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Inspection Services  
41 Elm Street

## TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

October 13, 2022 BOH Meeting 6:00pm Veterans' Room

Agenda #1- Open Meeting- 6:02pm

Agenda #2- Roll Call

Nicole Duffey  
Anthony Postale-excused  
Daniel Grabowski  
Paige Szugda-excused  
Jasmine Quinones

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Agenda #3- Accept Meeting Minutes

a. September 15, 2022- Motion to table the minutes made by J. Quinones; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Grabowski;

Roll Call  
N. Duffey-yes  
J. Quinones-yes  
A. Postale-excused  
P. Szugda-excused  
D. Grabowski-yes

Motion passes 3-2 excused (Postale & Szugda). Meeting minutes of the September 13, 2022 BOH meeting are table.

Agenda #4-Citizens Forum- No citizens

Agenda #5- COVID Update

a. Discuss current status and act on anything thereto- Chair Duffey shares the COVID stats from September 1 thru October 10<sup>th</sup>. These were provided by the Regional Nurse; Brianna Burnham who has been assisting the Town through the CMRPC grant. The report indicates a spike at the beginning of the school year as well as vaccination rates. See reporting attached.

Inspector Quinn informs the Board 4,320 Rapid Home COVID Test Kits were received. Each kit was supplied with an updated expiration date by means of a QR Code sticker. With assistance from Collectors and Clerks office, these stickers were placed on individual boxes. THANK YOU.

The COVID test kits were then delivered by the Health Department to a number of various resources including but not limited to all Town departments and schools, Catholic Charities, YMCA, Center of Hope, You Inc., Tradewinds etc.

J. Quinones requests a box of the home test kits. Recording Clerk agrees and will provide a box upon conclusion of tonight's meeting.

Agenda #6- New Business- None

#### Agenda #7-Old Business

a. Update on Declaration of Unfit for Human Habitation 209 Marcy St- Inspector Quinn provides small details stating the Board allowed until September 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm to remove personal belongings from the home. On the 20<sup>th</sup> the dwelling was Boarded and Secured.

In addition, a call was received from an interested party hoping to rehab the property.

Resident Buxton questions if tenants (owner) had sufficient time to remove their belongings. Inspector Quinn replies "they were not finished however, with a police escort they were able to get the remaining items out". The dwelling was once again boarded and secured against entry.

For the record, Chair Duffey share, the next morning she contacted the Town Manager for the number to the Town Attorney. A message left for the Town Attorney produced no response. Both Quinones and Duffey explain they personally made phone calls at all hours of the night and the following to get rooms/assistance for the tenants.

b. Update on E. Waste Collection- Recording Clerk explains the E. Waste Collection was introduced by Anna Smith and unfortunately was unable to attend. Request postpone the agenda item for next months meeting.

c. Update on Autumn Clean Up- Inspector Quinn explains the turnout for the event was not as big as expected. Through trial and error, the event will be adjusted accordingly.  
Member Quinones suggested advertising this event on the website as year-round for groups such as churches or Tradewinds who may want to volunteer over the weekend or week days. The waiver can be placed on the website with information on the supplies available. Insp. Quinn agrees and will begin to promote.

d. Update on Autumn Festival- Recording Clerk announces this year's event was a great turnout and the Department was able to provide bags, sanitizers and other informational goods to the residents.

Agenda #8- Chairman Announcements- Chair Duffey announces the new Health Director, Daniel Wasiuk will begin his tenure Monday October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Also, the Technical Assistance Program as well as the PYT (Pay As you Throw program) was approved by Town Council 7-0

#### Agenda #9- Board Members Announcements

D. Grabowski- none

J. Quinones- announces she is working on putting together an informational resource packet that will assist residents in a broad range from rental assistance, utility assistance etc.  
Also, has been approved for year long funding for farmer's market (indoor and outdoor farmer's market).  
Member Quinones announces she is looking into opening up two community cupboards in town (non-perishable foods) to assist in food insecurities. Additional information to be shared.

Agenda #10- Schedule Next Meeting- November 3, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Agenda #11- Adjournment- Motion made by J. Quinones; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Grabowski;

Roll Call

J. Quinones- yes

N. Duffey- yes

D. Grabowski-yes

P. Szugda-excused

A. Postale-excused

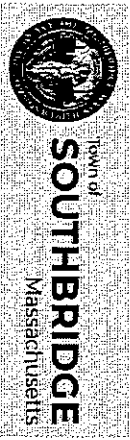
Motion passes 3-2 excused (Postale & Szugda) Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.

Recording Clerk,  
M. Portalatin

Note: Video recording can be viewed on Southbridge Community Television

A handwritten signature in pink ink, appearing to read "Portalatin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "A".





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## COVID-19 Overview September 1, 2022 – October 10, 2022

<b>New Cases Reported</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>Hospitalizations</b>	<b>3 (2.1%)</b>
<b>Cases in Children under 19</b>	<b>32 (22.9%)</b>
<b>Cases in individuals 60+</b>	<b>28 (20.0%)</b>
<b>New Deaths</b>	<b>2 (1.4%)</b>
<b>Students in Southbridge School District</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Staff in Southbridge School District</b>	<b>46</b>



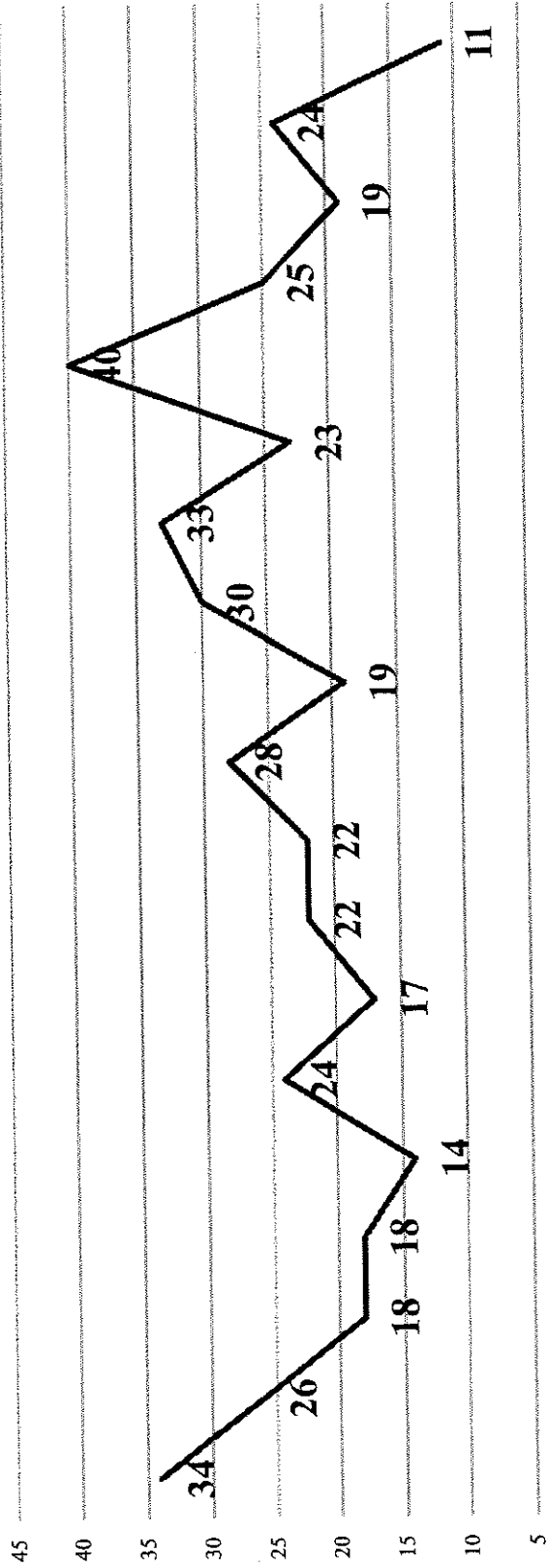
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**Number of Cases Per Week**



Date	Number of Cases
June 1	7
June 8	14
June 15	21
June 22	28
June 29	18
July 6	19
July 13	22
July 20	22
July 27	24
August 3	28
August 10	19
August 17	22
August 24	30
August 31	33
Sep 6	40
Sep 13	25
Sep 20	23
Sep 27	19
Oct 4	11

**Total Cases – 6,112**  
**Total Hospitalizations – 110 (1.8%)**  
**Total Deaths – 63 (1.0%)**



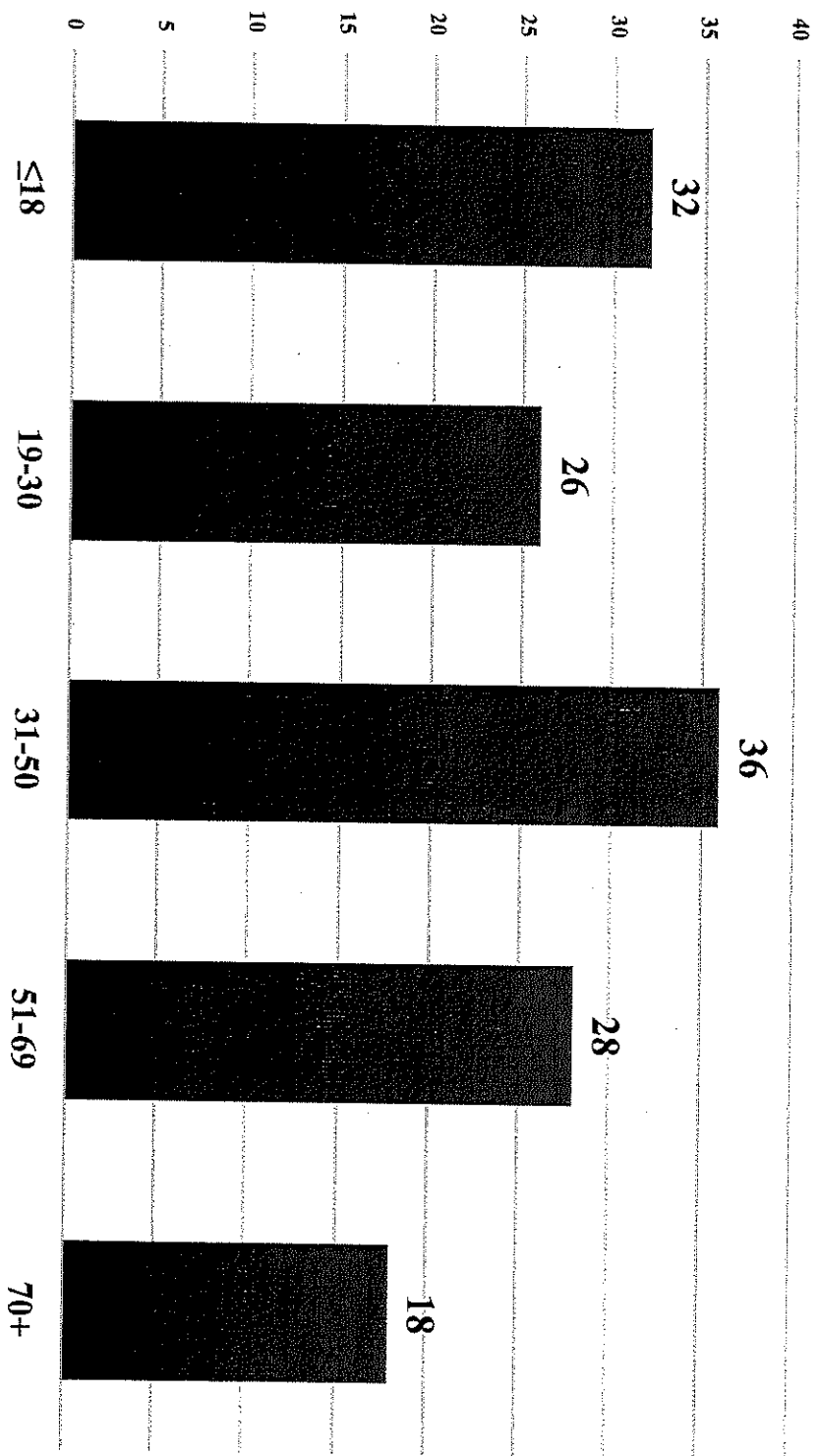
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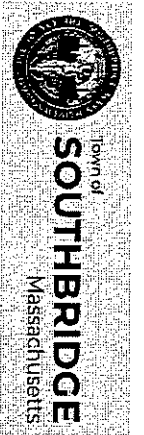
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### Number of Cases by Age









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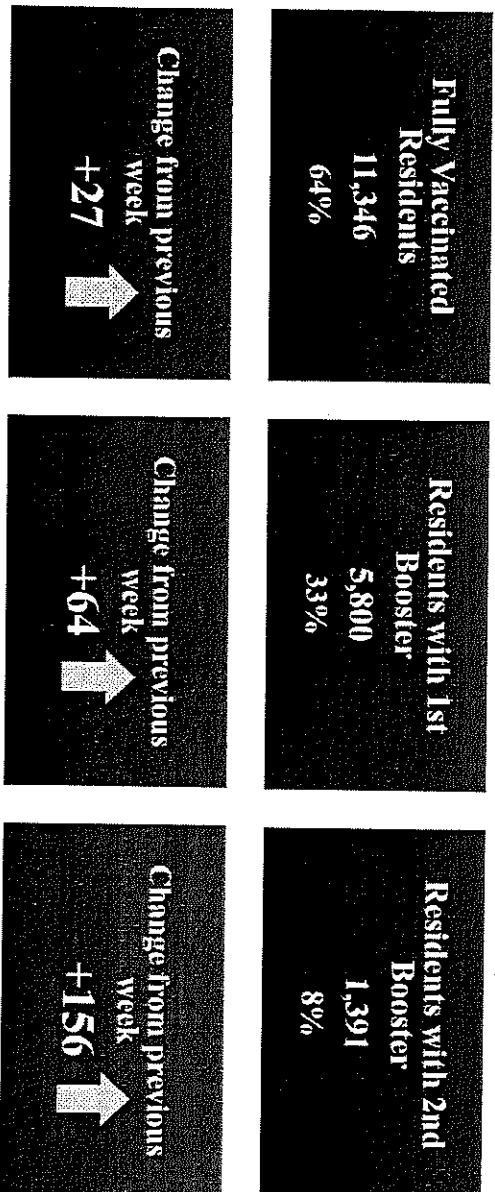
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## COVID-19 VACCINE OVERVIEW



For more information on COVID-19 testing and confirmed cases that have been reported to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health please see the Massachusetts COVID-19 Interactive Data Dashboard:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting# covid-19-interactive-data-dashboard->



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### Terms and Definitions:

1. Residents fully vaccinated: An individual is counted as fully vaccinated if they have received the number of doses required to complete the COVID-19 vaccine series. This is measured as the total number of 2<sup>nd</sup> doses of Moderna and Pfizer administered and reported plus the total number of Janssen/Johnson & Johnson doses administered and reported.
2. Residents fully vaccinated and boosted: An individual is counted as fully vaccinated and boosted if they have received the number of doses required to complete the COVID-19 vaccine series. This is measured as the total number of 2<sup>nd</sup> doses of Moderna and Pfizer administered and reported plus the total number of Janssen/Johnson & Johnson doses administered and reported as well as having received a booster shot. Residents who are fully vaccinated and boosted are considered up-to date on their COVID vaccine.
3. MIIS: Immunization data from most providers in Massachusetts are reported into the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS) through direct messages from electronic health records or direct entry by users. Due to inputting and processing, it may take 24-48 hours or more for shipping or administration data to appear in MIIS. MIIS data are available for analysis one calendar day after they are reported to the MIIS. Data are current as of time of publication and may be subject to change in future publications as additional data are reported.
4. Information on race and ethnicity is collected and reported by laboratories, healthcare providers and local boards of health and may or may not reflect self-report by the individual case. If no information is provided by any reporter on a case's race or ethnicity, MDPH classifies it as missing. A classification of unknown indicates the reporter did not know the race and ethnicity of the individual, the individual refused to provide information or that the originating system does not capture the information. Other indicates multiple races or that the originating system does not capture the information.



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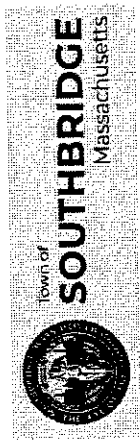
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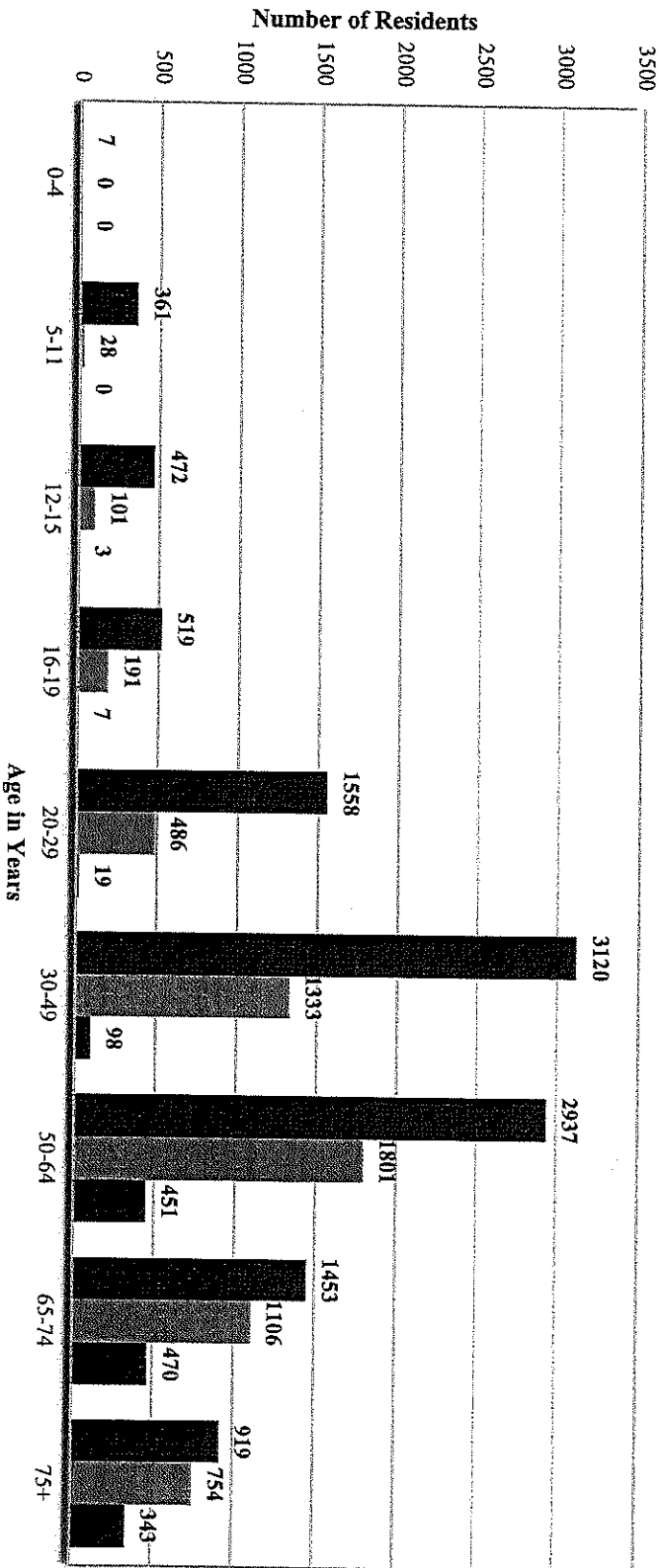
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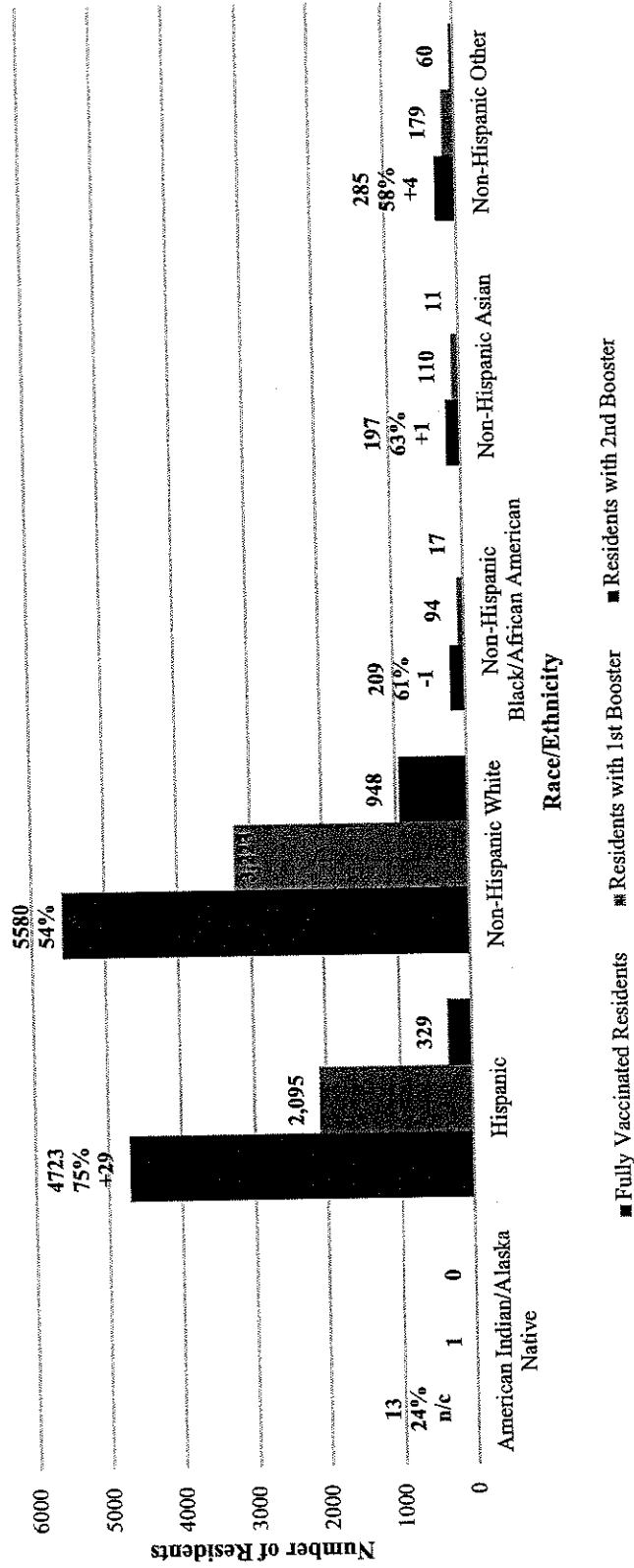
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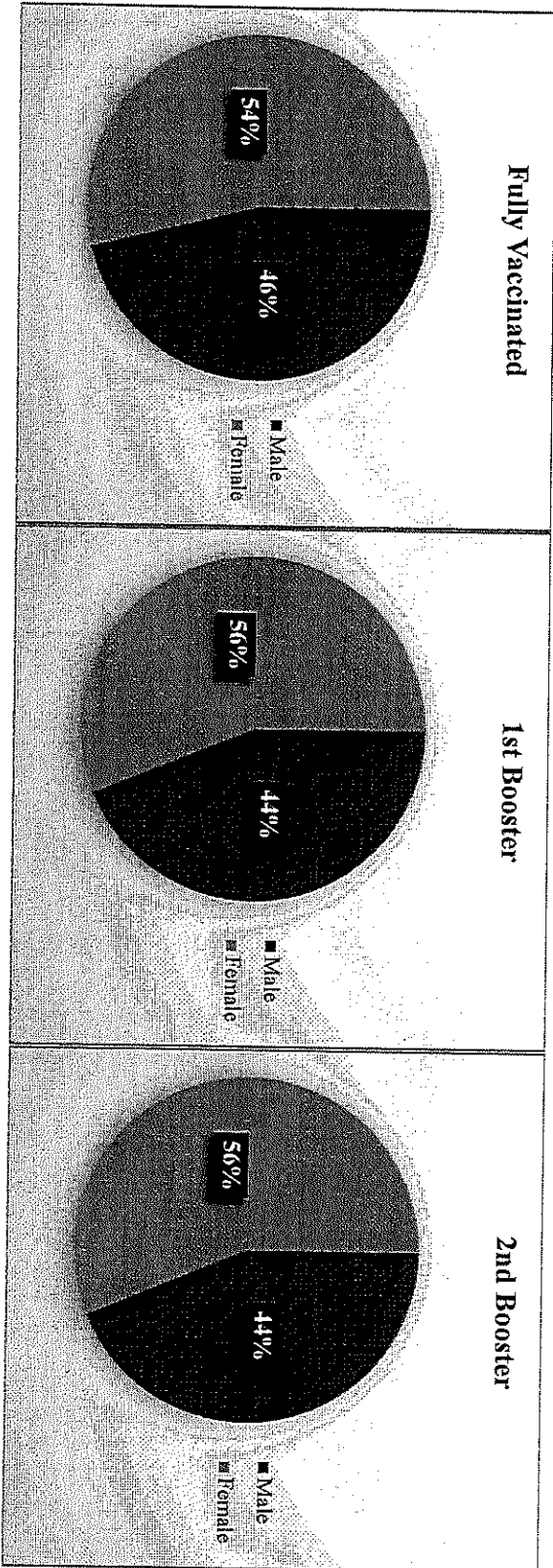
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