



# *COVID-19: Interoperability Rules of the Road...Better Data, Better Interoperability*

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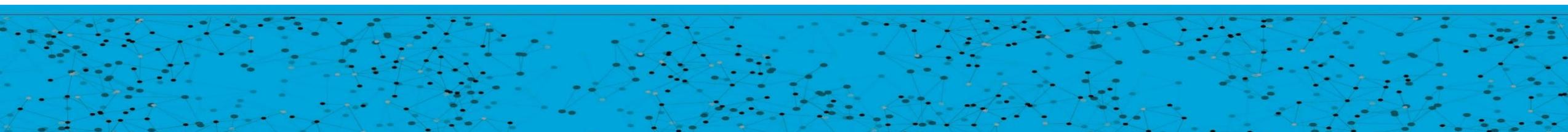
## *Learning Objectives*

- Discuss why complying to interoperability standards is a critical component in the timely and reliable transition of health information, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Highlight challenges with deploying standards in an effective way to inform care interventions
- Identify ways to encourage and enable healthcare provider organizations to improve on their data sharing practices
- Explore foundational interoperability principles which enable immediate improvements in data sharing and reporting capabilities

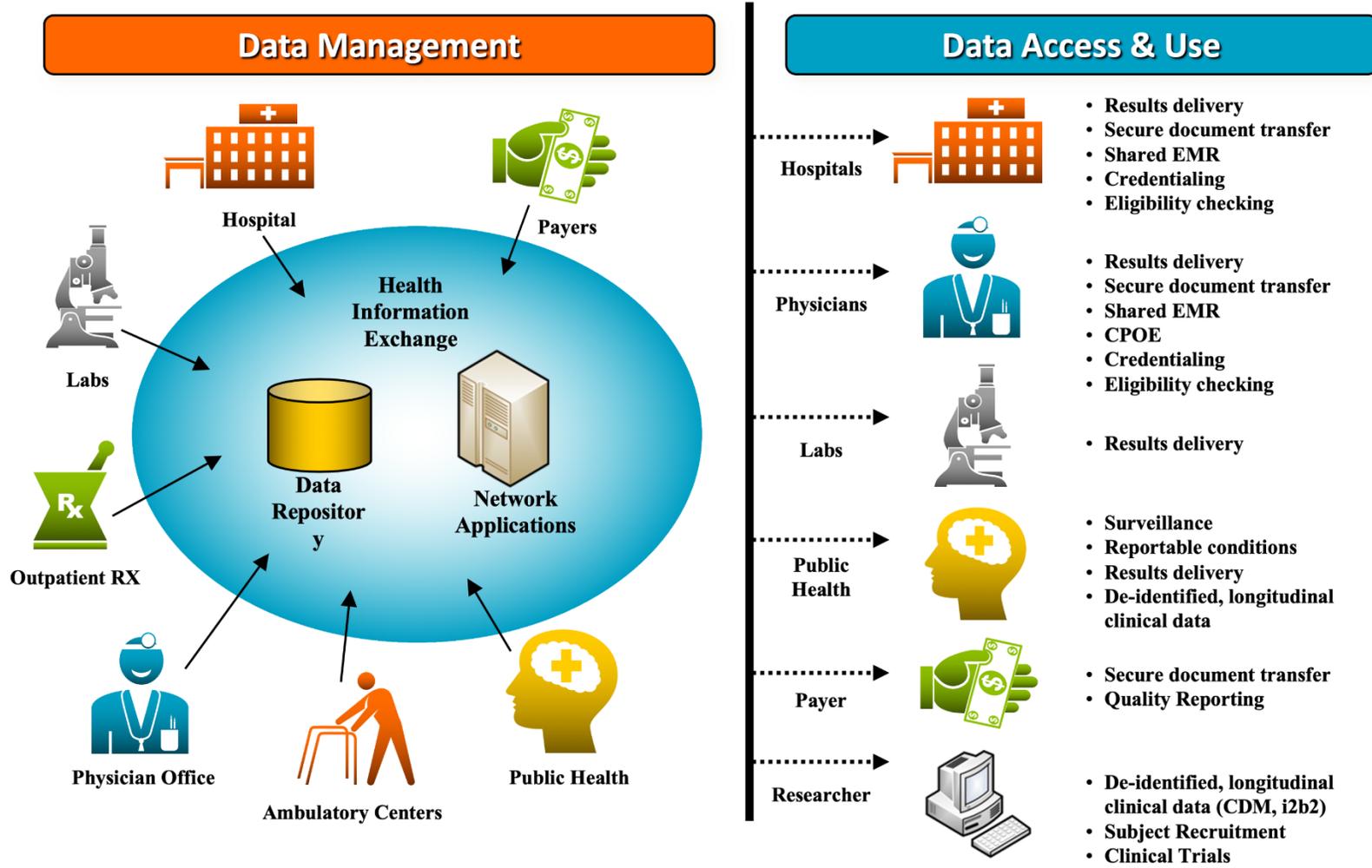


# *How HIE Can Support COVID-19 Response*

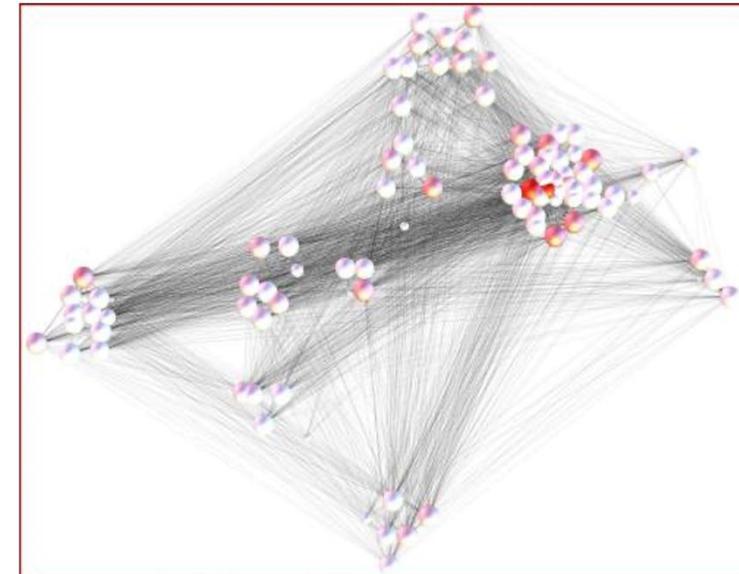
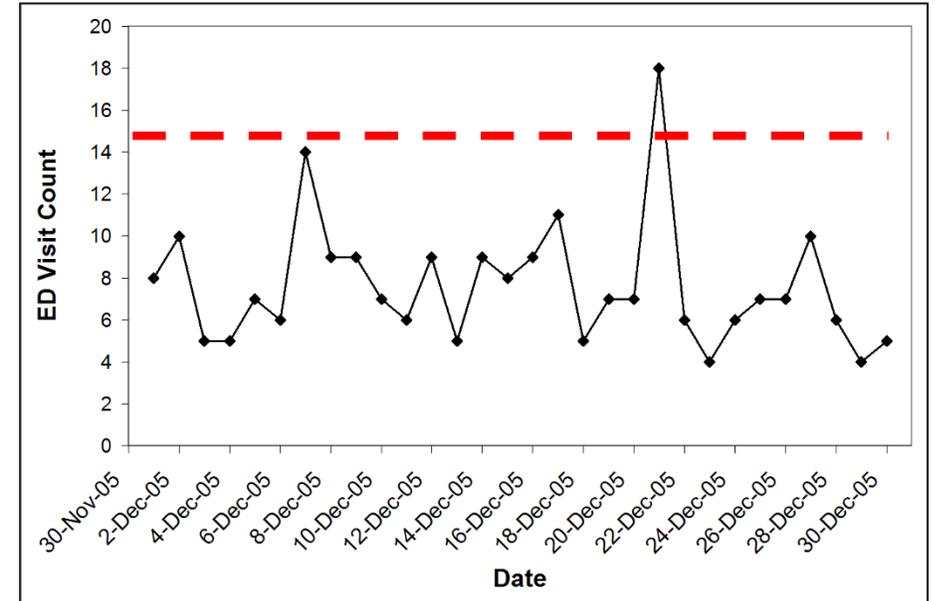
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# EHR Integration: The Indiana Network for Patient Care (INPC)

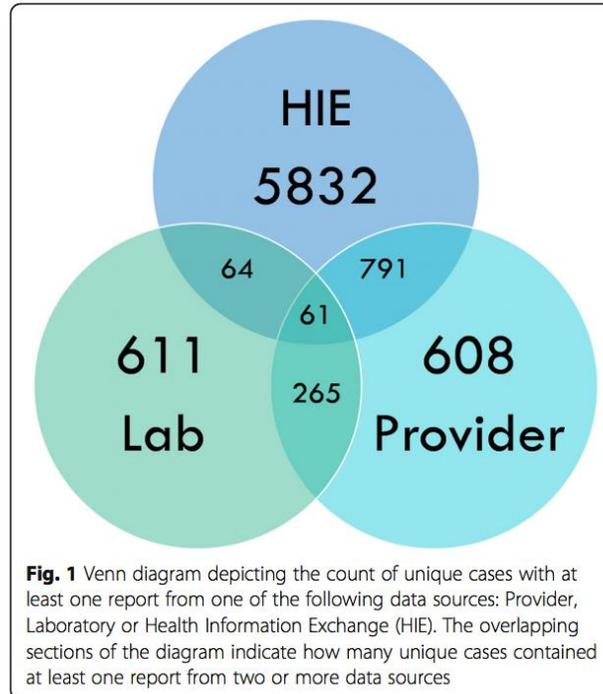


# Surveillance → Predictive Modeling



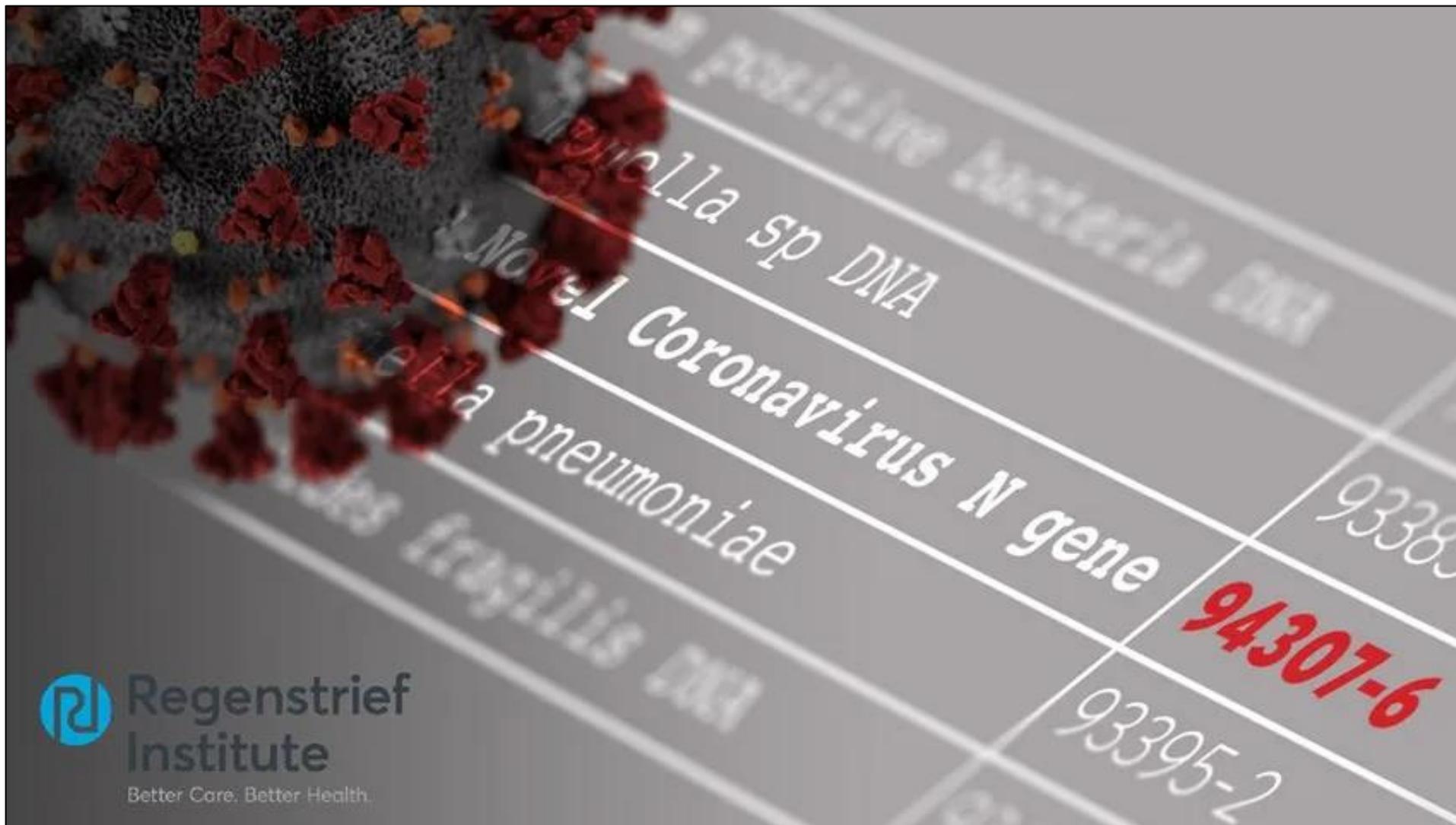
*Notifiable Condition  
Detector*





Data Source	Total N	Mean # days	Median # days	Max # days	P-value for $\chi^2$
Provider	1878	10.5	5	375	Reference
Faxed-LR	1142	3.6	2	367	<0.0001
HIE-ELR	7393	2.0	1	320	<0.0001
Any Laboratory <sup>a</sup>	8535	2.2	1	367	<0.0001

*HIE* Health information exchange, *ELR* Electronic laboratory report, *LR* Laboratory report  
<sup>a</sup>Source here could be either HIE-ELR or Faxed-LR



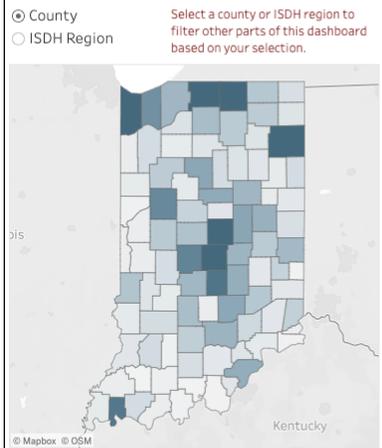


# COVID-19 Hospitalization

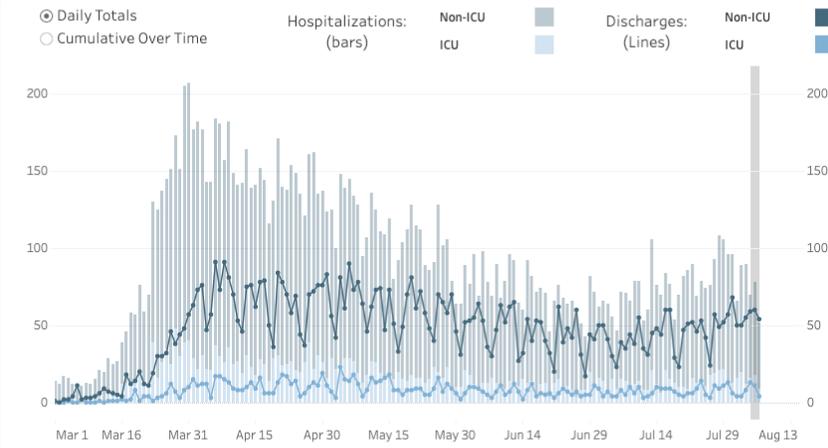
## COVID-19 Hospitalizations

Hospitalizations		Emergency Visits		ICU Admits		Recovery*		Hospital Mortality	
Unique Patients	9,354	Unique Patients	15,922	Unique Patients	1,927	Unique Patients	54,068	Deaths	1,724
% of COVID+	12.8%	% of COVID+	22.1%	% of COVID+	2.7%	% of COVID+	75.8%	% of Hosp.	18.4%

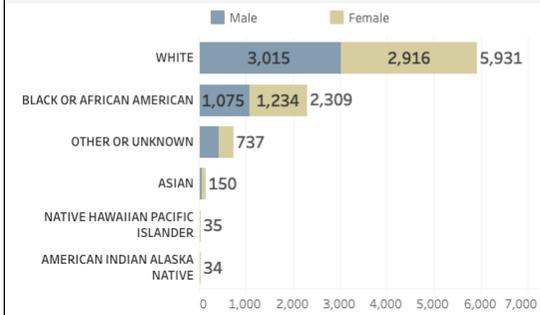
### Hospitalizations by County



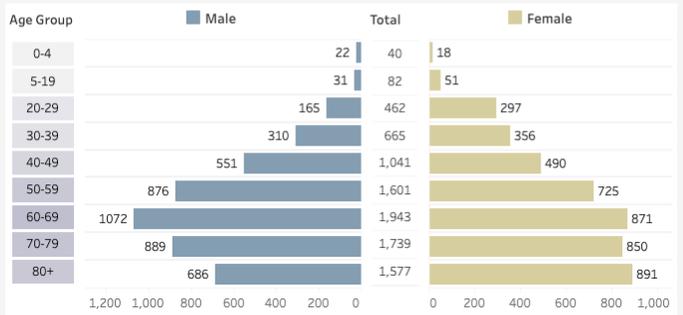
### Total Hospitalizations and Discharges : Daily Totals



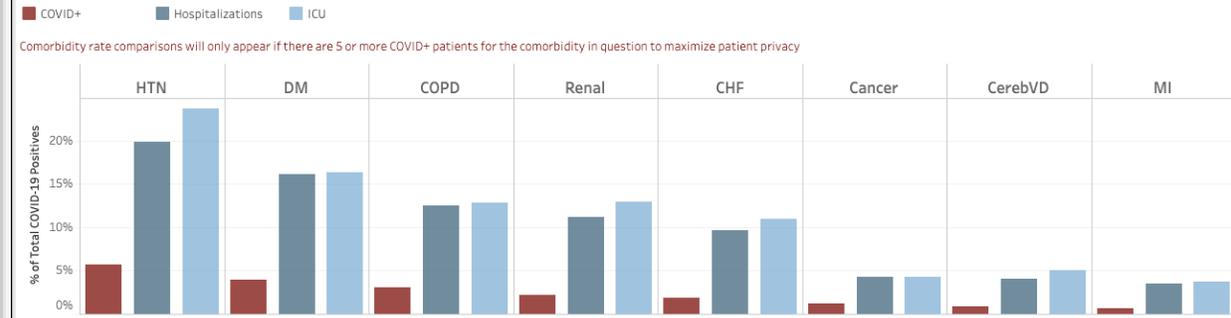
### Hospitalizations by Race



### Hospitalizations by Age and Sex



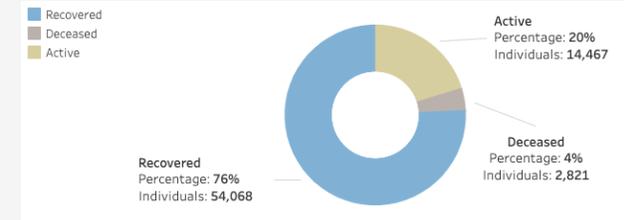
### COVID-19+ Comorbidity Rates



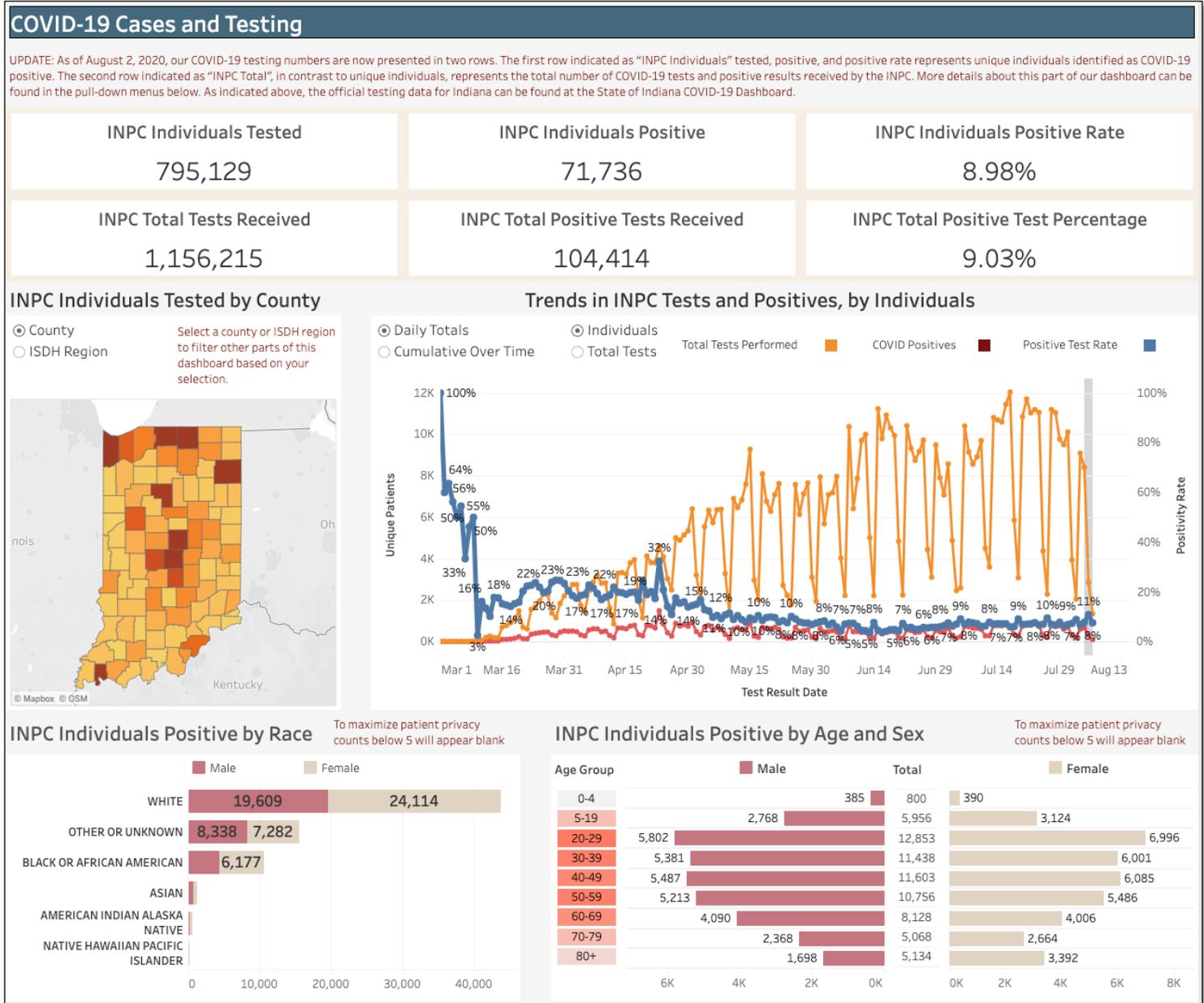
### Hospital Length of Stay by Age Group

	0-4	5-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	Total
Overall	7.94	12.39	17.43	17.55	24.76	31.01	28.14	23.26	17.62	24.20
ICU	16.30	27.11	16.05	10.83	17.29	23.48	20.06	17.74	11.17	17.31
Non-ICU	7.45	11.11	17.59	18.28	25.96	32.05	29.46	24.33	18.87	25.37

### \*Estimated State-wide Recovery Metric



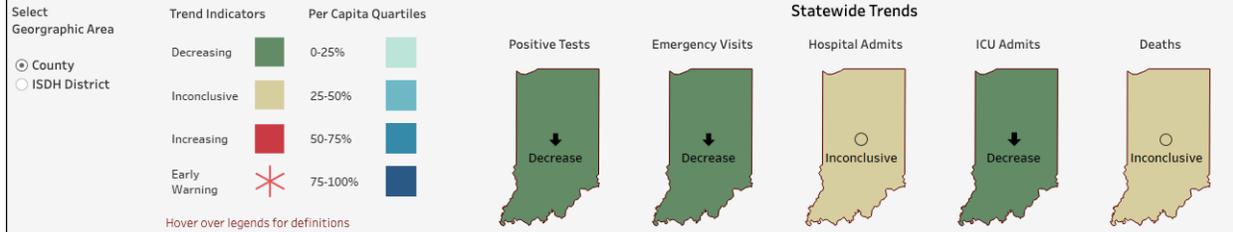
# COVID-19 Cases & Testing



# COVID-19 Trending

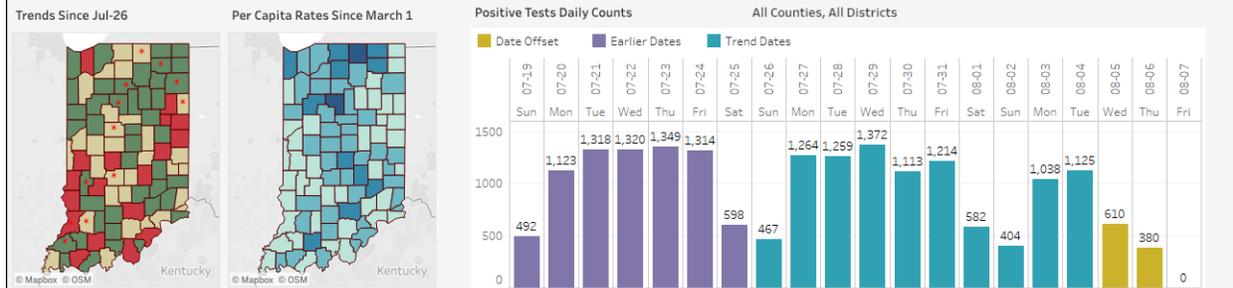
## COVID 19 Trends

This dashboard provides a simple way to see whether areas are experiencing changes in key metrics. Using a series of 7-day moving averages, green (decreasing), yellow (inconclusive), and red (increasing) colors identify trends. Bar charts to the right show daily counts for each metric. Trend indicators are not intended to predict future trends.



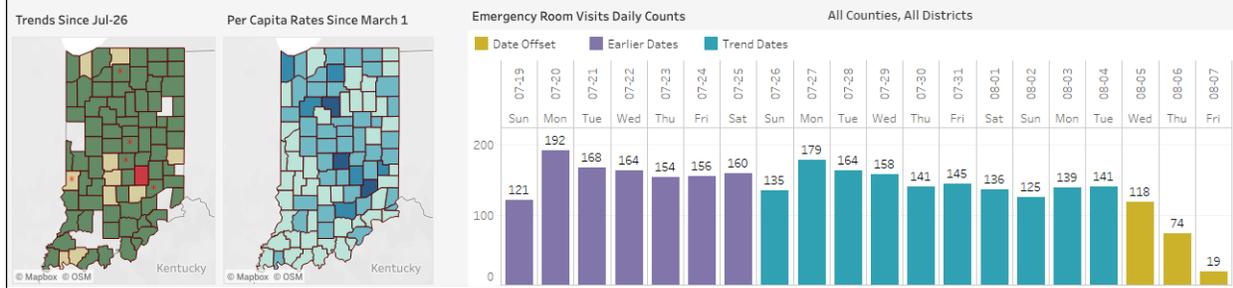
## INPC Total Positive Tests

Click on districts or counties to filter the charts on the right; tooltips provide additional information



## Emergency Room Visits

Click on districts or counties to filter the charts on the right; tooltips provide additional information



## Trend Indicators Across Counties with Individual Bio Demographics

Click in the table below to filter bio demographic charts Sort By: County

### County and District Trend Indicators and Per Capita Rates

County	District	Population	Tests Positive	Emergency Visits	Hospital Admits	ICU Admits	Deaths
Adams	3	34,387	698	154	52	32	
Allen	3	355,329	1,033	229	136	14	23
Bartholo...	8	76,794	974	286	158	22	38
Benton	4	8,854	824	226	113		11
Blackford	6	12,766	525	157	78	23	16
Boone	5	56,640	1,091	228	79	55	35
Brown	8	15,242	361	105	59	13	13
Carroll	4	20,155	779	129	40	20	10
Cass	4	38,966	4,879	585	200	64	23
Clark	9	110,232	999	174	62	50	15
Clay	7	26,890	547	100	71	37	30
Clinton	4	33,224	1,159	241	90	27	9
Crawford	10	10,713	392	9			
Daviess	10	31,648	825	171	85	51	32
De Kalb	3	42,223	526	71	47	19	9
Dearborn	9	50,047	893	168	100	18	34
Decatur	9	25,740	1,402	470	272	54	66
Delaware	6	117,671	586	95	107	7	27
Dubois	10	41,889	1,260	12	17	17	7
Elkhart	2	197,559	2,286	214	108	1	16
Fayette	6	24,277	1,017	371	173	33	16
Floyd	9	74,578	855	42	25	15	13
Fountain	4	17,240	435	87	35		
Franklin	9	23,087	741	108	104	26	17
Fulton	2	20,836	811	163	110	19	5
Gibson	10	33,503	579	42	30	12	12
Grant	6	70,061	818	200	41	84	20
Greene	7	33,165	742	157	121	27	48
Hamilton	5	274,569	861	238	88	17	20
Hancock	5	70,002	1,000	236	64	59	21
Harrison	9	39,364	732	10		3	
Hendricks	5	145,448	1,046	222	125	28	31
Henry	6	49,462	894	214	117	20	26
Howard	6	82,752	1,019	230	100	94	40
Huntingt..	3	37,124	356	70	46	8	8
Jackson	8	42,376	1,447	434	113	59	17
Jasper	1	33,478	875	164	96	6	18
Jay	6	21,253	466	118	66		
Jefferson	9	32,428	429	68	28	6	3
Jennings	9	28,525	729	252	133	32	21
Johnson	5	139,654	1,082	233	120	42	34
Knox	10	38,440	414	75	34	10	
Kenton	2	77,350	888	122	27	18	6

### Age Group Trend Indicators and Counts

All Counties, All Districts

Age Group	Tests Positive	Emergency Visits	Hospital Admits	ICU Admits	Deaths
0-4	801	201	35	3	1
5-19	5,941	776	77	9	1
20-29	12,819	2,062	441	48	5
30-39	11,402	2,321	614	87	14
40-49	11,539	2,542	957	176	43
50-59	10,700	2,516	1,453	285	108
60-69	8,085	2,303	1,729	454	346
70-79	5,015	1,691	1,520	462	472
80+	5,095	1,350	1,375	392	697

### Race Trend Indicators and Counts

All Counties, All Districts

Race	Tests Positive	Emergency Visits	Hospital Admits	ICU Admits	Deaths
AMERICAN INDIAN ALA...	617	104	33	4	1
ASIAN	1,342	367	142	25	14
BLACK OR AFRICAN AM...	6,664	3,879	2,101	410	377
NATIVE HAWAIIAN PAC...	290	87	32	6	5
OTHER OR UNKNOWN	6,022	1,710	704	73	68
WHITE	43,794	9,795	5,242	1,400	1,227

### Sex Trend Indicators and Counts

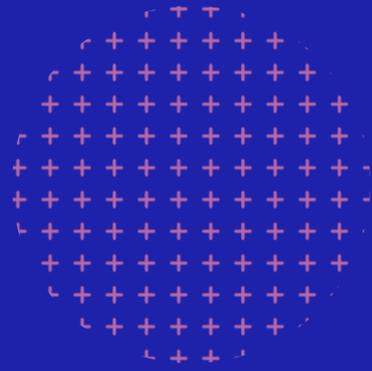
All Counties, All Districts

Sex	Tests Positive	Emergency Visits	Hospital Admits	ICU Admits	Deaths
Female	37,973	8,505	4,122	870	771
Male	33,019	7,259	4,087	1,046	915
Other or Unknown	577	2	1		1

### Comorbidity Trend Indicators and Counts

All Counties, All Districts

Comorbidity	Tests Positive	Emergency Visits	Hospital Admits	ICU Admits	Deaths
Cancer	854	375	360	81	117
Cerebrovascular Disea...	653	329	339	96	136
Chronic Obstructive Pu...	2,193	1,283	1,042	245	271
Congestive Heart Failu...	1,294	763	799	211	287
Diabetes Mellitus [T 1&...	2,795	1,434	1,331	312	322
Hypertension	4,069	1,957	1,590	454	385
Myocardial Infarction	447	275	292	71	106
Renal	1,555	872	927	247	331



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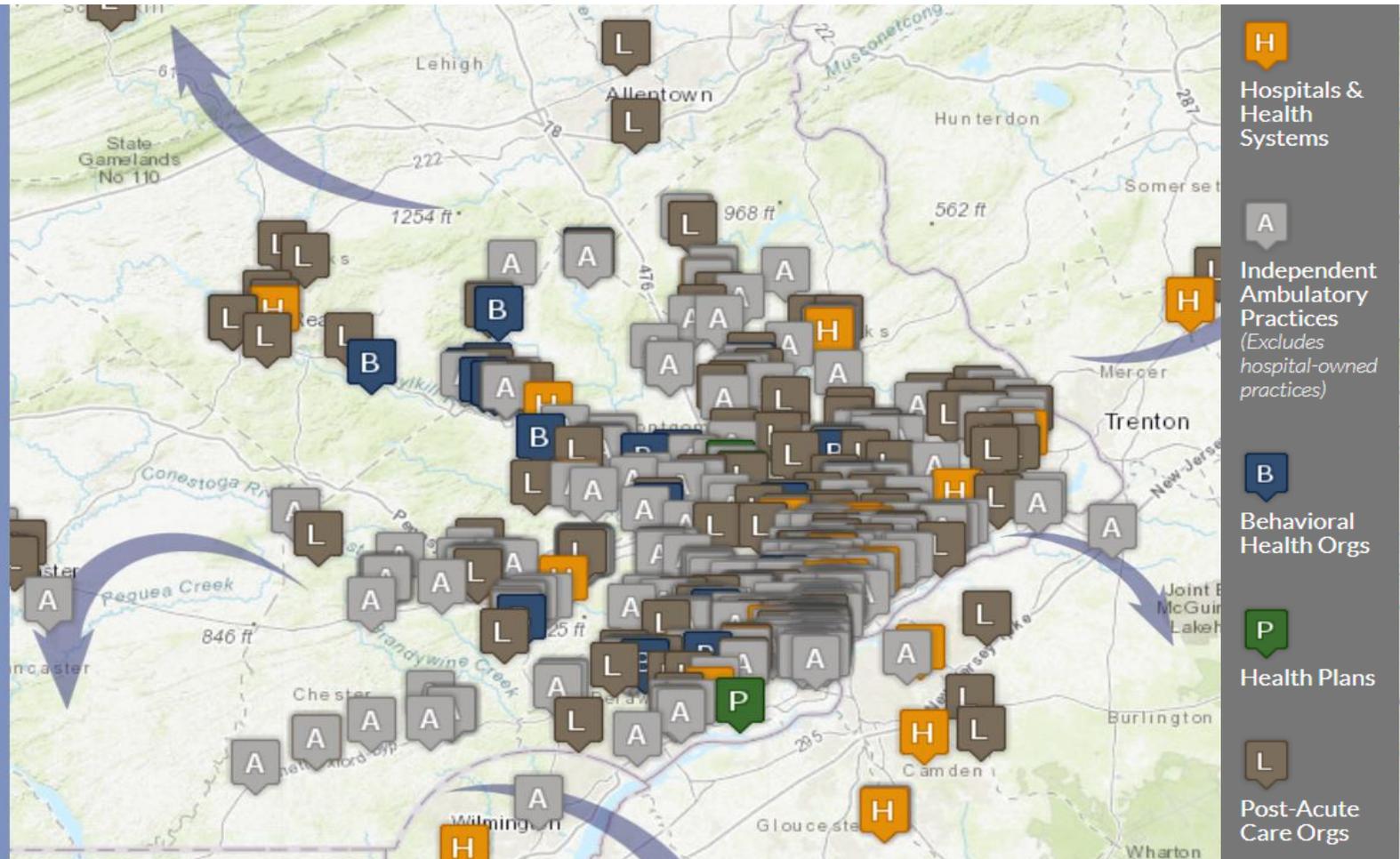
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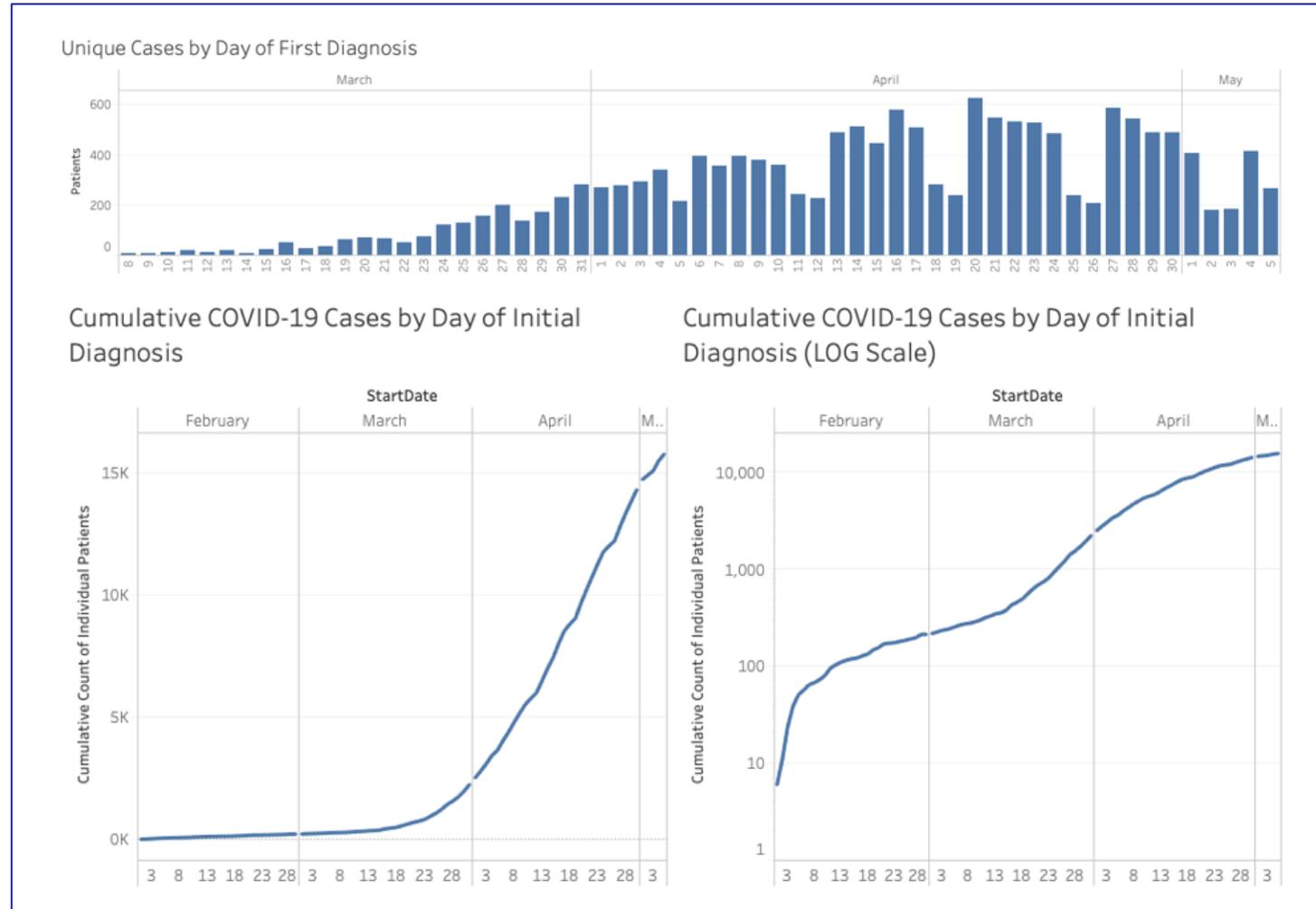
# HealthShare Exchange HSX - Philadelphia region HIE

## HSX MEMBERSHIP MAP

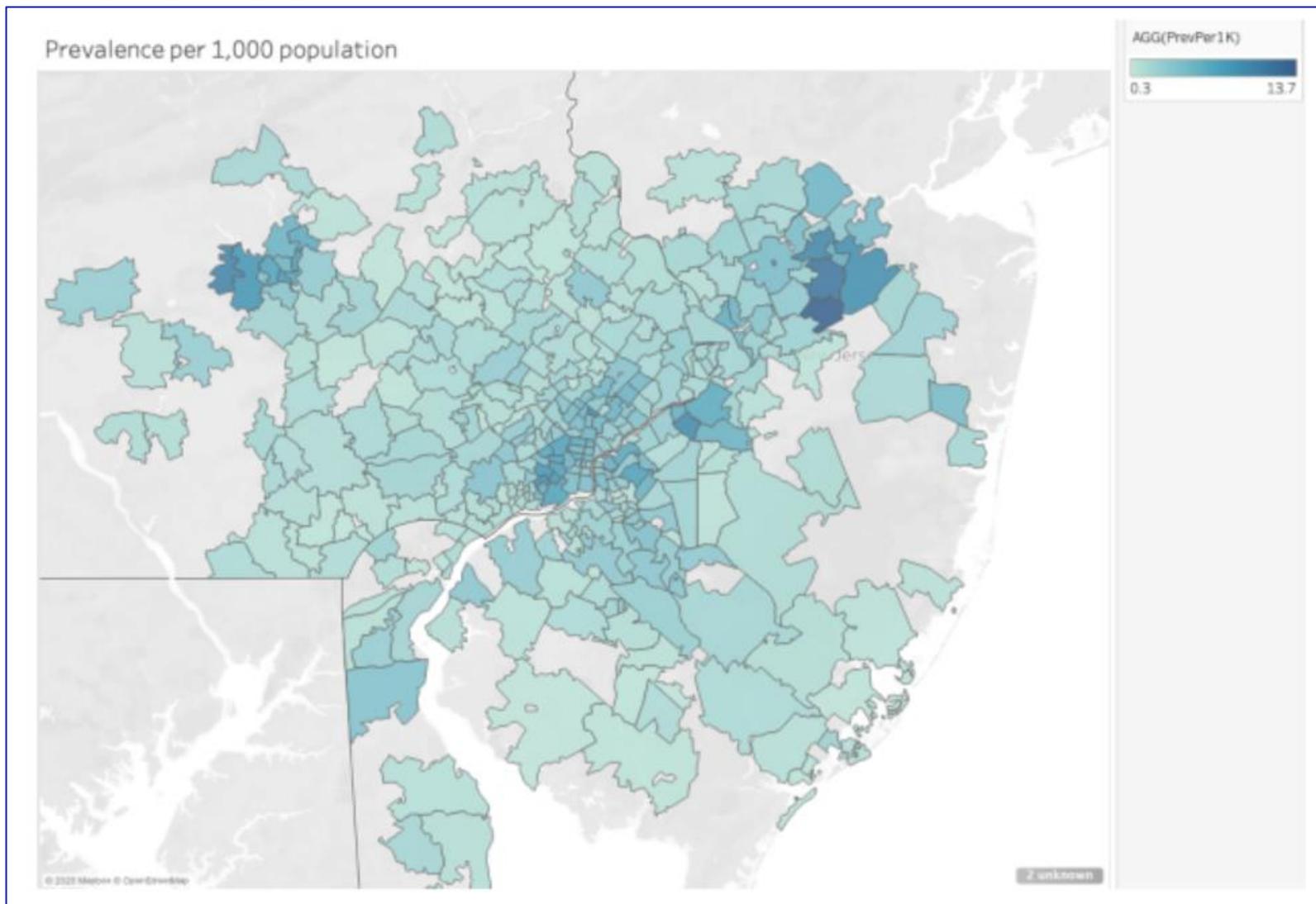
- Hospitals & Health Systems: 53
- Independent Ambulatory Practices: 207
- Behavioral Health Organizations: 7
- Post-Acute Care Organizations: 111
- Health Plans: 10
- Accountable Care Organizations: 6
- Other HSX Member Organizations: 22



# COVID Case Count

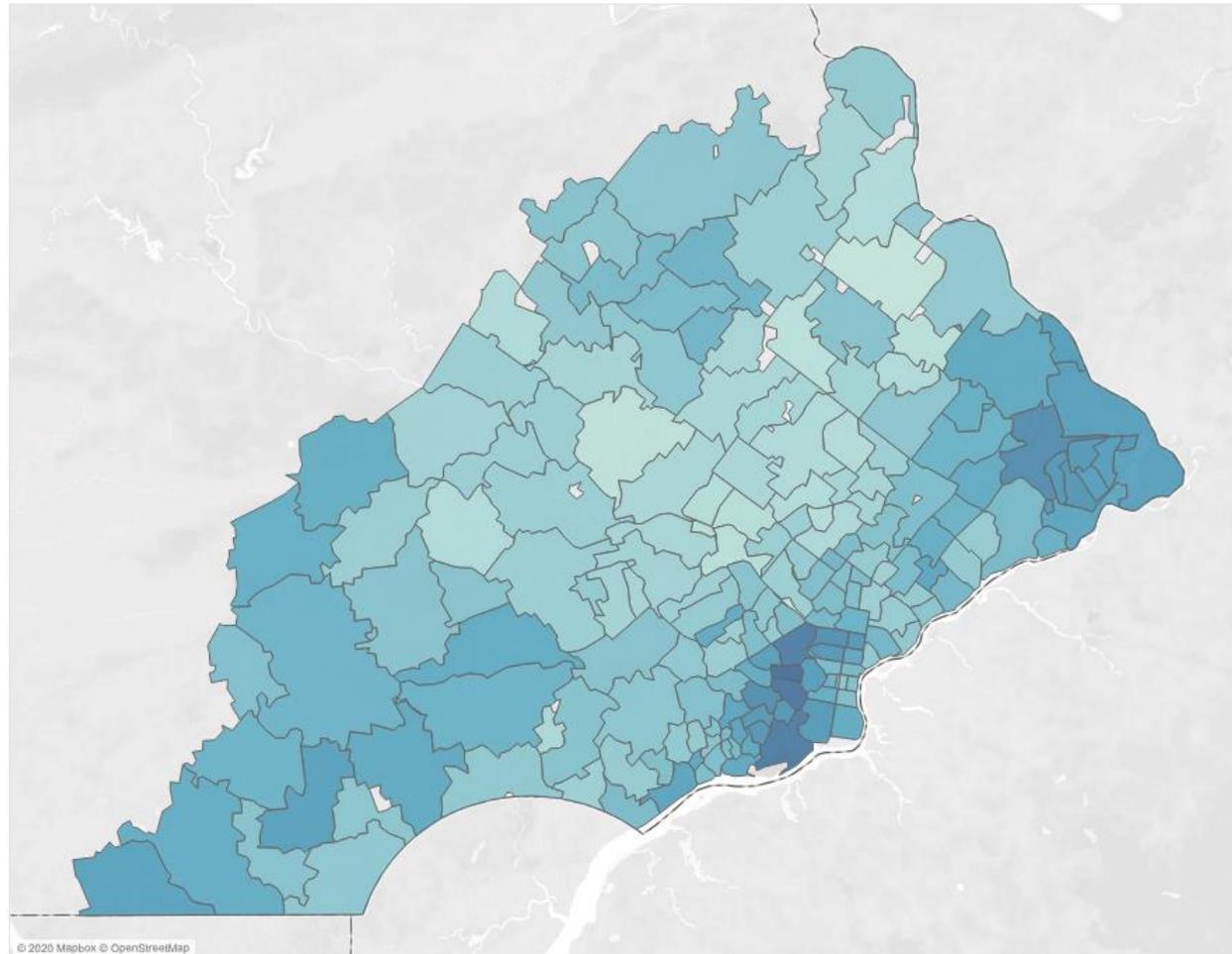


# Regional Prevalence

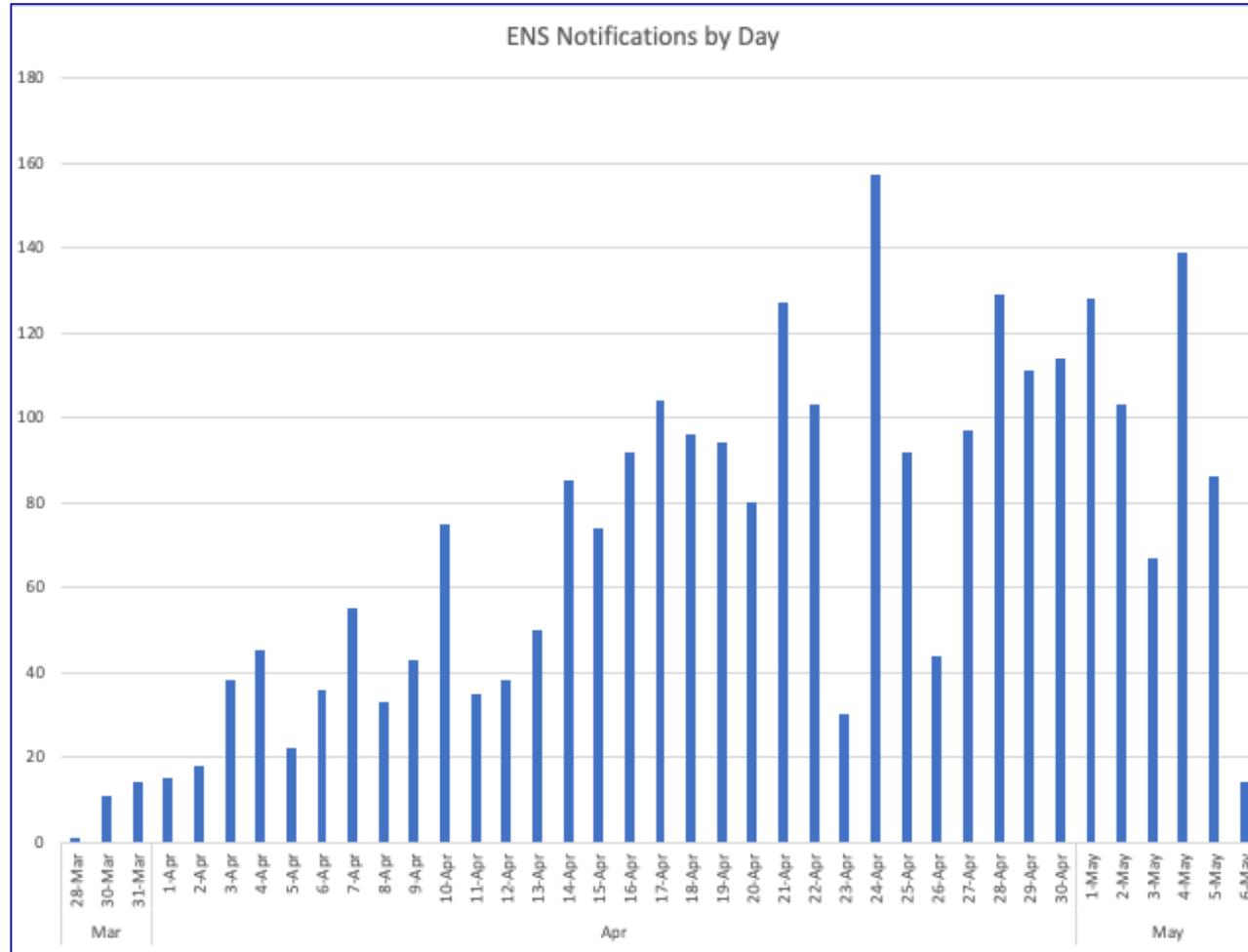


# Risk Factor Prevalence

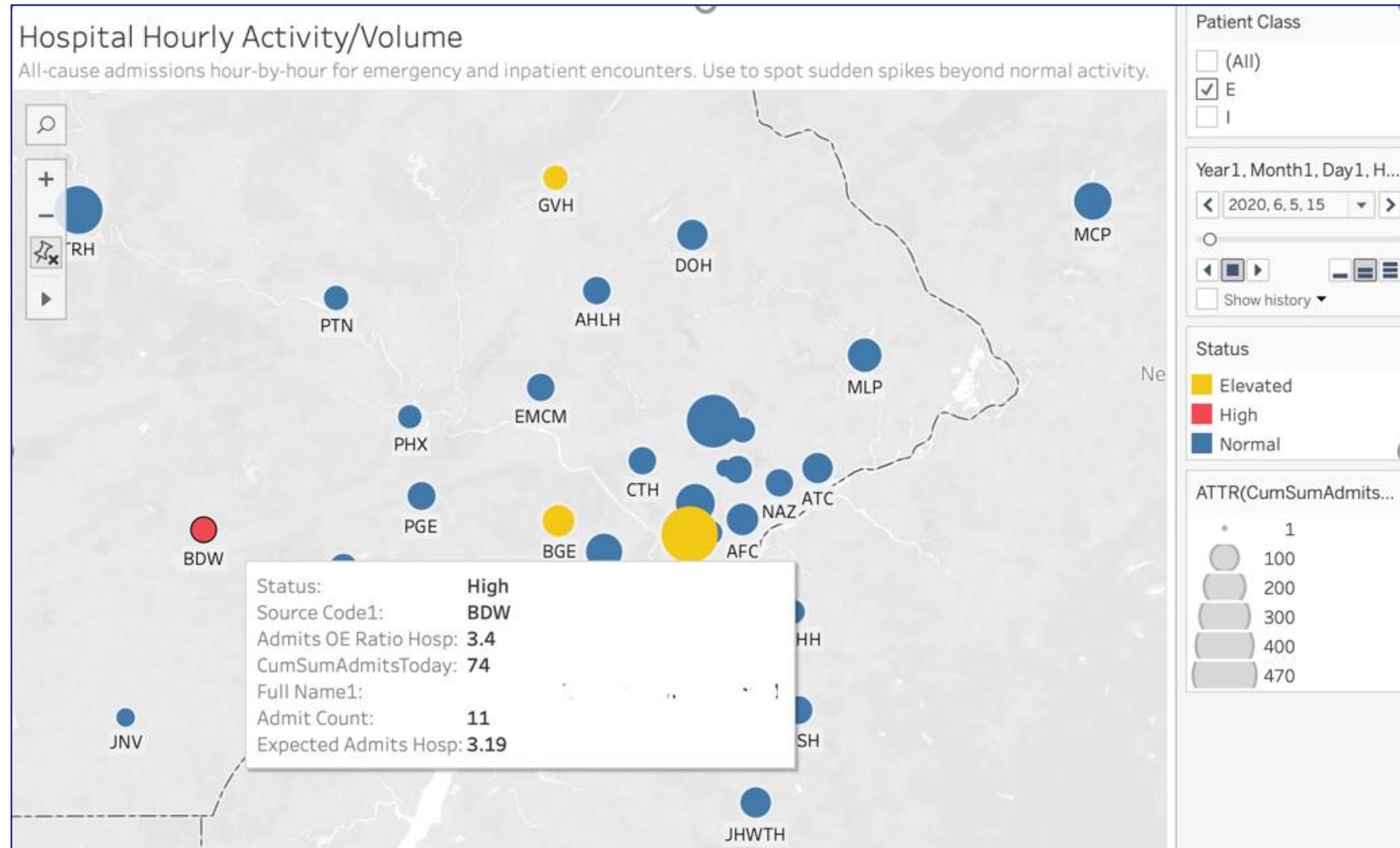
COVID-19 Severity Risk, **Three or More** Risk Factors, Prevalence per 1,000 Adults  
*Factors increasing risk of poor prognosis if infected*



# COVID Encounter Notifications - to PCP and Care Team



# *ED and Hospital volume-spike detection*



## *HIEs are Data Aggregators*

- We're like a recycling facility...
- And we need to ask you: please put it in the right bin!

## Use HL7 and LOINC properly

(I removed the patient ID and order date/time fields above)

```
OBX | 1 | ST | COVSO^COVID Source^L^31208-1 | | Nasopharyngeal Swab | | | | | F
```

```
OBX | 2 | ST | COV19^COVID-19 (SARS CoV-2) Virus^L^94309-2 | | Positive | | Negative | A | | | F
```

(I removed the patient ID segments above)

```
OBX | 1 | NM | J101A^SARS COV-2 (COVID-19)^J101A^L^J101A^LN^LAB | | | | | A | | | F | | 202004010101 | T^ | | | |
```

```
NTE | 1 | | Reference range:
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Negative\br\ (NOTE)\br\Methodology:\br\Roche cobas SARS-CoV-2 cleared for Emergency Use Only under FDA. FDA\br\approved specimen types include nasopharyngeal swab or oropharyngeal\br\swab collected using Copan UTM-RT system or BD Universal Viral\br\Transport System (UVT).\br\The cobas SARS-CoV-2 is a real-time qualitative PCR assay. This\br\assay utilizes two targets - one is the ORF1/a, a non structural\br\region unique to SARS-CoV-2.
```

( many lines with text describing methodology etc. removed here – hjs)

```
NTE | 2 | | Positive | |
```

# *LOINC groupings would help in aggregation*

- Too many codes
- “Group” code would help aggregation and analytics
- Not just for COVID – for A1C, for Creatinine, for all labs!

		specific culture							
2.68	94661-6	SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Ab [Interpretation] in Serum or Plasma	SARS coronavirus 2 Ab	Imp	Pt	Ser/Plas	Nom		
	95825-6	SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Ab [Presence] in DBS by Immunoassay	SARS coronavirus 2 Ab	PrThr	Pt	Bld.dot	Ord	IA	
2.68	94762-2	SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Ab [Presence] in Serum or Plasma by Immunoassay	SARS coronavirus 2 Ab	PrThr	Pt	Ser/Plas	Ord	IA	
2.68	94769-7	SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Ab [Units/volume] in Serum or Plasma by Immunoassay	SARS coronavirus 2 Ab	ACnc	Pt	Ser/Plas	Qn	IA	
2.68	94504-8	SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Ab panel - Serum or Plasma by Immunoassay	SARS coronavirus 2 Ab panel	-	Pt	Ser/Plas	-	IA	
2.68	94503-0	SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Ab panel - Serum, Plasma or Blood by Rapid immunoassay	SARS coronavirus 2 Ab panel	-	Pt	Ser/Plas/Bld	-	IA.rapid	
2.68	94558-4	SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Ag [Presence] in Respiratory specimen by Rapid immunoassay	SARS coronavirus 2 Ag	PrThr	Pt	Respiratory	Ord	IA.rapid	
2.68	94562-6	SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) IgA Ab [Presence] in Serum or Plasma by Immunoassay	SARS coronavirus 2 Ab.IgA	PrThr	Pt	Ser/Plas	Ord	IA	
2.68	94768-9	SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) IgA Ab [Presence] in Serum, Plasma or Blood by	SARS coronavirus 2 Ab.IgA	PrThr	Pt	Ser/Plas/Bld	Ord	IA.rapid	

## *Use LOINC not only for labs*

- Use LOINC codes for imaging reports, cath reports, op reports etc.
- USCDI moves in that direction – partially
- Providers: make sure you map these in your C-CDAs

Data Element		Applicable Standards(s)
<a href="#"><u>Consultation Note</u></a>	>	▪ Consult Note (LOINC® code 11488-4)
<a href="#"><u>Discharge Summary Note</u></a>	>	▪ Discharge Summary (LOINC® code 18842-5)
<a href="#"><u>History &amp; Physical</u></a>	>	▪ History and Physical Note (LOINC® code 34117-2)
<a href="#"><u>Imaging Narrative</u></a>	>	▪ Diagnostic Imaging Study (LOINC® code 18748-4)

# LOINC needs to “highlight” codes for preferred use



cardiac cath

LOINC	LongName	Component
<u>80243-9</u>	Cardiac catheterization access site	Cardiac catheterization access site
<u>80258-7</u>	Pre-cardiac catheterization diagnosis	Pre-cardiac catheterization diagnosis
<u>80528-3</u>	Catheterization and angiography preoperative information panel	Catheterization & angiography preoperative information panel
<u>80190-2</u>	Catheterization and angiography procedure details panel	Catheterization & angiography procedure details panel
<u>78949-5</u>	Catheterization and angiography procedures performed panel	Catheterization & angiography procedures performed panel
 <u>88089-8</u>	Type of Specialty services available	Specialty services available

# Can we please “standardize the standard”



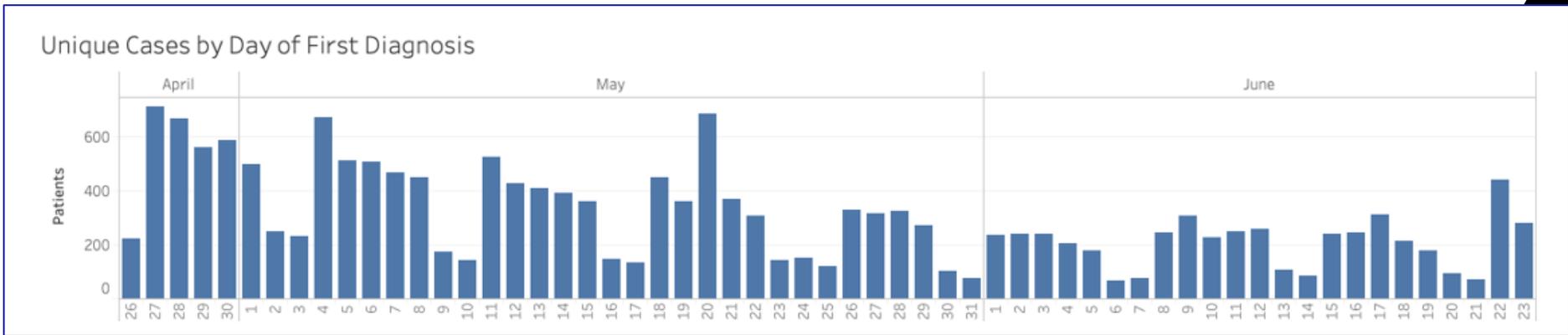
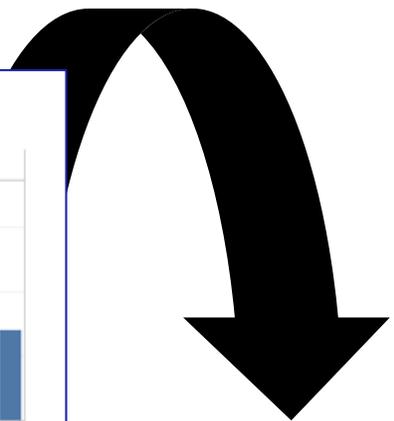
LOINC	LongName	Component	Property	Timing	System
<a href="#">59282-4</a>	Stress cardiac echo study report	Stress cardiac echo study report	Find	Pt	Heart
<a href="#">18745-0</a>	Cardiac catheterization study	Study report	Find	Pt	Heart
<a href="#">85474-5</a>	Cardiac implantable loop monitor study report	Cardiac implantable loop monitor study report	Find	Pt	{Setting}
<a href="#">18143-8</a>	Heart chambers Study observation Narrative by US	Study observation	Find	Pt	Heart.chambers
<a href="#">12076-6</a>	Fetal Heart chambers Narrative Study observation US	Study observation	Find	Pt	Heart.chambers^Fetus
<a href="#">76640-2</a>	Coronary artery catheterization Study report	Study report	Find	Pt	Coronary arteries
<a href="#">18843-3</a>	EKG Comparison study (narrative)	Comparison.study	Imp	Pt	Heart

# What is the right code for Discharge Summary?

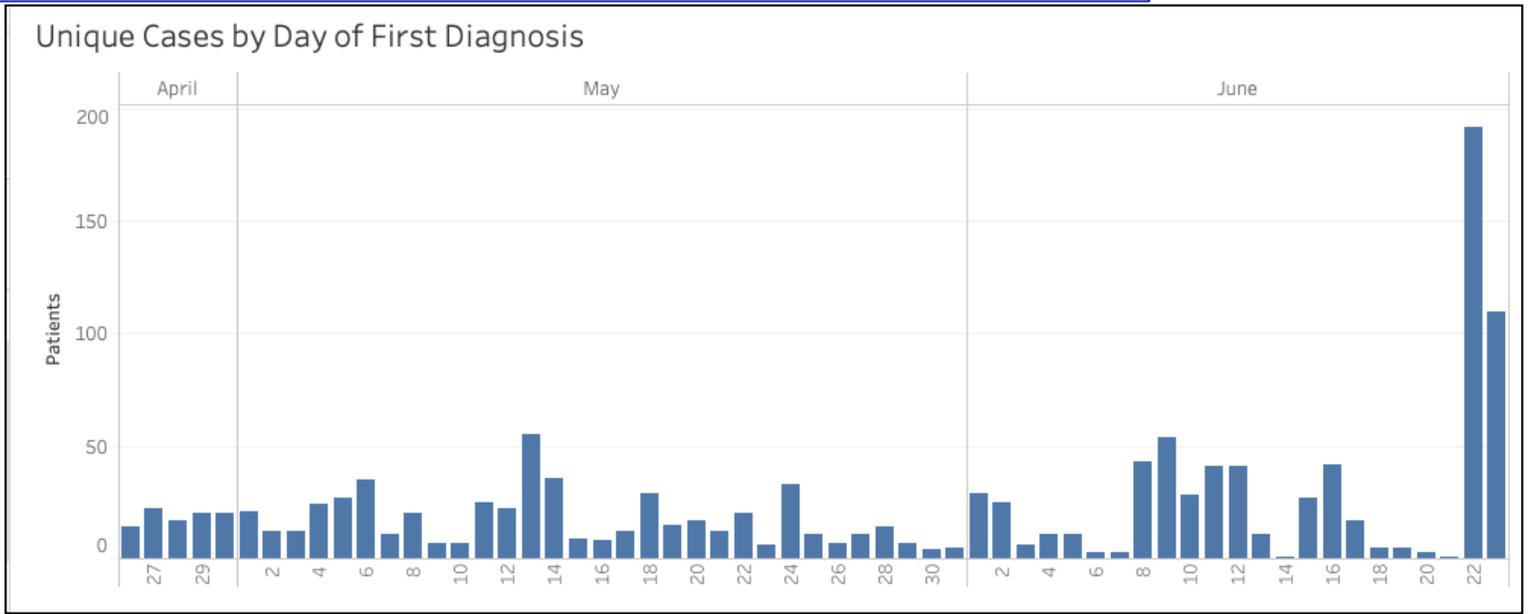
- These are all good
- But USCDI only mentions the first one
- Group code would also solve this.

		
discharge summary		
LOINC	LongName	Component
<a href="#">18842-5</a>	Discharge summary	Discharge summary note
<a href="#">87256-4</a>	Addiction medicine Discharge summary	Discharge summary note
<a href="#">68612-1</a>	Adolescent medicine Discharge summary	Discharge summary note
<a href="#">68626-1</a>	Allergy and Immunology Discharge summary	Discharge summary note
<a href="#">94515-4</a>	Anesthesiology Discharge summary	Discharge summary note
<a href="#">28655-9</a>	Attending Discharge summary	Discharge summary note
<a href="#">94516-2</a>	Audiology Discharge summary	Discharge summary note
<a href="#">85514-8</a>	Bariatric surgery Discharge summary	Discharge summary note
<a href="#">94465-2</a>	Bone Marrow Transplant Discharge summary	Discharge summary note
<a href="#">77409-1</a>	Cardiology Discharge summary	Discharge summary note

# Use ICD-10 properly please



- Drill down to one data source
- All COVID tests (!) coded as U07.1



# *After removal of incorrectly coded encounters*

Unique Cases by Day of First Diagnosis



## *Bottom line for Interoperability Rules of the Road*

- Use the right codes, use the right transaction formats
- Standards organizations: keep it simple, and focus on usability
- HIEs as Data Aggregators are the canaries in the coal-mine for data quality and consistency
- Critical role during this and future pandemics and public health emergencies



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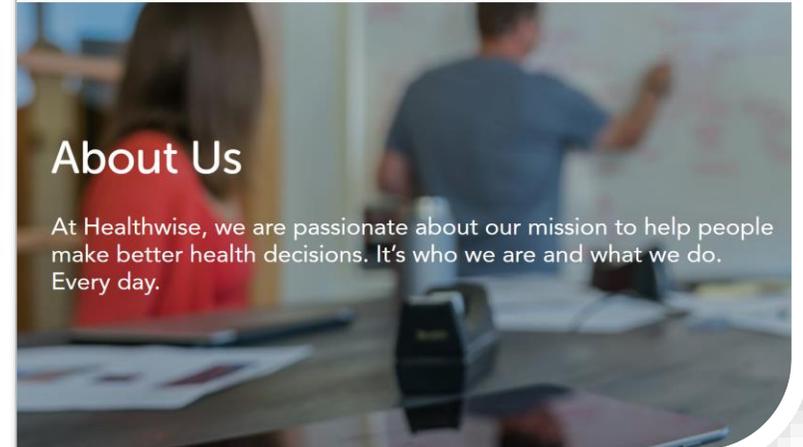
Her career path has featured journeying in the realms of computing and network systems, which led to years of health information technology (HIT) executive leadership for a large hospital system in Idaho where she used her strategic IT skills to interoperate, integrate, inform, and include all stakeholders in care: the patient too.

While at Saint Alphonsus Health System, she led a team to implement electronic health records to include digital radiology, cardiology, labs, pharmacy, notes, and much more, interoperating 56 separate systems across 7 Idaho healthcare organizations to support Idaho's first statewide physician web portal and patients' access to their own medical record and notes via my.saintal.com



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# *Health is public*

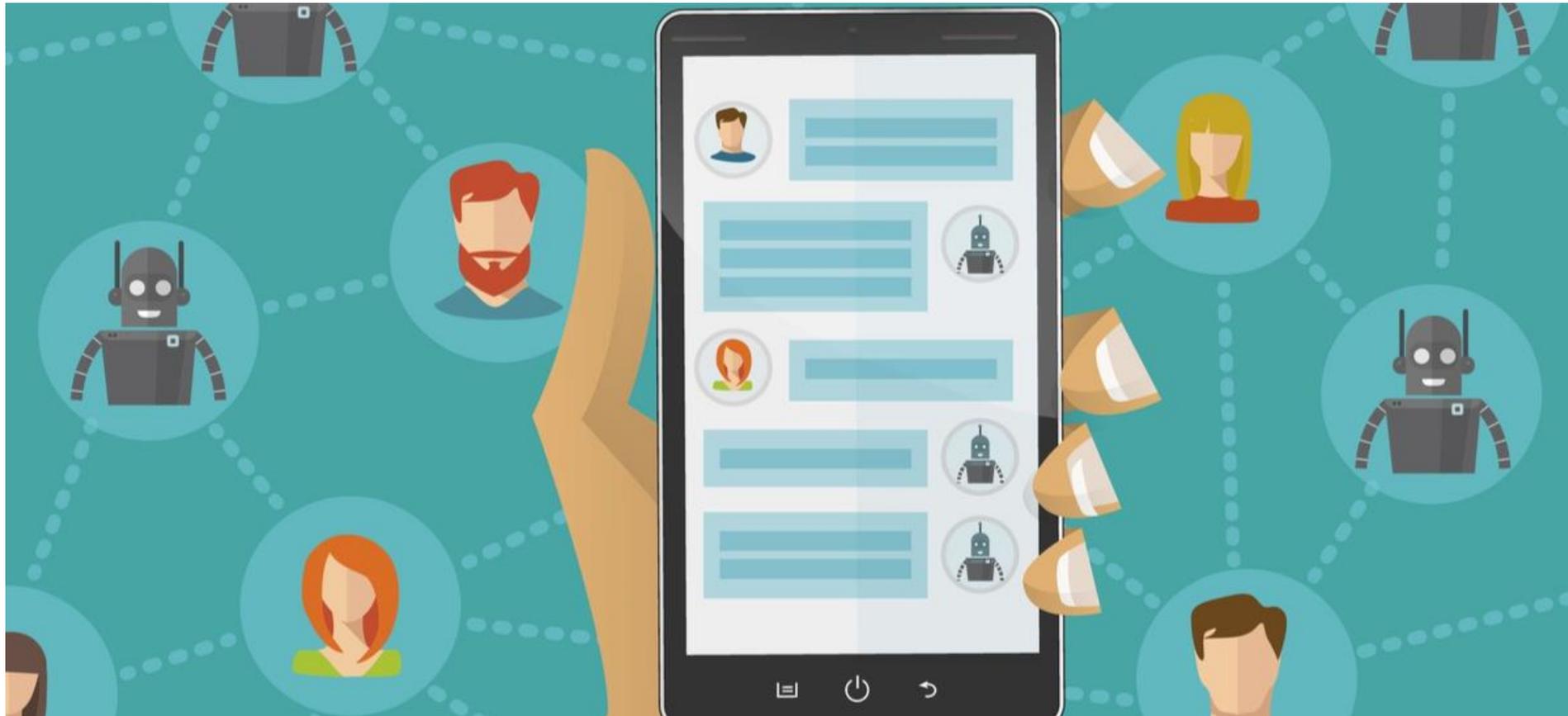


# *We are in crisis in many fronts*

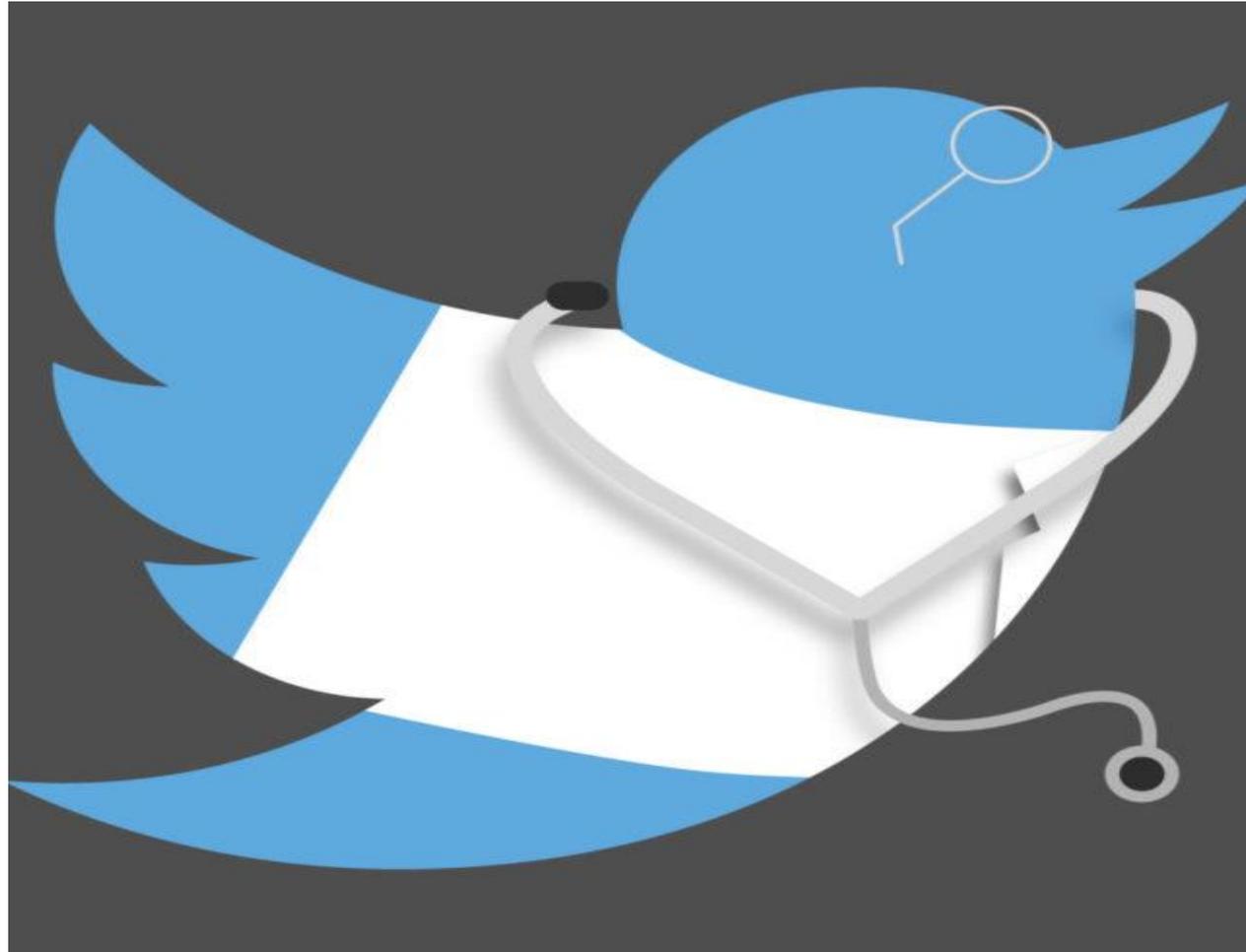
- **Pandemic**
  - Testing shortage
  - Persons awaiting results
  - Contact tracing
  - National anxiety
  - Vaccination anxiety



# *Our lives include*



# *Health Information at the speed of...*



# *Our systems are not designed for health crisis*

- EMR Centric
- Health system specific
- Integration siloes
- Patient Portals “binary”
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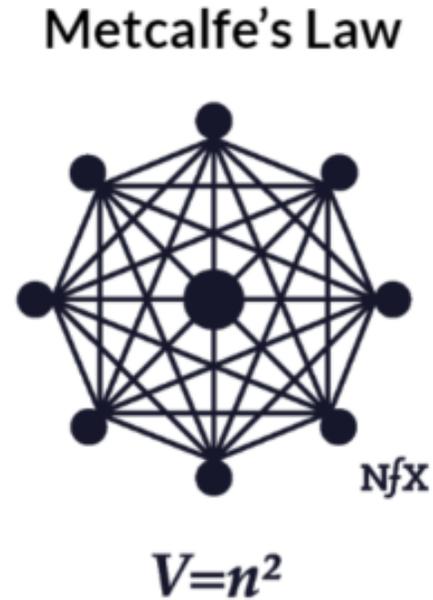
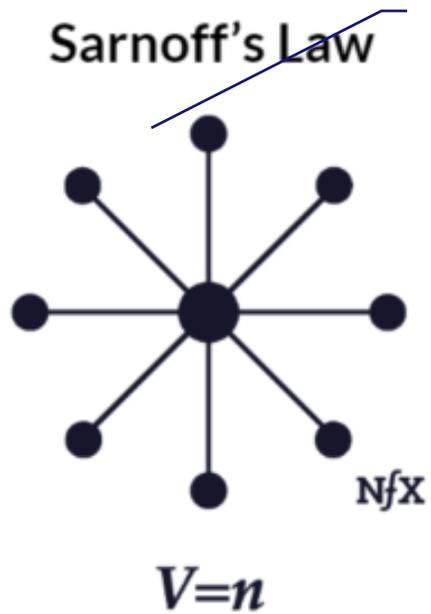
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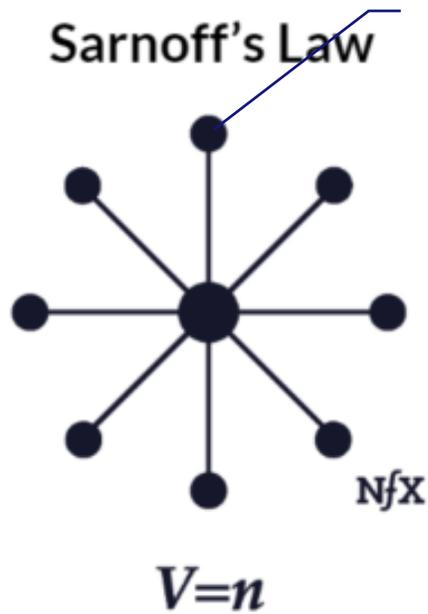
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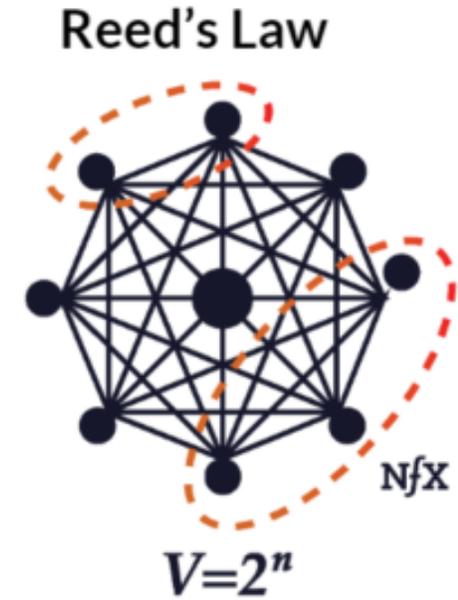
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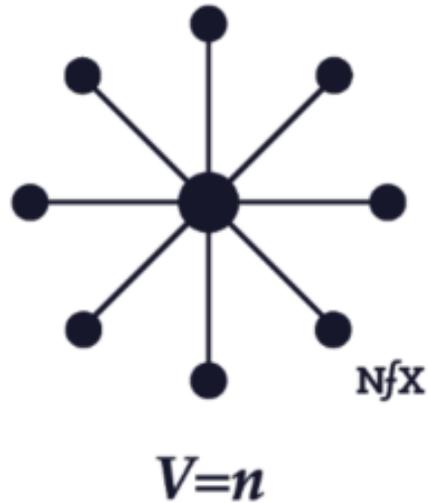


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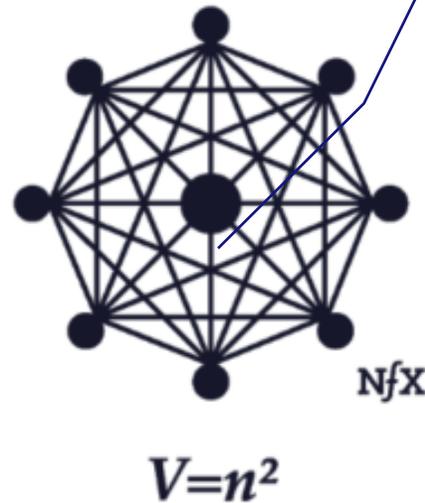


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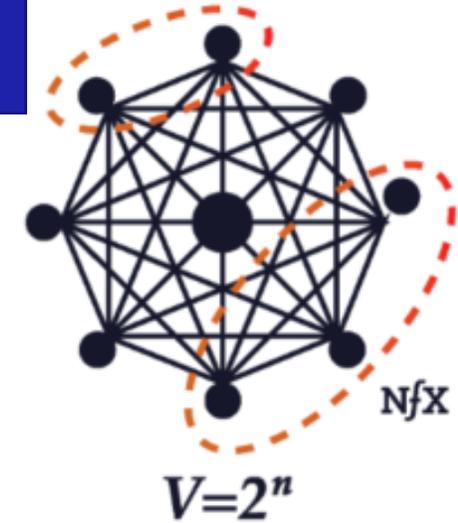
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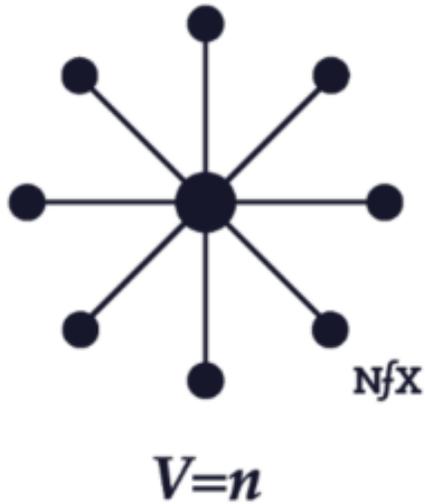
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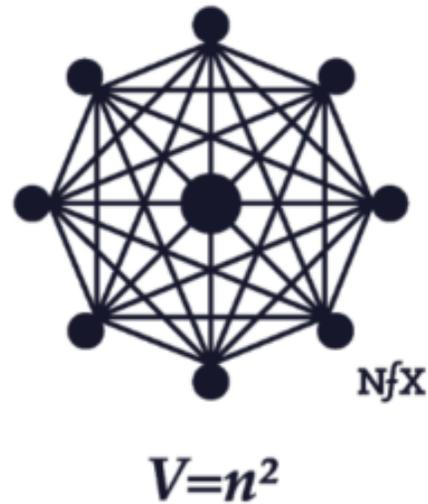
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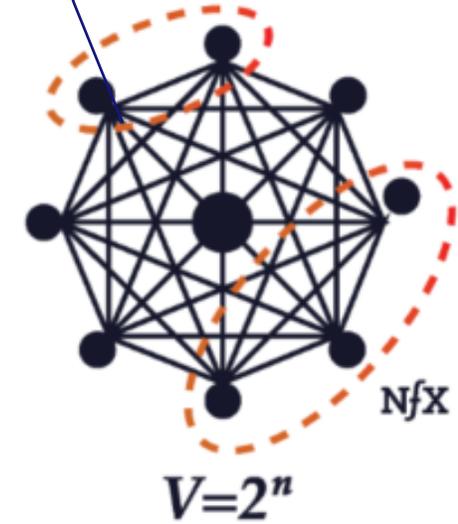
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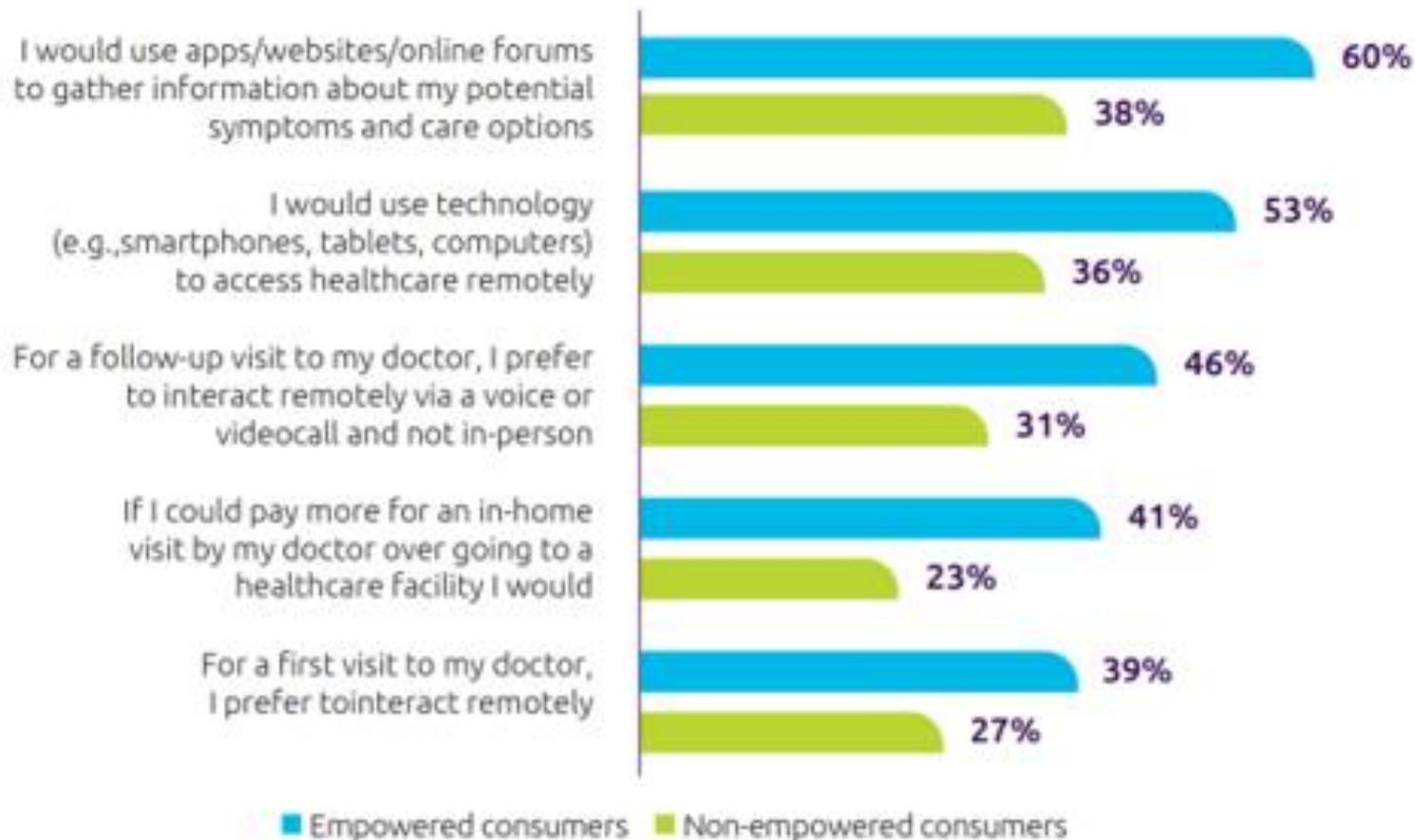
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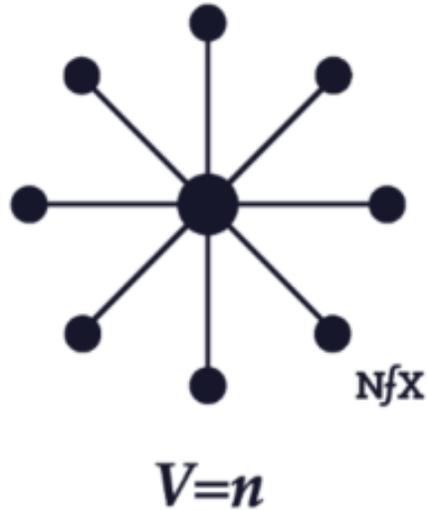


**Figure 7:** The majority of Empowered Consumers will gather information and research their symptoms online

**Percentage of consumers that agree with the below statements today:  
Empowered Consumers versus non-empowered consumers**



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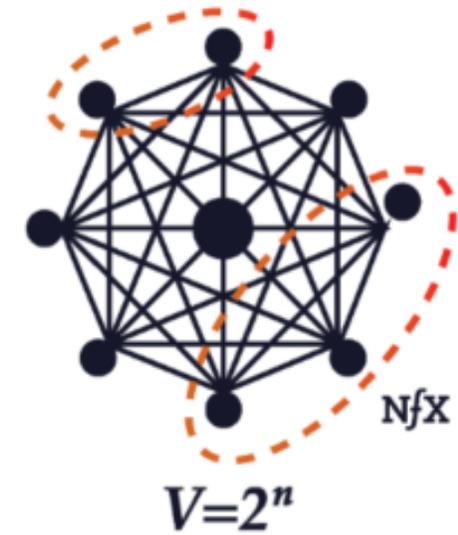
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