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COVID-19 SITUATION UPDATE - 148

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COVID-19 Situation

Incidence and Testing

The situation in some countries and territories (hitherto referred to as countries) is already showing that the current Omicron wave has peaked and cases are now declining. Especially British Virgin Islands, French Guiana, Grenada and St. Kitts and Nevis show declining 7 day moving incidence rates in the last week as well as a decline in the 7 day average of test positivity. Both these indicators are converging in these four countries.

Cases continue to steadily increase in other countries although the situation varies widely. Incidence in both children (<18 years) and adults in Barbados shows a near equal rate of increase in incidence, however the test positivity has somewhat steadied and hovers around 20-25% - a rate relatively lower compared to other ECC countries. On the other hand, test positivity rate in Antigua & Barbuda, and St. Lucia hover upwards of 30-40% - reflecting a near saturation of lab capacity and consequently cases may not show an increase owing to ceiling effect. Data from Dominica is patchy but test positivity rates in that country are also rising, albeit near 100% of suspected cases are tested with RDTs and as such comparison with other countries can't be done. St. Vincent and the Grenadines has adopted RDT to be confirmatory diagnosis for COVID-19, but the statistics reflect only PCR positive cases leading to false low incidence rate. When RDTs are summed up with PCR cases, the incidence rate is near 16 times high.

Hospitalizations

Number of people hospitalized has increased in all countries. In French Guiana, there are more people hospitalized with COVID-19 than the last 'delta' wave, however most of these have mild to moderate disease. Among other countries, number of people hospitalized is higher in St. Lucia, although a number of these are mild cases hospitalized instead of being isolated. In Grenada, current numbers show only those who are admitted due to COVID-19. On 19th Jan, of all the 15 cases hospitalized and who had COVID, only 6 were admitted for COVID-19, 6 were admitted for another condition and 3 were admitted for mental health related issues.

Vaccination

This week Dominica reached 40% of people vaccinated with 2 doses. Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, and St. Barthelemy will meet the 70% coverage target by June-2022 based on current rhythm. Other countries will need to increase the rate of vaccination from 2.5 times the current rhythm in Barbados to 9 times in St. Lucia. Increase in weekly rate was seen in all countries except Barbados, Dominica and St. Kitts and Nevis.

Antigua and Barbuda

Last 7 Days

Change compared to previous week

Cases
379
↑ 0.3%

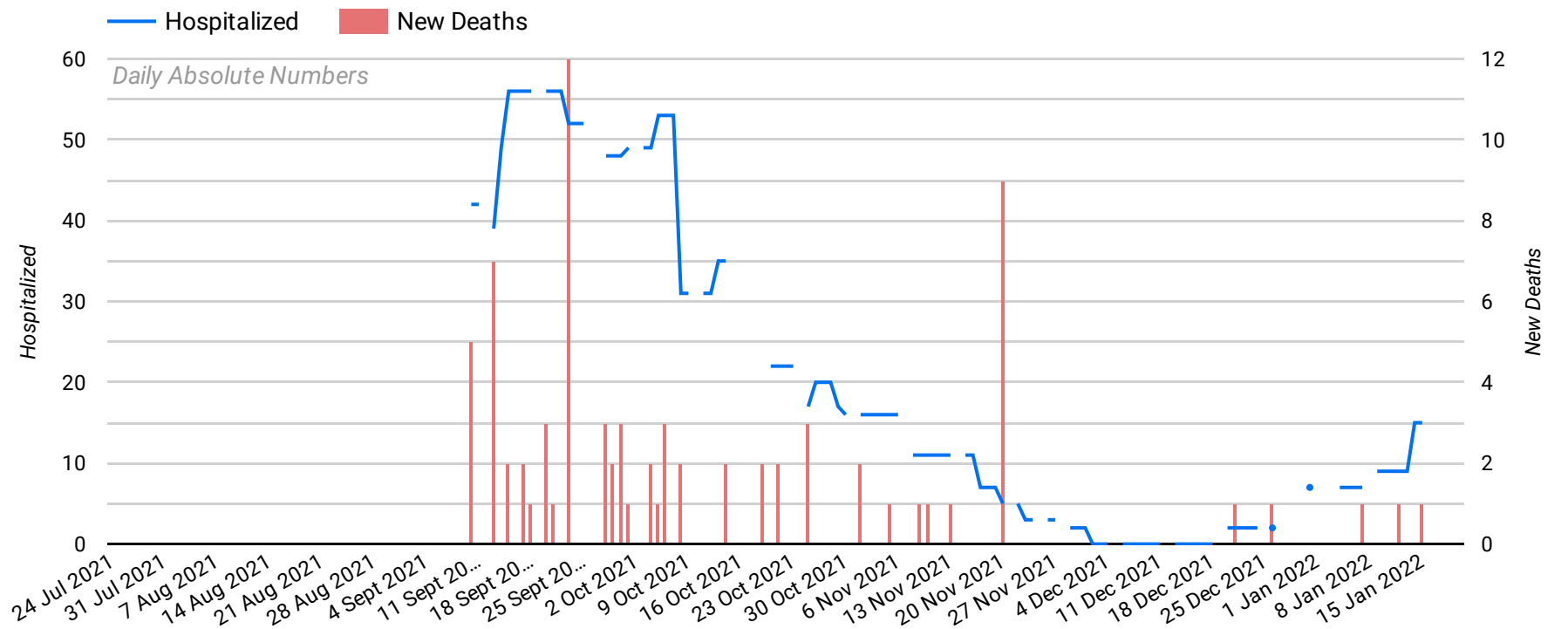
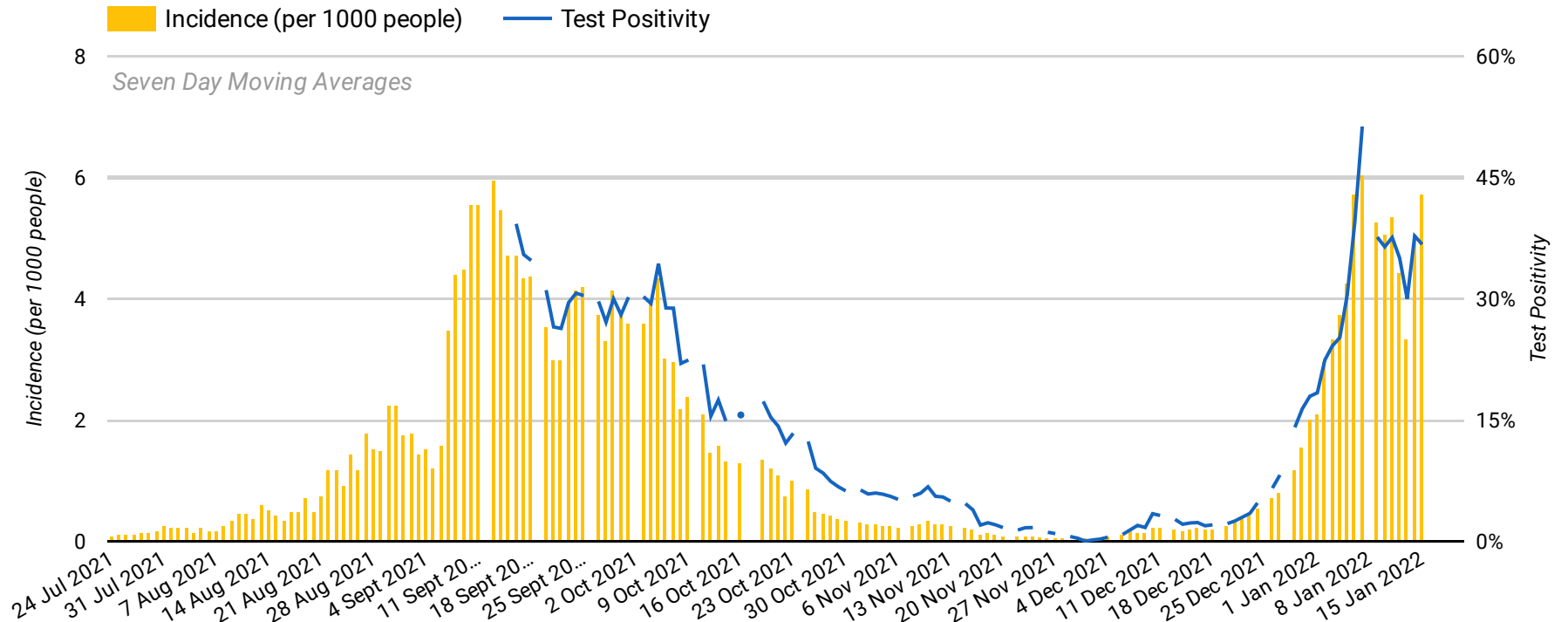
Tests
626
↓ -50.4%

Deaths
1
↓ -50.0%

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
63.2%
↑ 0.3%

2nd Dose / Fully
60.2%
↑ 0.6%



Barbados

Last 7 Days

Change compared to previous week

Cases
3,734
↑ 13.5%

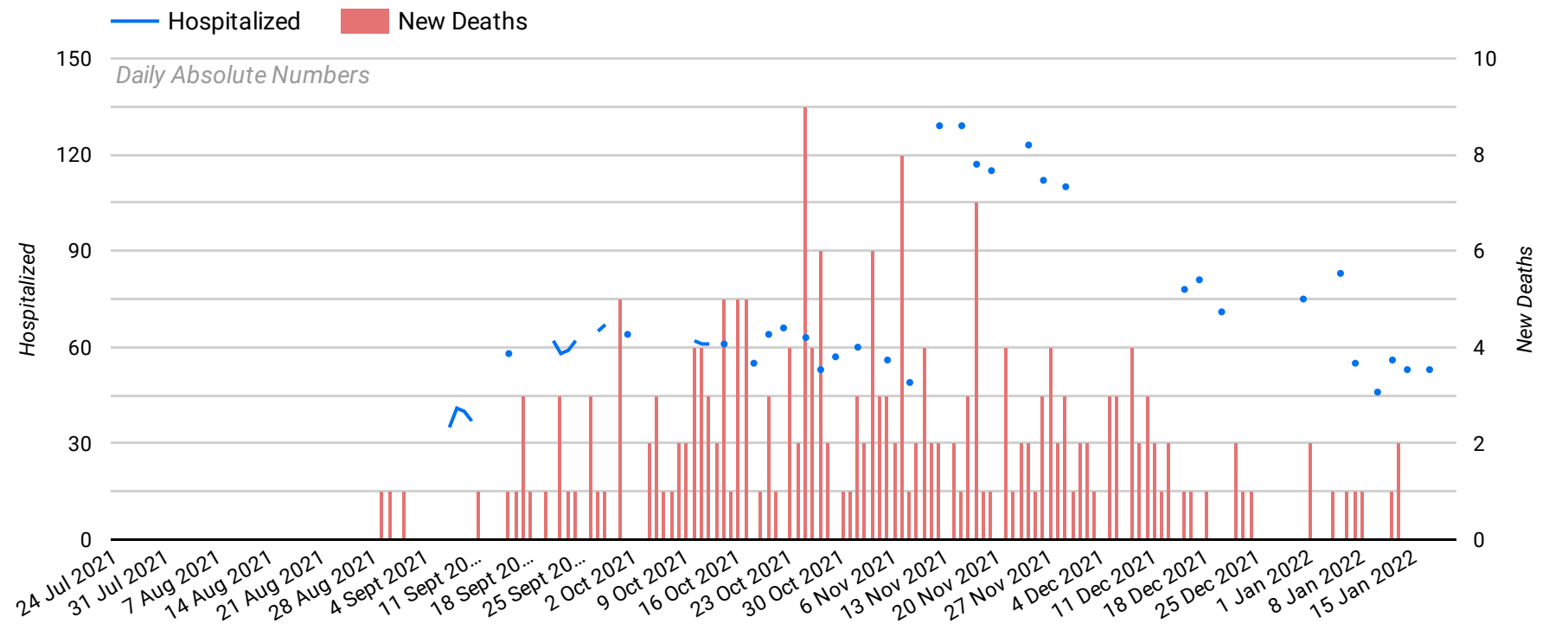
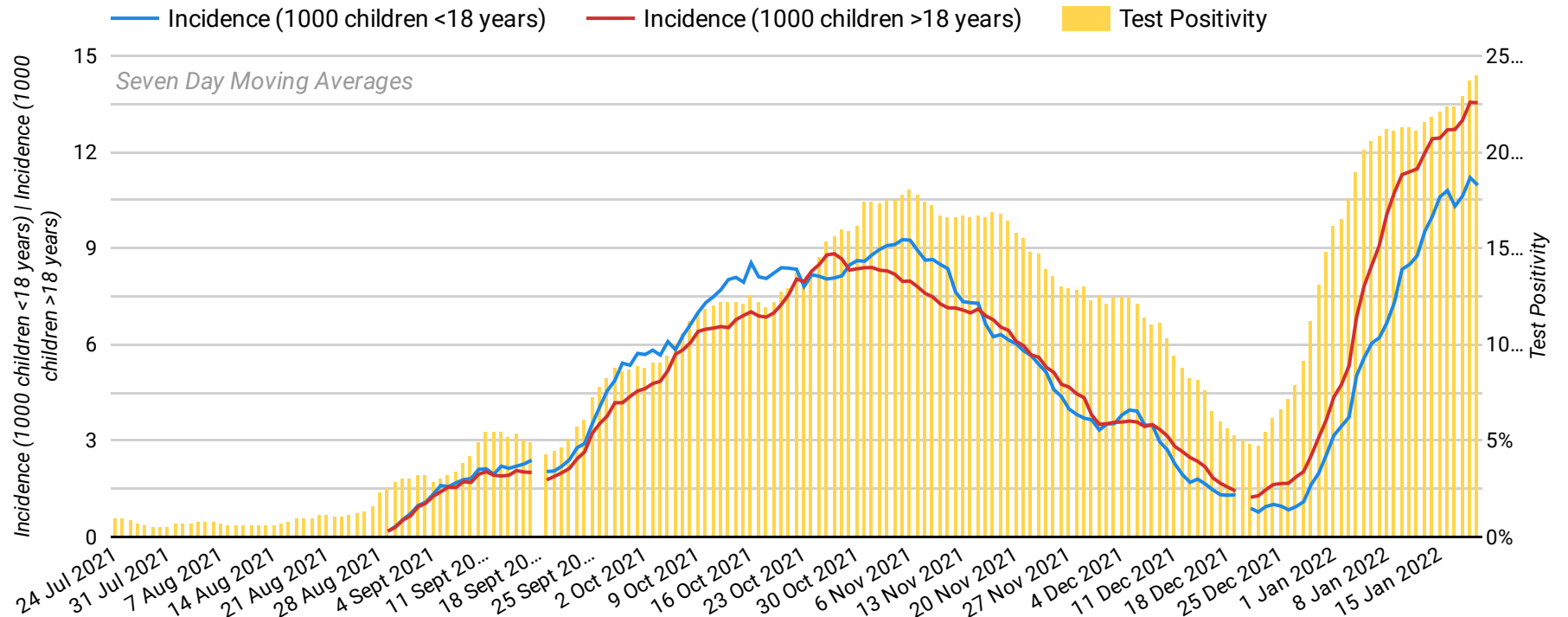
Tests
15,557
↑ 1.8%

Deaths
0
↓ -100.0%

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
54.8%
↑ 0.2%

2nd Dose / Fully
50.8%
↑ 0.3%



Dominica

Last 7 Days

Change compared to previous week

Cases
567
↑ 104.0%

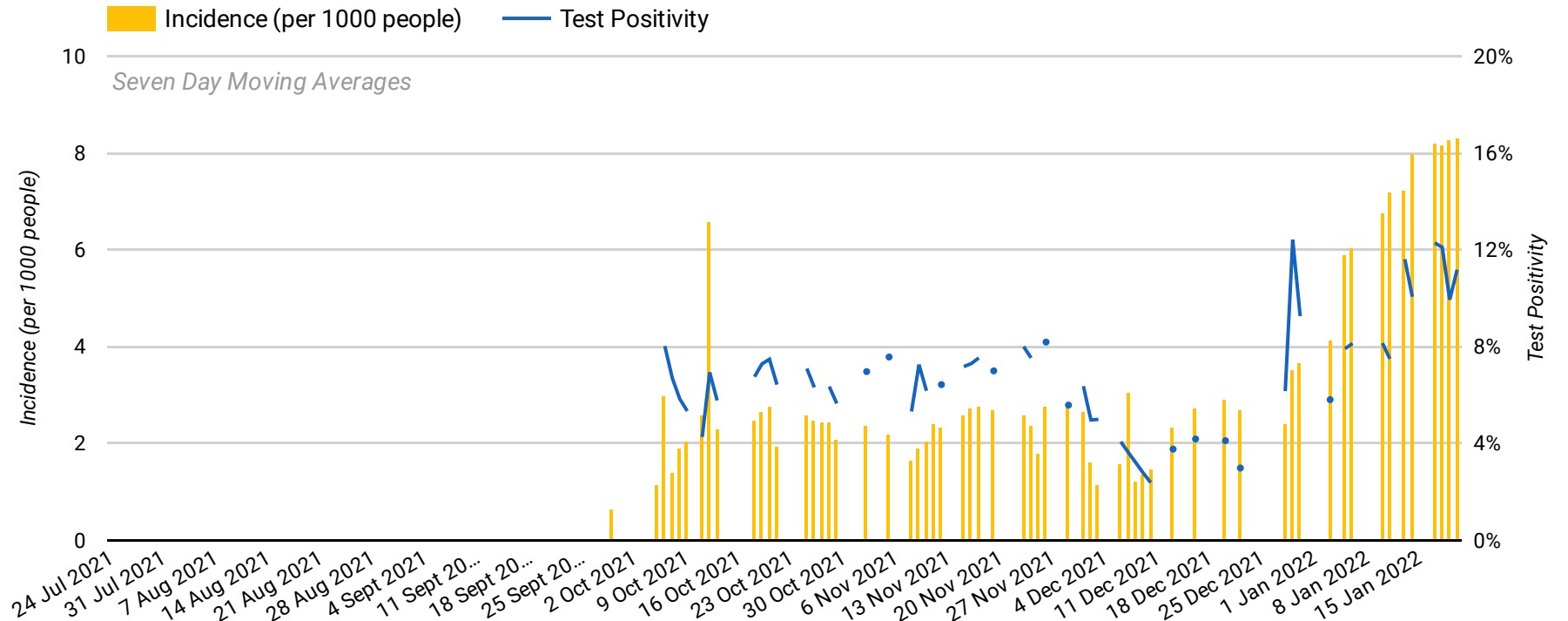
Tests
5,360
↑ 18.9%

Deaths
0
↓ -100.0%

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
43.2%
↑ 0.2%

2nd Dose / Fully
40.0%
↑ 0.2%



Grenada

Last 7 Days
Change compared to previous week

Cases
1,701
↓ -9.6%

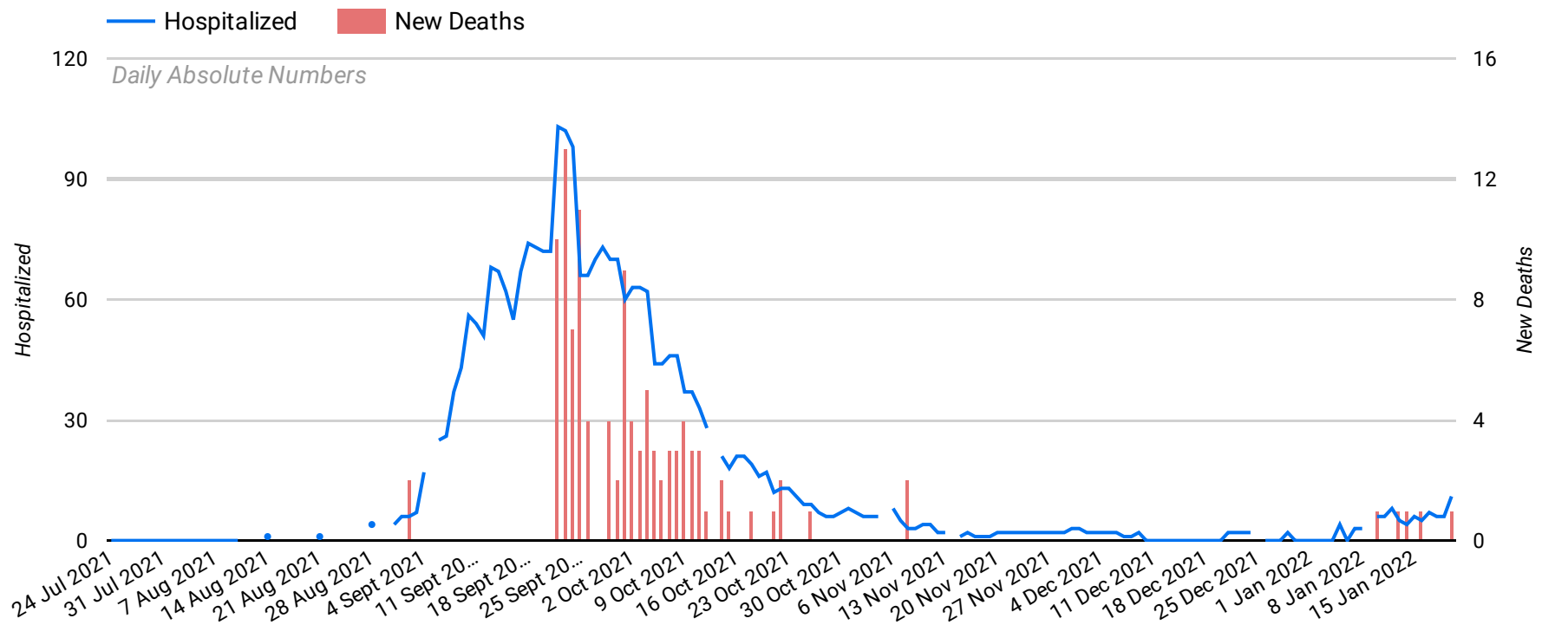
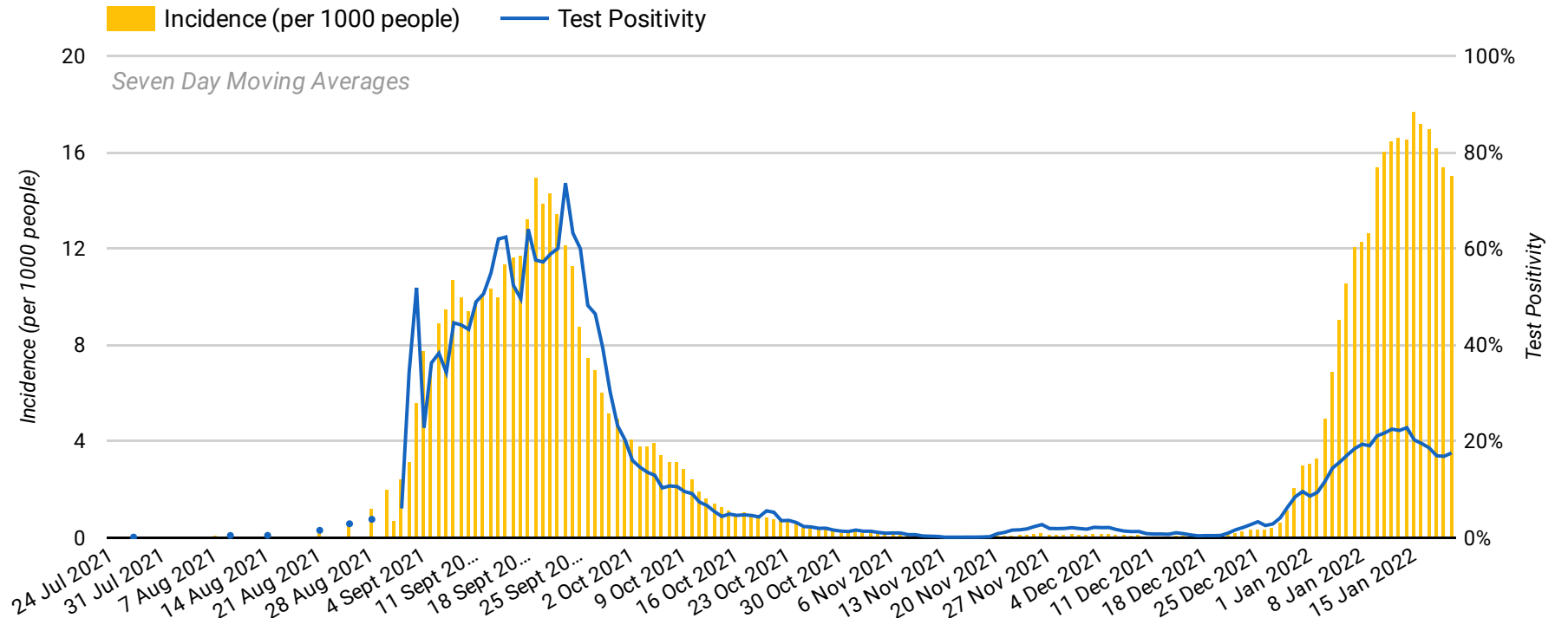
Tests
9,684
↑ 14.4%

Deaths
3
↑ 50.0%

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
37.4%
↑ 0.2%

2nd Dose / Fully
32.3%
↑ 0.2%



St. Kitts & Nevis

Last 7 Days

Change compared to previous week

Cases
460
↓ -44.3%

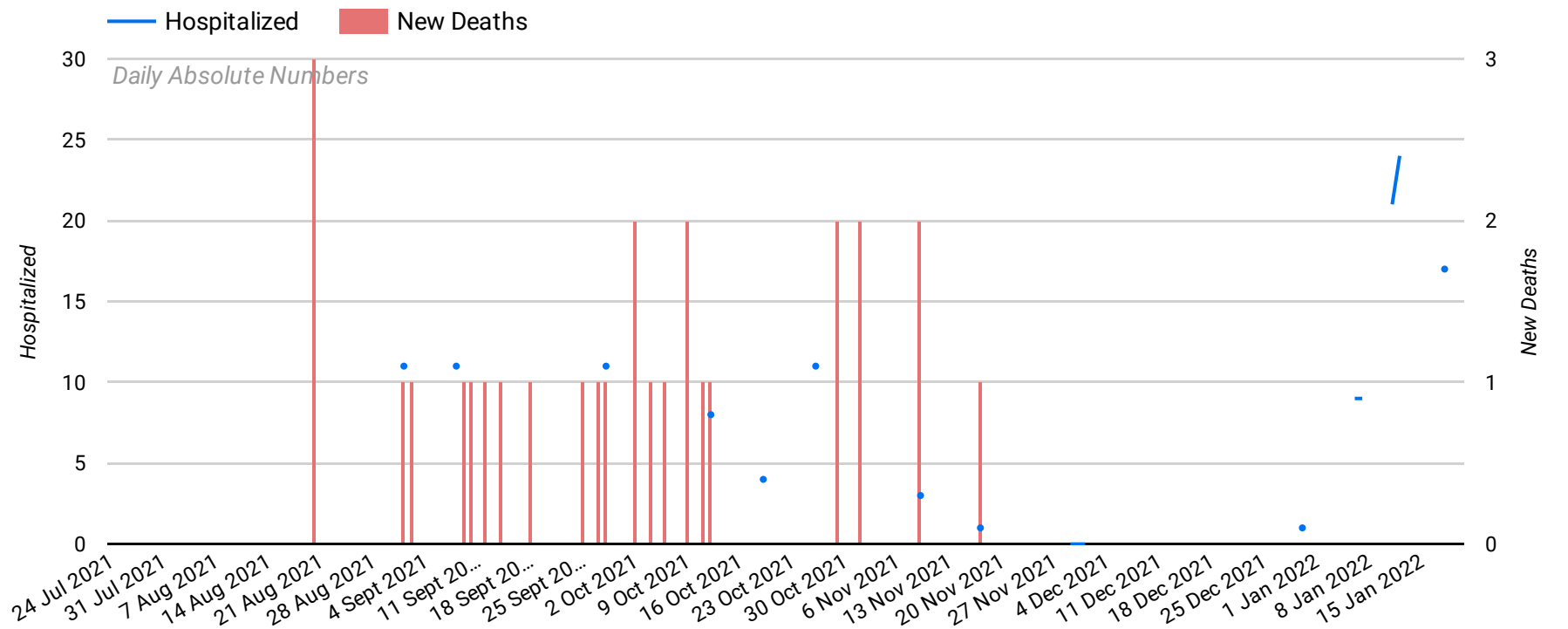
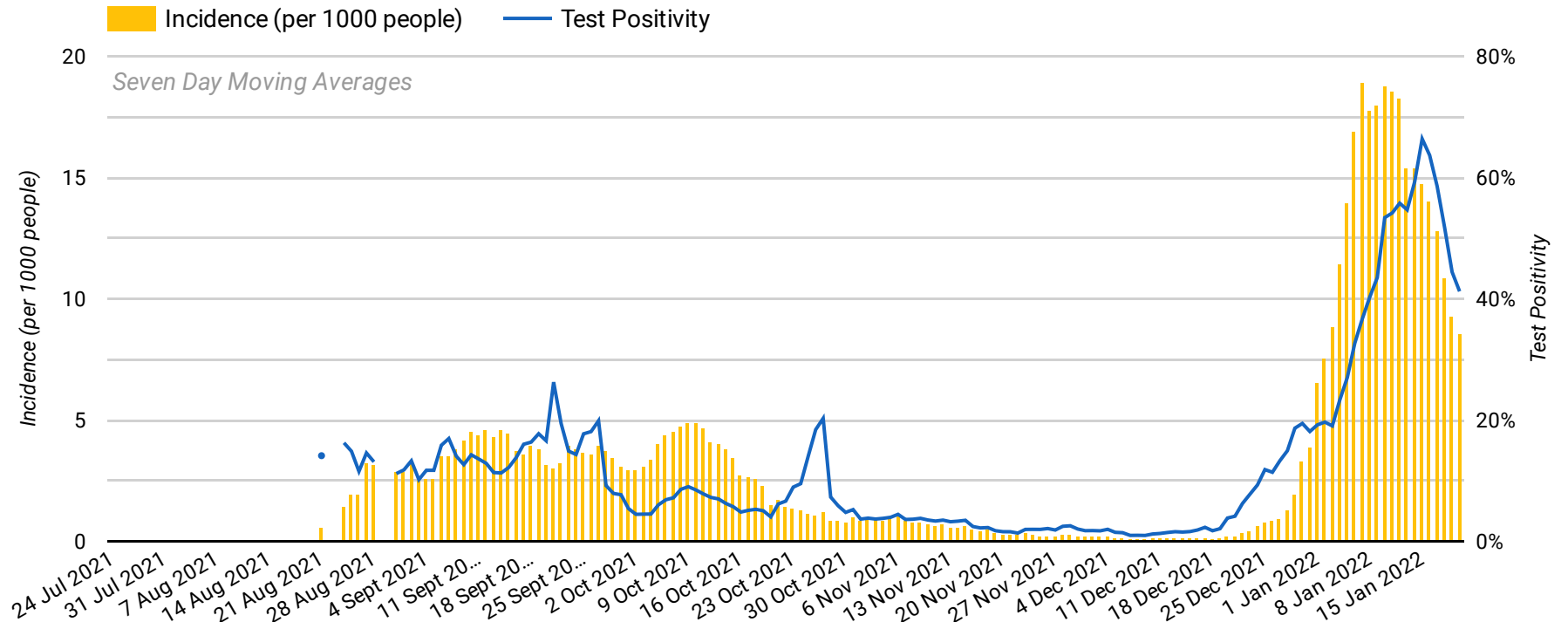
Tests
1,117
↓ -26.1%

Deaths
0
N/A

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
57.0%
↑ 0.4%

2nd Dose / Fully
48.4%
↑ 0.1%



St. Lucia

Last 7 Days

Change compared to previous week

Cases
2,241
↑ 9.9%

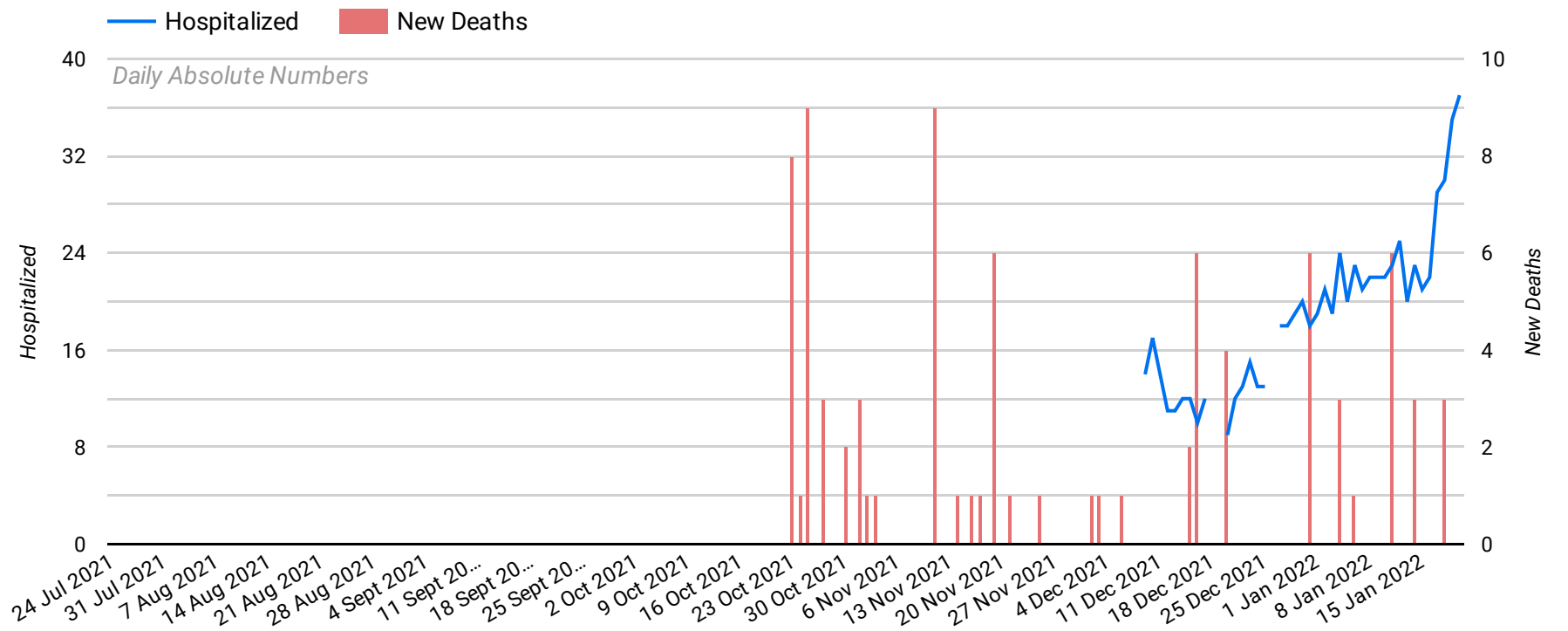
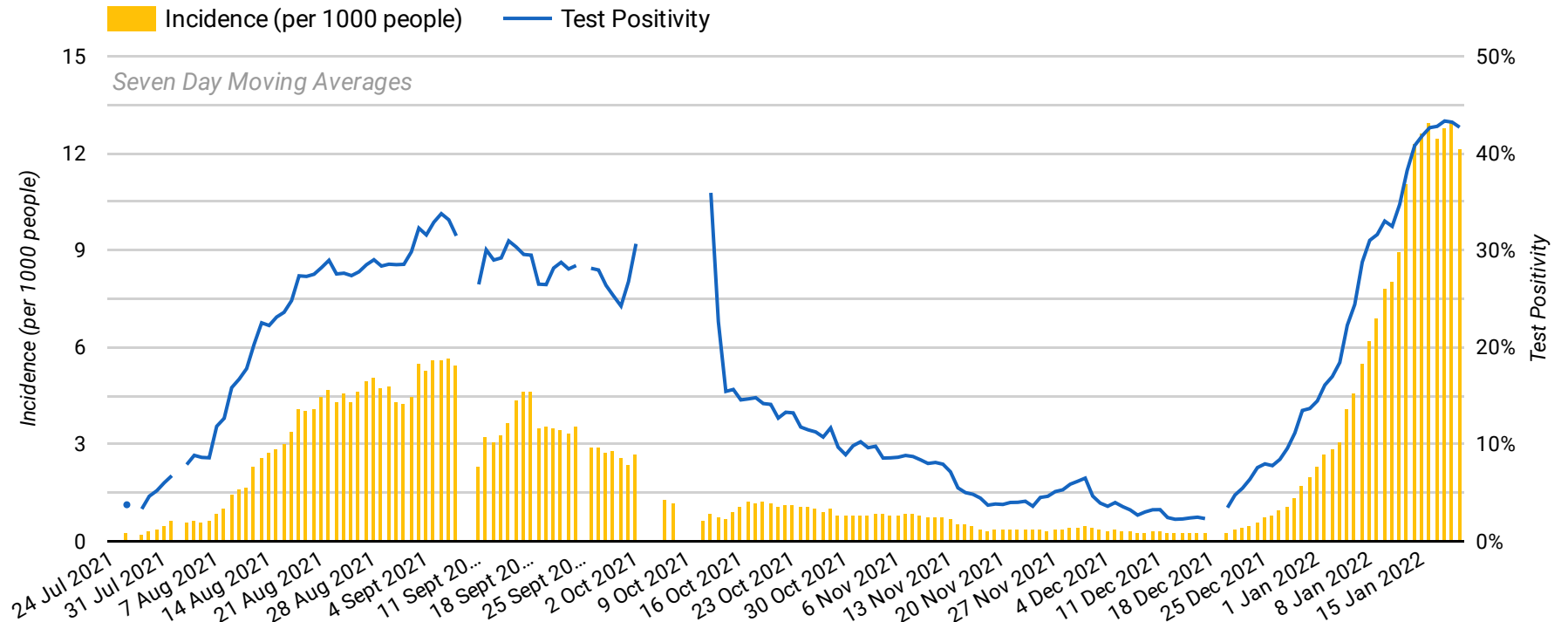
Tests
5,254
↓ -1.6%

Deaths
6
0.0%

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
30.8%
↑ 0.2%

2nd Dose / Fully
27.5%
↑ 0.3%



St. Vincent & the Grenadines

Last 7 Days
Change compared to previous week

Cases
38
↓ -88.4%

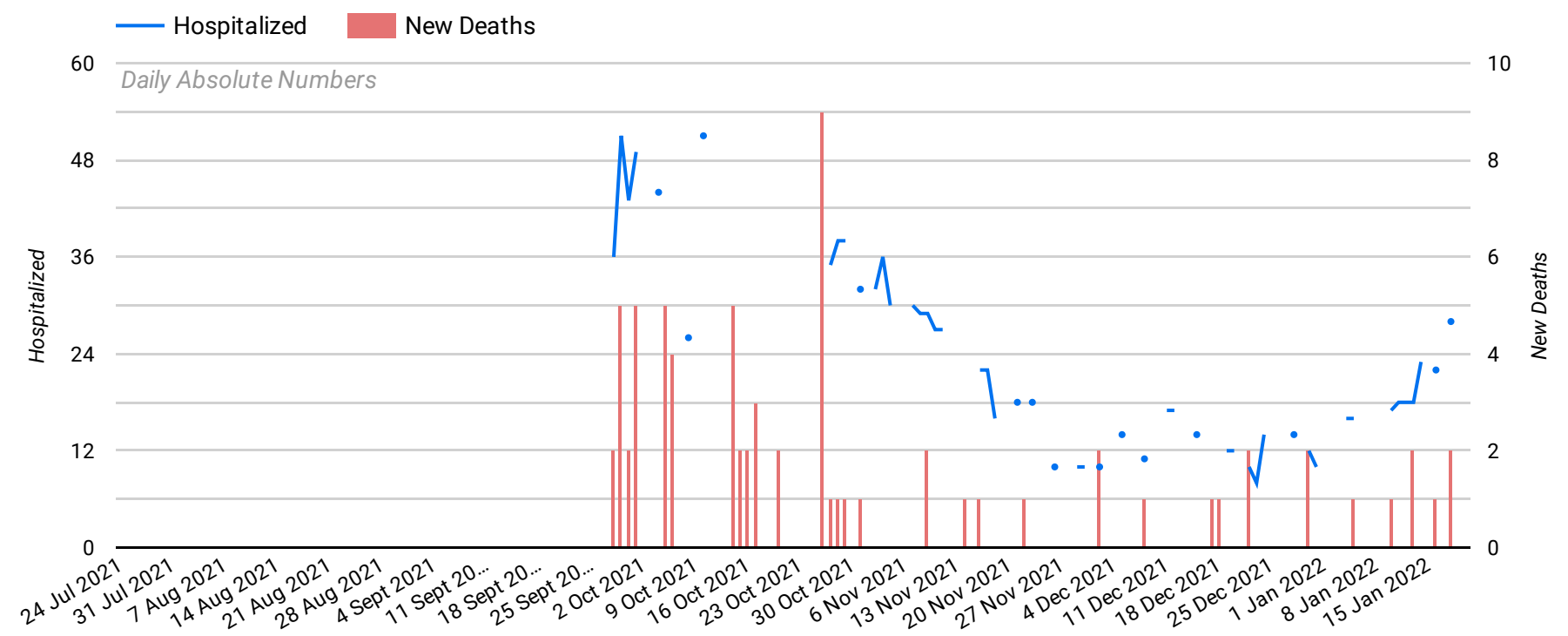
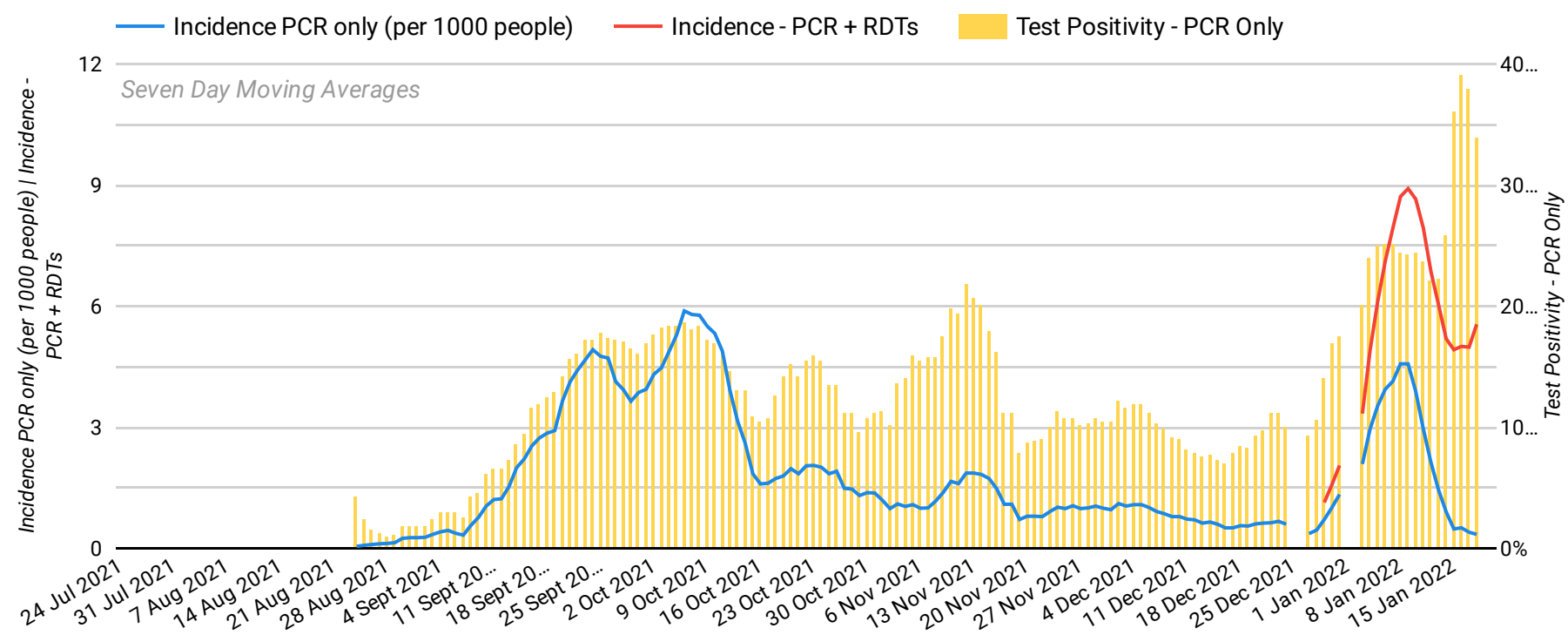
Tests
112
↓ -91.9%

Deaths
5
↑ 150.0%

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
30.3%
0.0%

2nd Dose / Fully
24.2%
0.0%



French Guiana, France

Last 7 Days
Change compared to previous week

Cases
7,105
↑ 5.1%

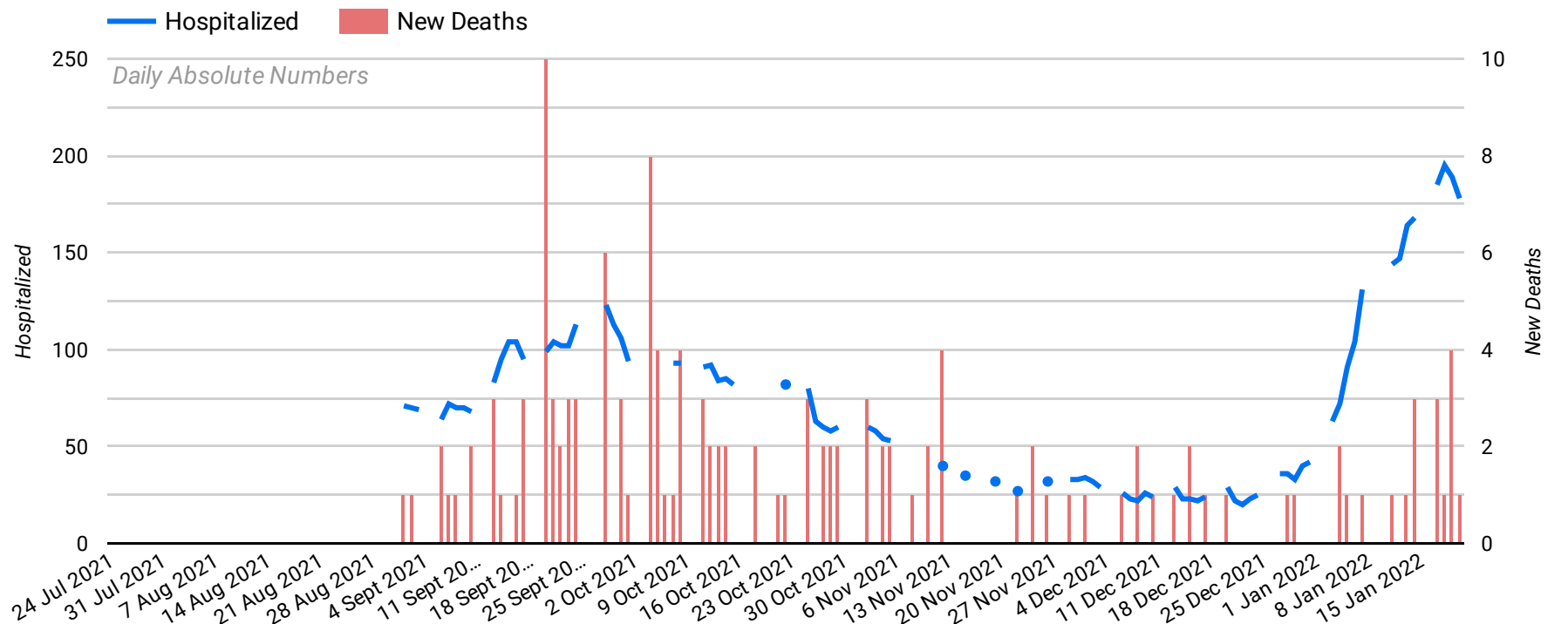
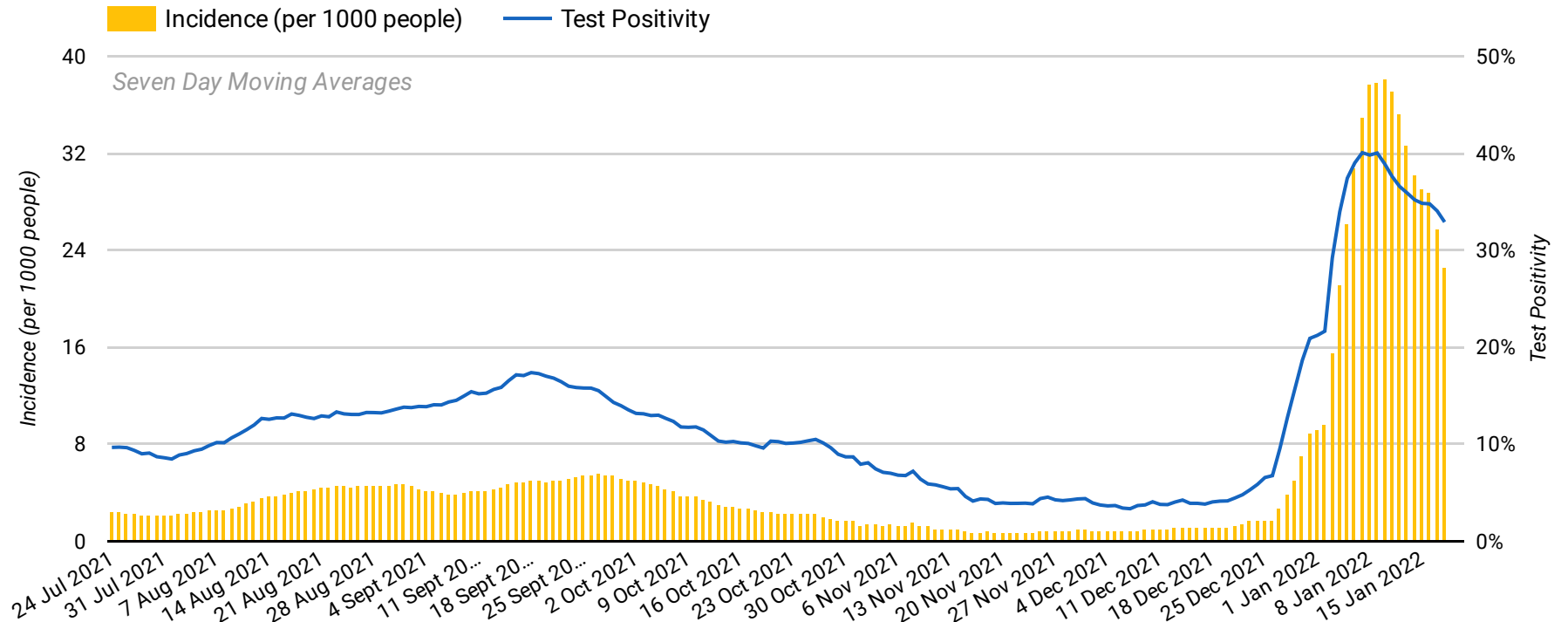
Tests
23,169
↑ 18.3%

Deaths
12
↑ 300.0%

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
31.9%
↑ 2.5%

2nd Dose / Fully
28.4%
↑ 2.1%



Martinique

Last 7 Days
Change compared to previous week

Cases
10,368
↑ 58.0%

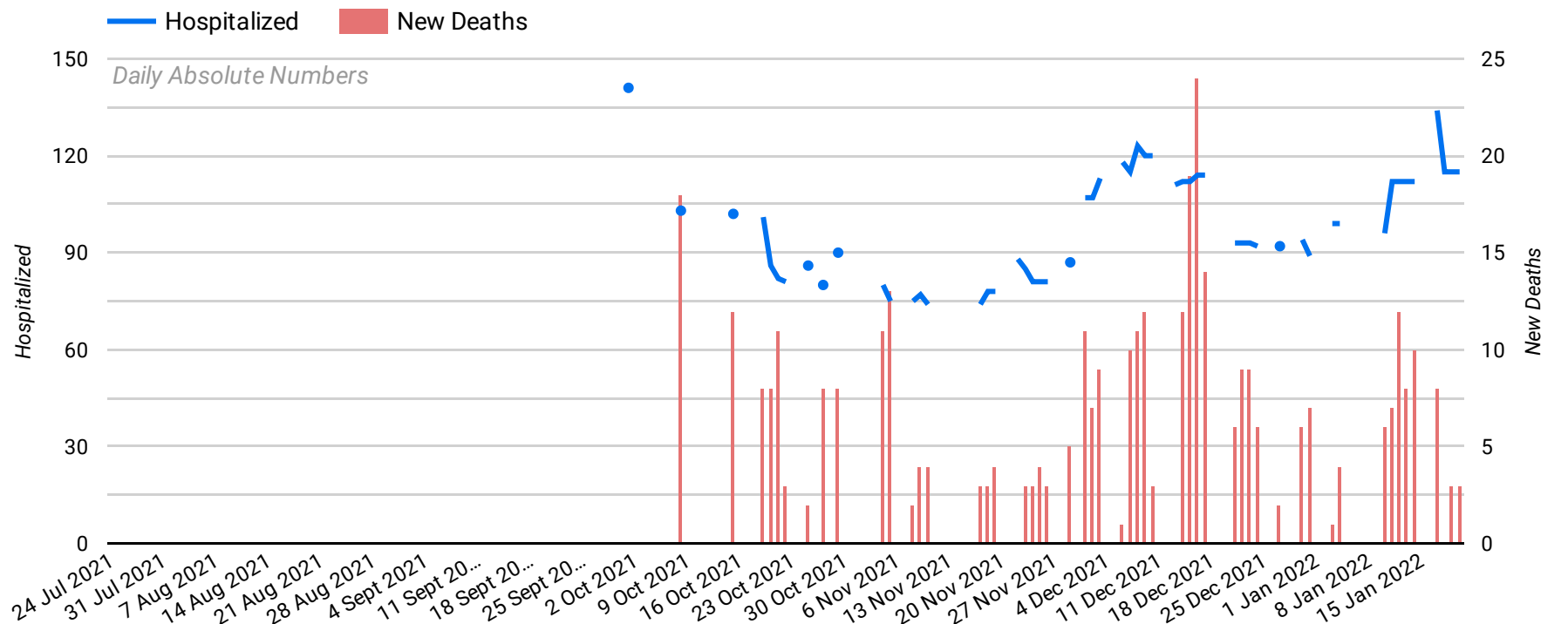
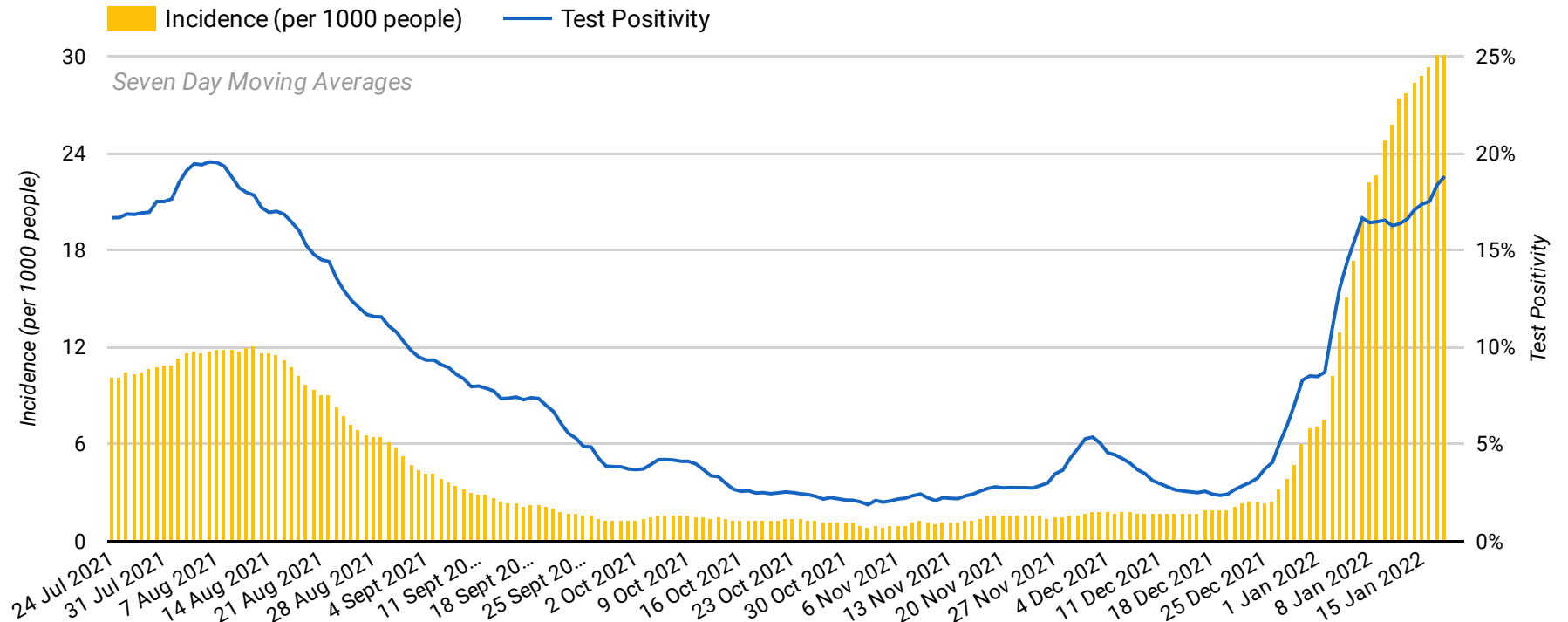
Tests
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Deaths
24
↓ -27.3%

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
39.0%
↑ 0.4%

2nd Dose / Fully
34.5%
↑ 0.4%



Guadeloupe

Last 7 Days
Change compared to previous week

Cases
3,451
↑ 194.5%

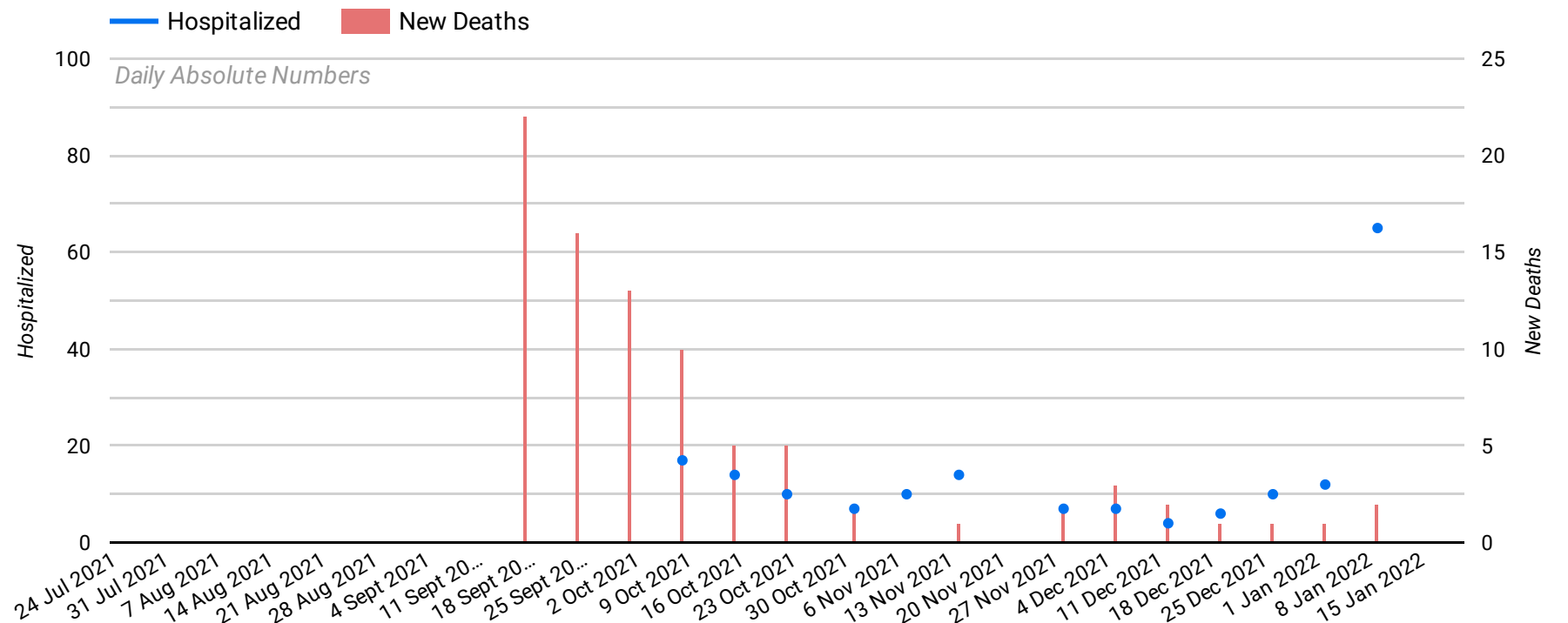
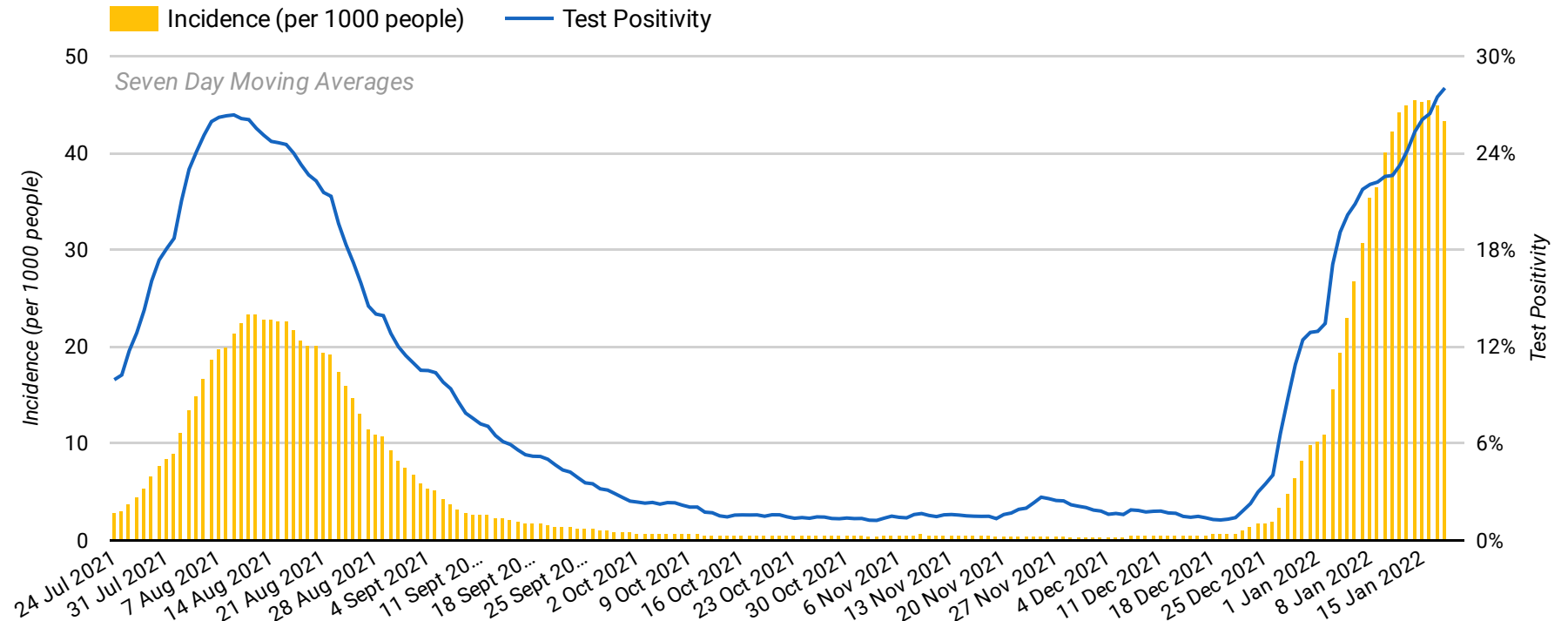
Tests
59,209
↑ 95.5%

Deaths
2
↑ 100.0%

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
35.5%
↑ 0.5%

2nd Dose / Fully
33.7%
↑ 0.6%



Anguilla

Last 7 Days

Change compared to previous week

Cases

194

↑ 17.6%

Tests

No data

No data

Deaths

1

↑ N/A

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose

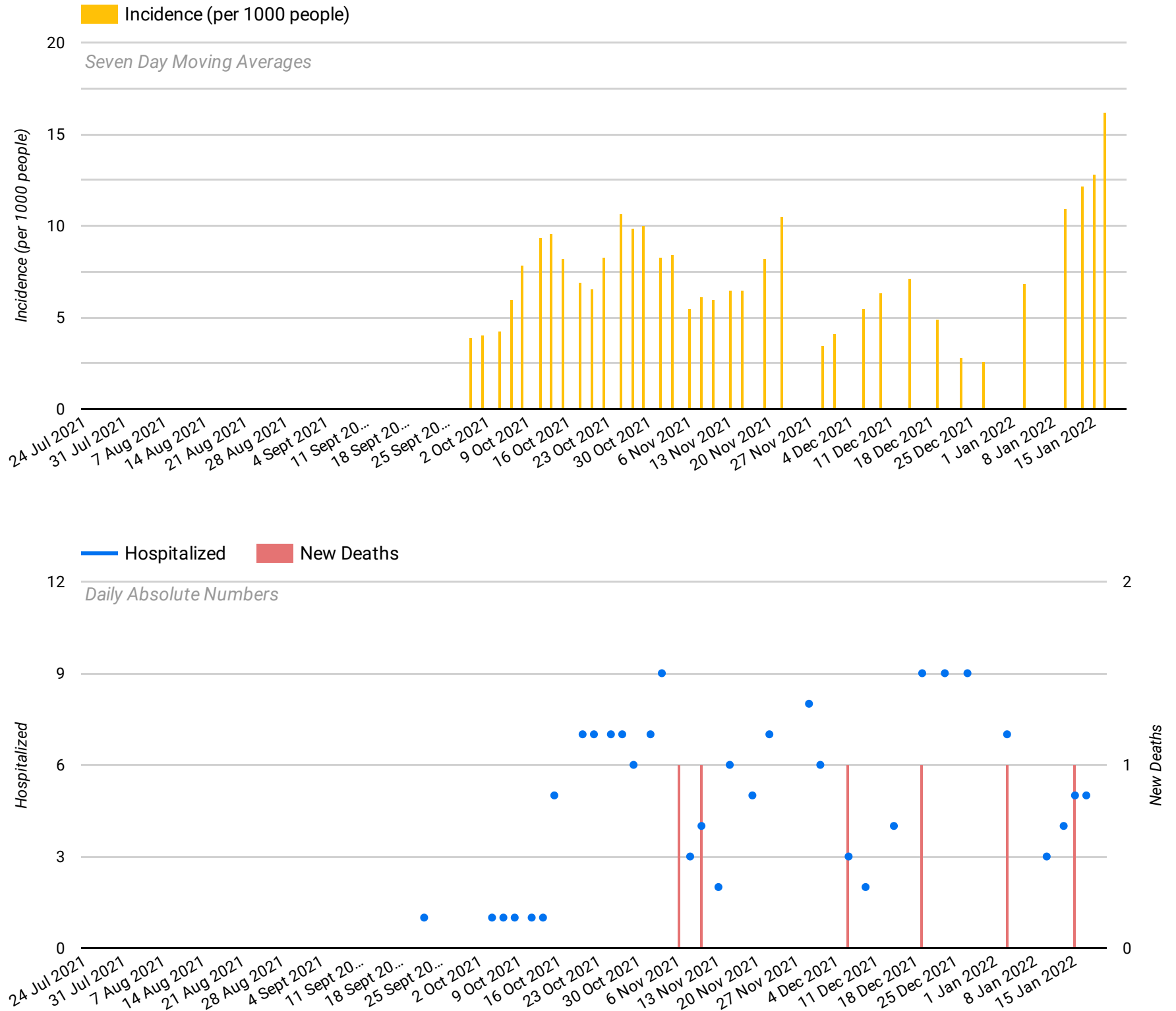
67.3%

↑ 0.2%

2nd Dose / Fully

61.6%

↑ 0.2%



Montserrat

Last 7 Days

Change compared to previous week

Cases
25
↓ -7.4%

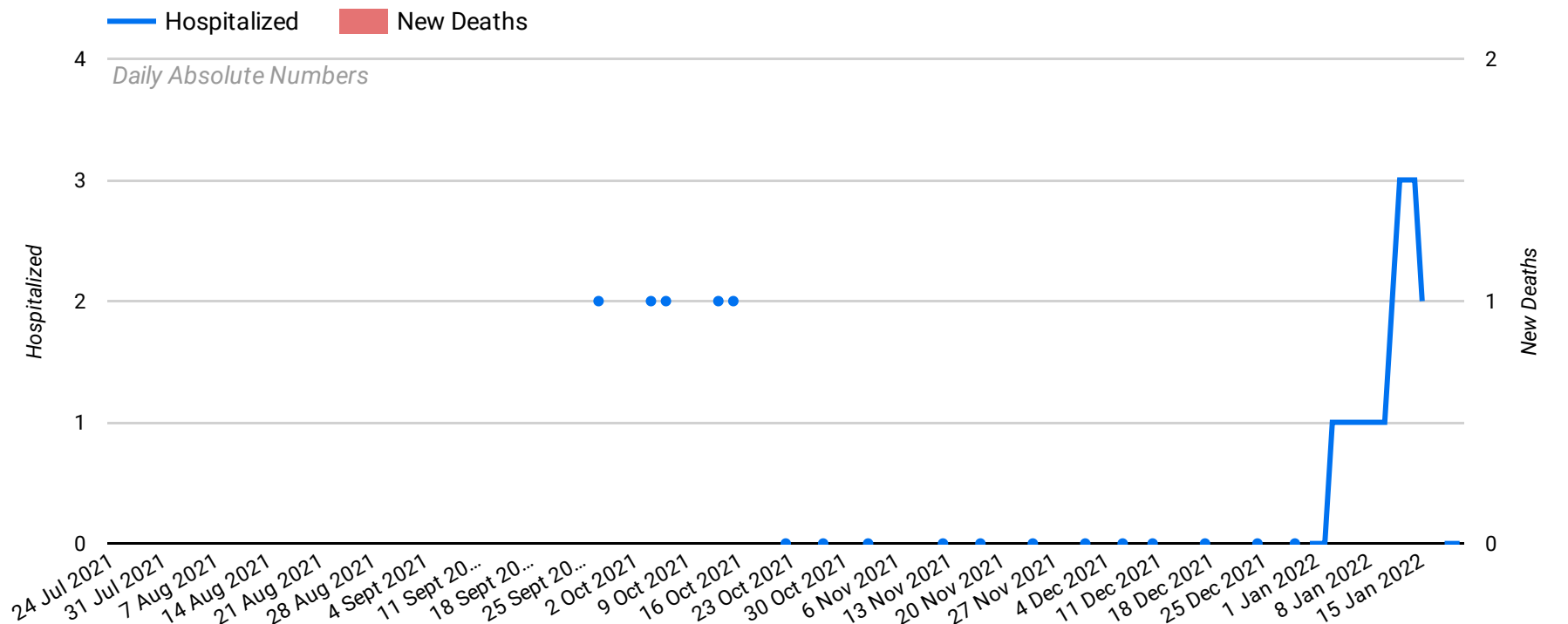
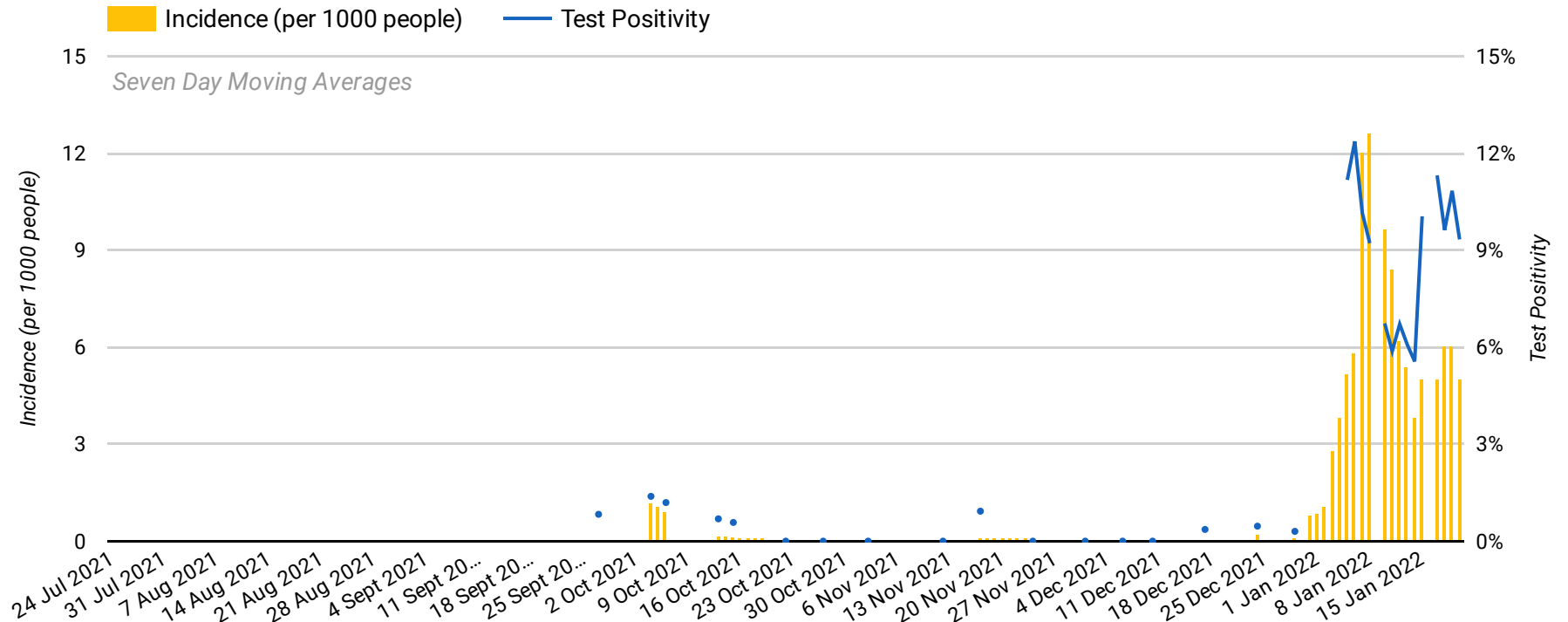
Tests
268
↓ -39.6%

Deaths
0
N/A

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
35.9%
↑ 0.8%

2nd Dose / Fully
30.5%
↑ 0.6%



British Virgin Islands

Last 7 Days

Change compared to previous week

Cases
655
↓ -44.8%

Tests
1,835
↓ -11.1%

Deaths
7
↑ N/A

Vaccination Coverage

1st Dose
61.6%
↑ 0.2%

2nd Dose / Fully
56.5%
↑ 0.3%

