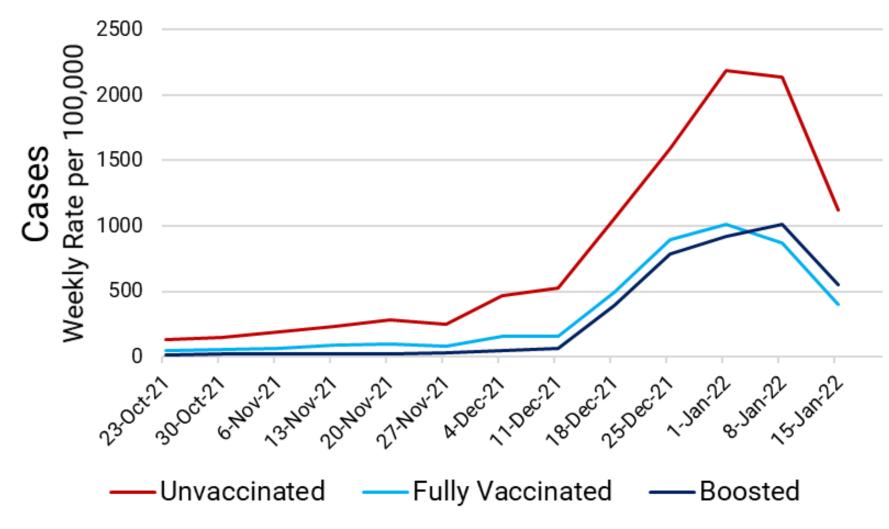
Rates of infection appear to be declining. Vaccine still highly protective against infection, though Omicron variant is showing ability to evade immunity



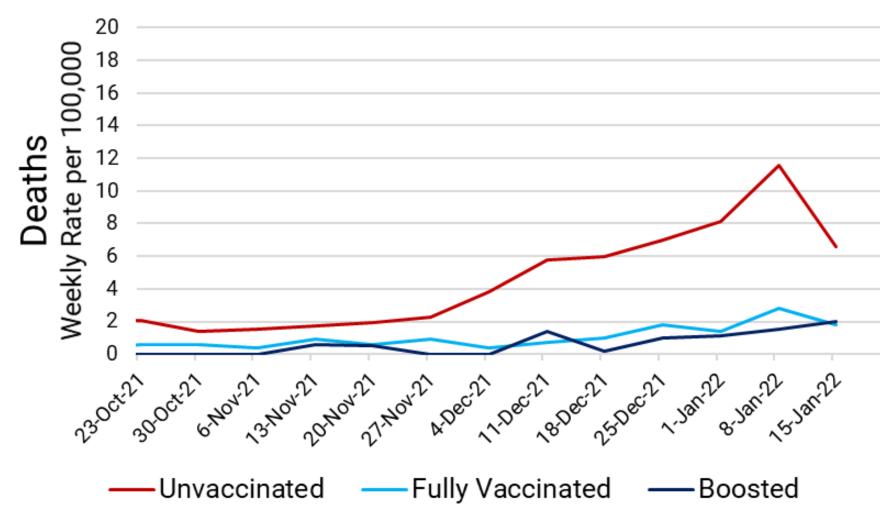
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Unvaccinated Chicago residents are still much more likely to die from COVID-19 than their vaccinated counterparts





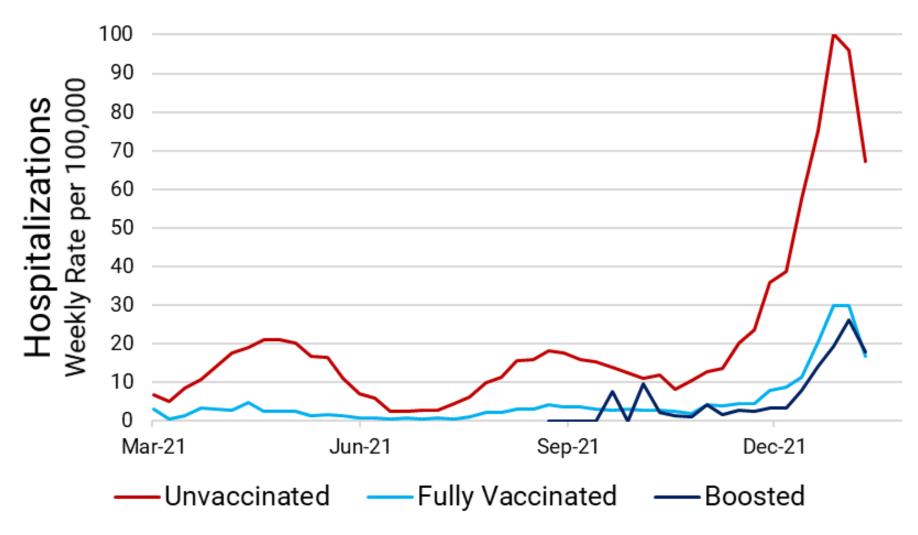
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Hospitalizations appear to be declining. Vaccinated individuals are much less likely to experience severe illness, and an additional/booster dose clearly provides added protection





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