



COVID-19



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COVID-19 SITUATION UPDATE - 149

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COVID-19 Situation

Incidence and Testing

The situation in some countries and territories (hitherto referred to as countries) follows the trend from last week of peaks in the current Omicron wave having been reached and declining cases & hospitalizations. This week, Antigua & Barbuda, Guadeloupe, Montserrat, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines have joined British Virgin Islands, French Guiana, Grenada and St. Kitts and Nevis in showing a declining 7 day moving incidence rates as well as a decline in the 7 day average of test positivity. Both these indicators are converging in these nine countries. In St. Vincent & the Grenadines, information for total RDTs tested, albeit partial, has recently been published so estimates of test positivity aren't sufficiently reliable. Nonetheless including RDTs, the test positivity in last 3 days is around 16%, comparable to other countries who consider RDT results to be confirmatory and are showing declining trend (Grenada).

In Barbados and Martinique, 7 day case incidence shows a slight dip in the last 2-3 days but it is too early to say that a peak has been reached. The new Minister of Health of Barbados mentioned that the country is at "...*halfway point in Omicron surge*" on Jan 29, 2022. Currently the rate of increase in total tests conducted in seven days in that country is higher than the increase in cases, which shows that health authorities are prioritizing the right areas even when one of every four people tested in the last week in Barbados had Barbados. Anguilla, on the other hand, shows a clear decline in incidence but in the absence of testing information, a decline in COVID-19 is plausible for now.

Hospitalizations

Number of people hospitalized has decreased in Antigua & Barbuda, French Guiana & St. Vincent & the Grenadines. On the other hand, it has increased in Barbados (*those in primary and secondary isolation are considered hospitalized for Barbados*), St. Lucia and in St. Kitts and Nevis. In the later, of the 23 people hospitalized on Jan 24, 5 had mild episodes and another 5 were from psychiatric ward, implying that fewer than 23 cases have been hospitalized for COVID-19 related complications / severity. In other countries, hospitalization rates have either remain stable (Anguilla, British Virgin Islands & Martinique) or increased in very low numbers (Grenada, Montserrat). Data for Dominica and Guadeloupe is not available for recent weeks.

Vaccination

Montserrat reported more than 1% of its population received the second dose in the last week. All other countries on an average vaccinated about 0.2% of its population with the second dose, much lower than what is expected to reach the target of 70% of total population fully vaccinated by June 30, 2022. Only Antigua & Barbuda and St. Barthelemy are exceptions and will reach their targets, all others need to ramp up the vaccination campaigns. On the other hand, French Guiana and Martinique have now provided boosters to 10% and 17% of its population, although only 1/3rd of their total population has been fully vaccinated - demonstrating gaps in vaccine access and vaccine hesitancy. French Guiana has partnered with Red Cross to conduct outreach campaigns for vaccination which should increase access and provide the boost necessary.

Antigua and Barbuda

Last 7 Days
Change compared to previous week

Cases
379
↓ -53.3%

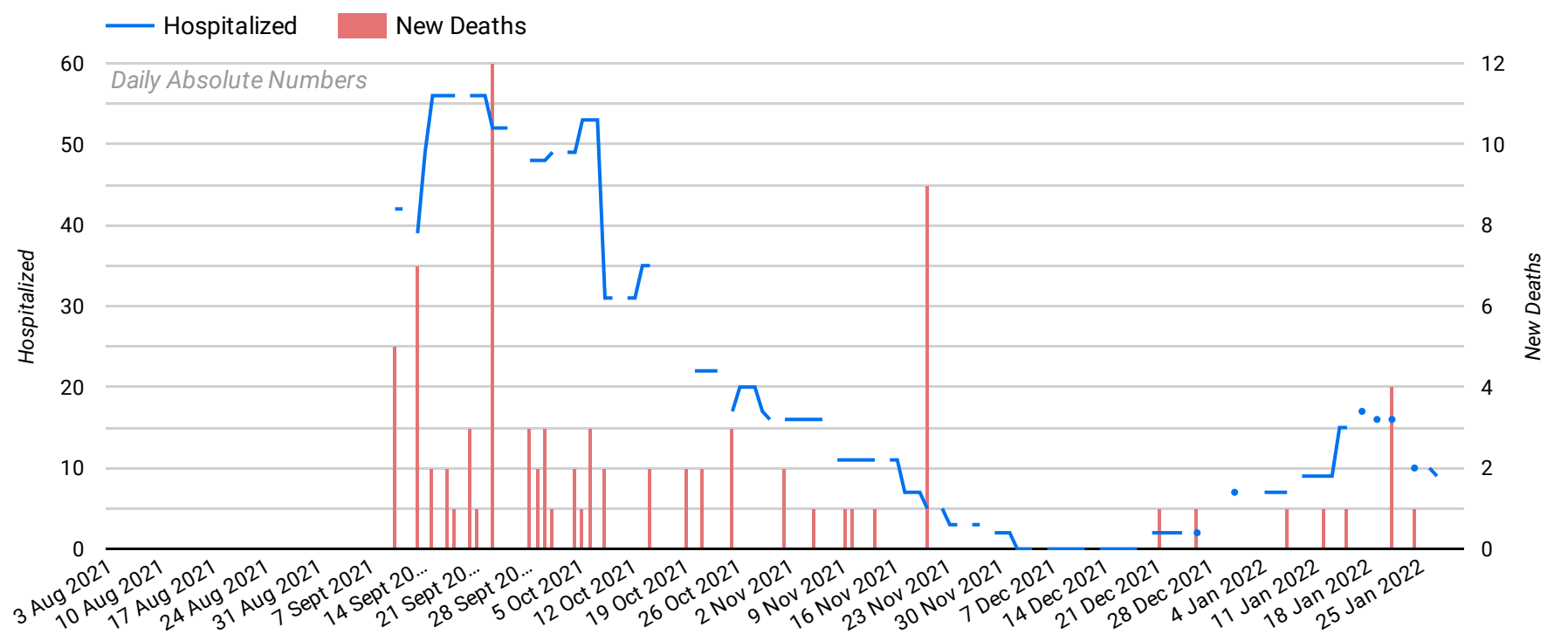
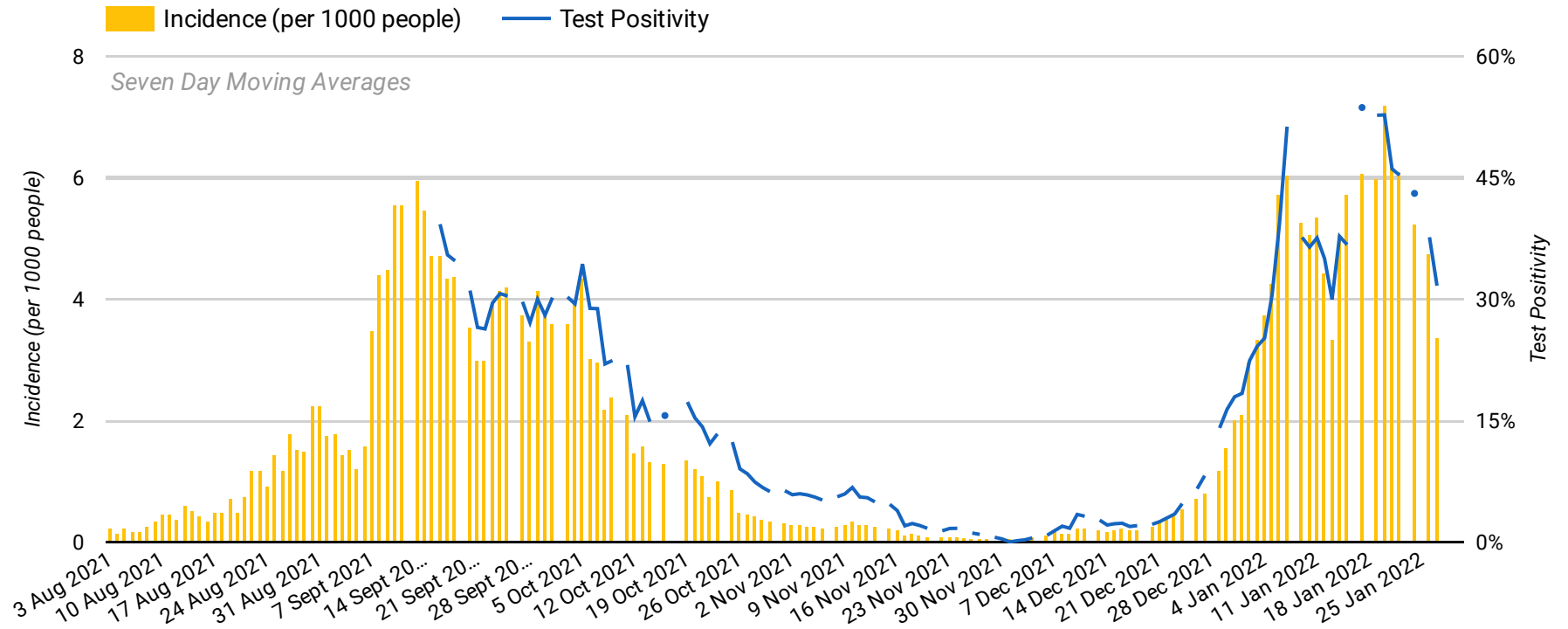
Tests
1,198
↓ -22.2%

Deaths
5
↑ 400.0%

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
63.4%
↑ 0.2%

2nd Dose / Fully
60.5%
↑ 0.3%



Barbados

Last 7 Days

Change compared to previous week

Cases
4,781
↑ 24.5%

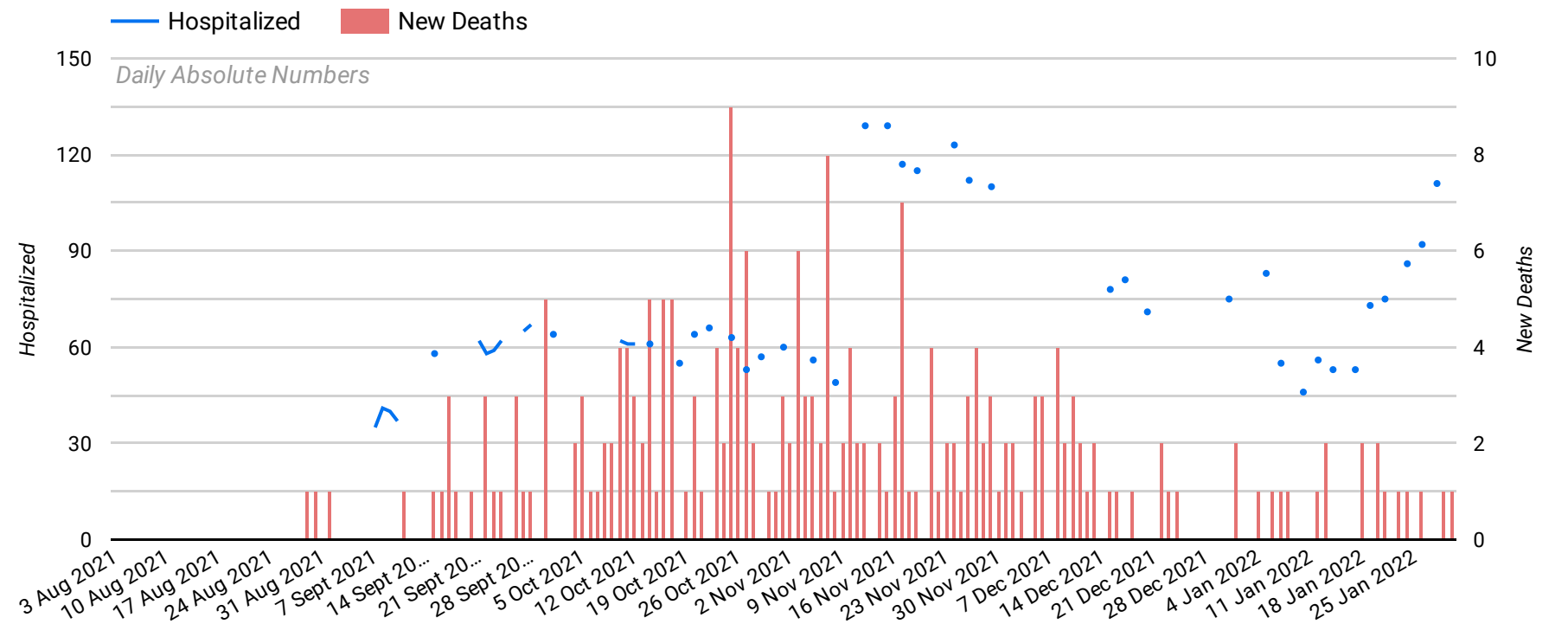
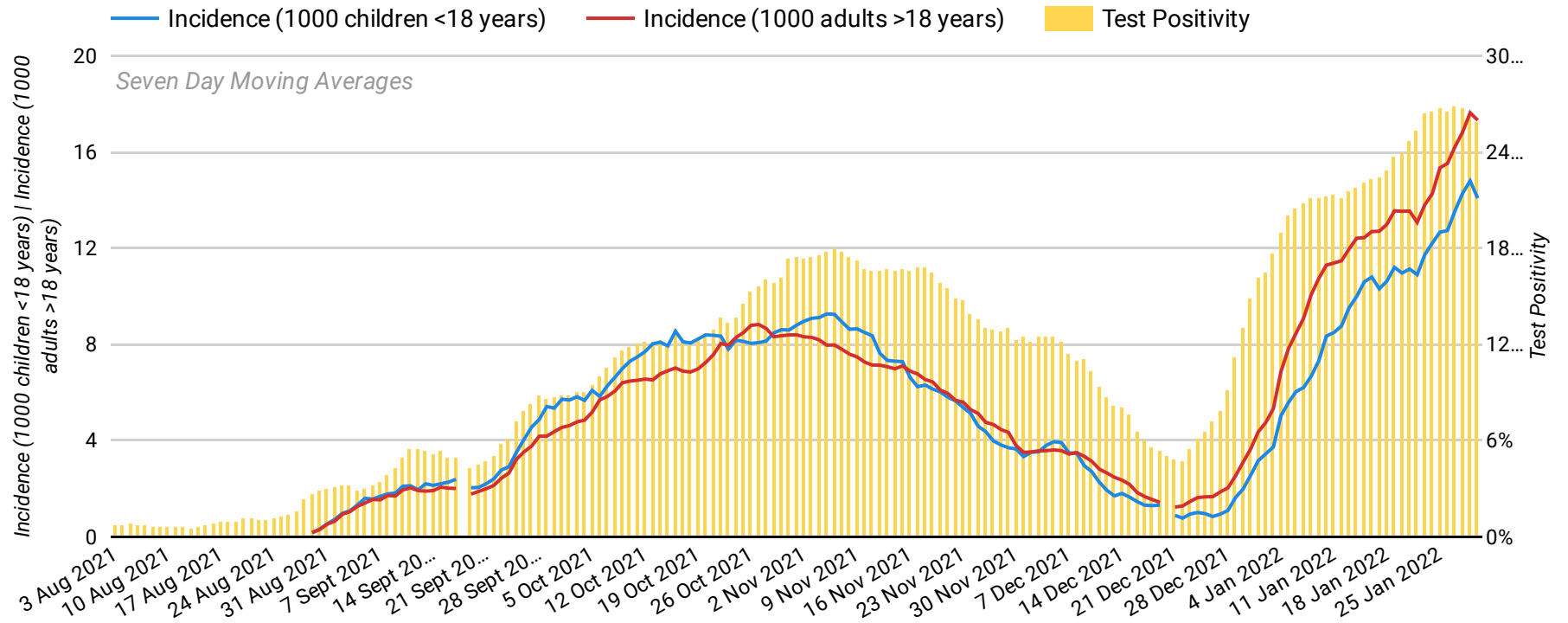
Tests
18,488
↑ 27.5%

Deaths
4
↓ -33.3%

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
55.1%
↑ 0.2%

2nd Dose / Fully
51.1%
↑ 0.2%



Dominica

Last 7 Days

Change compared to previous week

Cases
520
↓ -8.3%

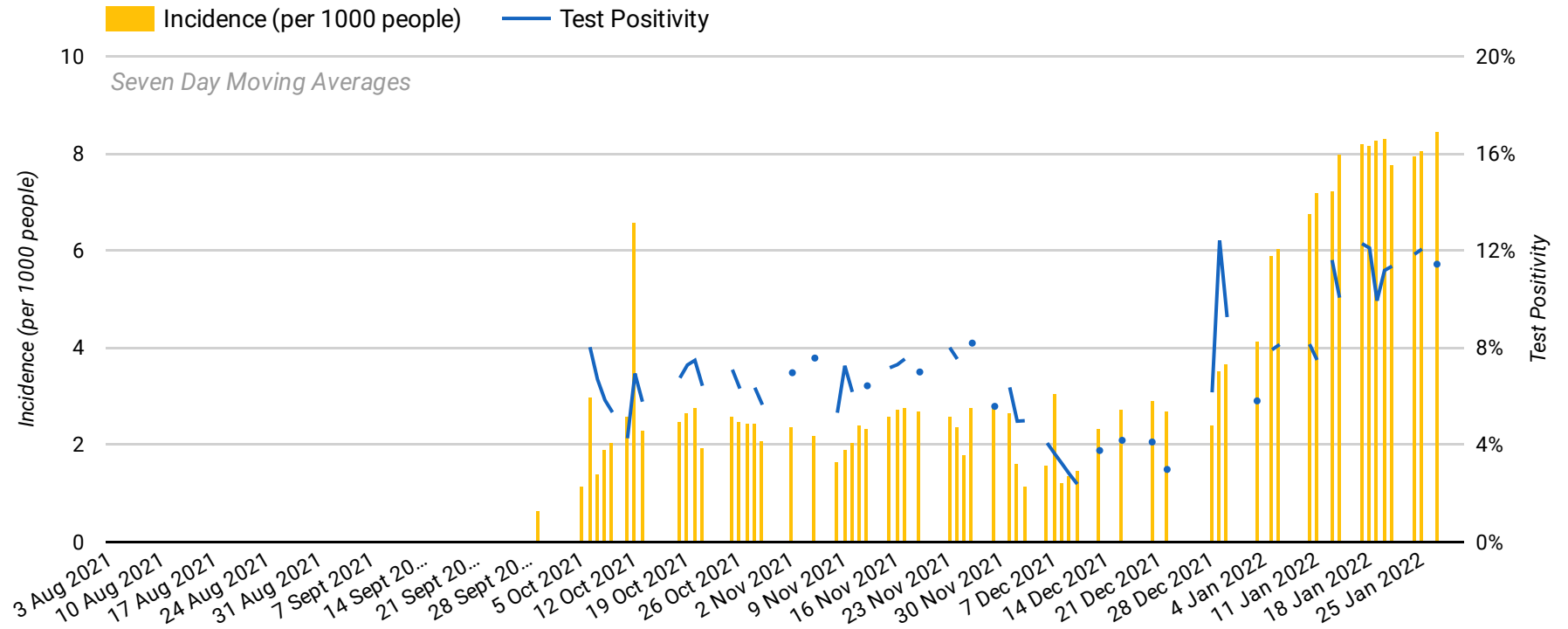
Tests
5,345
↓ -0.3%

Deaths
3
↑ N/A

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
43.4%
↑ 0.2%

2nd Dose / Fully
40.2%
↑ 0.2%



Grenada

Last 7 Days
Change compared to previous week

Cases
992
↓ -39.0%

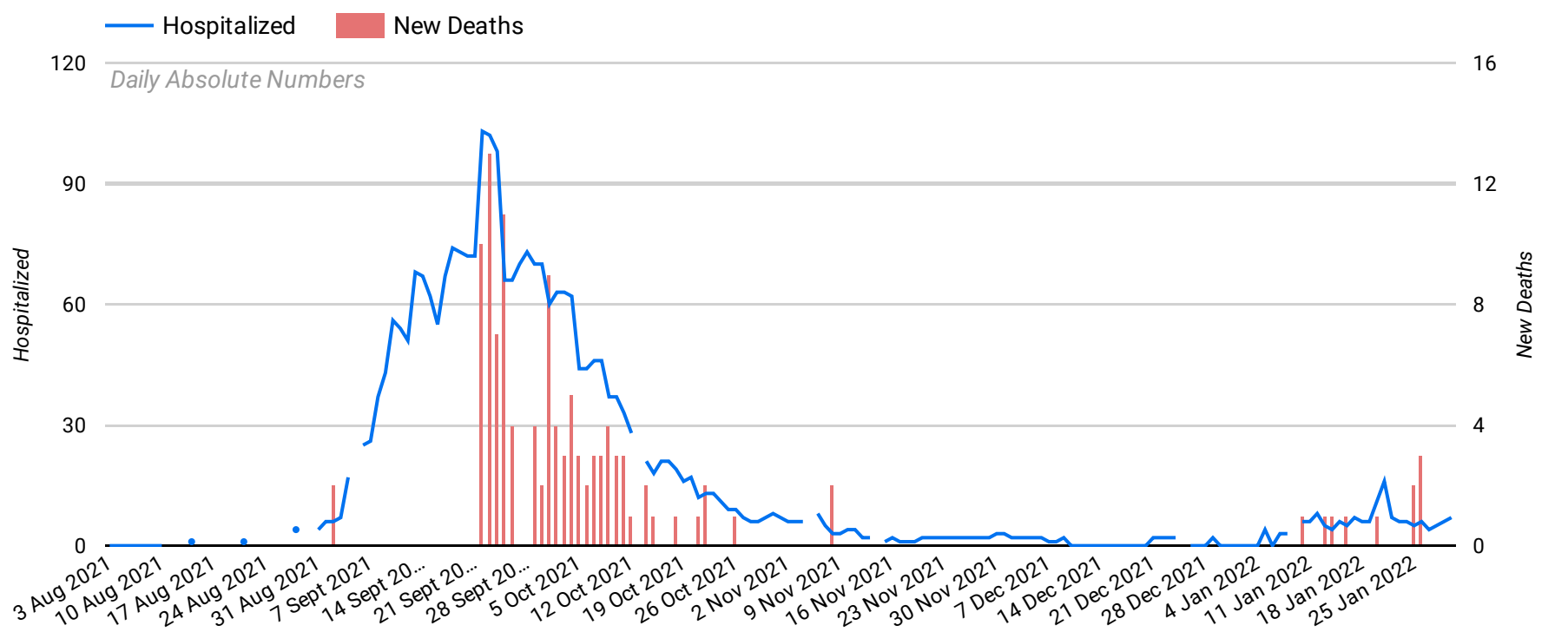
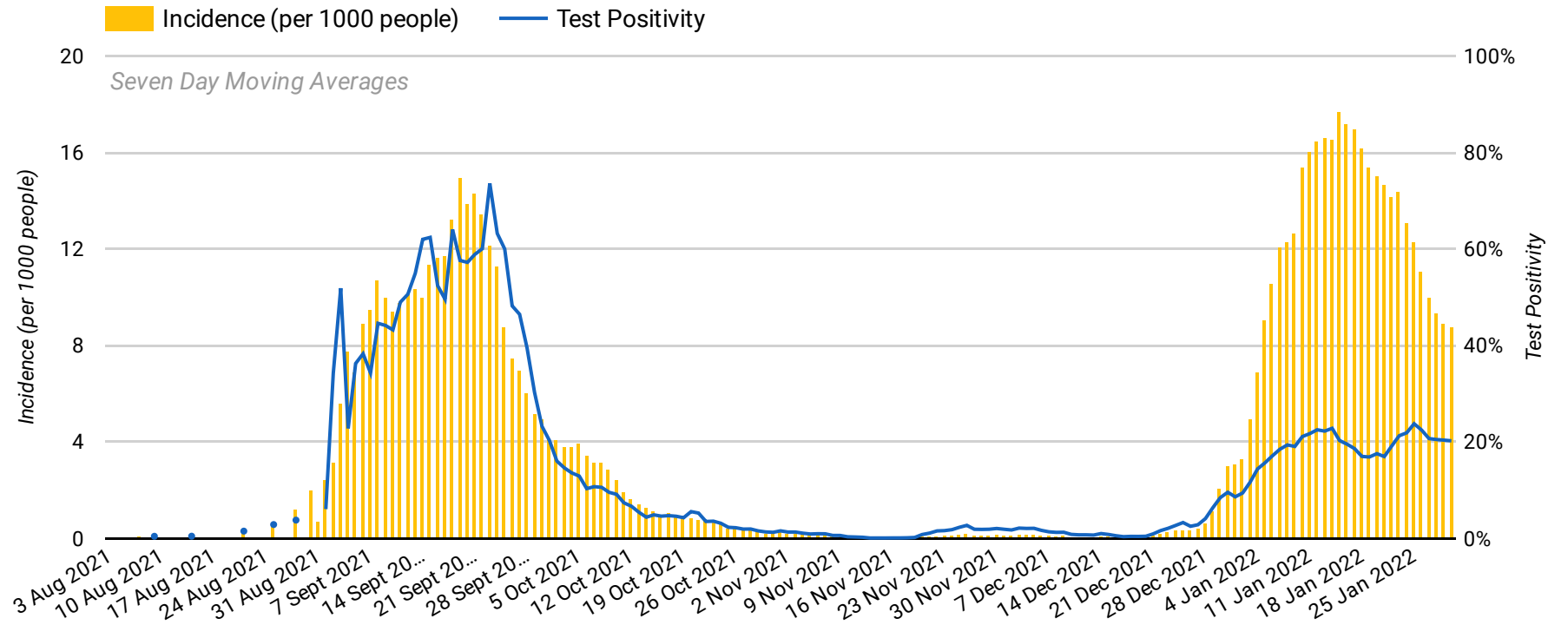
Tests
4,905
↓ -35.8%

Deaths
5
↑ 400.0%

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
37.6%
↑ 0.1%

2nd Dose / Fully
32.6%
↑ 0.2%



St. Kitts & Nevis

Last 7 Days

Change compared to previous week

Cases
152
↓ -49.7%

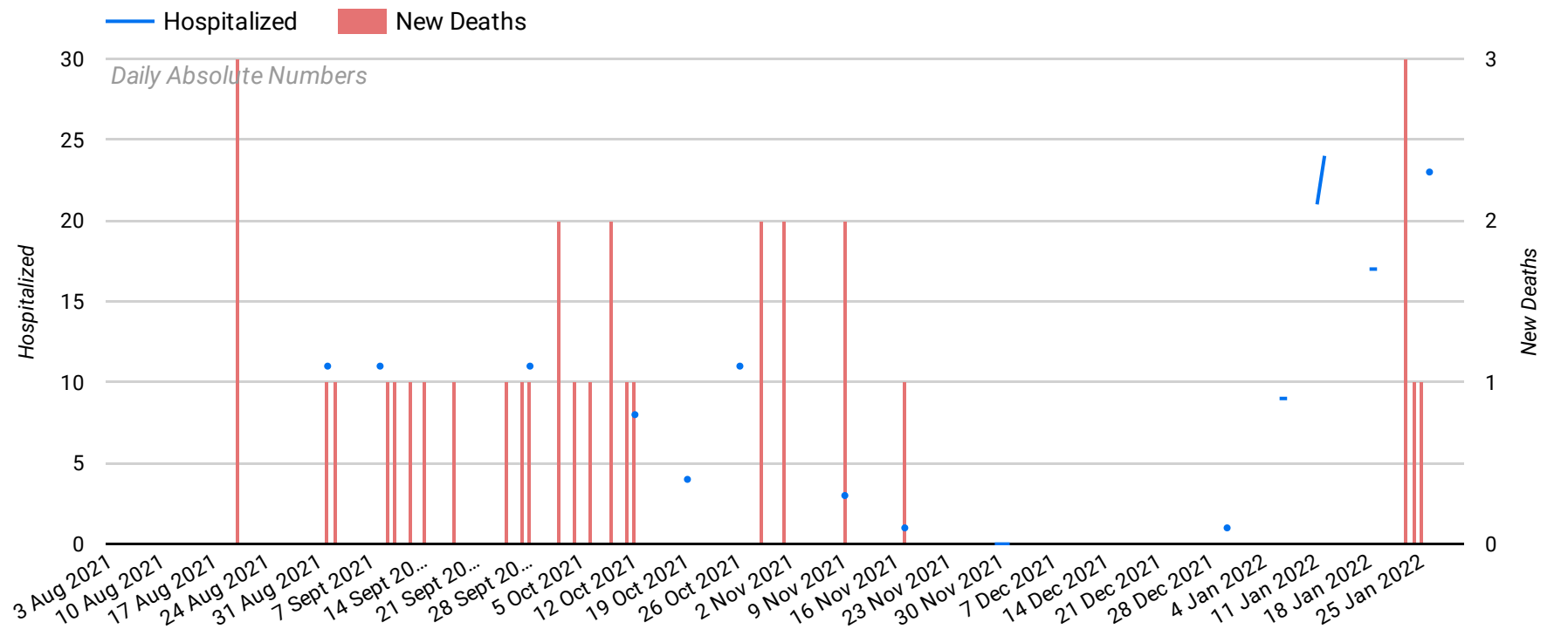
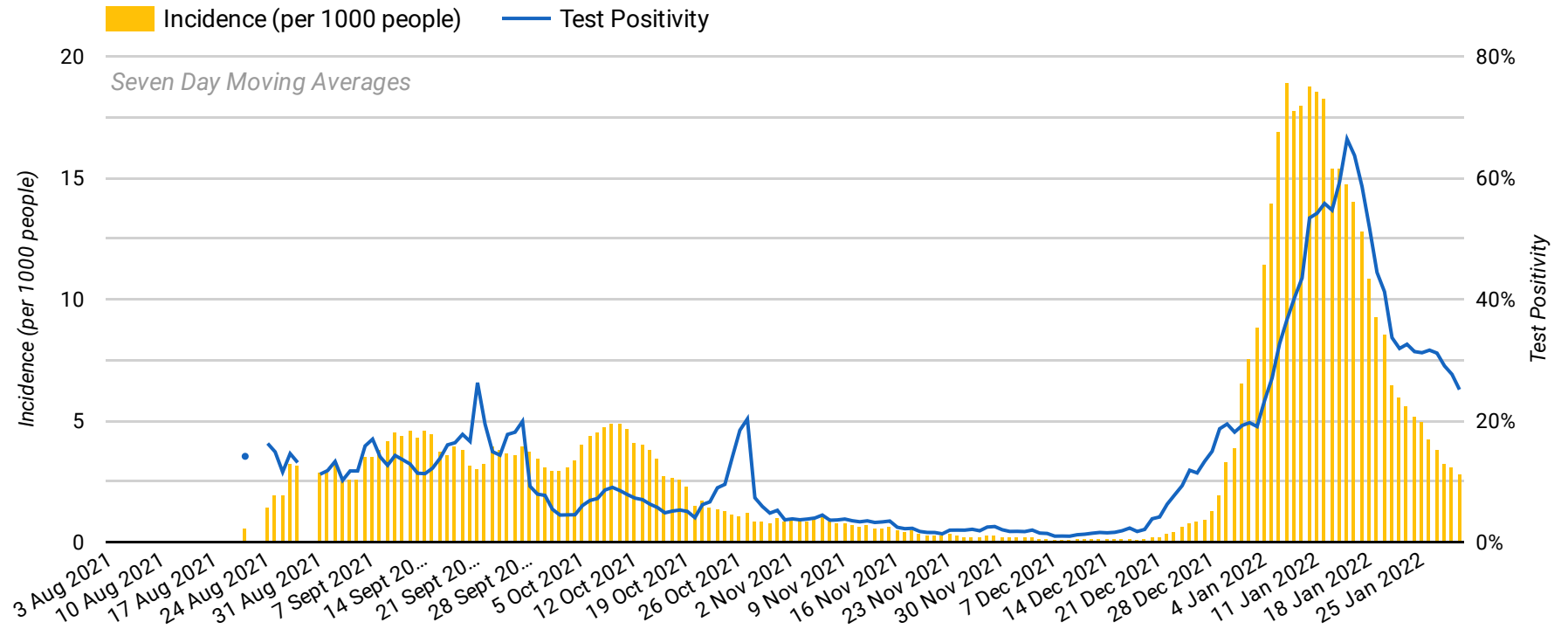
Tests
606
↓ -34.7%

Deaths
2
↓ -33.3%

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
57.5%
↑ 0.4%

2nd Dose / Fully
48.6%
↑ 0.2%



St. Lucia

Last 7 Days

Change compared to previous week

Cases
1,330
↓ -40.0%

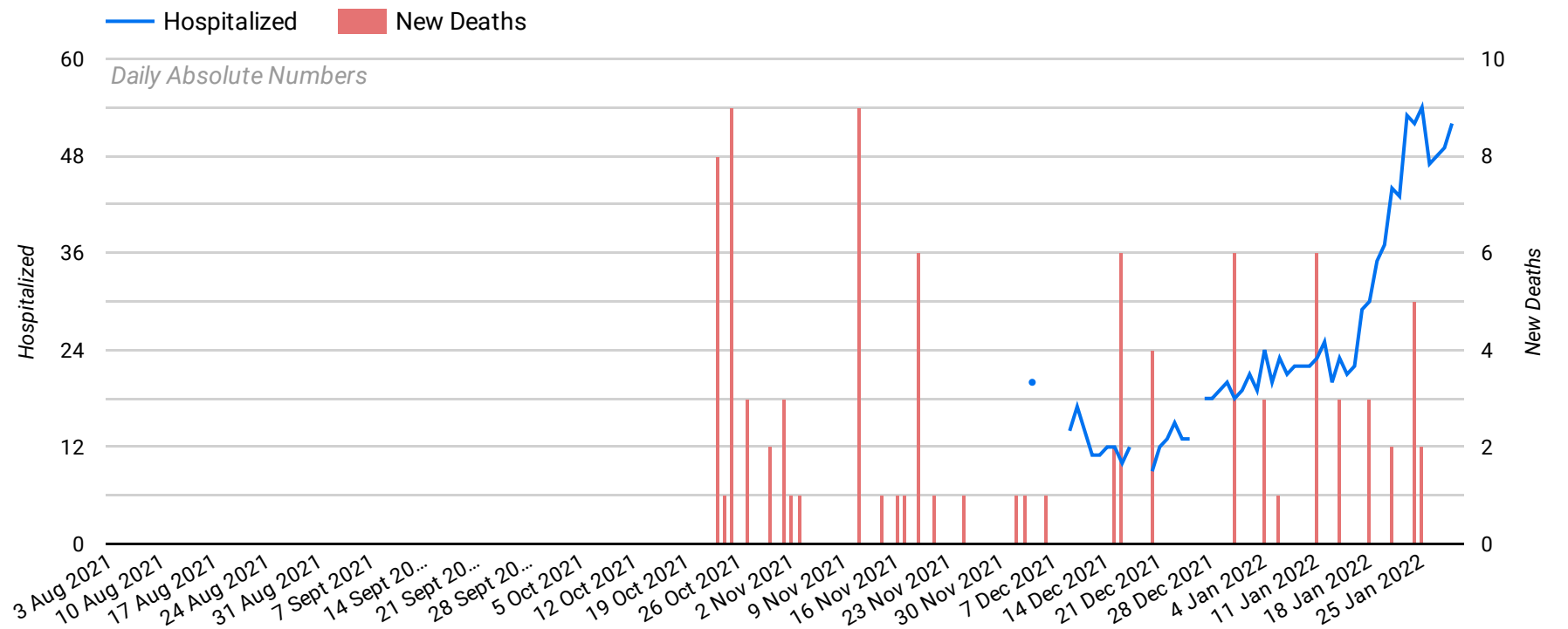
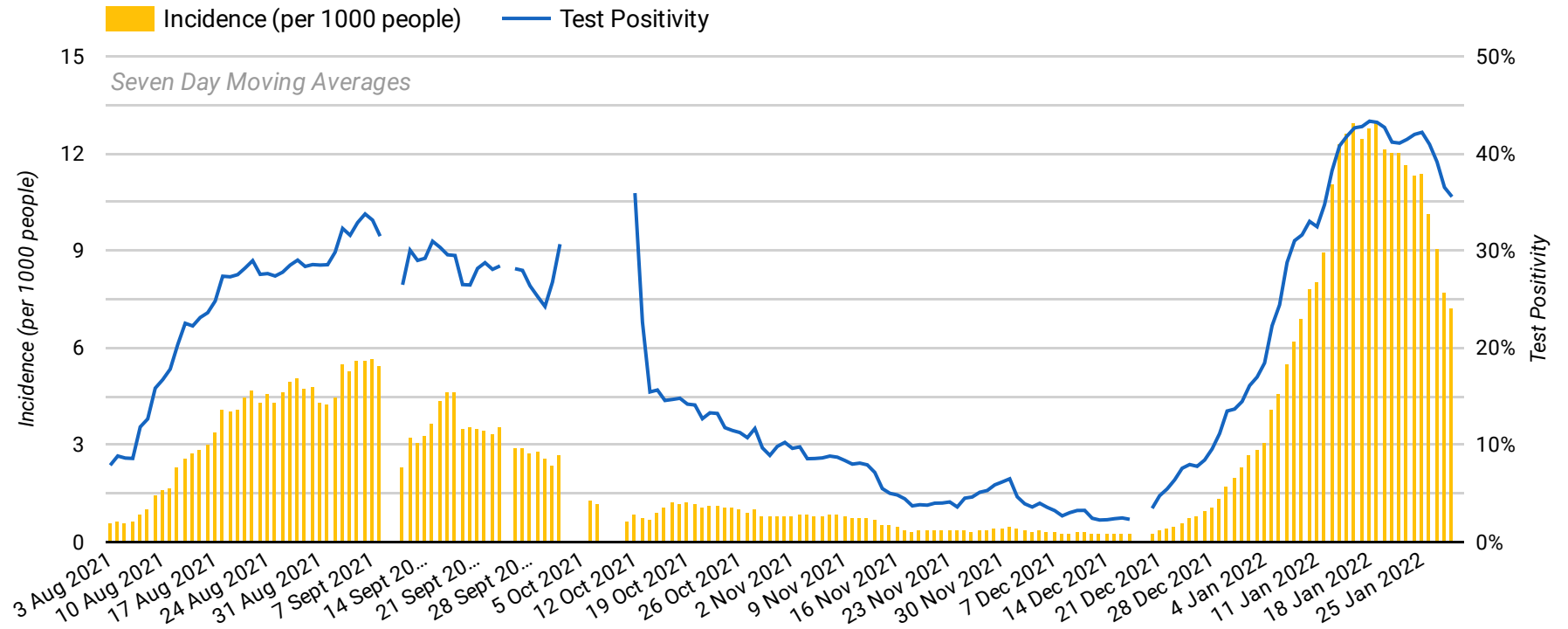
Tests
3,744
↓ -30.7%

Deaths
7
↑ 40.0%

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
31.0%
↑ 0.1%

2nd Dose / Fully
27.8%
↑ 0.2%



St. Vincent & the Grenadines

Last 7 Days
Change compared to previous week

Cases
196
↓ -51.0%

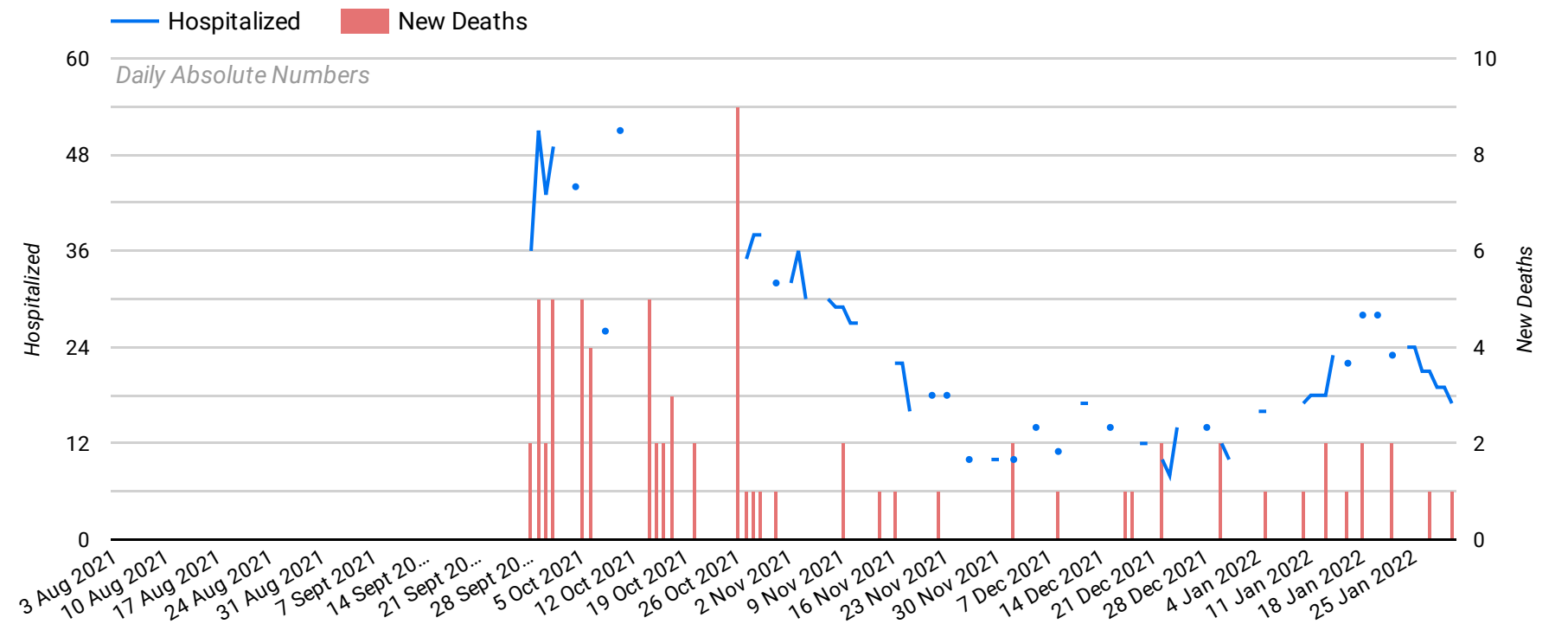
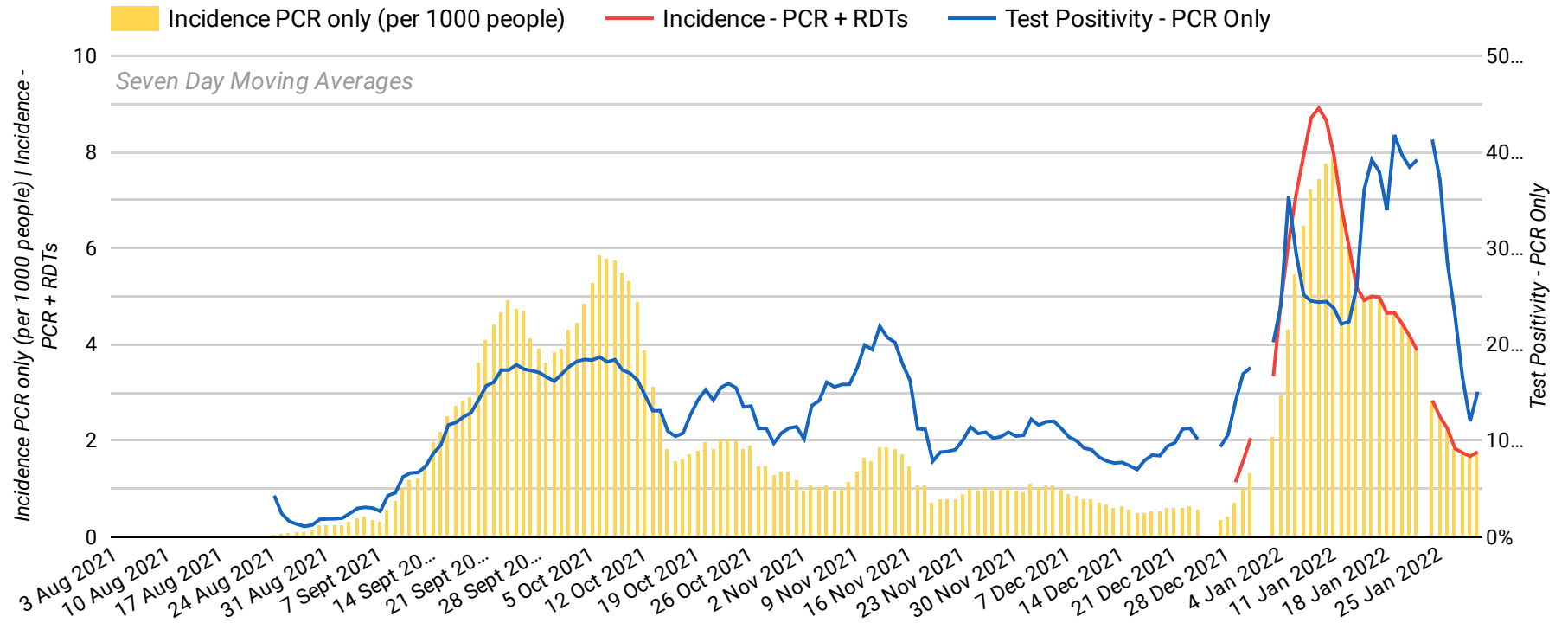
Tests
299
↑ 116.7%

Deaths
2
↓ -50.0%

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
30.7%
0.0%

2nd Dose / Fully
24.6%
0.0%



French Guiana, France

Last 7 Days
Change compared to previous week

Cases
5,544
↓ -18.3%

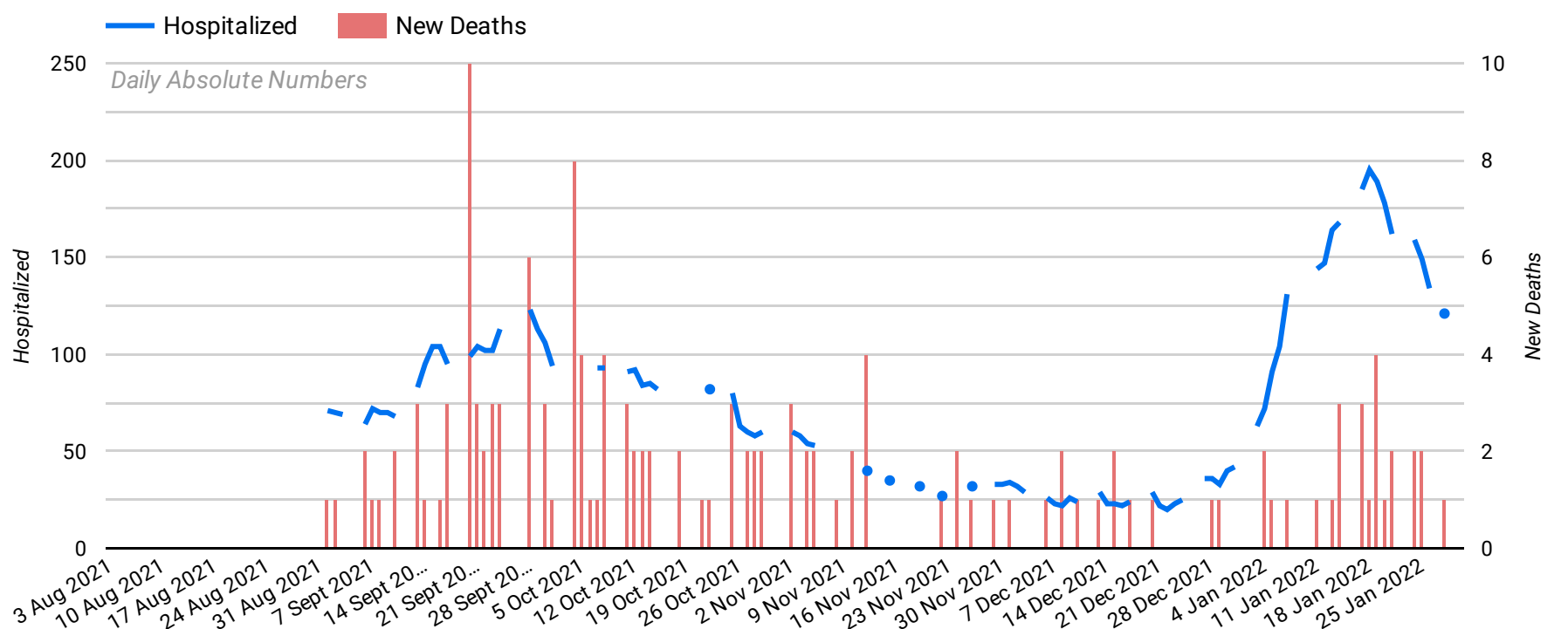
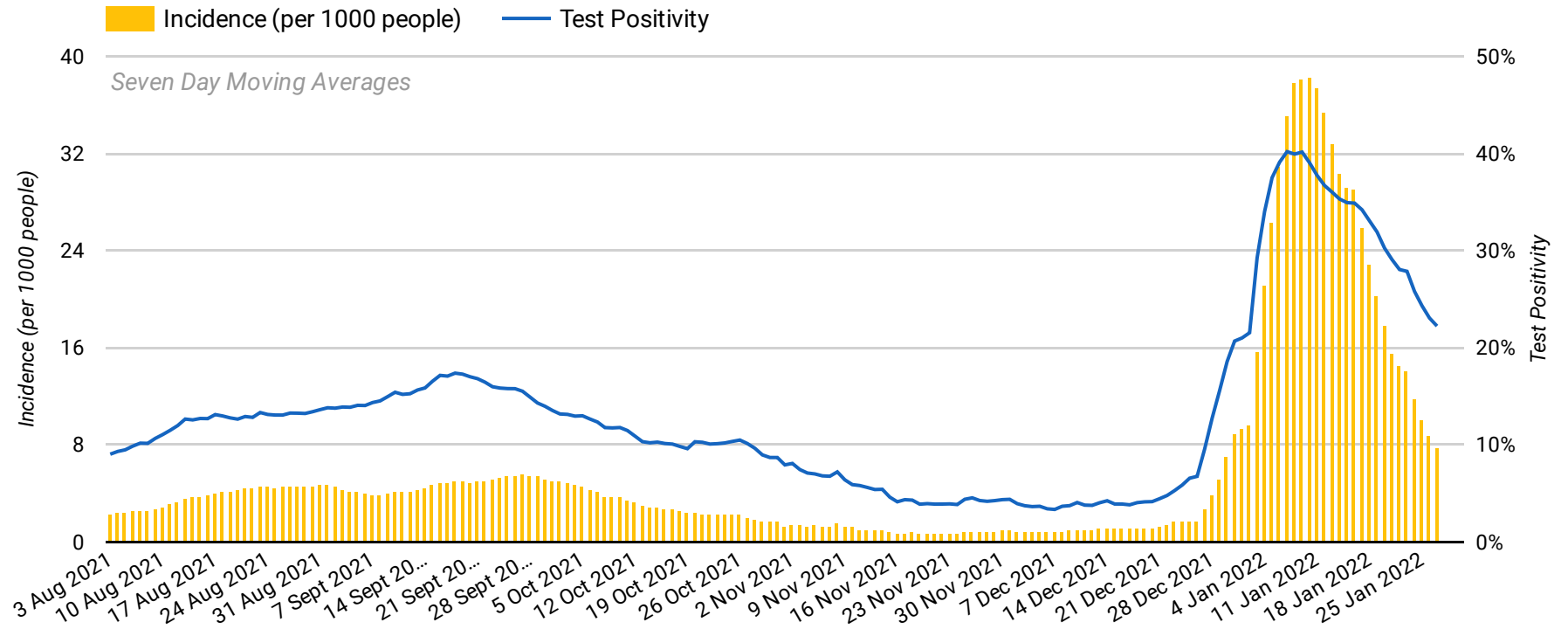
Tests
19,338
↓ -2.9%

Deaths
11
↑ 120.0%

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
30.1%
↑ 0.3%

2nd Dose / Fully
26.8%
↑ 0.2%



Martinique

Last 7 Days
Change compared to previous week

Cases
7,048
↓ -28.7%

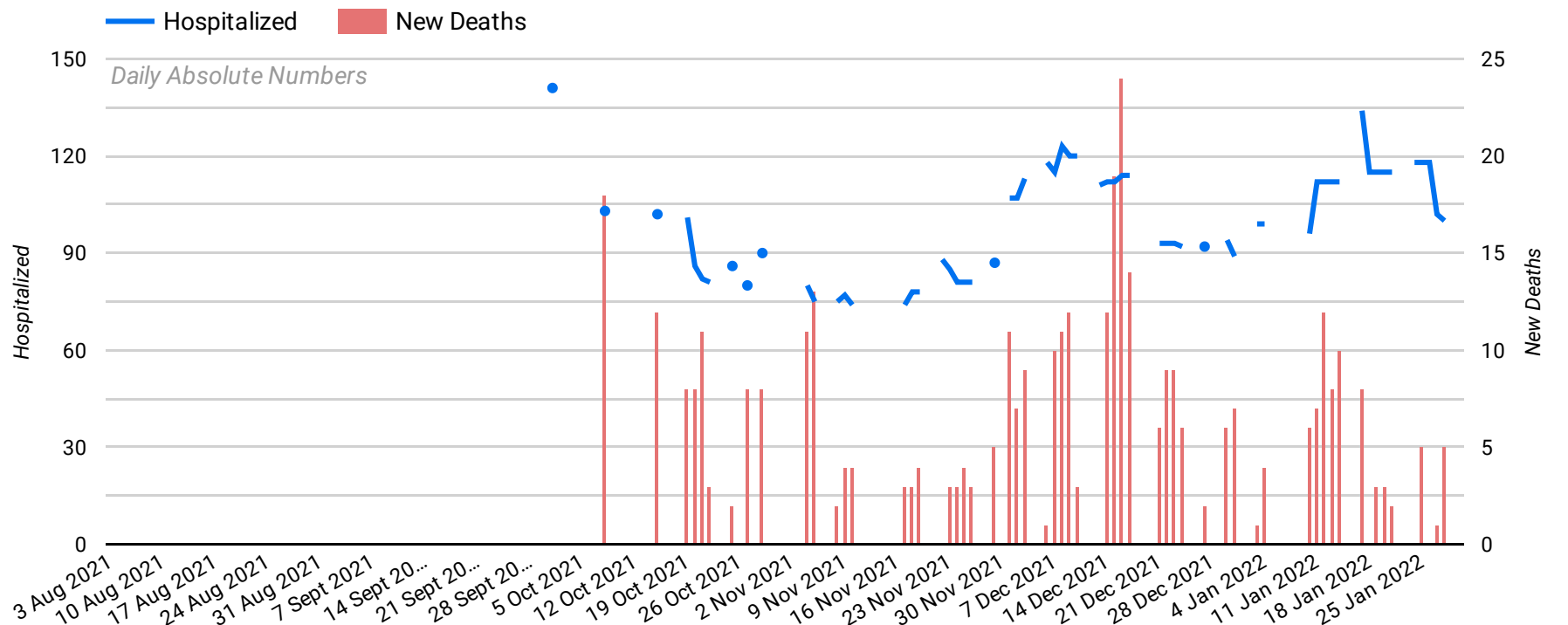
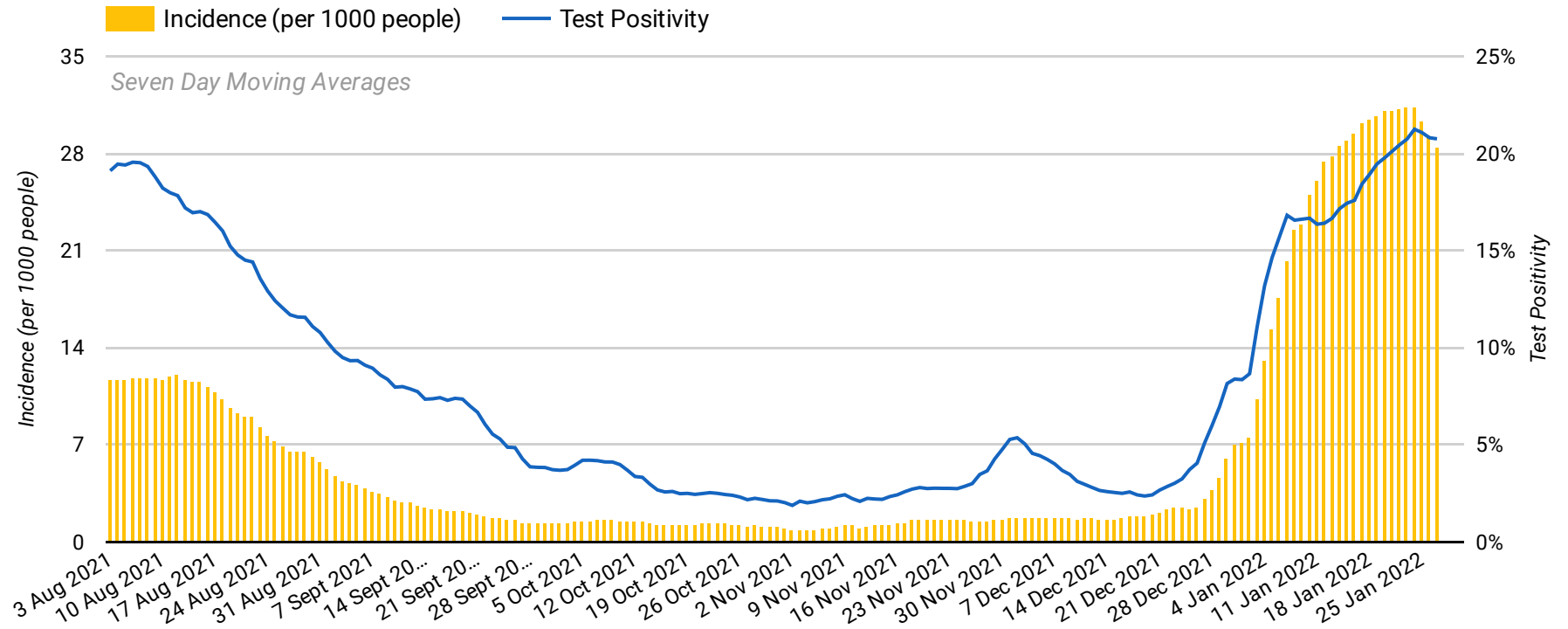
Tests
No data
No data

Deaths
11
↓ -31.3%

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
39.2%
↑ 0.3%

2nd Dose / Fully
34.6%
↑ 0.2%



Guadeloupe

Last 7 Days
Change compared to previous week

Cases
14,309
↓ -21.7%

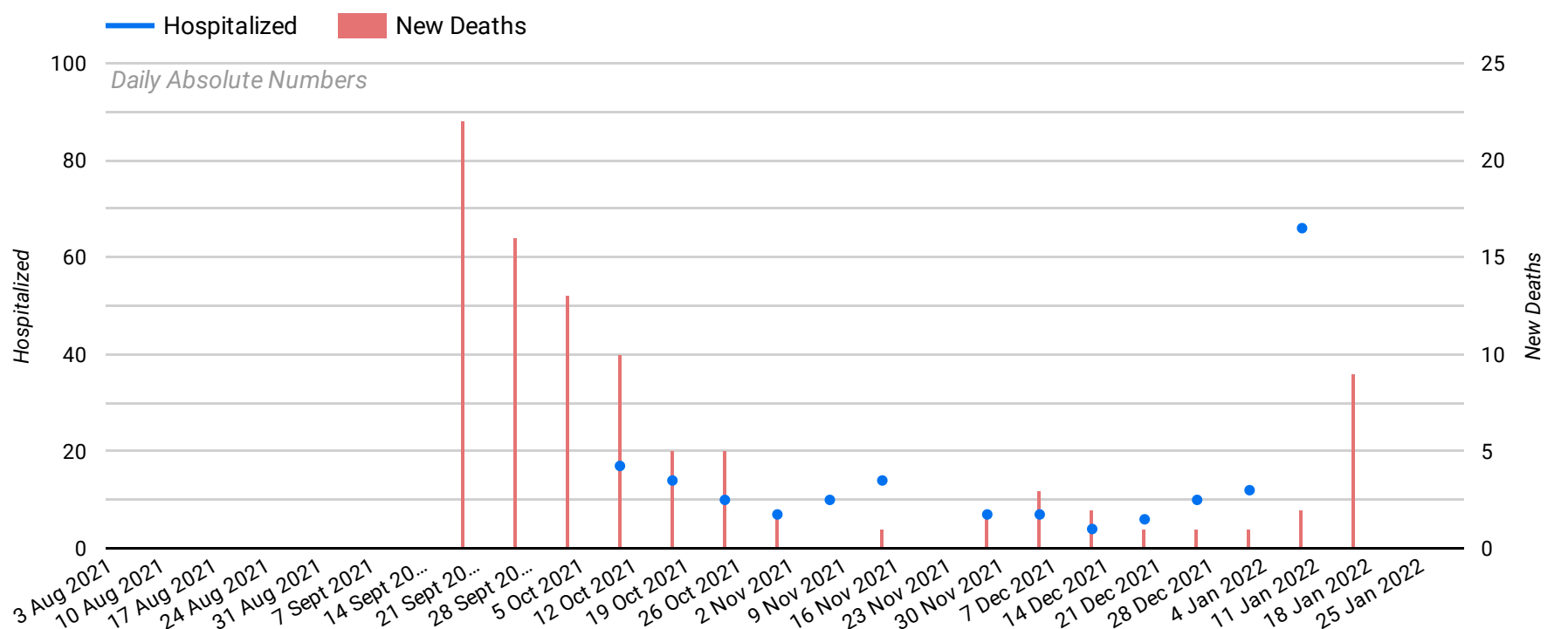
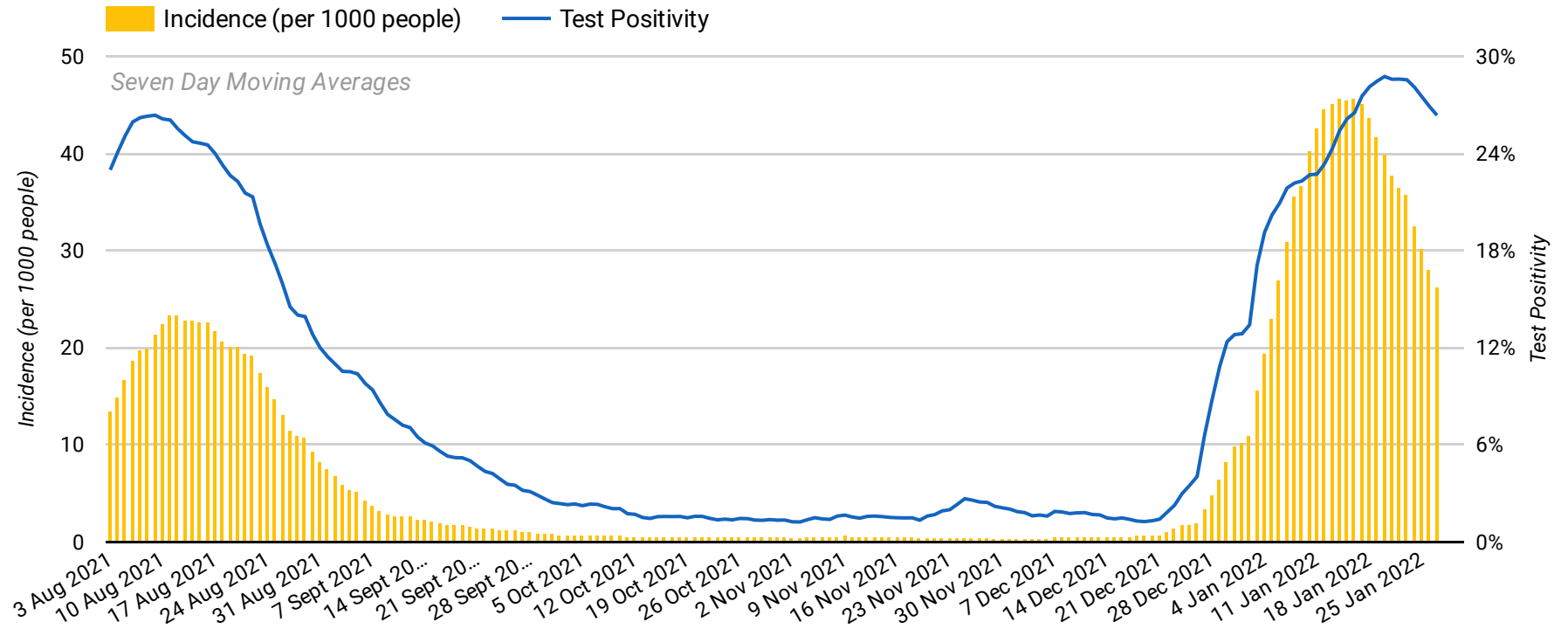
Tests
50,152
↓ -27.3%

Deaths
9
↑ 350.0%

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
35.6%
↑ 0.1%

2nd Dose / Fully
33.7%
↑ 0.1%



Anguilla

Last 7 Days

Change compared to previous week

Cases

137

↓ -6.8%

Tests

No data

No data

Deaths

No data

No data

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose

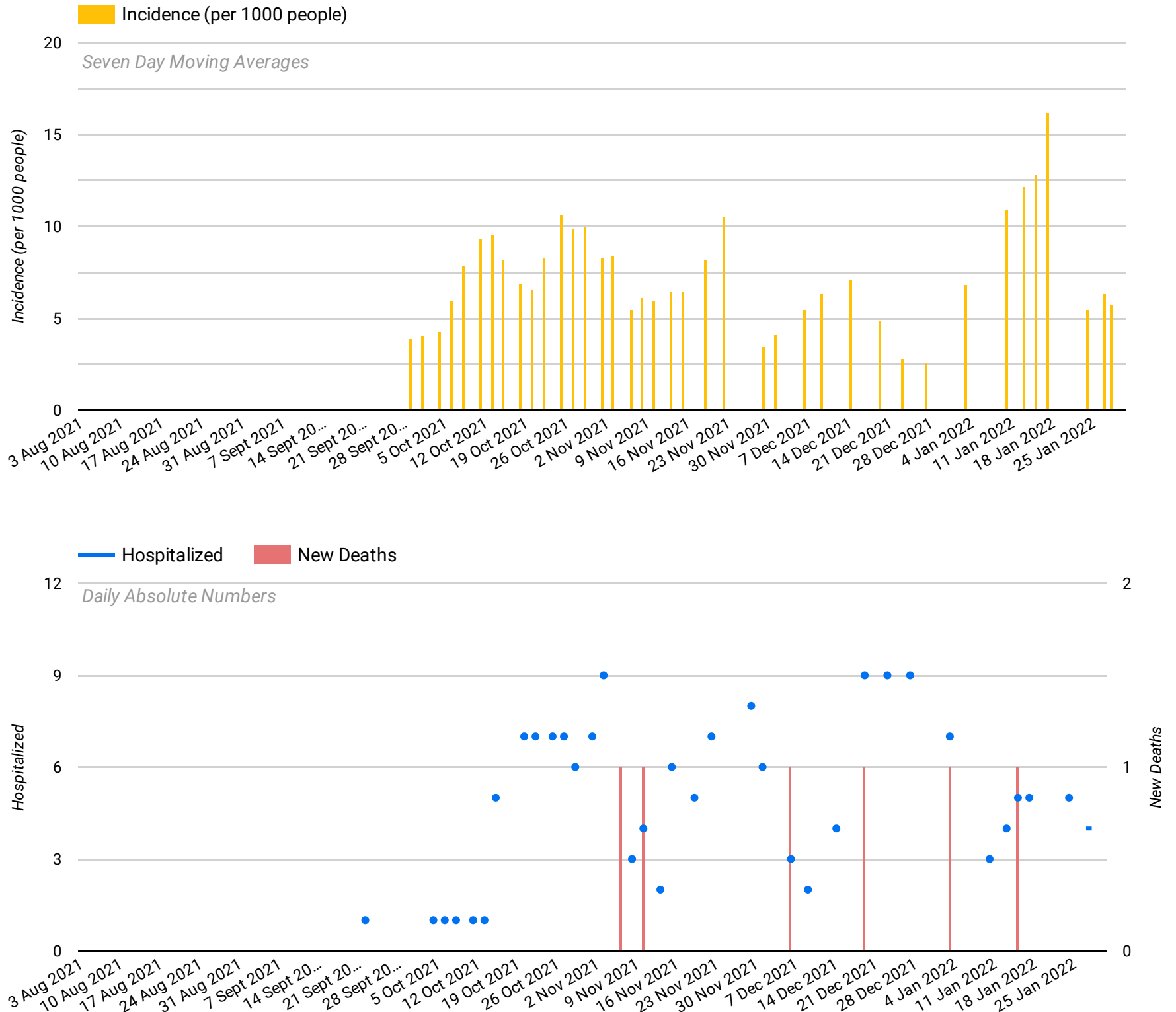
67.3%

↑ 0.2%

2nd Dose / Fully

61.6%

↑ 0.2%



Montserrat

Last 7 Days

Change compared to previous week

Cases
8
↓ -50.0%

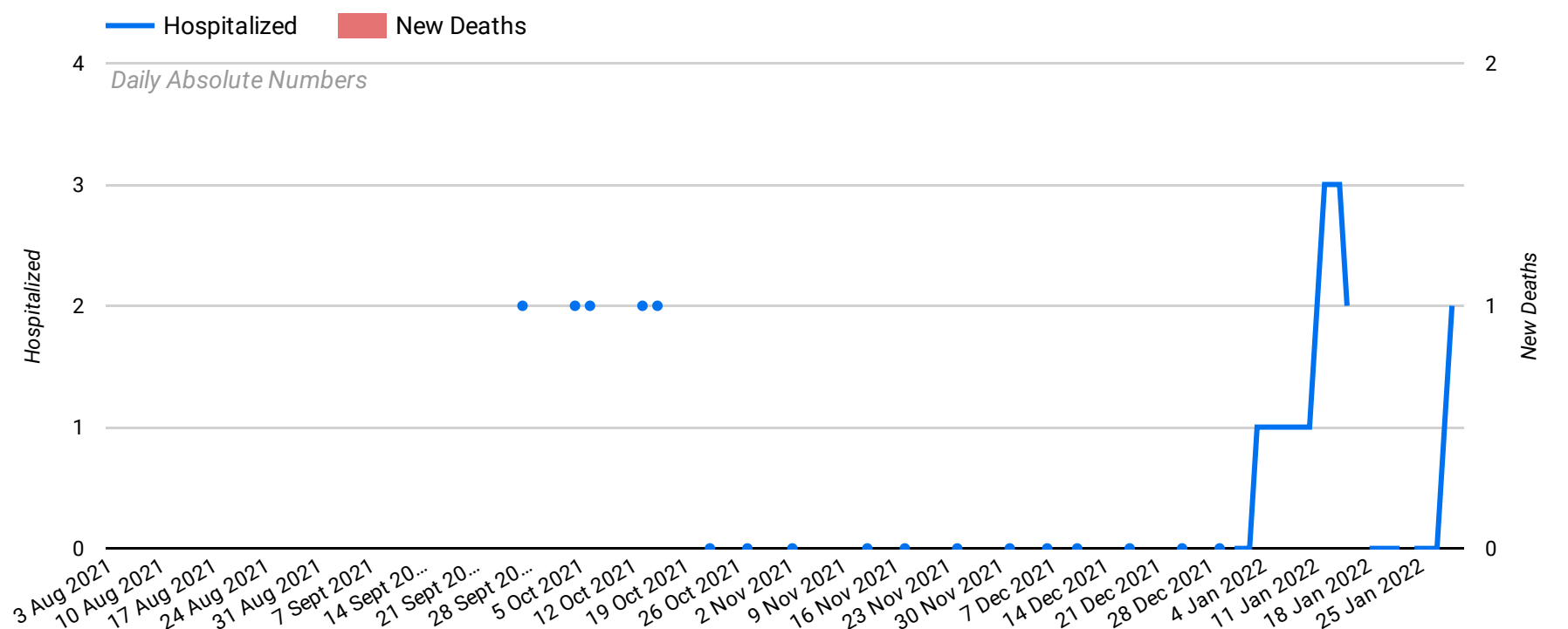
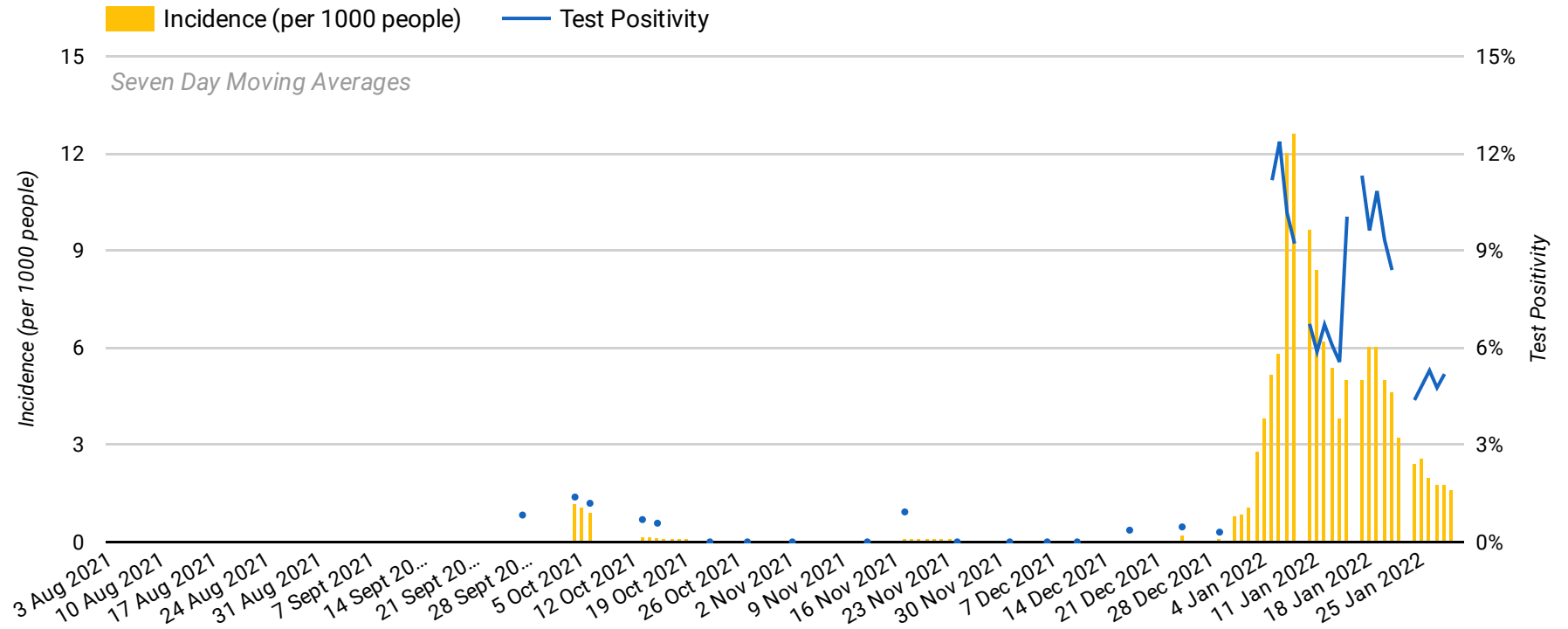
Tests
193
↓ -29.6%

Deaths
0
N/A

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
36.7%
↑ 0.7%

2nd Dose / Fully
32.0%
↑ 1.5%



British Virgin Islands

Last 7 Days

Change compared to previous week

Cases
256
↓ -26.2%

Tests
1,057
↓ -6.5%

Deaths
2
↓ -60.0%

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
61.7%
↑ 0.2%

2nd Dose / Fully
56.7%
↑ 0.1%

