



# Covid-19 And The Implications For Disabled People's Organisations



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## Covid-19 Risk Assessment Week Ending 2 May 2022

May 4, 2022 Ben Clark Edit

Some cautiously good news about Covid-19 in Buckinghamshire, as it looks as if we may be coming to the end of the latest wave caused by the Omicron BA.2 variant. BUT there are new variants queuing up to replace BA.2, so the current fall in infection levels won't last very long. And, even with the fall, the risk of catching Covid when out and about in Bucks is still EXTREMELY HIGH. Sadly, Bucks hospitals remain full of Covid patients and Covid deaths remain high.

BuDS urges everyone to be Covid-Cautious and keep taking sensible precautions against catching Covid. Wear a FFP2 or N95 filter mask in public places, breathe clean air, avoid crowds and busy places, work from home if you can, and protect your older and vulnerable relatives and friends.

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**Buckinghamshire Disability Service BuDS @BuDs.UK · 20 Feb**  
We intend to fill the void in Government action by publishing our own plan for living more safely with Covid, including a new 'Covid-Careful' code of practice. We are a volunteer charity and we urgently need your time. Express an interest by DM or to volunteering@buds.org.uk.



## Bucks Covid-19 update week ending 20th June

**IN THE REAL WORLD**  
1 in 39 people infected as of 11th June

Risk level goes back up to extremely high  
New variants spreading fast

Next wave now underway  
One to two people still dying every day from Covid

Massive 44% increase in new infections

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## Covid-19 Risk Assessment: Week Ending 13 June 2022

June 14, 2022 Ben Clark Edit

Last week, we reported the end of Omicron BA.2 wave that has caused so much illness and death in the UK in May. This week, we are sadly reporting the START of the NEXT WAVE, made up of new Omicron variants including BA.5.

The number of infected people is now going up all over the UK. Here in Bucks, we now have 1 in every 61 people infected with Covid-19. This means the risk of catching Covid when out and about in Bucks continues to be VERY HIGH.

With cases on the upturn, BuDS urges everyone to be Covid-Cautious and keep taking sensible precautions against catching Covid-19. To repeat: the chances of coming across a person with Covid in your everyday life is VERY HIGH. Wear a FFP2 or N95 filter mask in public places, breathe clean air, avoid crowds and busy places, work from home if you can, and protect your older and vulnerable relatives and friends. BuDS will continue to update you every week.

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**Buckinghamshire Disability Service BuDS @BuDs.UK · 4 May**  
We mark a grim milestone today as we issue our 100th consecutive weekly Covid-19 risk assessment for #Buckinghamshire. With the help of our professional volunteers, we'll keep disabled and clinically vulnerable people aware of the risk from Covid for as long as it takes.



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**Buckinghamshire Disability Service BuDS @BuDs.UK · 7 Mar**  
Disabled and clinically vulnerable people are rushing to take advantage of BuDS' exclusive 70% discount on Cambridge Masks' Admiral FFP2 face masks! Offer ends 31 March. Find out more at [forms.office.com/r/z3q9EgBJ7L](https://forms.office.com/r/z3q9EgBJ7L).

**Exciting News! BuDS has now partnered with Cambridge Masks!**

BuDS is delighted to offer an incredible exclusive discount on Admiral Pro FFP2 face masks to disabled and clinically vulnerable people in the UK.

Cambridge Masks Pro are reusable and help protect you from Covid-19

Find out more on the next slide

**Exciting News! BuDS has now partnered with Cambridge Masks!**

Why should you buy a reusable FFP2 face mask?

FFP2 face masks remove 99.6% of viral particles from the air

They are airtight, reusable, and certified PPE

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To learn more and apply, please visit <https://forms.office.com/r/z3q9EgBJ7L>.

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## Video Transcript 20th June 2022

June 22, 2022 Cary Hobbs Edit

The video version of our latest weekly Covid-19 update can be found below with an attached transcript suitable for screen readers.

WORRYING news, as Bucks sees a massive 44% increase in Covid-19 infections in only a week. The next wave of Covid-19 is arriving much quicker than expected, and BuDS has raised the risk level back up to EXTREMELY HIGH. 1 in every 39 people in Bucks had Covid-19 as of 11 June, and the risk is almost certainly even higher today.

This video and transcript explain the full risk post for the week ending 20th June which can be read here: <https://buds.org.uk/covid-19-risk-assessment-week-ending-20-june-2022/>

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**Buckinghamshire Disability Service Bu... @BuDs... · 28 Dec 2021**  
The video version of Covid-19 risk assessment for #Buckinghamshire has now been published. More at [buds.org.uk/covid-19-risk-...](https://buds.org.uk/covid-19-risk-...) (accessible for screen-readers). An [easyread](https://buds.org.uk/covid-19-risk-...) summary graphic also available at [Instagram.com/p/CYBz86vJUXP/](https://buds.org.uk/covid-19-risk-...)



Get vaccinated, including boosters

Breathe clean, fresh air

Avoid places where people are

Use a N95 or FFP2 face mask

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**Bucks Covid-19 update**  
The video version of our latest weekly #Covid risk assessment for #Buckinghamshire has been published after the #DowningStreetBriefing. See the screen reader transcript at [buds.org.uk/Video-transcri...](https://buds.org.uk/Video-transcri...)

For the full article with sources, [buds.org.uk/covid-19-risk-...](https://buds.org.uk/covid-19-risk-...)

Stay #CovidCareful



The Government says the pandemic is over...



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**Bucks Covid-19 update week ending 14th March**



Visit the COVID-19 Information Centre for vaccine resources.



**Bucks Covid-19 update week ending 7th February**

Vaccinations at near standstill

ONS data: cases up from last week

1 in 22 people infected

Risk still CRITICALLY HIGH

Deaths still very high

Big Government and ONS data differences

Hospitalisations lower but still high

for support email [buds-support@buds.org.uk](mailto:buds-support@buds.org.uk)

## Calculating Your Risk From Covid-19

May 11, 2022 Ben Clark Edit

The Government is encouraging everyone to ignore the risk from Covid-19. However, the risk is still there, and millions of people have found out the hard way that Covid-19 still matters. Read on for more.

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## Bucks Covid-19 update Week ending 20th December

The risk of meeting an infected person in Bucks is critically high



210 people admitted to hospital with Covid-19 in the last week



BuDS recommends a return to shielding



**Buckinghamshire Disability Service BuDS @BuDs.UK · 9 Mar**  
Soaking, in our small pool of disabled and clinically vulnerable people, a shocking 12% have been verbally or physically assaulted "because" they were wearing a face covering or mask.



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## New FFP2 and N95 PPE masks offer!

Throughout April and into May

**AIRNUM 60% off**  
Urban Air Mask 2.0 Quartz Grey and replacement filters

**Cambridge Mask: BOGOF**  
Cambridge Mask Pro Churchill (Black), Admiral (Navy)

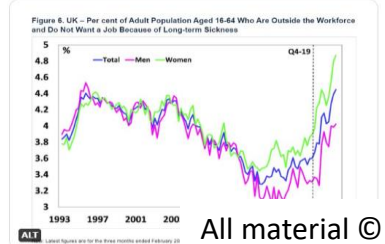
Wearing a PPE mask helps keep you safe

See more information on the next page

To find out more please visit <https://buds.org.uk/face-mask-offers/>



**Buckinghamshire Disability Service BuDS @BuDs.UK · 17 May**  
According to official statistics, the number of people unable to work through long term sickness has jumped by a fifth during the pandemic and is now higher than at any time in the last three decades. And still going up. #CovidIsNotOver #LongCovid



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Over the next few weeks, Covid cases will be under-reported. We explain why:

- 1: There is a limit to the maximum number of PCR tests processed each day.
- 2: The people working to process the PCR tests may be sick and off work.
- 3: Tests may not be collected over the holiday season.



**New Homeworking Support Grant to Help Clinically Vulnerable People in Bucks**

Fantastic news for Buckinghamshire workers who are clinically vulnerable to Covid-19.

There's a new grants scheme coming soon to help you work from home.



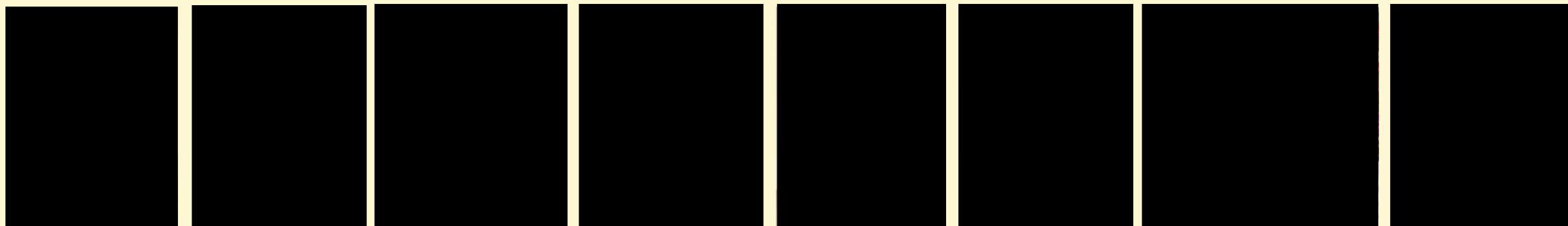
Find out more in the description!

- How many infected people in every 1000?<sup>11</sup> - 71
- How many infected people in Aylesbury?<sup>21</sup> - 4,269
- How many infected people in High Wycombe?<sup>21</sup> - 8,358
- How many infected people in Amersham?<sup>24</sup> - 1,926
- How many infected people in Chesham?<sup>23</sup> - 1,901
- How many infected people in Buckingham?<sup>23</sup> - 1,067
- How many infected people in Burnham?<sup>27</sup> - 808

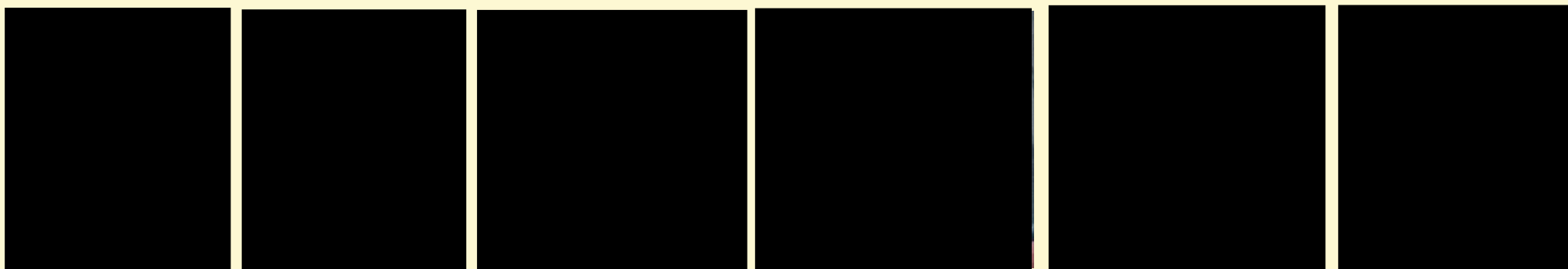
How many infected people in a busy shopping centre? - 71



# The BuDS Covid-19 Team



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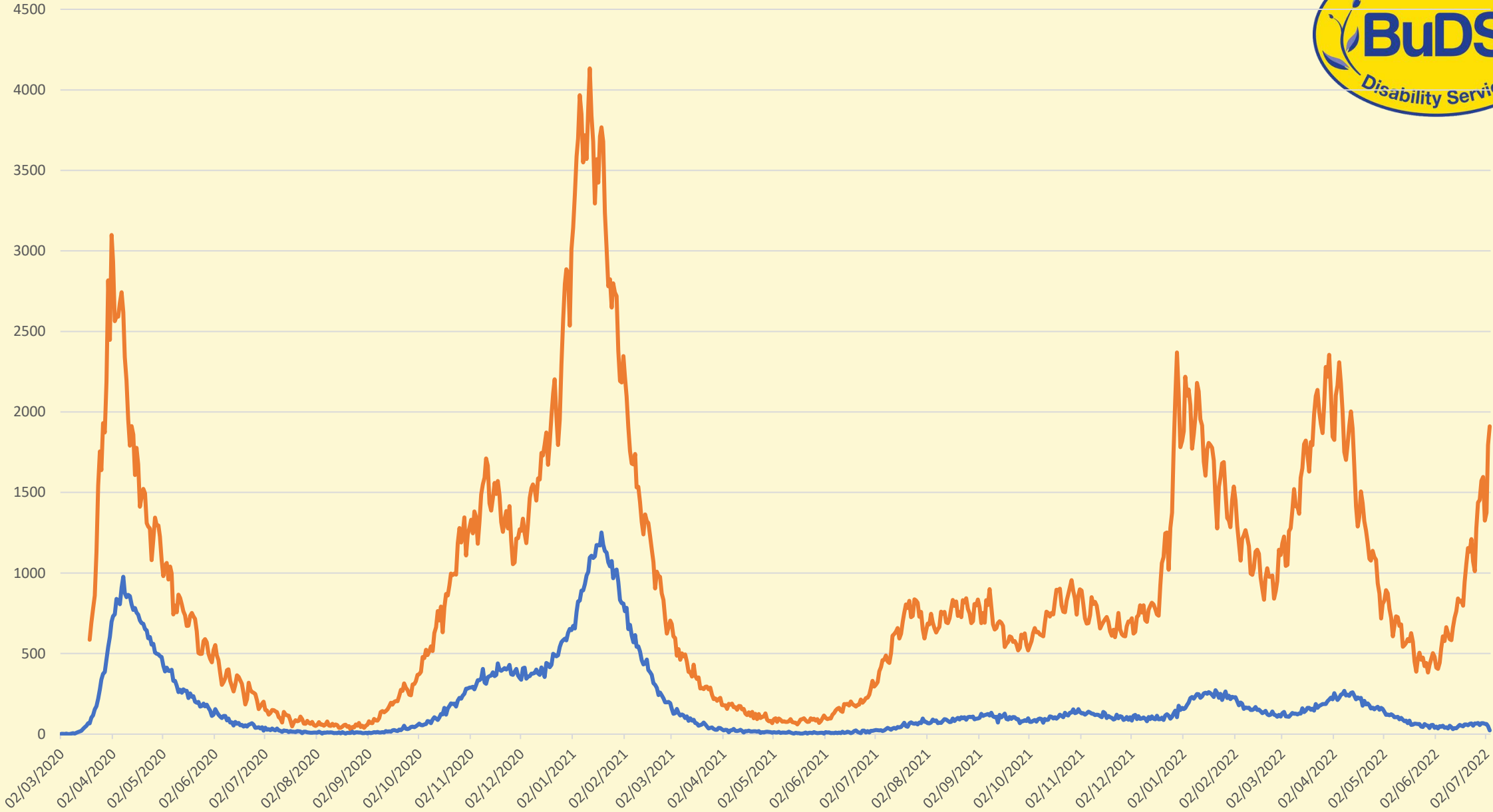
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Sarah,  
Yan, Paul,  
and Karen



# The Pandemic So Far

# Daily New Admissions and Deaths from Covid-19 to 4 July 2022



Graph adapted from UKHSA data releases

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# Post-Infective Conditions

## Acute Post-Infective Impacts

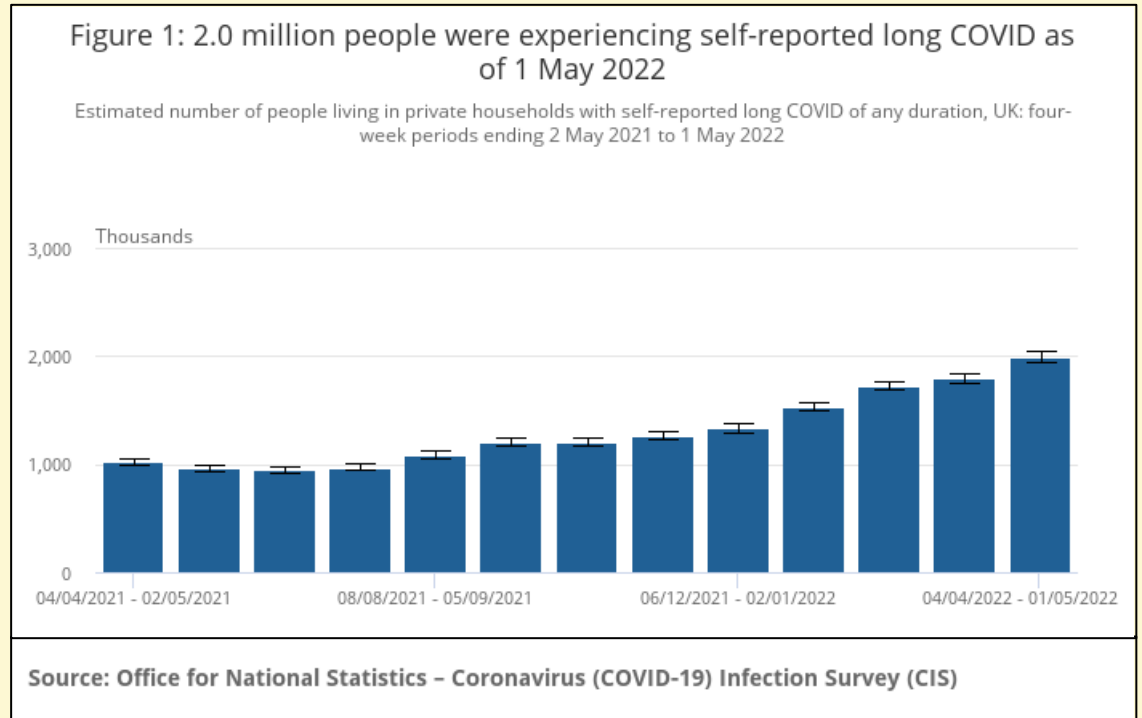
- **Blood clots**, leading to strokes, brain damage, heart attacks, and organ failure
- **Auto-immune conditions** including Type 1 diabetes, hepatitis, anaemia, Guillain-Barré syndrome etc
- **Making existing medical conditions worse**, such as arthritis or rheumatoid arthritis
- **Direct damage to organs** including the brain, liver, kidneys, pancreas, lungs etc

## Long-Term Conditions

- Extreme tiredness (fatigue)
- Shortness of breath
- Problems with memory and concentration (“brain fog”)
- Difficulty sleeping (insomnia)
- Heart palpitations
- Dizziness
- Pins and needles
- Joint pain
- Depression and anxiety
- Tinnitus, earaches
- Fever, cough, headaches, sore throat, changes to sense of smell or taste
- Rashes and skin conditions

# Long Covid Statistics - ONS

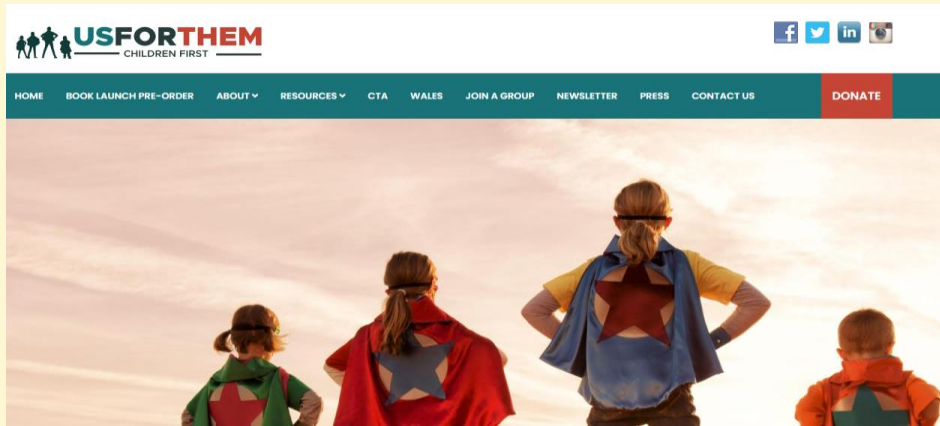
- 2 million people living in private households were experiencing self-reported long Covid as of 1 May 2022
- 442,000 (22%) first had Covid-19 less than 12 weeks previously
- 1.4 million people (72%) first had Covid-19 at least 12 weeks previously
- 826,000 (42%) first had Covid-19 at least one year previously
- 376,000 (19%) first had Covid-19 at least two years previously
- Long Covid symptoms adversely affected the day-to-day activities of 1.4 million people, with 398,000 (20%) reporting that their ability to go about their day-to-day activities had been "limited a lot"
- **Nearly 400,000 extra disabled people already**





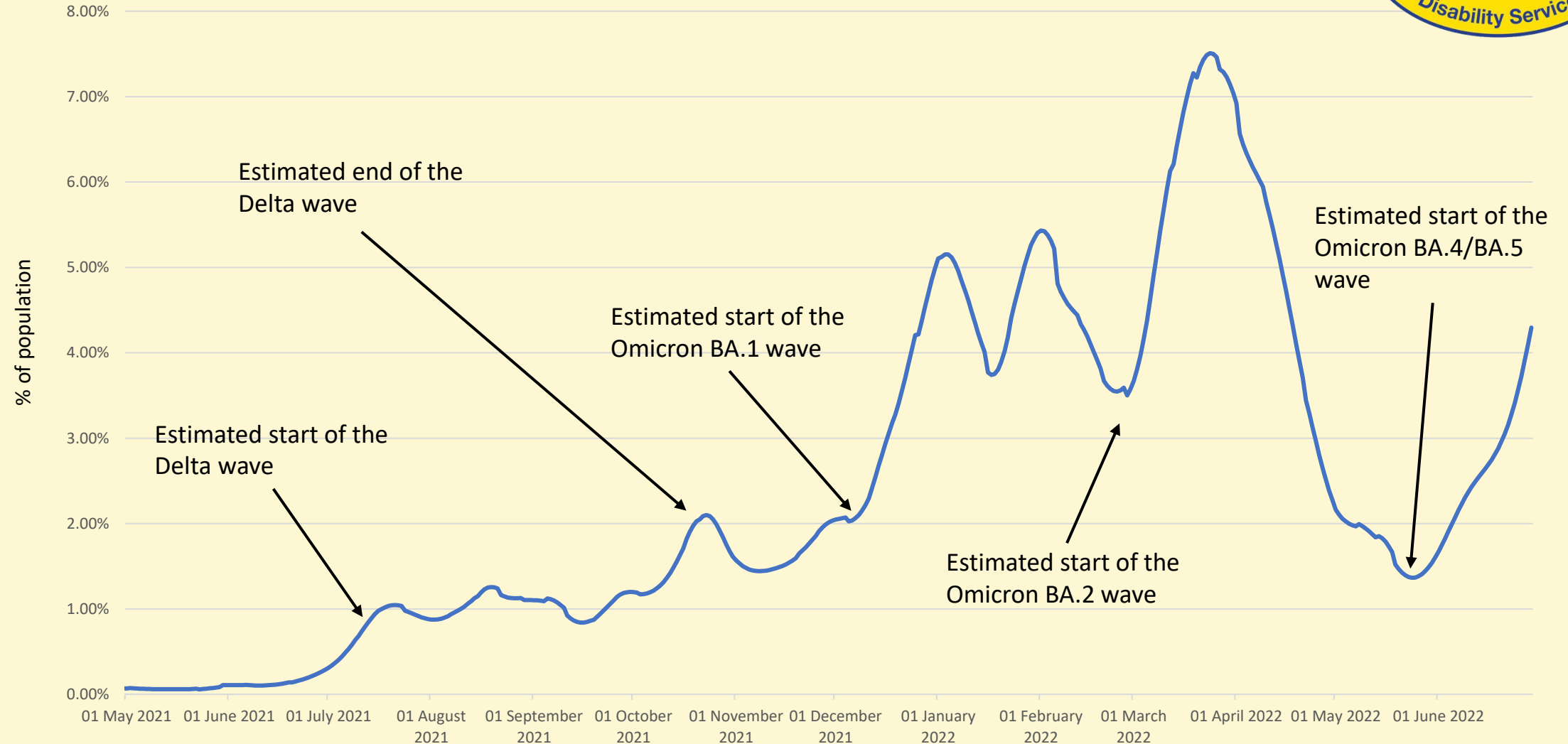
# Waves and Mutations

# Advocates For Herd Immunity

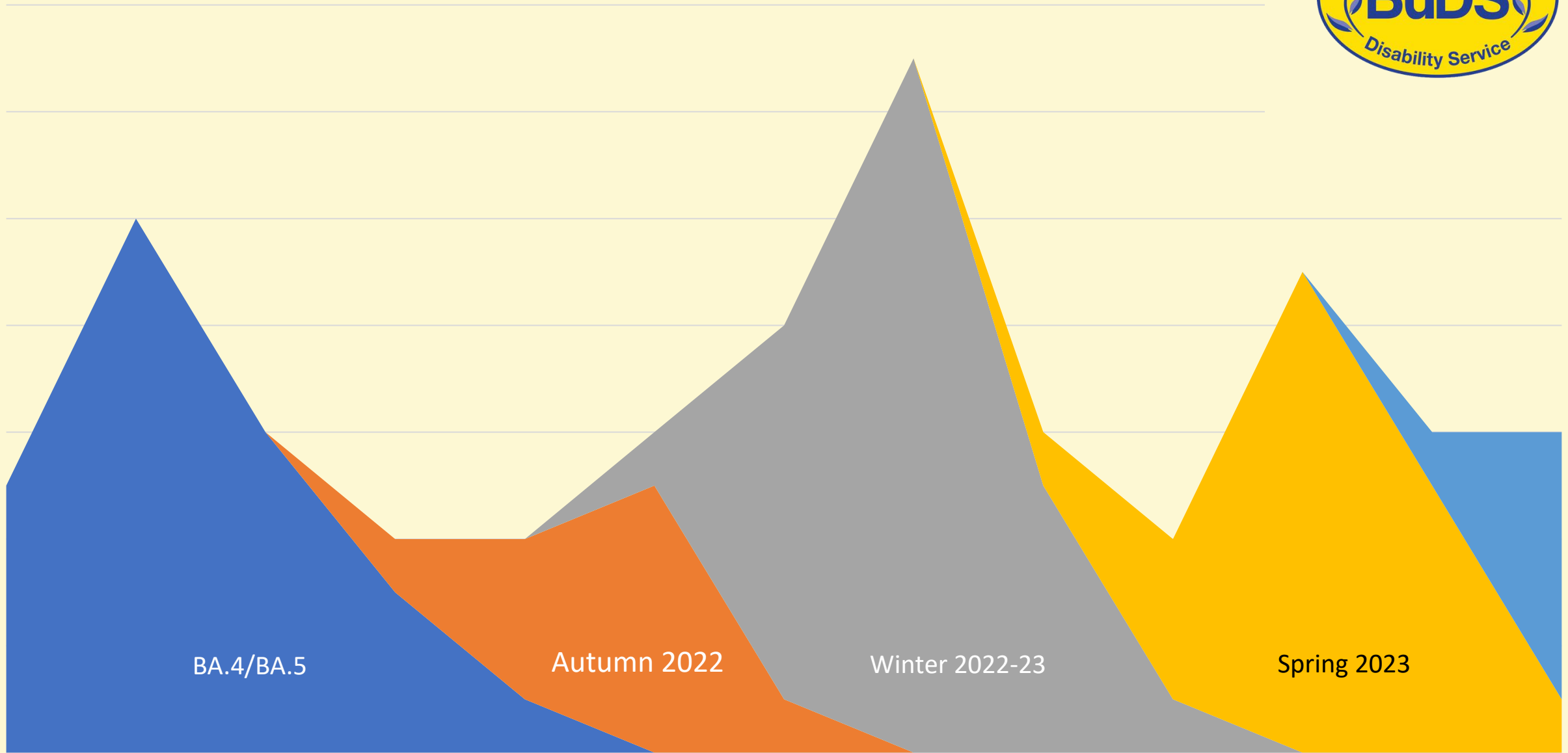


*The complexity of the human immune system cannot be easily mimicked*

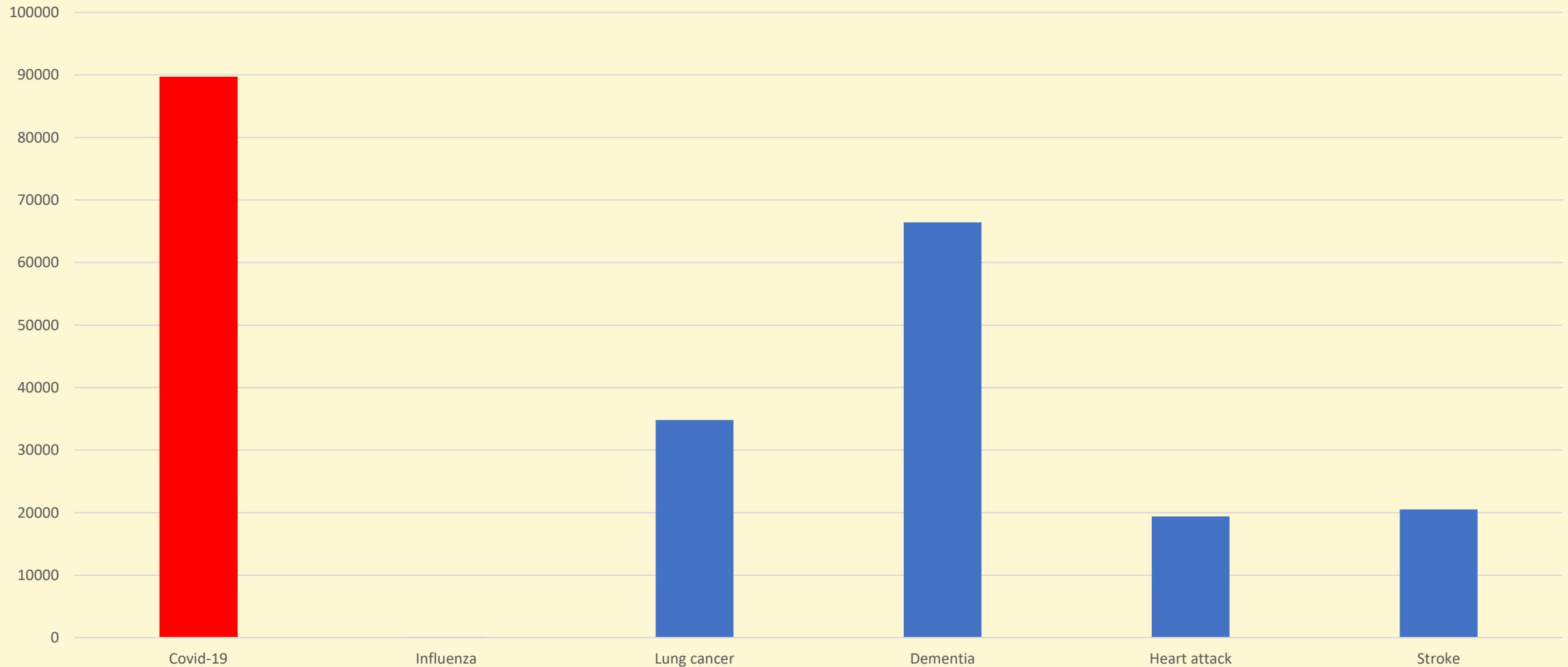
# Waves and Mutations – 2021/22



# Illustration of Overlapping Covid-19 Waves - Not A Prediction!




# Deaths from Common Causes (Covid-19 2020, Others 2019)





# The Government Response to the Pandemic So Far



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# Implications of the Pandemic for DPOs

# Possible Scenarios for the Increase in Disabled People in the UK due to Long Covid



# More demand for befriending, advocacy, benefits...



# More demand for campaigning: barriers, accessibility, attitudes...



# More demand for disability employment support services...



# More disabled children and young people...



# More potential members...



# Disability less marginalized and more mainstream...





# Operational Issues for DPOs

## Why are so many people in England getting reinfected with Covid?

Waning immunity, easing of restrictions and more transmissible variants are all to blame, experts say



📷 A person dripping testing solution into a Covid 19 lateral flow testing strip. Photograph: Danny Lawson/PA

With Covid infection levels **at a record high in parts of the UK**, the virus is rife once more, with experts noting that one factor is the rise of a variant of Omicron known as BA.2. But what does this mean for reinfections?

### Can you get Covid more than once?

Yes. According to the latest [weekly Influenza and Covid-19 surveillance report](#) from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), since the beginning of

## Each SARS-CoV-2 reinfection causes more severe disease

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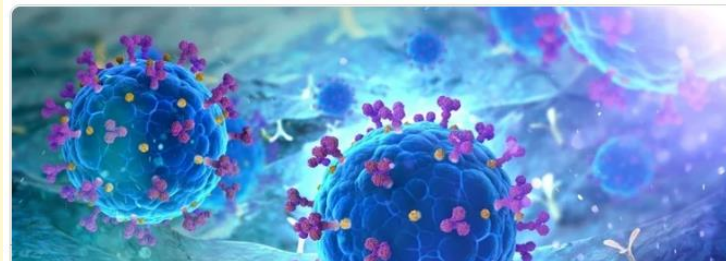


By [Neha Mathur](#)

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Jun 20 2022

In a recent study under review at the Nature Portfolio journal and currently posted to the [Research Square](#)\* preprint server, researchers at Washington University School of Medicine and VA Saint Louis Health Care System showed that acute severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) reinfection adds to the risks of all-cause mortality and hospitalization accrued during the first SARS-CoV-2 infection.



## Covid-19: How many people have been infected more than once?

By [Philippa Roxby](#)  
Health reporter

🕒 1 February



Coronavirus pandemic



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Reinfections, or two positive tests at least 90 days apart, have now been included for England on the UK Covid dashboard

**Reinfections - or people who've had more than one positive test for coronavirus - have been added to the official Covid-19 dashboard for the first time, going back to the start of the pandemic.**







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