



**WORK SESSION
VIRTUAL MEETING HELD VIA WEBEX
NOVEMBER 24, 2020
5:45 PM**

Call to order

1. Discuss a planning study that would examine land use regulations applicable to properties along Portland Avenue and 66th Street in the area surrounding Veteran's Park.
2. Richfield Covid-19 update from Jennifer Anderson, Community Health Services Administrator, Nick Kelley, PhD., City of Bloomington Acting Public Health Administrator and Public Safety Director/Emergency Manager Jay Henthorne.

Adjournment

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**STAFF REPORT NO. 29****WORK SESSION****11/24/2020**

REPORT PREPARED BY: Melissa Poehlman, Asst. Community Development Director

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REVIEW: John Stark, Community Development Director
11/17/2020

OTHER DEPARTMENT REVIEW:

CITY MANAGER REVIEW: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager
11/17/2020**ITEM FOR WORK SESSION:****Discuss a planning study that would examine land use regulations applicable to properties along Portland Avenue and 66th Street in the area surrounding Veteran's Park.****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Veteran's Park is an important community asset, providing year-round recreational opportunities for Richfield residents and visitors. The 108-acre park includes important facilities (ice arena, pool, mini-golf, band shell), as well as as natural space, and the Veteran's Memorial.

The City's Comprehensive Plan guides land uses along the edge of the Park, along Portland Avenue and 66th Street, as a mix of low to high density residential and community commercial, but provides no specific guidance for how these parcels relate to the Park itself. The American Legion (Legion) owns a large piece of property that essentially extends into the Park. As the Legion prepares to sell this property, staff has begun considering how the redevelopment of this parcel, and others nearby, could be done in a way that would be complimentary to the Park - adding value to any potential redevelopment and also to one of the City's most popular destinations.

Staff is recommending that the City Council conduct a planning study of the area along Portland Avenue between Highway 62 and 67th Street and 66th Street between 5th Avenue and 11th Avenue. The study would provide an opportunity for additional policymaker and community engagement to better inform redevelopment goals. In order to conduct this study, we would recommend a short-term (6-month) moratorium on properties with a Planned Land Use designation of Medium Density Residential, High Density Residential, or Community Commercial in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Staff spoke with several planning firms about the potential study and ultimately requested proposals from two firms. Based on the proposals and interviews, staff recommends that the City hire Hoisignton Kogler Group (HKGi). HKGi has a successful history of working with the City on similar projects and led our work to prepare the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Parks Master Plan. The HKGi project team has experience in preparing similar plans for cities of a similar size and character that make them a great fit for this project. The likely outcome of a study would be a recommendation for either zoning modification though adoption of an Overlay District, similar to what has been done for the Penn Avenue Corridor, or design guidelines. In either case, the purpose would be to ensure that private and public investments in the area works together for mutual benefit.

Staff also plans on engaging the City's finance consultants (Ehlers Associates, Inc.) for guidance on financial

issues relating to the possibility of incorporating public amenities into a potential development at this location.

DIRECTION NEEDED:

- Is there support for a 6-month moratorium to conduct a planning study in the area surrounding Veteran's Park?
- Is there support for the proposed boundaries of the study area?
- Is there support for the preparation of a contract with Hoisignton Koegler Group to do this work?
- Is there support for seeking financial guidance from Elhers on the feasibility of adding public amenities to the area?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A. HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- Planned land use designations in Veteran's Park area have changed slightly over the past 25 years, slightly expanding and contracting the commercial areas at the 66th & Portland interchange and varying residential densities along both streets.
- The home at 6505 Portland Avenue was built in 1935. The Legion and the Morris Nilson Funeral Chapel were construction in 1956 and 1958, respectively.
- The City most recently studied the 66th Street portion of the proposed study area in partnership with Hennepin County, prior to the road reconstruction (2011). Identified next steps included continued collaboration with property owners in the area of Veteran's Park to strengthen the relationship between public and private spaces.

B. POLICIES (resolutions, ordinances, regulations, statutes, etc):

State Law allows cities to adopt interim ordinances for the purposes of protecting the planning process and the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

C. CRITICAL TIMING ISSUES:

- It is likely that the Legion site will be sold for redevelopment in the near future.
- The City does not wish to unduly delay a sale or the redevelopment of this parcel or any other within the planning study area; however, it is important to take a closer look at our current regulations and whether or not they provide sufficient guidance to achieve community goals for the area.

D. FINANCIAL IMPACT:

- Cost of a planning study will be approximately \$35,000.
- This study would be paid for out of the Community Development budget.

E. LEGAL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

ALTERNATIVE(S):

See Direction Needed Section

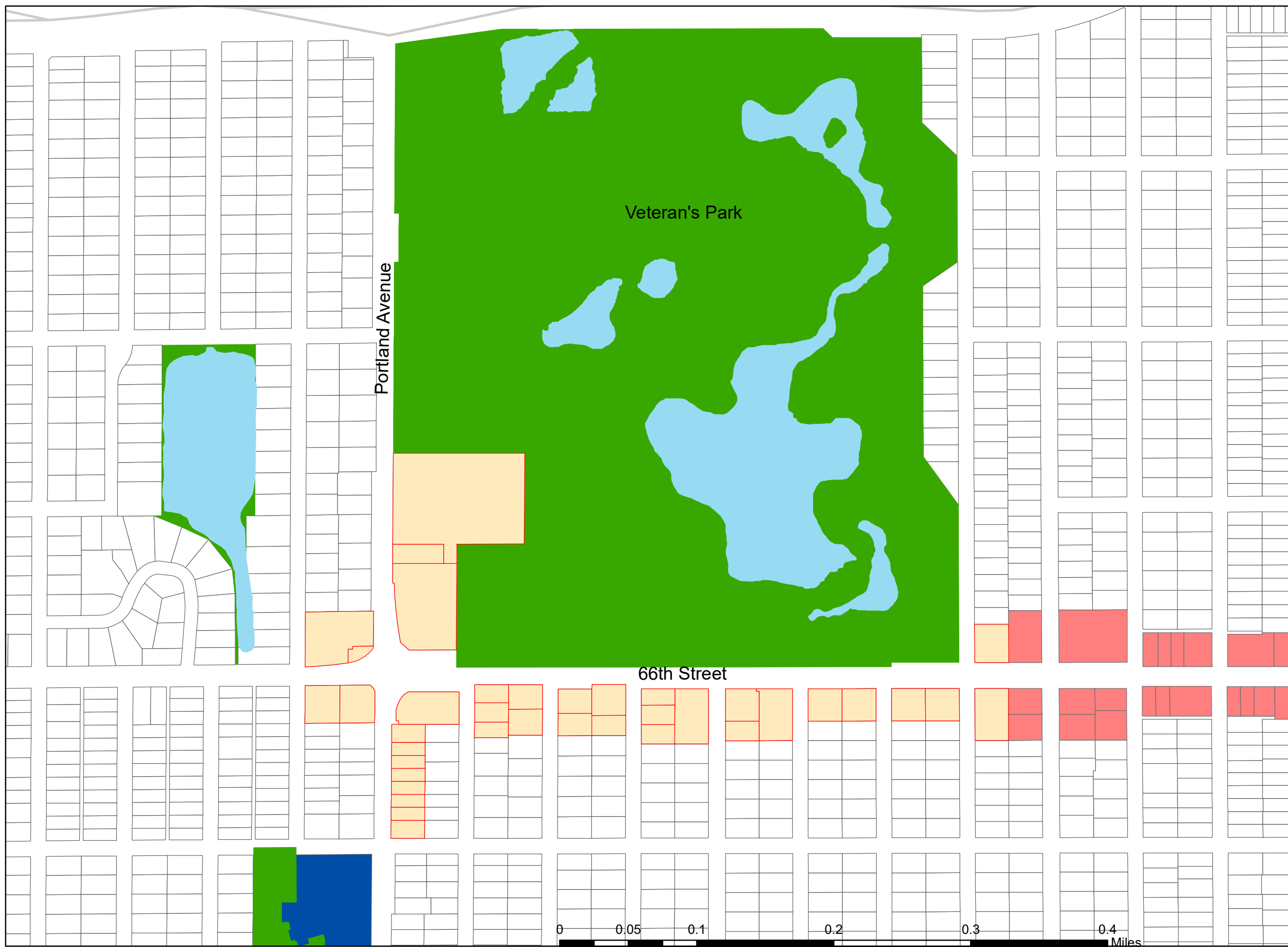
PRINCIPAL PARTIES EXPECTED AT MEETING:

Representatives of HKGi and the American Legion.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
▢ Proposed Study Area	Exhibit

Veteran's Park Area Study Area



- 2040 Planned Land Use**
- Proposed Study / Moratorium Area
 - Mixed Use
 - Regional Commercial
 - Community Commercial
 - Neighborhood Commercial
 - High Density Residential
 - Medium Density Residential
 - Low Density Residential
 - Park
 - Quasi-Public
 - Right-of-Way (ROW)

**STAFF REPORT NO. 30****WORK SESSION****11/24/2020**

REPORT PREPARED BY: Jennifer Anderson, Support Services Manager

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REVIEW: Jay Henthorne, Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
11/19/2020

OTHER DEPARTMENT REVIEW:

CITY MANAGER REVIEW: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager
11/19/2020**ITEM FOR WORK SESSION:**

Richfield Covid-19 update from Jennifer Anderson, Community Health Services Administrator, Nick Kelley, PhD., City of Bloomington Acting Public Health Administrator and Public Safety Director/Emergency Manager Jay Henthorne.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Covid-19 has been an enormous and unprecedented challenge over the past nine months. Staff will provide a situation update on the impacts in Richfield including city specific data and how the city has communicated and partnered with others since the beginning of the pandemic.

DIRECTION NEEDED:

N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**A. HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

The City of Richfield has received public health funding and supported a collaborative partnership with Bloomington Public Health for over four decades. Covid-19 is not the first pandemic the city has navigated and thanks to our public health funding, the city has been well positioned to combat Covid-19. With Bloomington, Edina and Richfield collaborating together, we're stronger for it and our residents thrive because of it.

B. POLICIES (resolutions, ordinances, regulations, statutes, etc):

MN Statute 145A, Minnesota's Local Public Health Act establishes health mandates, powers and duties of Community Health Boards (CHB).

CHB's have statutory responsibility under the Local Public Health Act and must address and implement the essential local public health activities below:

1. Assure an adequate local public health infrastructure
2. Promote healthy communities and healthy behaviors
3. Prevent the spread of communicable disease
4. Protect against environmental health hazards

5. Prepare for and respond to emergencies
6. Assure health services

Richfield is one of five city-level public health departments (Minneapolis, St. Paul/Ramsey County, Bloomington, Edina and Richfield) across the state and is required to have a Community Health Administrator in order to receive state and federal funding to address emergency situations such as Covid-19.

C. CRITICAL TIMING ISSUES:

N/A

D. FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

E. LEGAL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

ALTERNATIVE(S):

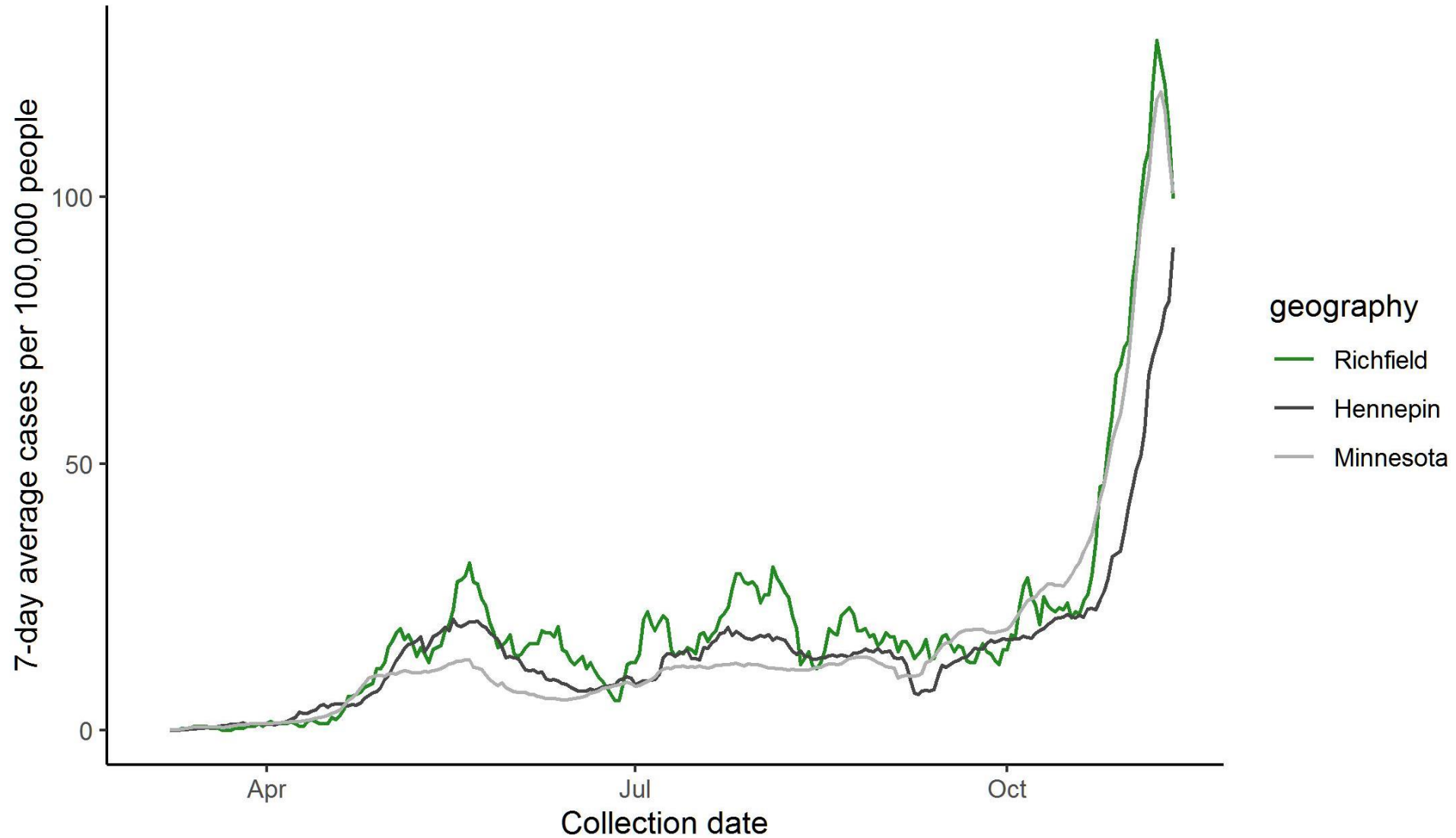
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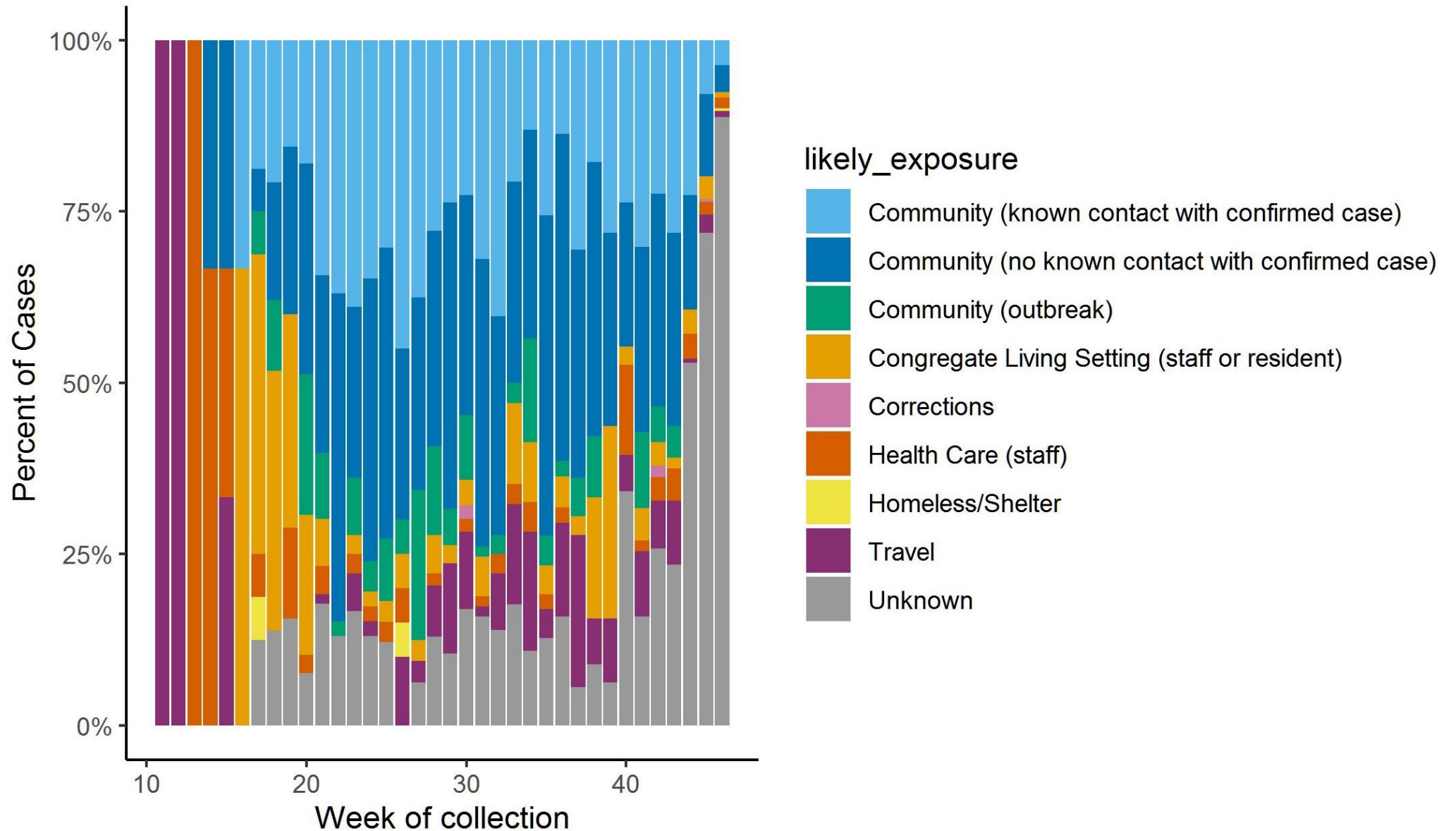
ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
▣ Covid data ppt	Cover Memo

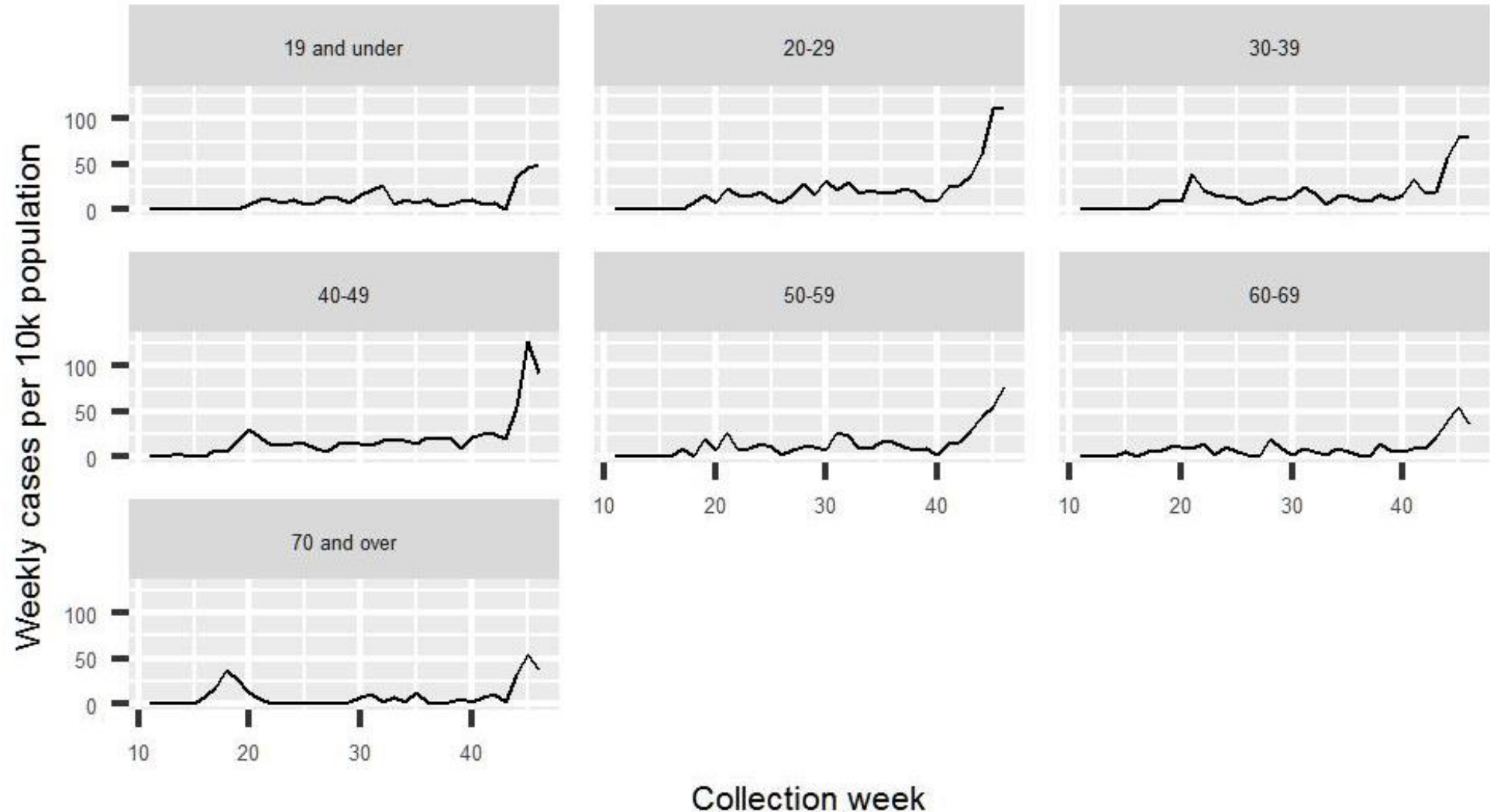
7-day average cases per 100,000 population



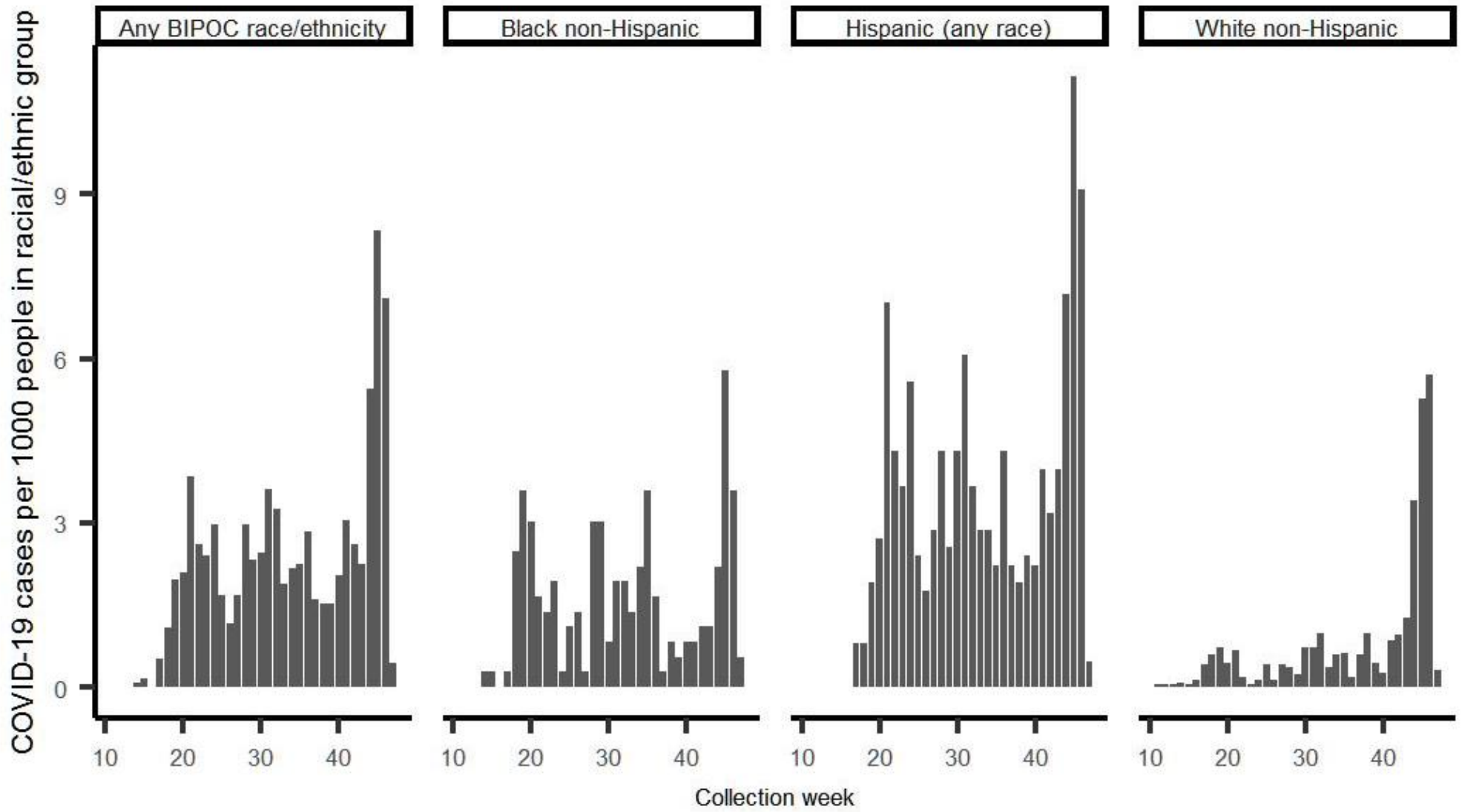
Likely Exposure to COVID-19



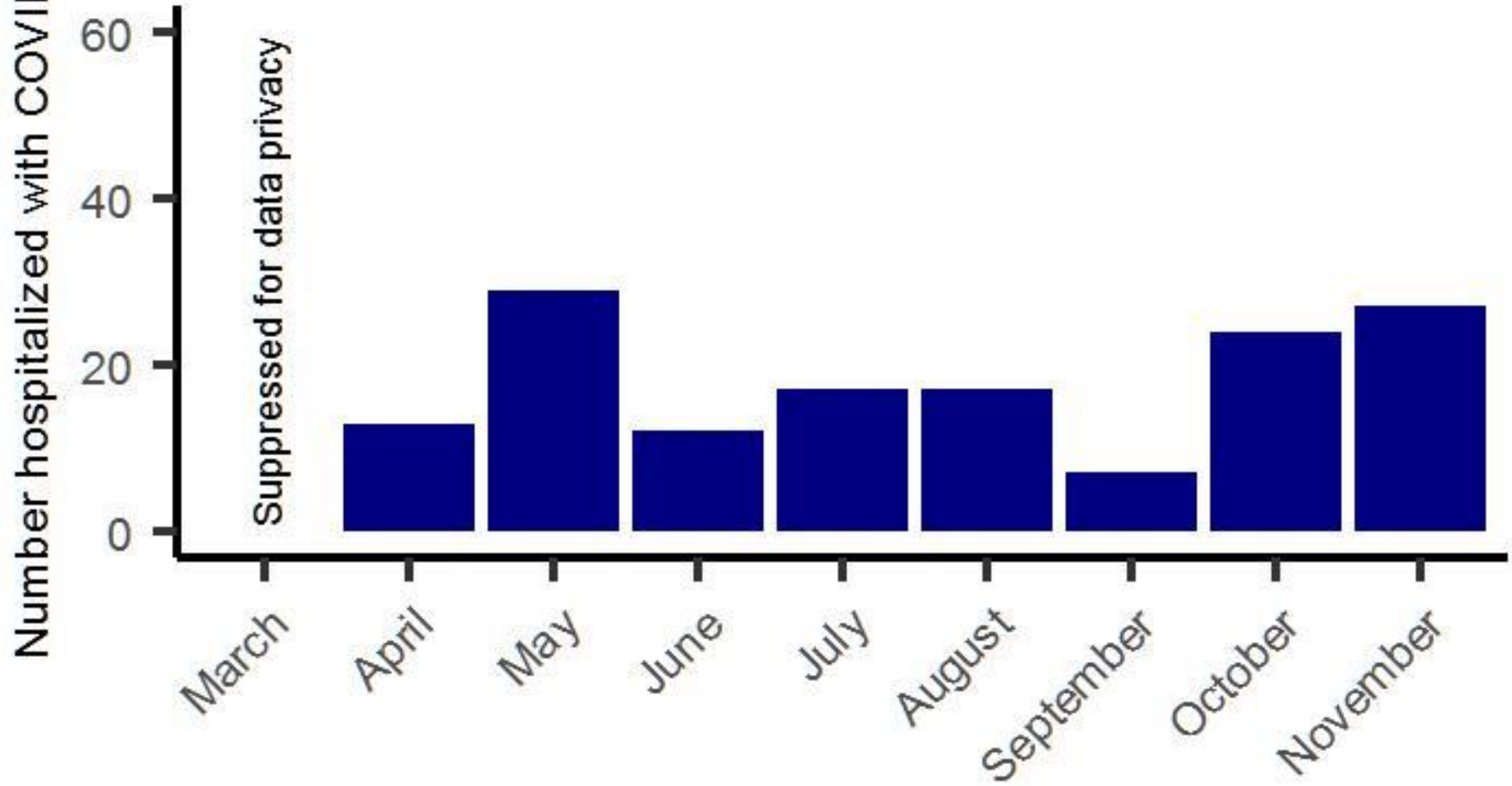
Cases by age group per 10,000 population



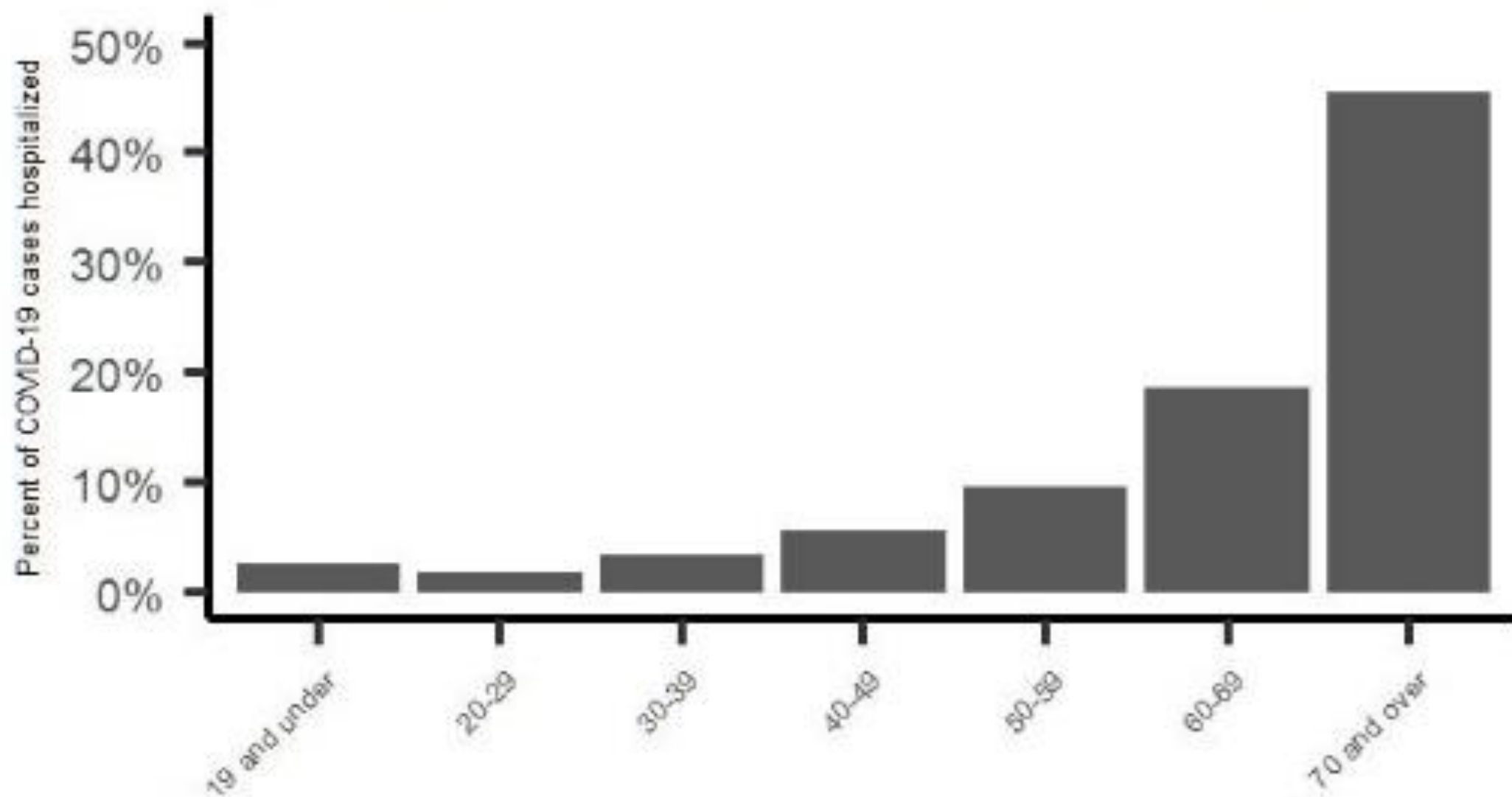
Cases by race per 1,000 residents



Richfield COVID-19 hospitalizations



Richfield case hospitalizations, by age group



Richfield COVID-19 deaths

