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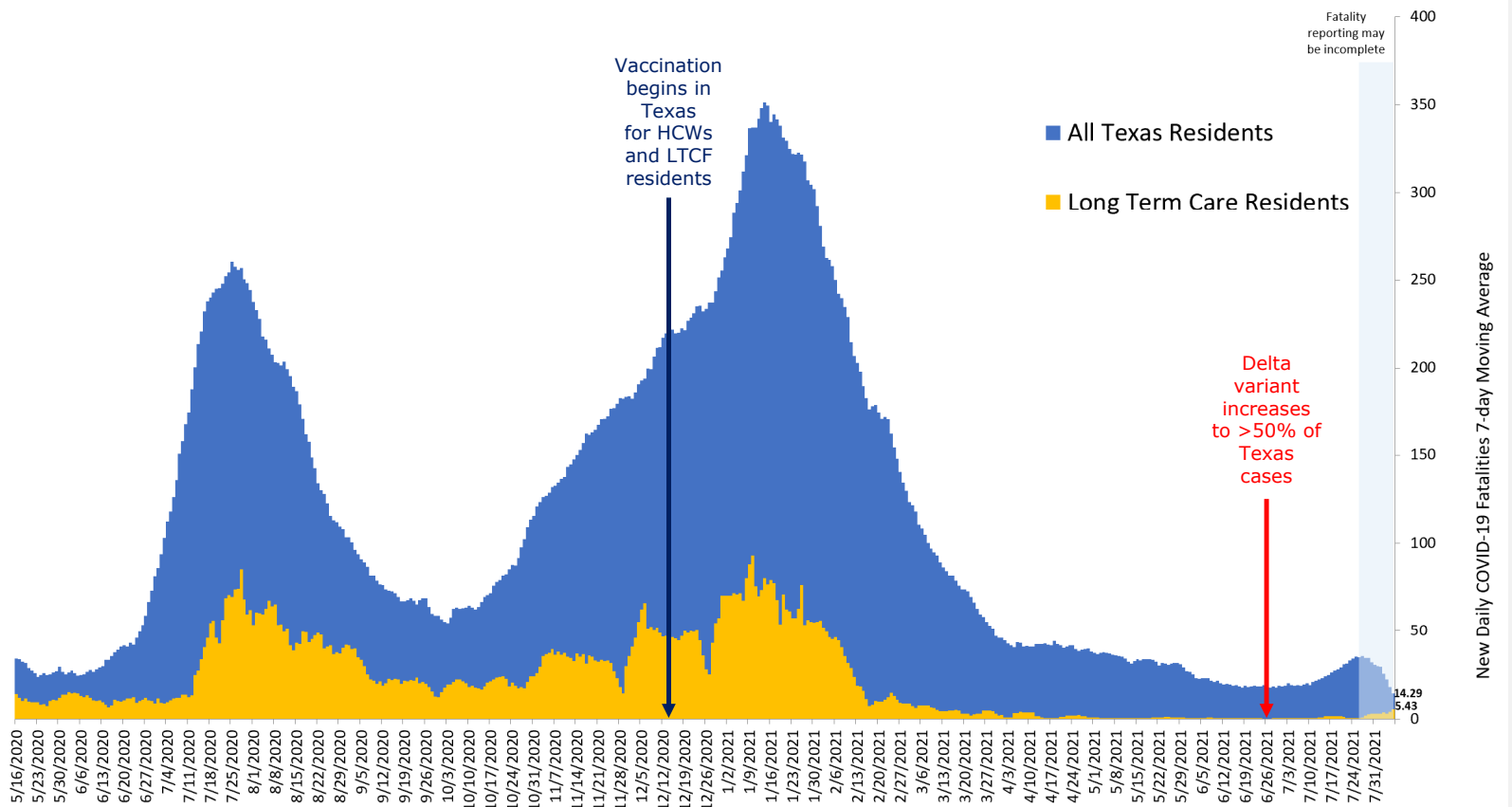
# COVID-19 and Impact of Vaccines

Presentation to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

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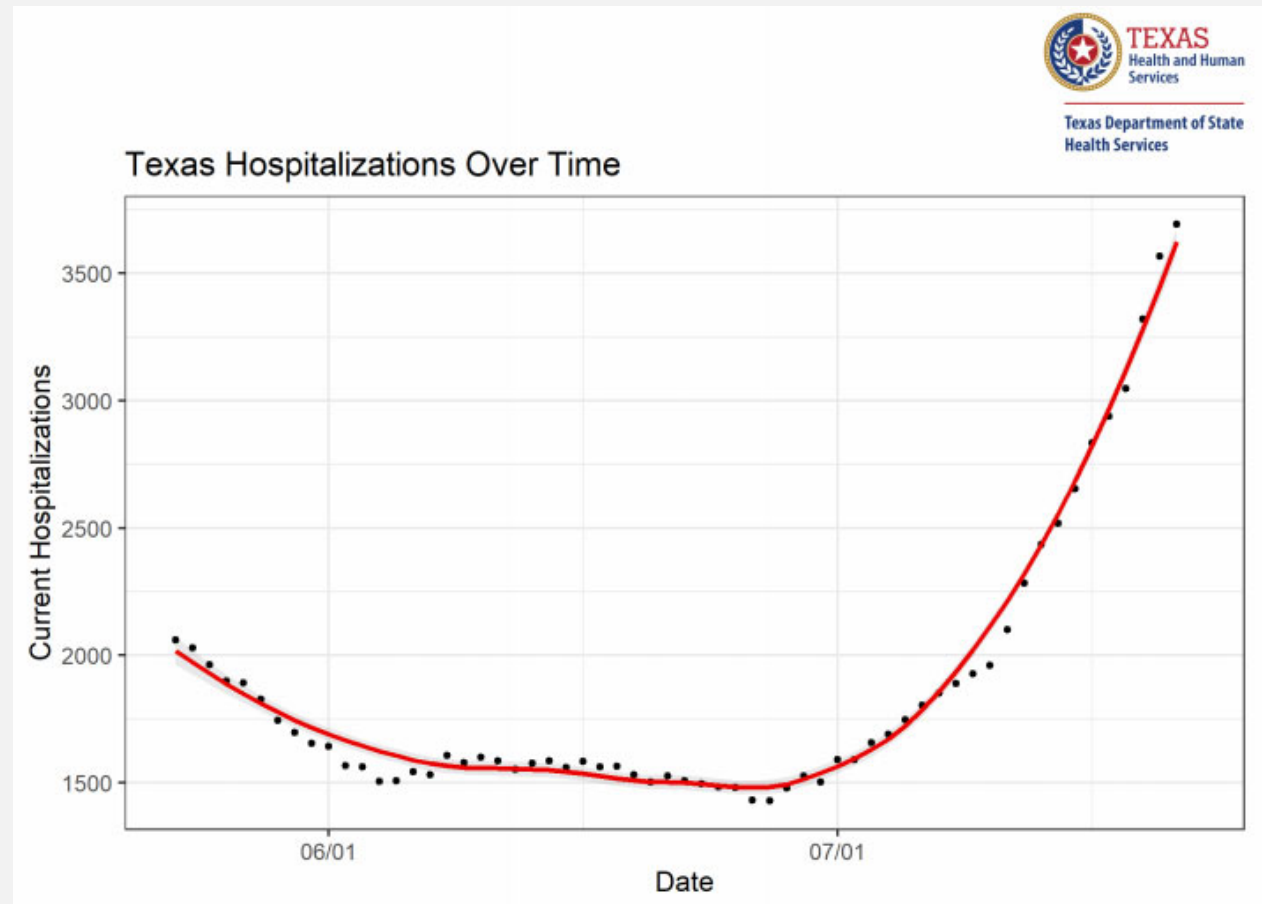
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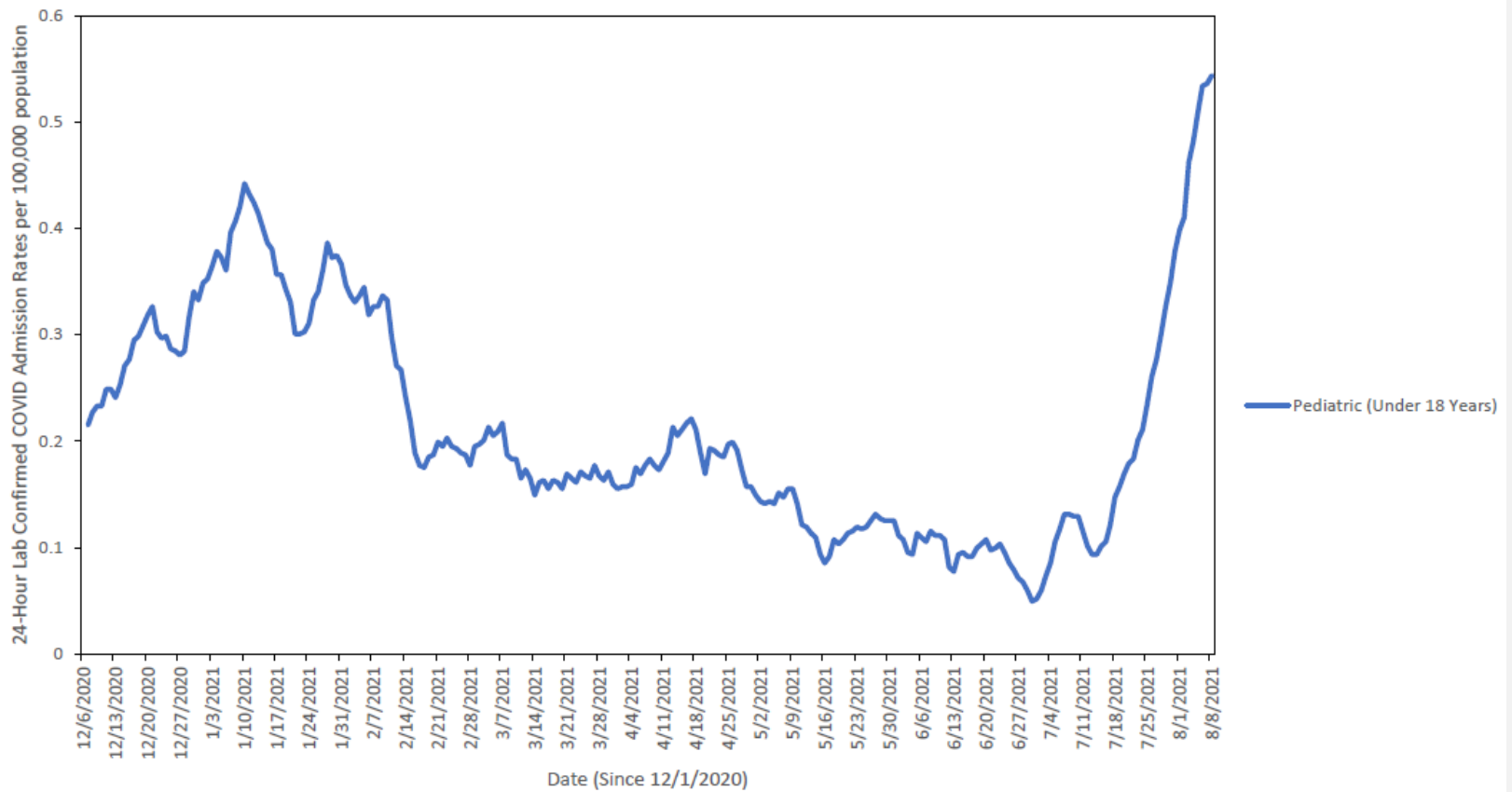
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# Increases in COVID-19 Hospitalizations



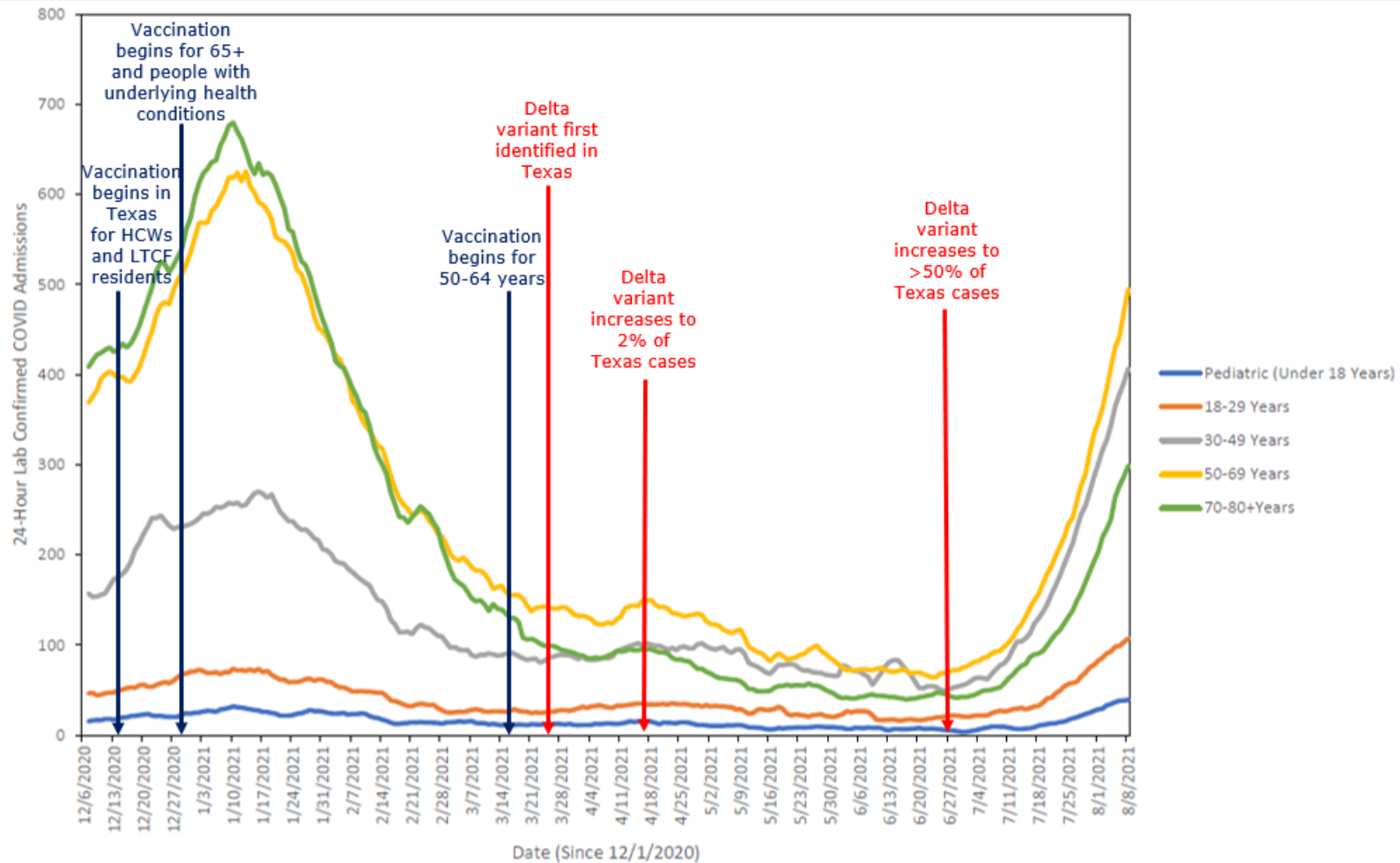
>97% of individuals entering hospital for COVID-19 are unvaccinated, per CDC

# Increases in Pediatric COVID-19 Hospitalizations

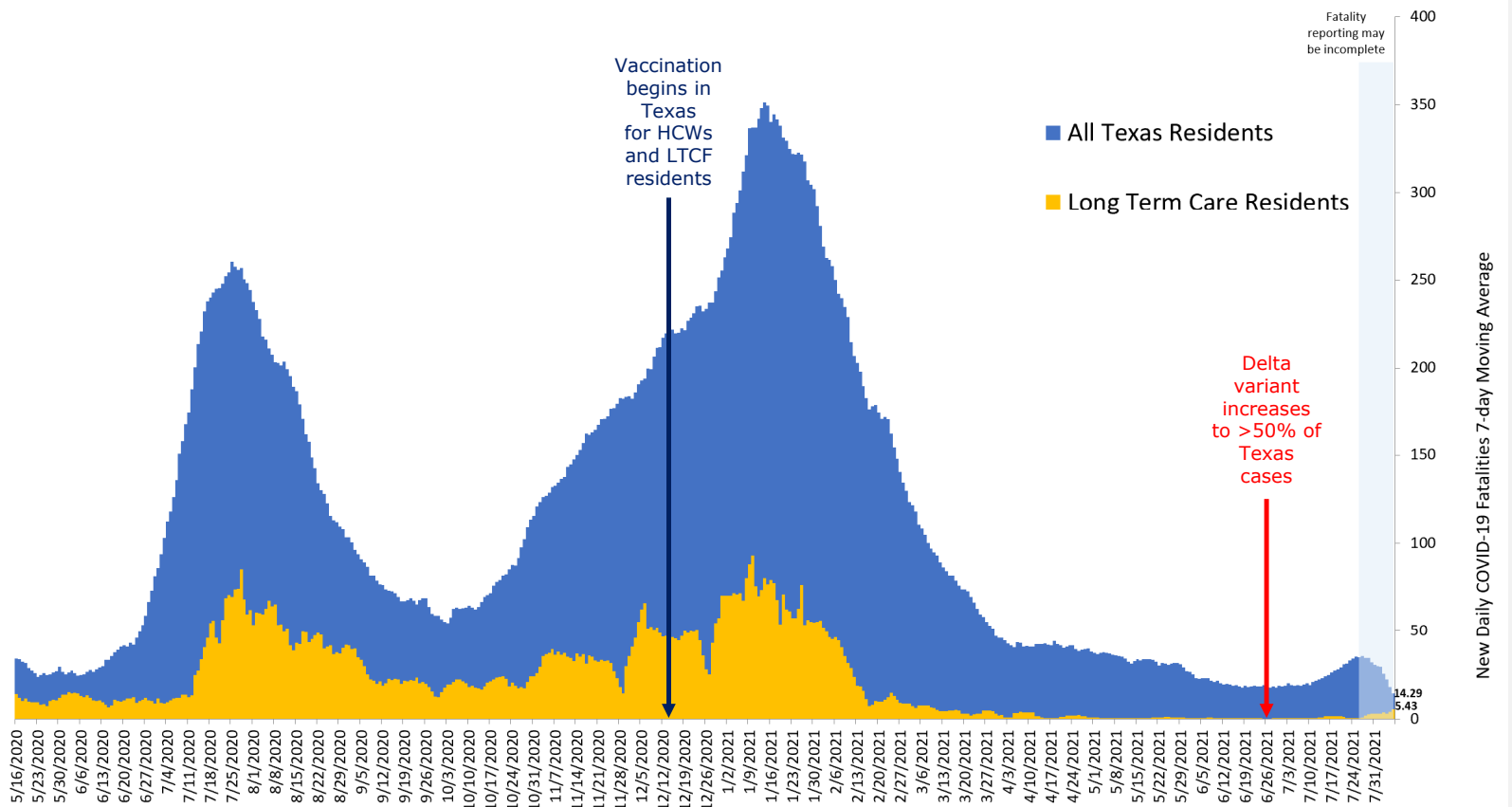


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# Factors Contributing to COVID Hospitalizations



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