

# Minnesota's workers' compensation COVID-19 claims update

Claims reported through Nov. 8, 2022

### Workers' compensation COVID-19 presumption

- The presumption amended Minnesota Statutes section 176.011, subdivision 15.
- The rebuttable presumption covers:
  - a licensed peace officer, firefighter, paramedic or emergency medical technician;
  - certain workers employed at a corrections, detention or secure treatment facility;
  - a health care provider, nurse or assistive employee employed in a health care, home care or long-term care setting, with direct COVID-19 patient care or ancillary work in COVID-19 patient units;
  - a person required to provide child care to children of first responders and health care workers under Executive Orders 20-02 and 20-19.
- For these workers, their COVID-19 illness is presumed to be work-related unless the employer can prove that their infection was a result of non-work exposure.
- Effective for workers contracting COVID-19 between April 8, 2020, through Dec. 31, 2021, and between Feb. 3, 2022, through Jan. 13, 2023.

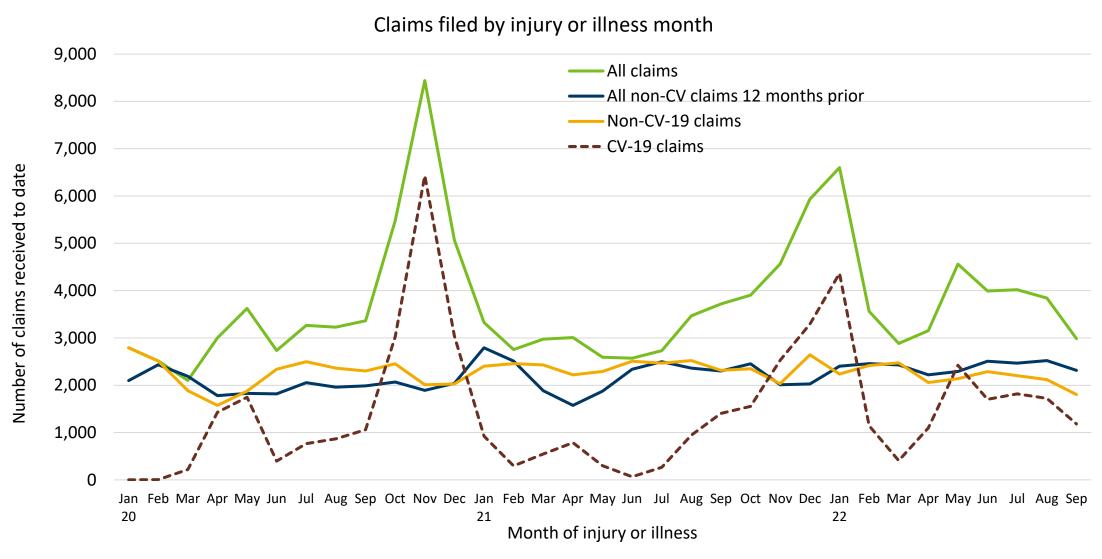


#### About these claim counts

- The claims counts show the total number of claims with COVID-19 or coronavirus exposure given as a nature or cause of injury.
- All claims submitted are included in the count of reported claims, ignoring lost-time status and acceptance or denial of benefits.
- Injury reports are received three to four weeks, on average, after the date of illness.
  - The illness date is either reported by the worker or employer. It does not always correspond with the date of onset of symptoms.
  - Primary liability decisions generally arrive a week or two after the claim is reported.
  - The Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) receives many claims with illness dates six months earlier.

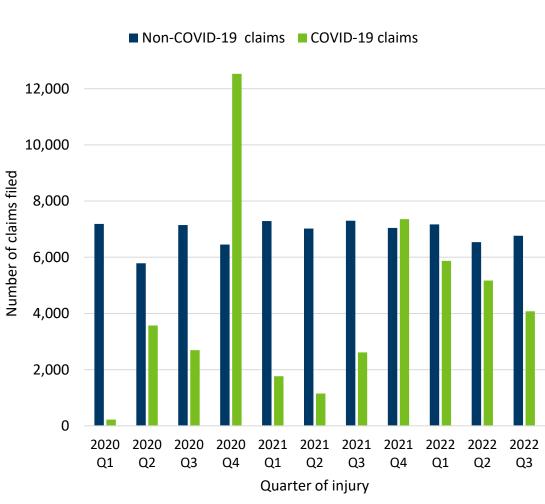


### 48,680 COVID-19 claims reported through Nov. 8, 2022



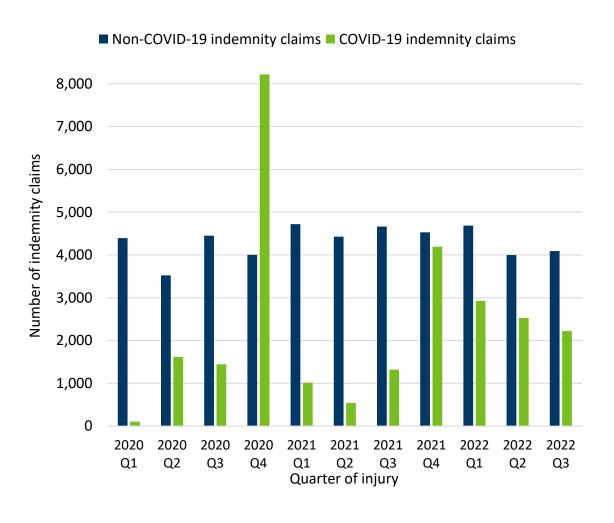


#### Already 8,080 COVID-19 indemnity claims in 2022 compared with 7,070 in all of 2021



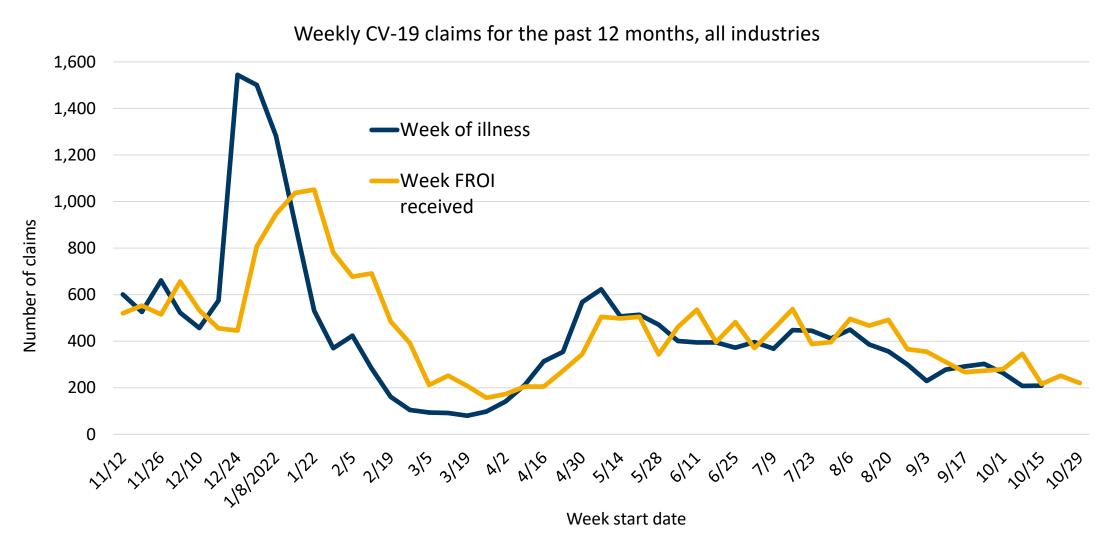
All claims filed by quarter of injury

#### Indemnity claims by quarter of injury



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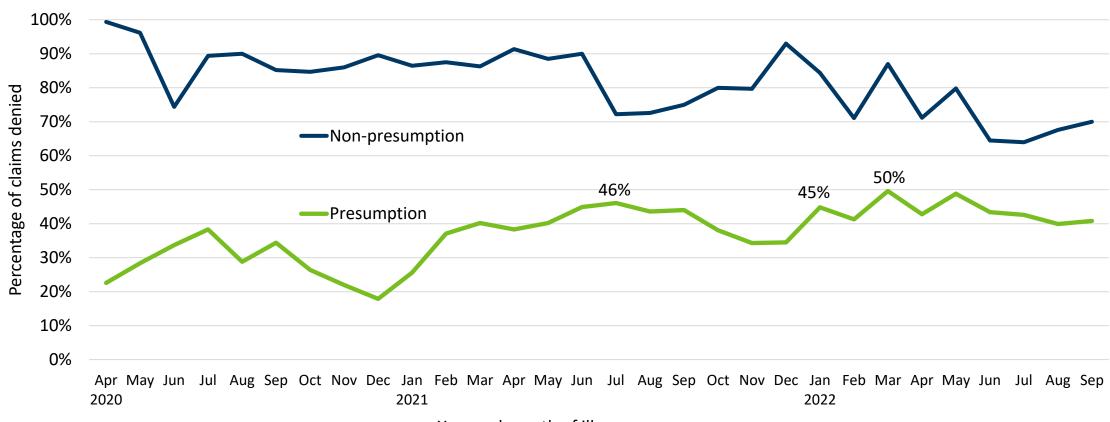
#### Recent activity shows decrease starting in August 2022





# Presumption worker denial rates higher in March and May 2022 than during the January 2022 presumption gap

#### Denial rate by month of illness and presumption status

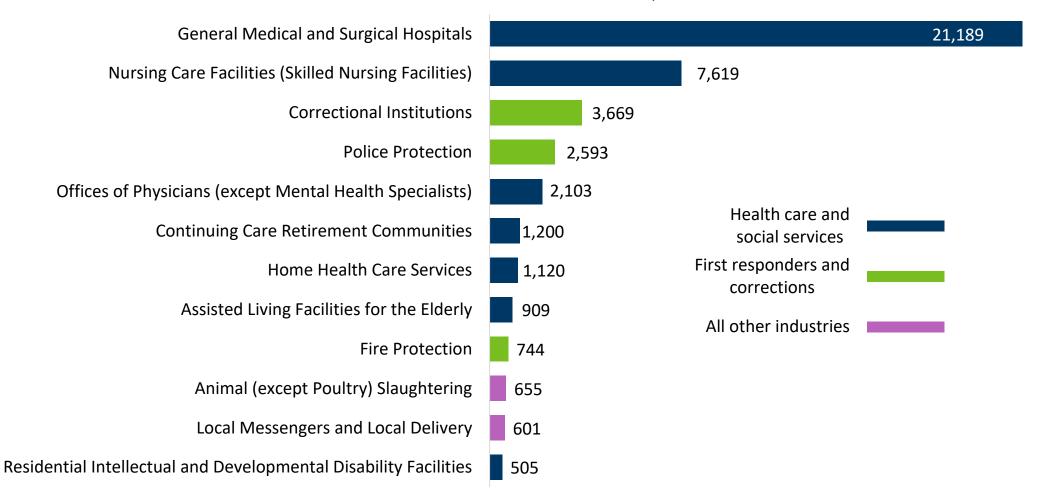


Year and month of illness



### 60% all claims were from hospitals and nursing homes

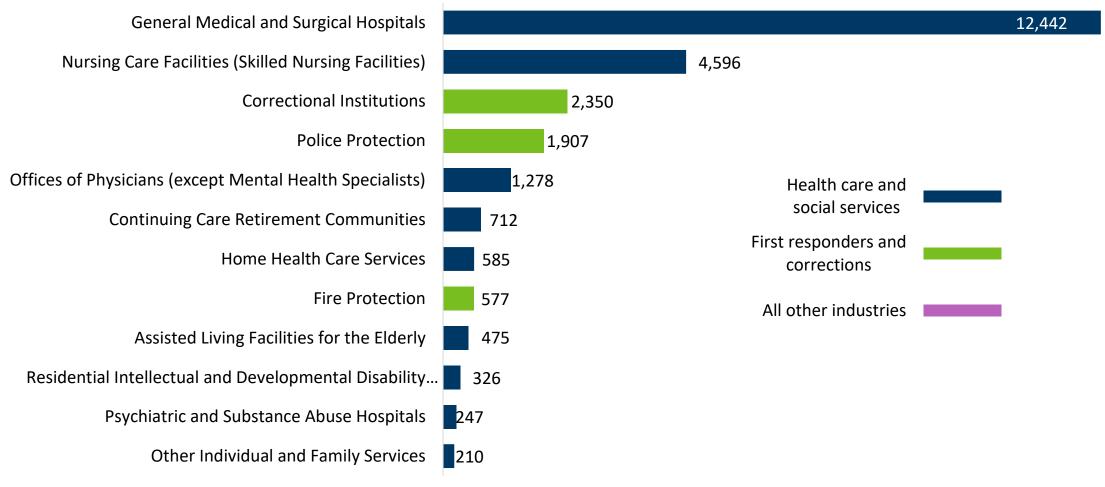
Detailed industries\* 500 or more CV-19 claims filed as of Nov. 8, 2022



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## Hospitals and nursing homes have 64% of the paid COVID-19 claims

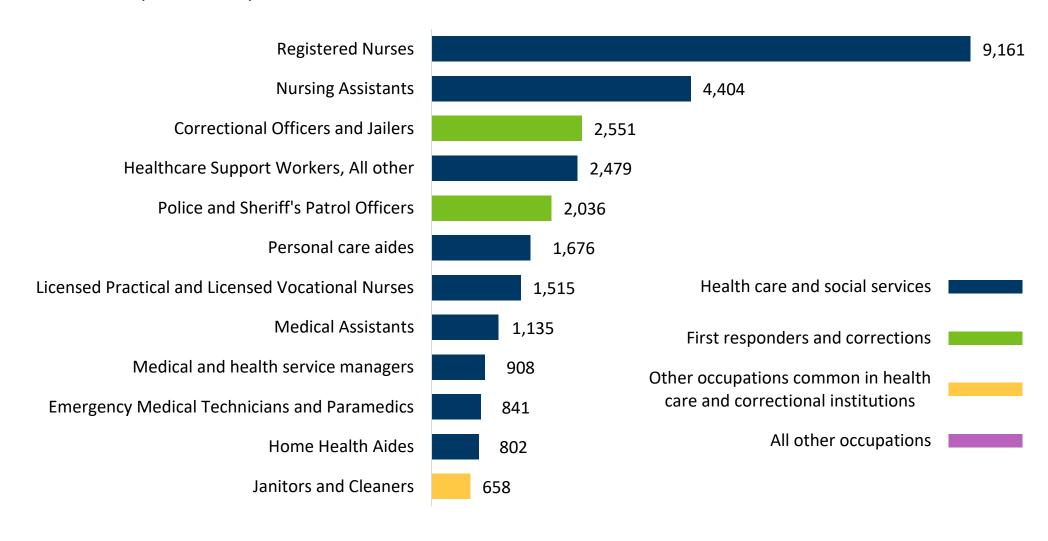
Detailed industries\* with 200 or more accepted or paid indemnity COVID-19 claims as of Nov. 8, 2022



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## Registered nurses and nursing aides reported the most claims

Specific occupations\* with 600 or more claims as of Nov. 8, 2022



<sup>\*</sup>Occupation data unavailable for 1,273 claims.