

# DS Task Force Monthly Check-In

April 29, 2021

# Housekeeping



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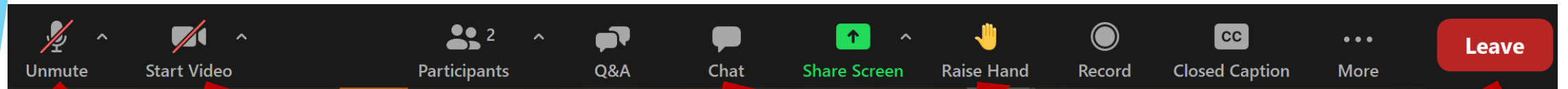


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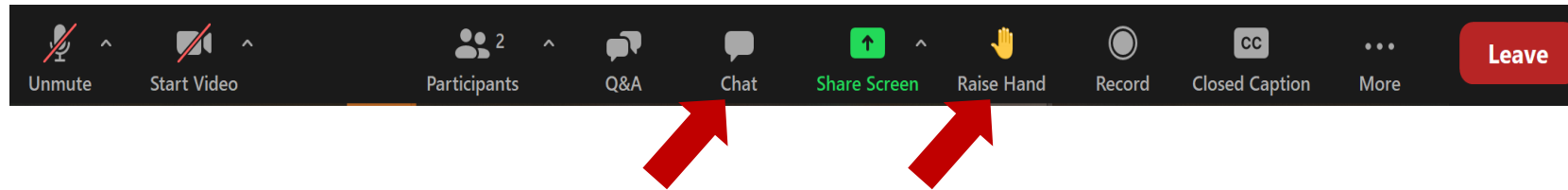
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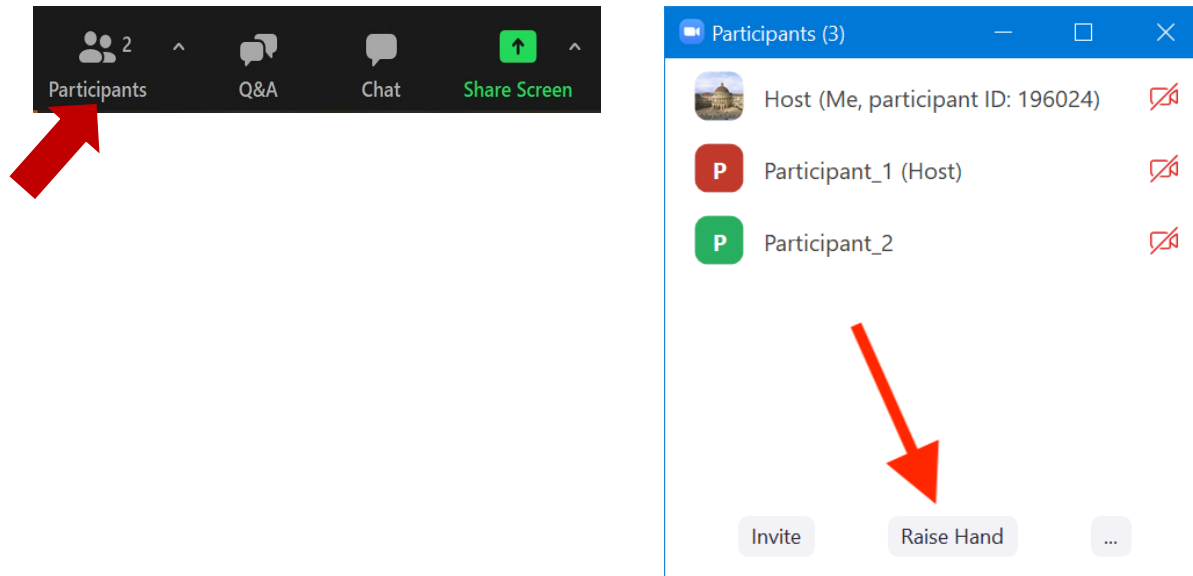
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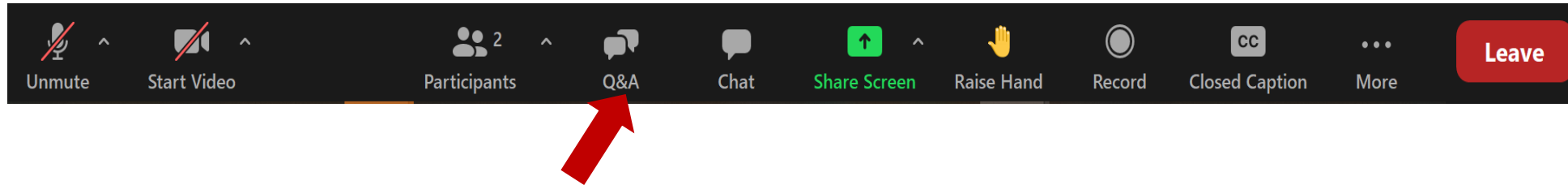


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# Providing Comments – Members of the Public

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Submit written comment via email to [DSTaskForce@dds.ca.gov](mailto:DSTaskForce@dds.ca.gov)

# Agenda

## **Welcome**

## **DDS Updates**

- DS Task Force Workgroups
- Self-Determination Stakeholder Meetings
- COVID-19 & Vaccine Information

## **Partner Updates**

- Disability Thrive Initiative
- Community Vaccine Advisory Committee
- Building Back Better for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:  
Transforming California's Approach to Disability Employment

## **Discussion**

## **Closing Comments**

# DS Task Force Workgroups

- DS Task Force Workgroup Meetings in 2021:
  - Service Access & Equity – April 26
  - Safety Net – April 19
  - Oversight, Accountability and Transparency – March 29
  - Community Resources: CPP/CRDP – March 11
  - Community Resources: Employment – February 22
- DS Task Force recommendation discussions in June 2021

# Self-Determination Program (SDP) Stakeholder Engagement

Focus: Implementation and recommendations to reduce barriers and improve access to SDP

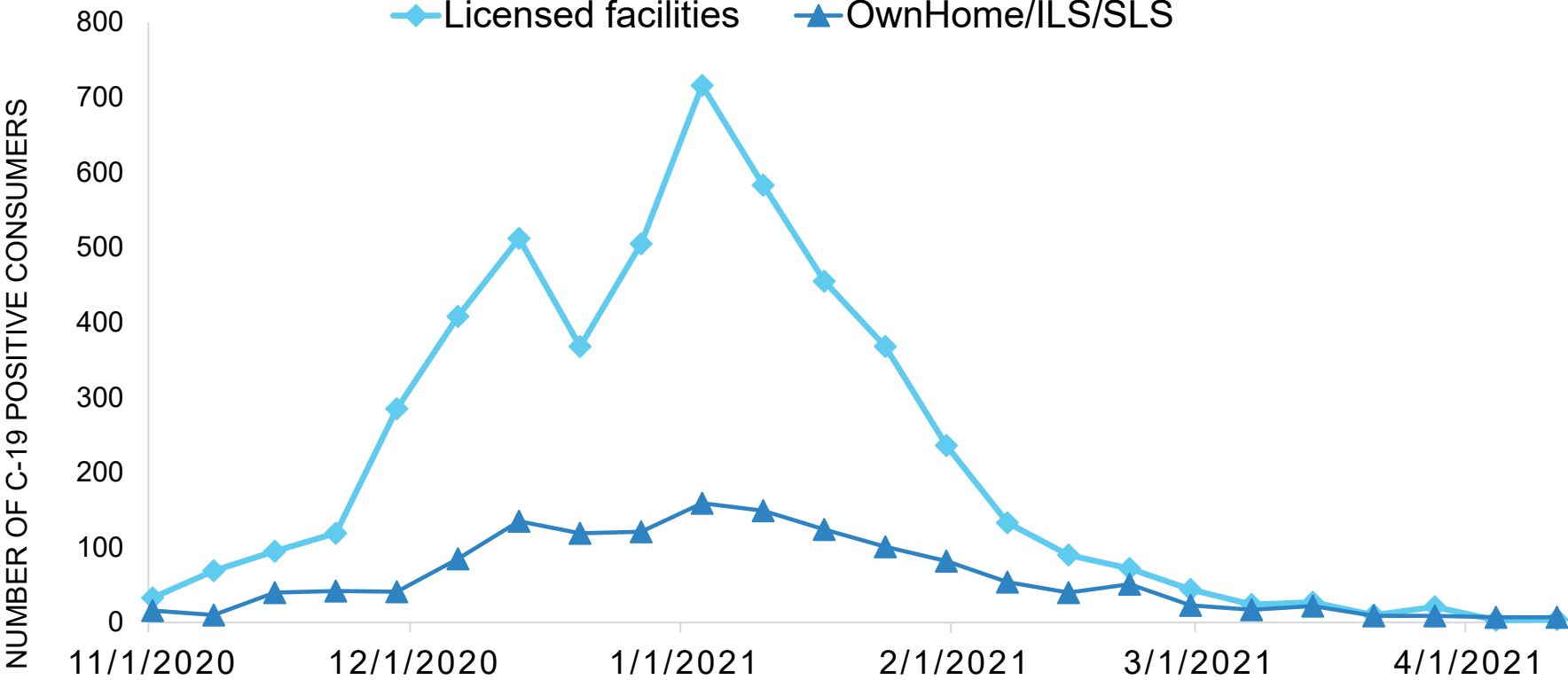
- Local Volunteer Advisory Committee (LVAC) members
- Financial Management Service (FMS) providers
- Self-advocates and family members
- Independent Facilitators

Recommendations/Input included:

- Improve SDP orientation – shorter, plain language, short videos
- Person-centered planning and transition funds should continue
- Independent Facilitators - Bilingual and bicultural needed
- Establish enrollment timelines
- Establish spending plan flexibility to meet participant's changing needs
- Importance of LVAC

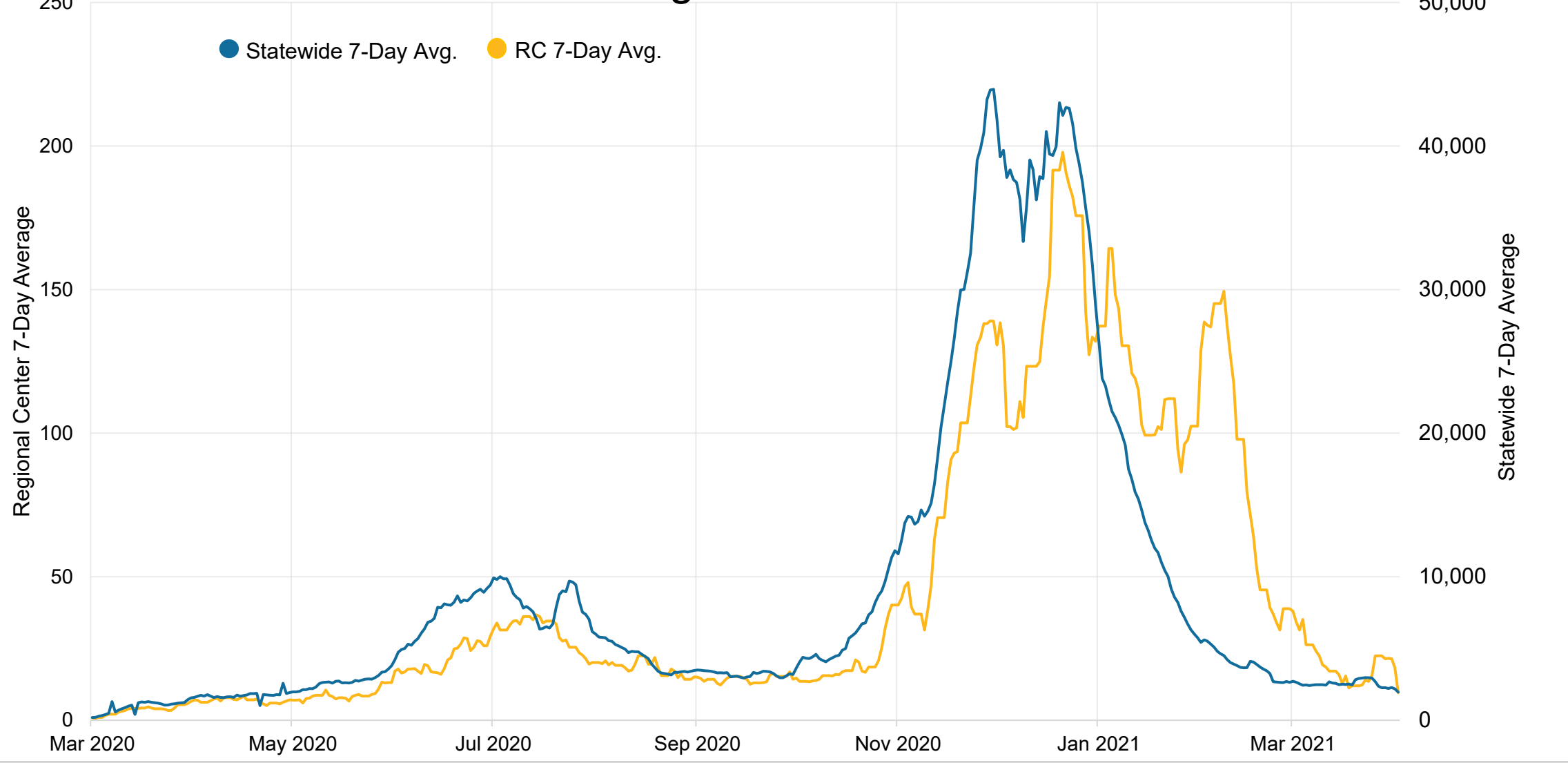


# Weekly New C19 Cases: Consumers in Licensed Facilities & Own Home/ILS/SLS

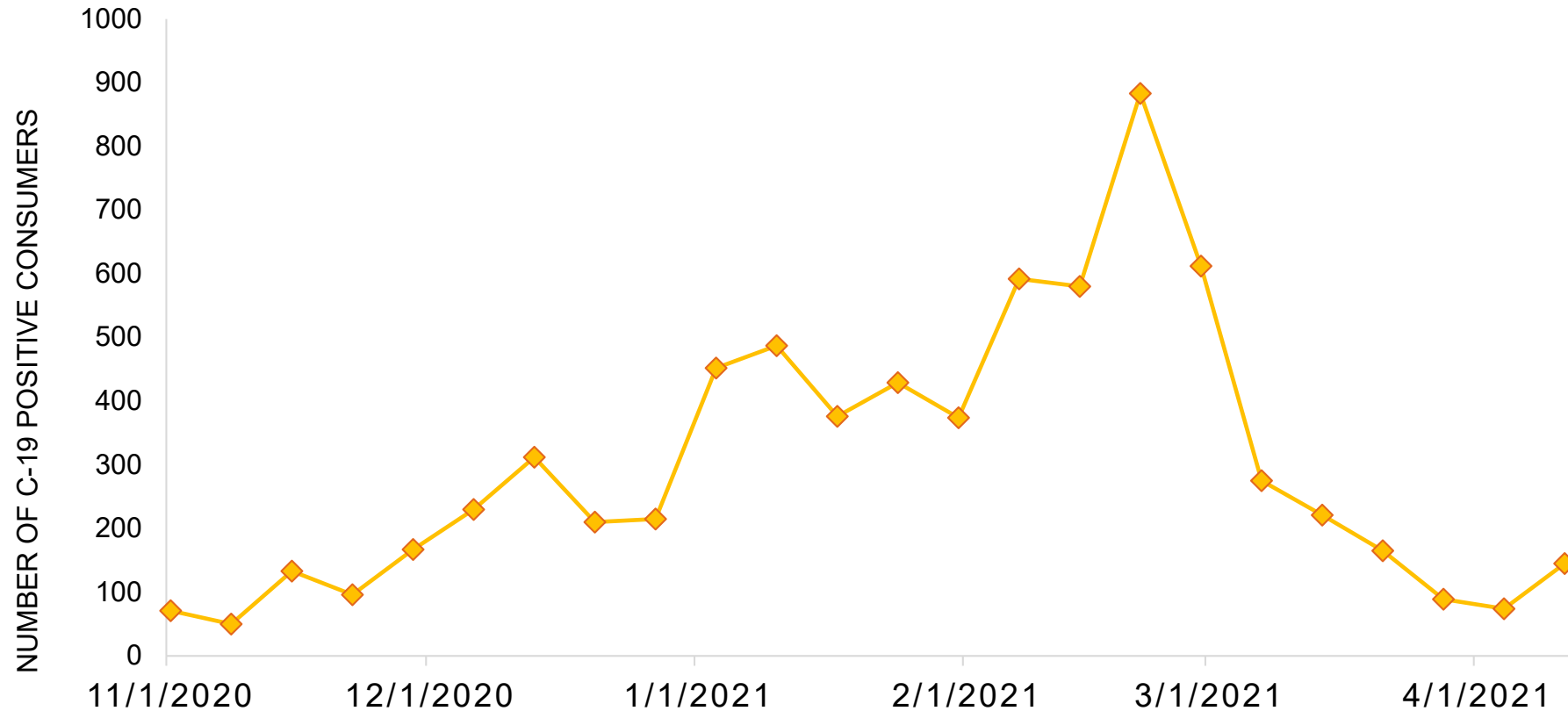


Data as of 4/17/21

# 7-Day Average of Newly Reported C19+ Cases, Statewide and Regional Centers

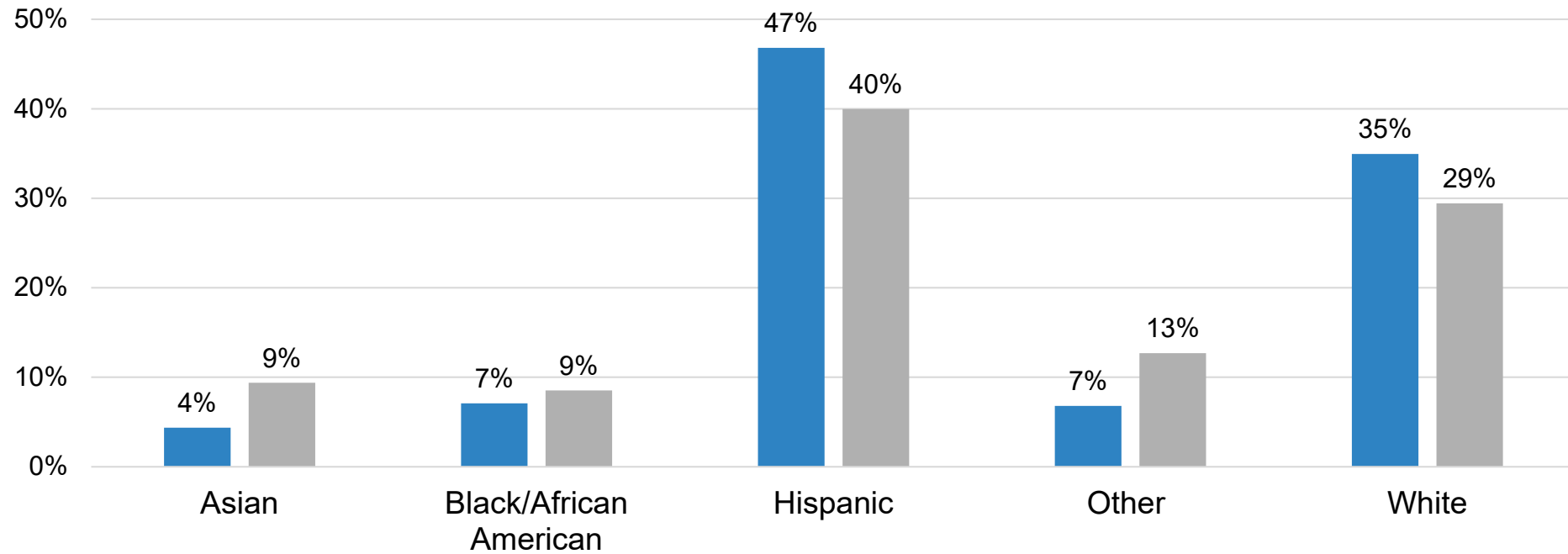


# Weekly New Cases of C19+ Consumers in Family Home



*Data as of 4/17/21, as reported to RCs by families. Increases in reporting in late February/early March may be due to enhanced RC contacts with families, increased testing , or other factors.*

## Consumers Reported as COVID-19 Positive by Ethnicity



■ SHARE OF CONSUMERS REPORTED AS COVID-19 POSITIVE (TOTAL = 17,408)

■ SHARE OF ALL CONSUMERS (TOTAL = 358,149)

# COVID-19 Vaccine

As of April 15, 2021, all people age 16 and older are eligible for vaccination

- RCs have been offering the following assistance to consumers and their caregivers since March:
  - Information about where consumers can get a vaccine
  - Information about how to schedule a vaccine appointment
  - Options for assistance in accessing vaccines, including making appointments, transportation, public telephone hotlines and/or local websites
  - Vaccine safety information
- Data as reported to RCs as of April 19, for the 195,000 age-eligible consumers:
  - At least one dose: 42,672 = 20%;      Declined: 7,983 = 4%
  - <https://www.dds.ca.gov/corona-virus-information-and-resources/data/>

# Disability Thrive Initiative

Amber Carey Navarrete, Easter Seals Southern California

Lendy Ruano, Easter Seals Southern California

Barry Jardini, California Disability Services Association

Lauren Dow, California Disability Services Association

# Community Vaccine Advisory Committee

Aaron Carruthers, State Council on Developmental Disabilities

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Community-Vaccine-Advisory-Committee.aspx>

# Building Back Better for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Transforming California's Approach to Disability Employment

Andy Imparato, Disability Rights California



# DS Task Force Member Discussion