seeing Americans, step up,' she added.



- **Fauci said the spread of the Delta variant, which makes up more than half of all cases (above), is worrisome because it is more infectious and therefore will continue to spread in communities with low vaccination rates**

The news outlet talked with more than a half-dozen federal and state officials working on the COVID response, who acknowledged that none of the administration's outreach efforts are likely to raise the vaccination rates - and that there are few remaining options to try.

In the US, 59% of adults are fully vaccinated while 68% have at least one shot, according to [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data](#). For the total population, 184 million have at least one shot while 159 million are fully vaccinated. Less than half of all Americans - 48% - are fully vaccinated.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki defended the administration's efforts in one of her press briefings last week when she was asked about the declining vaccination rate.

'Our focus now is on doubling down on our efforts as we continue to vaccinate millions of people across the summer months,' she said on Tuesday.

'It is ultimately up to individuals to decide if they are going to get vaccinated,' she added. 'But, no, these programs will continue, and we're going to continue to press forward on approaches that we have seen work in the past.'

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said Monday that a large segment of the population is now left vulnerable to infection from the Delta variant.

'Given the number of people in the country who are not vaccinated, that really is the concern because the vaccines we have available...do very well against the Delta variant, particularly protecting against severe disease leading to hospitalization,' he told CBS' This Morning.

'We're concerned about those regions of the country, those states, those areas, those cities in which the level of vaccination is really quite low, hovering around 30 percent or so,' he said.

According to CDC data updated last week, the Delta variant, also known as B.1.617.2, makes up 51.7 percent of all new infections.

The Delta variant has been detected in all 50 states and accounts for more than 80 percent of new infections in Midwestern states such as Iowa, Kansas and Missouri, where vaccination rates are lagging.

Republicans have been pounding the administration's attempt to get more shots in arms, particularly it's 'door-to-door' program.

In the past three months, the vaccination rate among counties that voted for Donald Trump has dropped in greater numbers compared to counties that voted for Biden.

Three months ago, as of April 22, the average vaccination rate in counties that voted for Trump was 20.6% compared to 22.8% in Biden counties, according to a data analysis by the [Kaiser Family Foundation](#). That was a 2.2% gap.

By May 11, the gap had increased to 6.5%. By July 6, the vaccination rate in Trump counties was 35% compared to 46.7% in Biden counties for a 11.7% gap.

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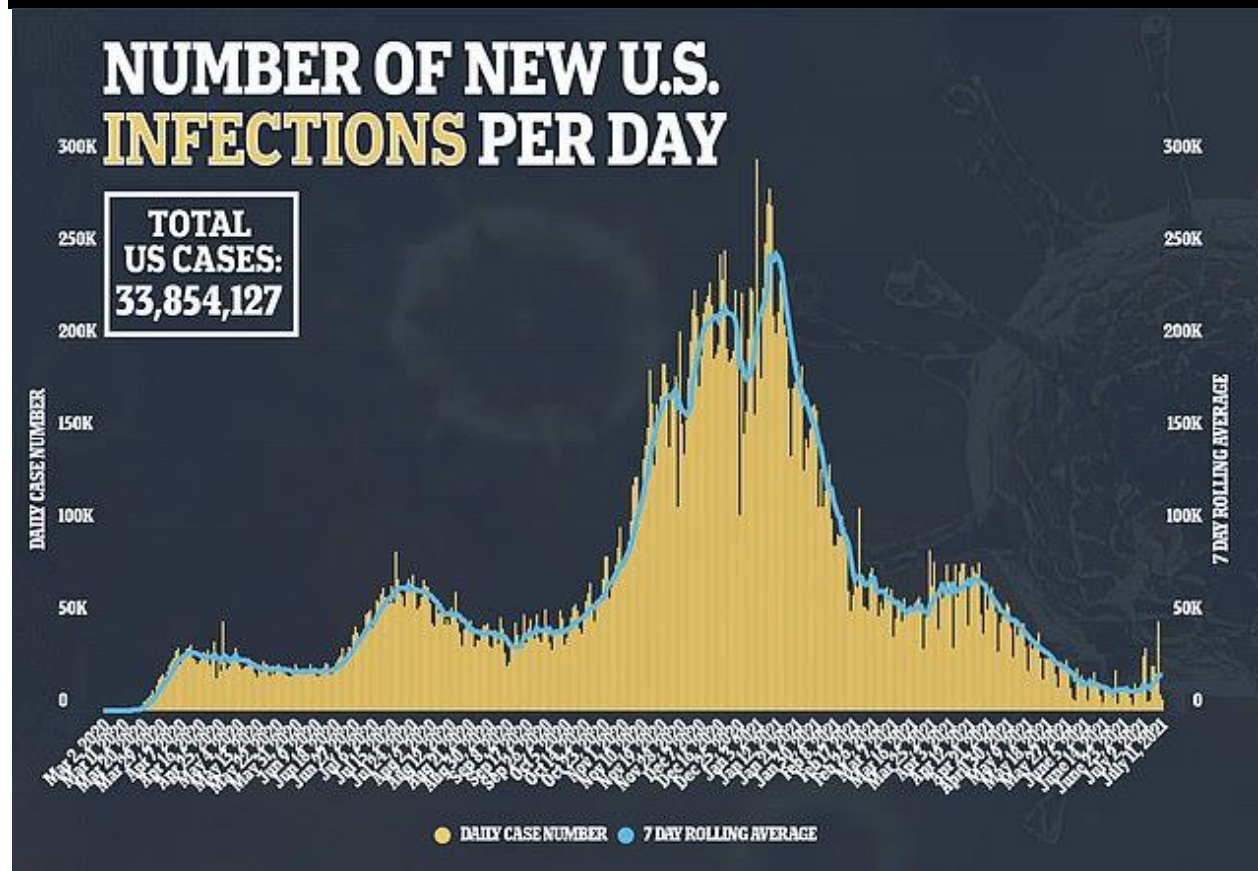
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COVID-19 cases have soared by 30% in one week in the U.S. from 4,739 infections recorded last Sunday to 6,164 new cases this Sunday

Conservatives viewed Biden's 'door-to-door' quote as government intrusion.

'How about don't knock on my door. You're not my parents. You're the government. Make the vaccine available, and let people be free to choose. Why is that concept so hard for the left?' tweeted Rep. Dan Crenshaw, a Texas Republican.

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, a Georgia Republican, again tied the Biden's administration's coronavirus response to Nazi Germany.

'Biden pushing a vaccine that is NOT FDA approved shows covid is a political tool used to control people,' she tweeted Tuesday afternoon. 'People have a choice, they don't need your medical brown shirts showing up at their door ordering vaccinations.'

The term 'brown shirt' comes from the official uniform of the SA or Sturmabteilung, the Nazi party's paramilitary unit.

And Republican Rep. Lauren Boebert of Colorado called the program 'needle Nazis.'

'Biden has deployed his Needle Nazis to Mesa County,' she wrote on Twitter. 'The people of my district are more than smart enough to make their own decisions about the experimental vaccine and don't need coercion by federal agents. Did I wake up in Communist China?'

The administration has defended its program.

'This is no time for politics. This is a public health issue. And viruses and public health don't know the difference between a Democrat, a Republican or an independent,' Fauci said Sunday on ABC's This Week.

'One of the ways to do that is to get trusted messengers without any political ideology differences out there -- that could be clergy, that could be trusted messengers in the community, that could be your family physician -- to get people to put aside this political issue and say, what am I going to be able to do for my own safety and for that of my family?,' he said.

'We have got to get away from the divisiveness that has really been a problem right from the very beginning with this outbreak,' he noted.

Covid cases are surging in almost every US state with seven in the South seeing infections DOUBLE in two weeks and outbreaks mostly hitting areas with low vaccination rates amid spread of Indian 'Delta' variant

The majority of U.S. states are seeing a spike in [COVID-19](#) infections as variants of the virus continue to spread, driving up case numbers in areas with low vaccination rates. A total of 43 states and the District of Columbia have documented an increase in average daily cases over the past two weeks, according to a DailyMail.com analysis of data from Johns Hopkins University.

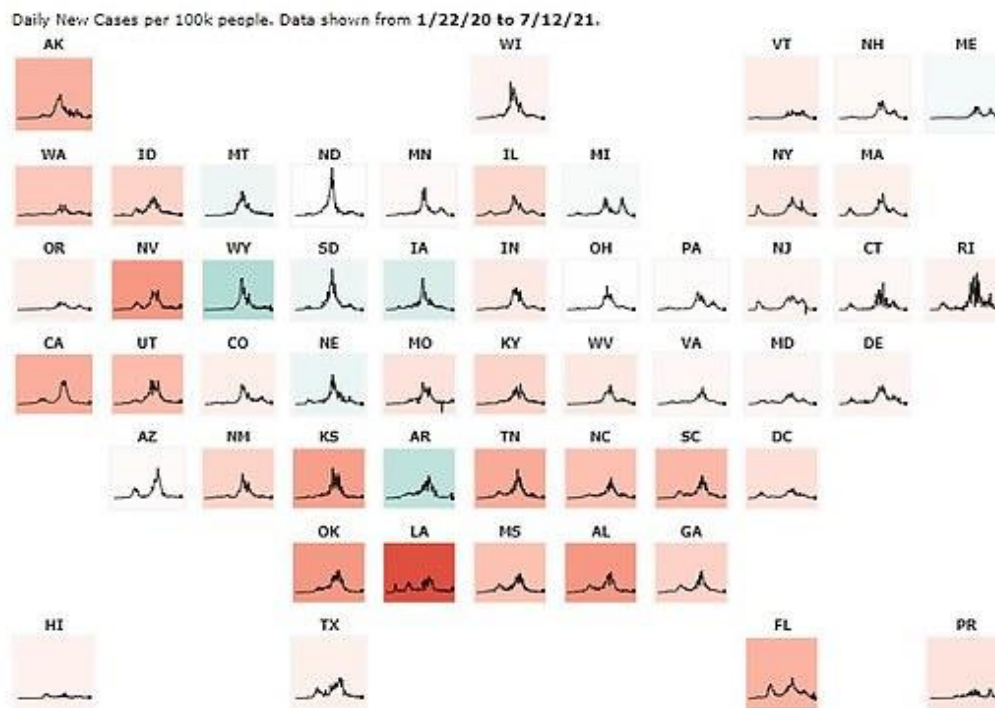
Of those states, at least 15, most of them in the South, have seen their numbers of infections at least double across a 14-day period.

Even states with high vaccination rates, such as California, Illinois, New York and Vermont are seeing cases rise.

The U.S. is now recording an average of 23,000 COVID-19 cases per day, which is the highest figure seen since late May, the analysis found.

Health experts warn that the worrying increase in cases is linked to the Indian 'Delta' variant, which accounts for as many 97 percent of infections in some states.

It comes as President [Joe Biden](#)'s administration is reportedly out of ideas on how to raise the stagnate Covid vaccination rate - with only 68 percent of adults vaccinated - and is moving ahead with how to manage the pandemic.



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In many states cases have doubles such as Louisiana, where just 35.8% are fully vaccinated. Cases have increased by 115% from a seven-day rolling average of 389 per day on June 28 to 840 per day on July 12

In Mississippi, one of the state's with the lowest infection rates, COVID-19 infections have spiked by 57 percent from 192 cases recorded on June 28 to an average of 303 per day on July 12.

Additionally, the number of residents hospitalized with COVID-19 has increased 65percent between July 4 and Sunday, July 11, according to state data.

What's more, only 33.4 percent of the population is fully vaccinated, which is the second lowest rate in the country, CDC data show.

'We have a lot more vulnerability than we should,' said Mississippi State Health Officer Dr Thomas Dobbs during a livecast of the Mississippi State Medical Association on Friday, according to [Mississippi Free Press](#).

'We are way undervaccinated as a state. We have a vast pool of unimmunized people who are a perfect breeding ground for Delta variant, and it's gonna kill folks. And it's already killing folks.'

Other Southern states including Arkansas, Louisiana, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and South Carolina have seen their cases more than double across the last two weeks.

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Just 35.8 percent of the state is fully vaccinated.

'I do think we're in it. We are seeing what is likely the beginning of increases,' Dr Joe Kanter, Louisiana state health officer, told [The Advocate](#).

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