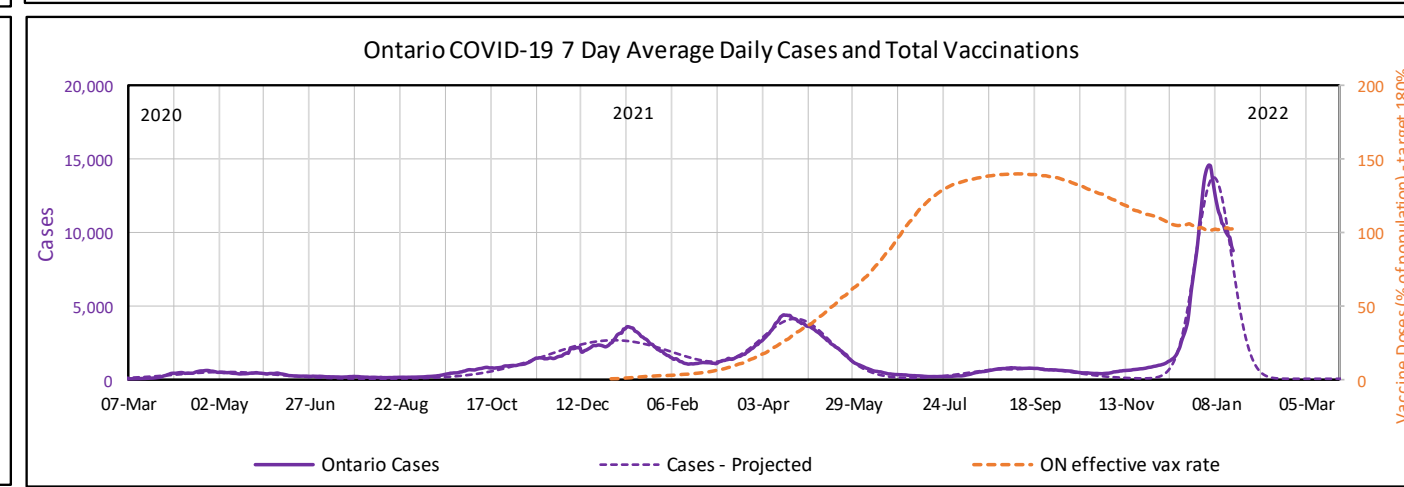
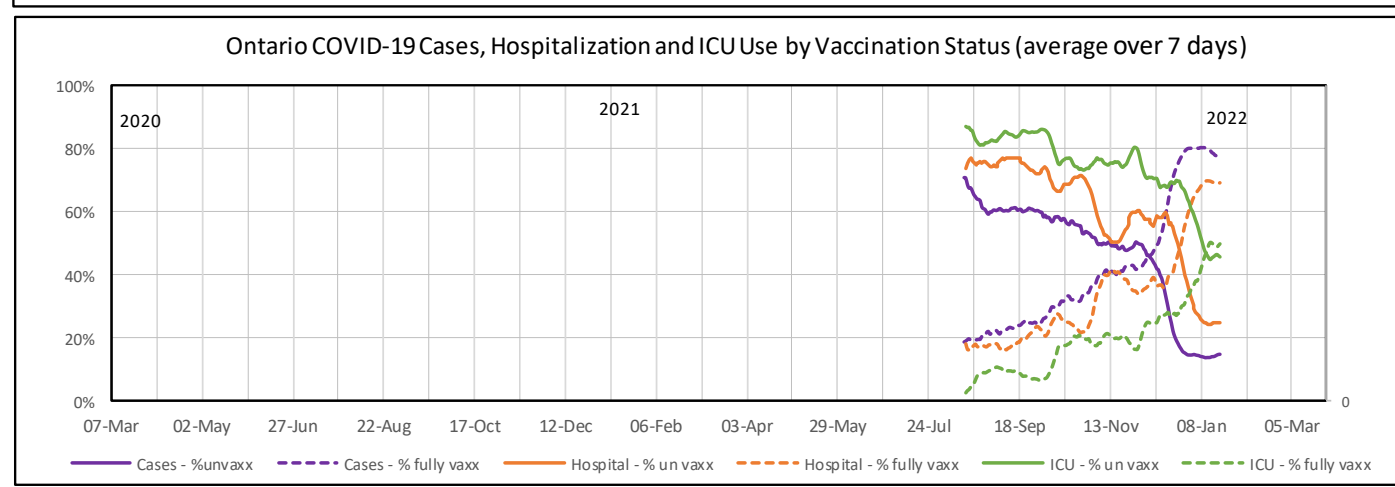
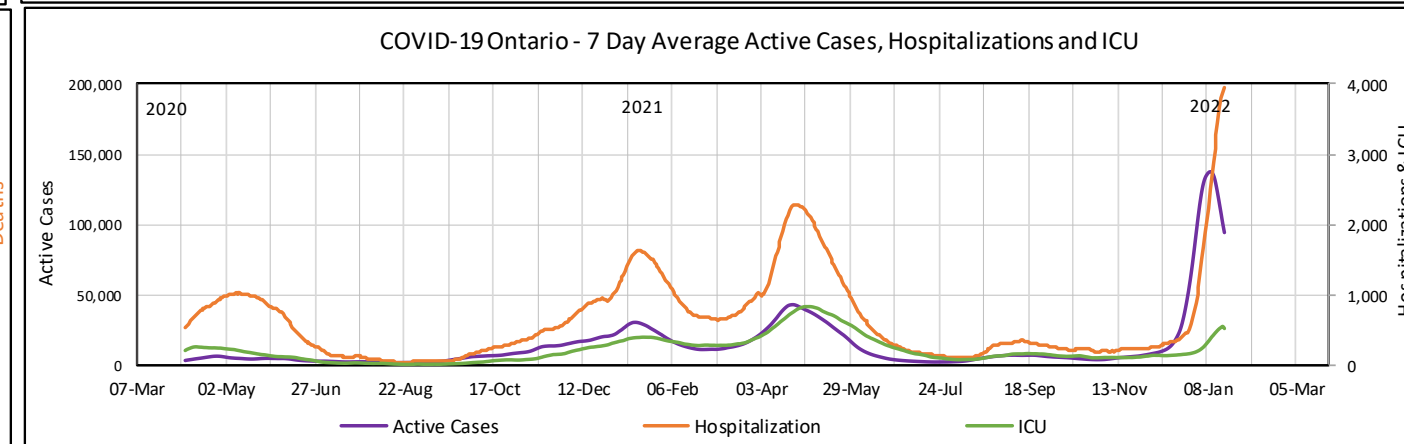
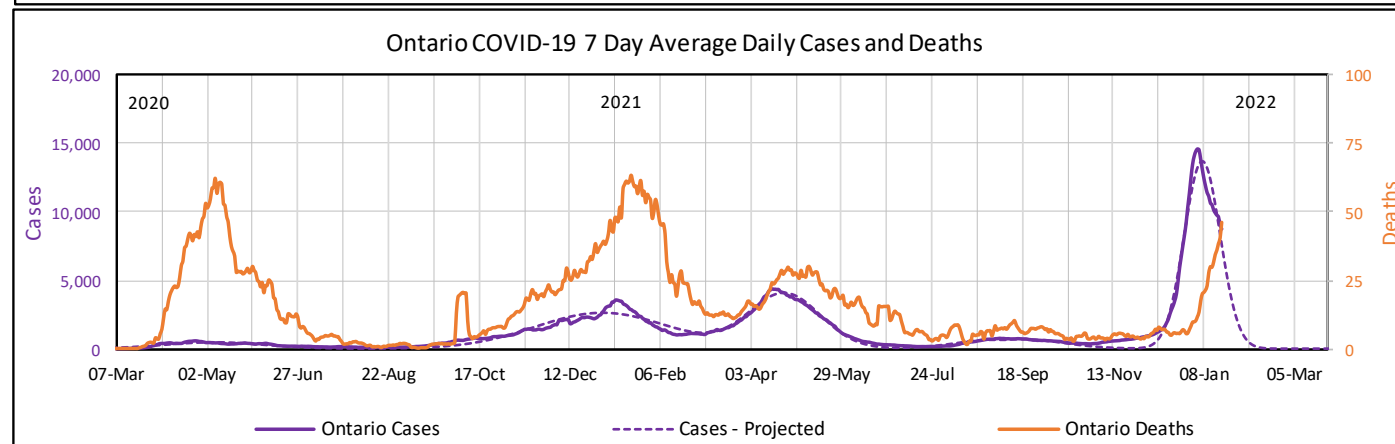
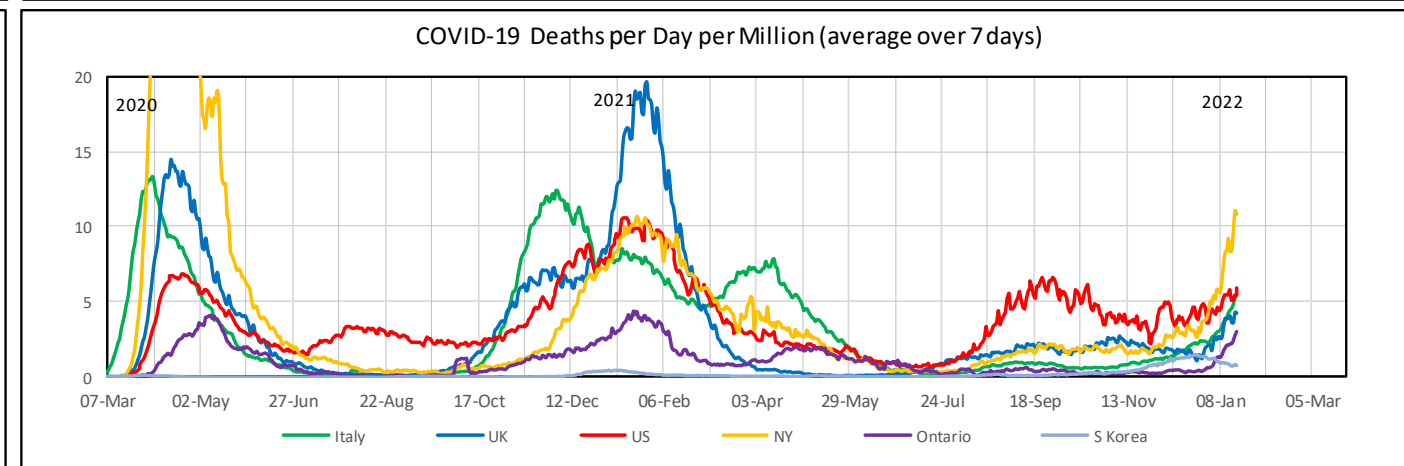
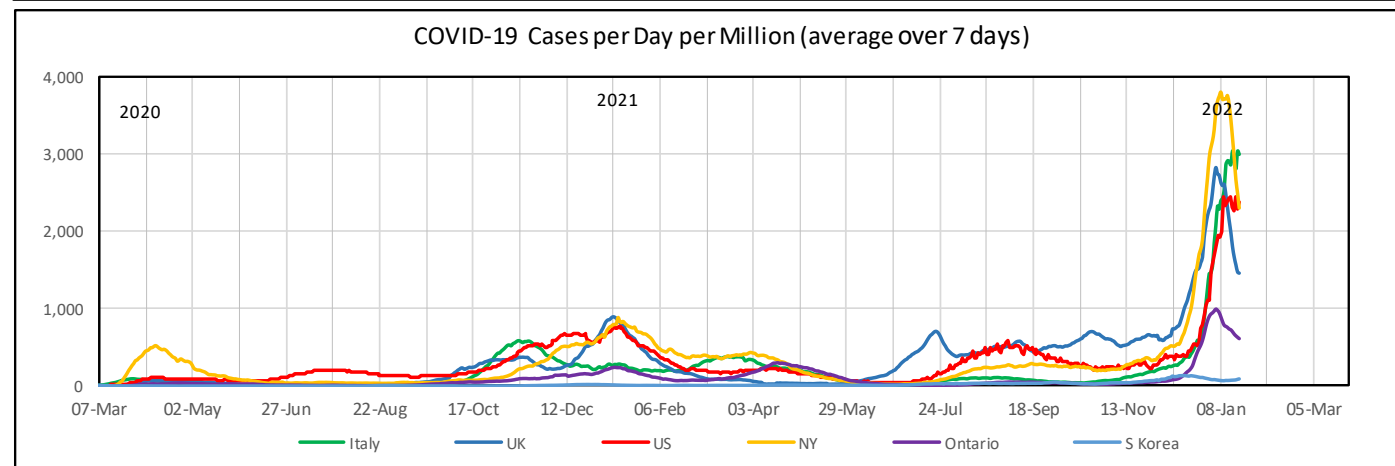
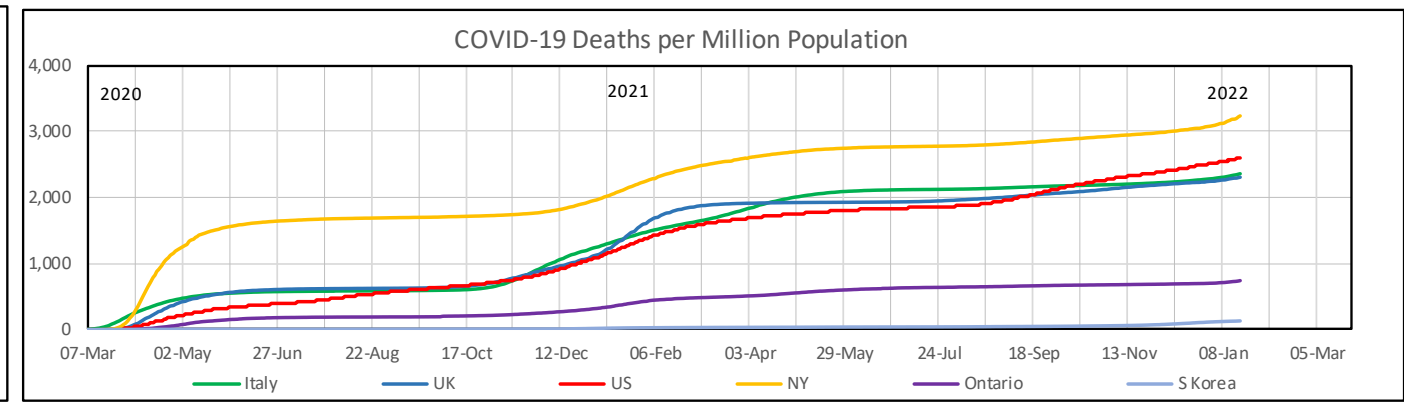
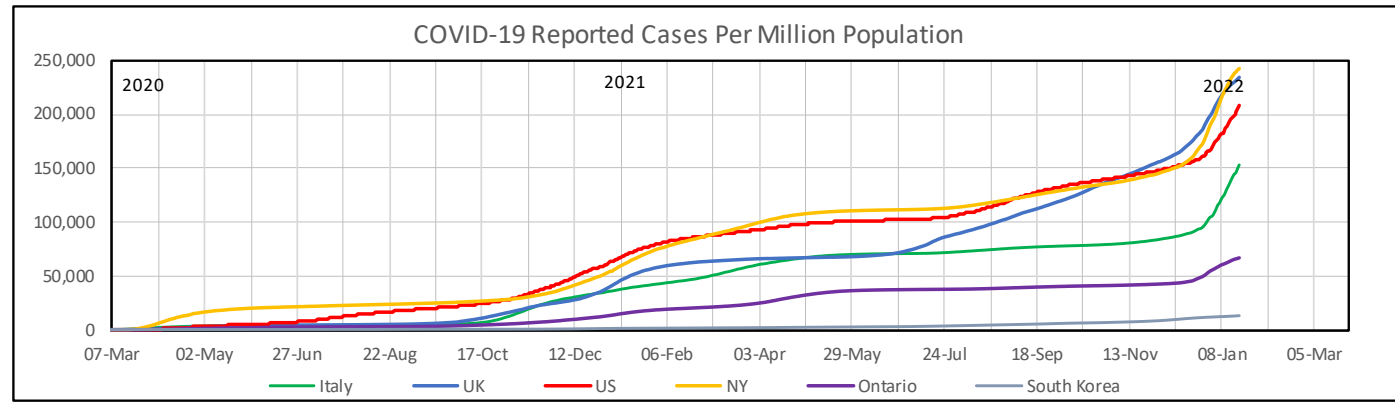


COVID-19 Observations – 20 January, 2022 – by Alex Harrington



There's just too much covid info to deal with. Everyone and their brother has to say something, just to be sure they add some noise to the din. (Guess I have to count myself in there too.) This week I read about a study showing the vaccine was negatively effective with omicron – it made things worse. Then the authors came out with an oops – we have more data now and our first result isn't true. No one can keep their mouth shut, even when they have things that look totally stupid – maybe stop and think about it for a bit and figure things out before saying anything. This kind of nonsense keeps the loonies loony and the nut cakes nutty.

On top of all the covid cases, there are thousands of people with medical procedures delayed or cancelled. Some of these people will die as a result. So stop moaning, and recognize that this is still a serious situation that is being made worse by the idiots around us.

If you really want to watch lunacy, look at the UK. They are getting rid of all restrictions – no masks anywhere, nothing. Who knows how this will turn out. I don't think it will have a good ending.

No wonder everyone is tired, angry, confused and generally fed up. Stop looking at all the stories. Don't look for reasons to do one thing or another. Just plod along, be safe, and get on with life.

Our cases are going down – the reported cases at least. There is so little testing the case count is not a good measure. More importantly, hospitalizations are still on the rise. I think they'll peak this week, barring a bunch of stupidity somewhere. Then we should get some relief. And the vaccination status curves (fourth row, left) are slowly starting to reverse, on their way back to their original alignment, reinforcing that vaccines work.

Updates on restrictions have just been announced – come January 31 some facilities can reopen at 50% capacity and indoor social gatherings will have a limit of 10. Regardless of what the new rules are, the one thing that works and will continue to work, no matter what anyone says, is vaxx, mask and distance.

Take care of yourselves and don't endanger others.

