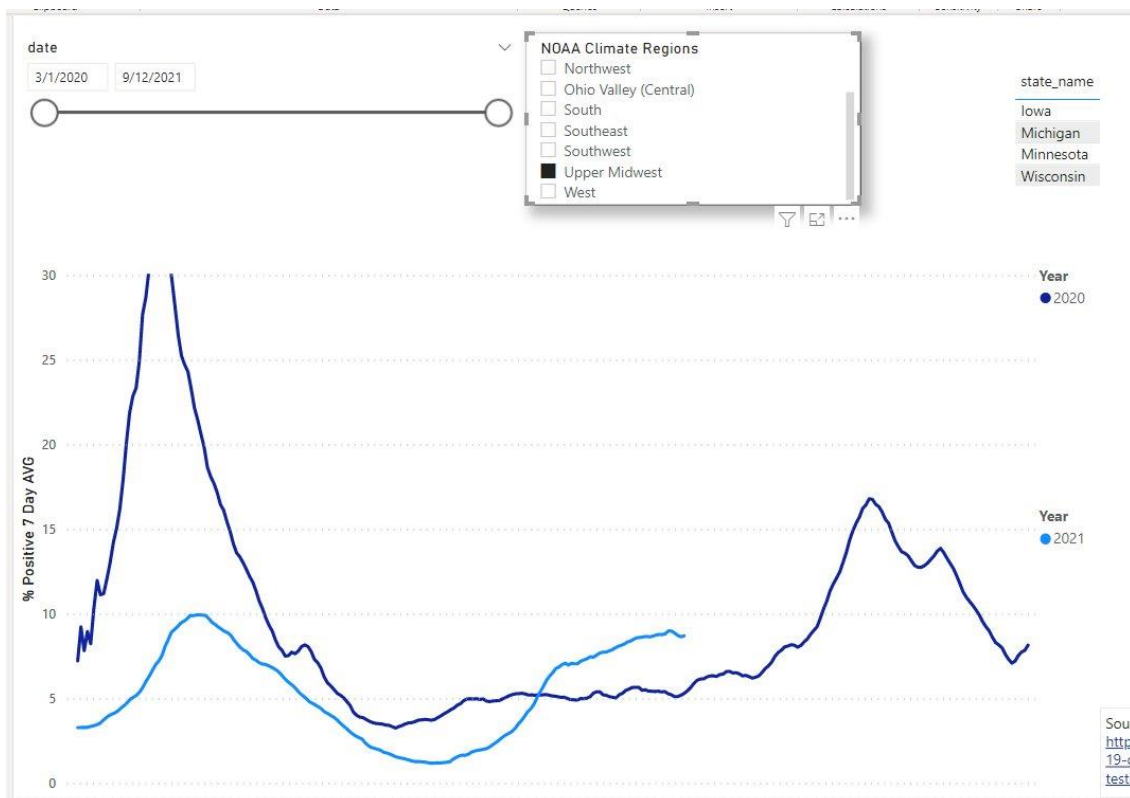
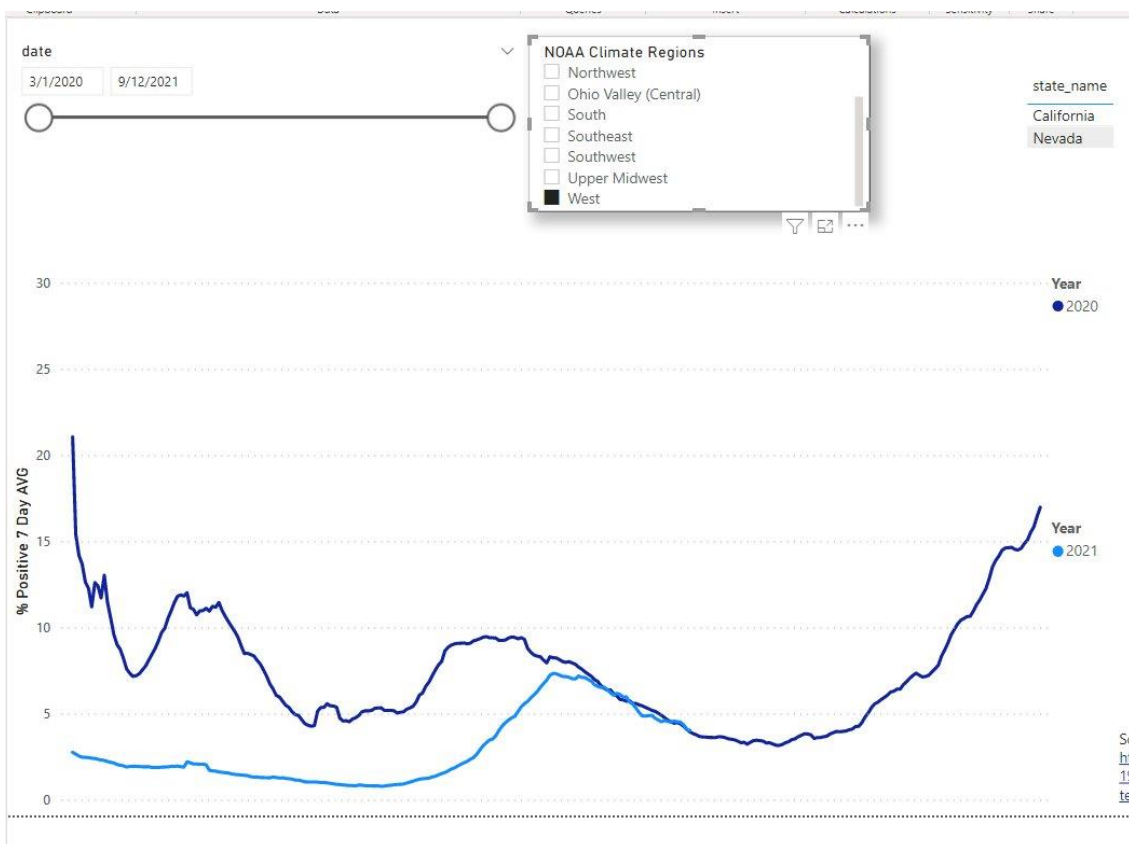
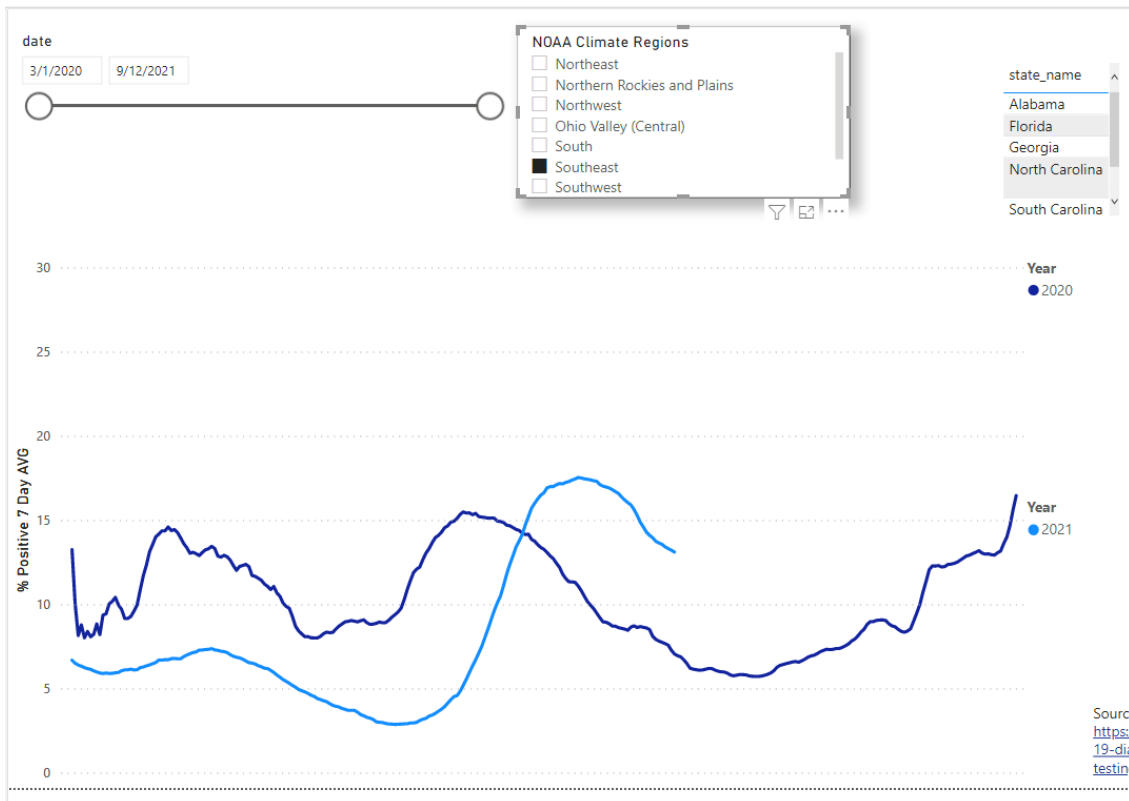


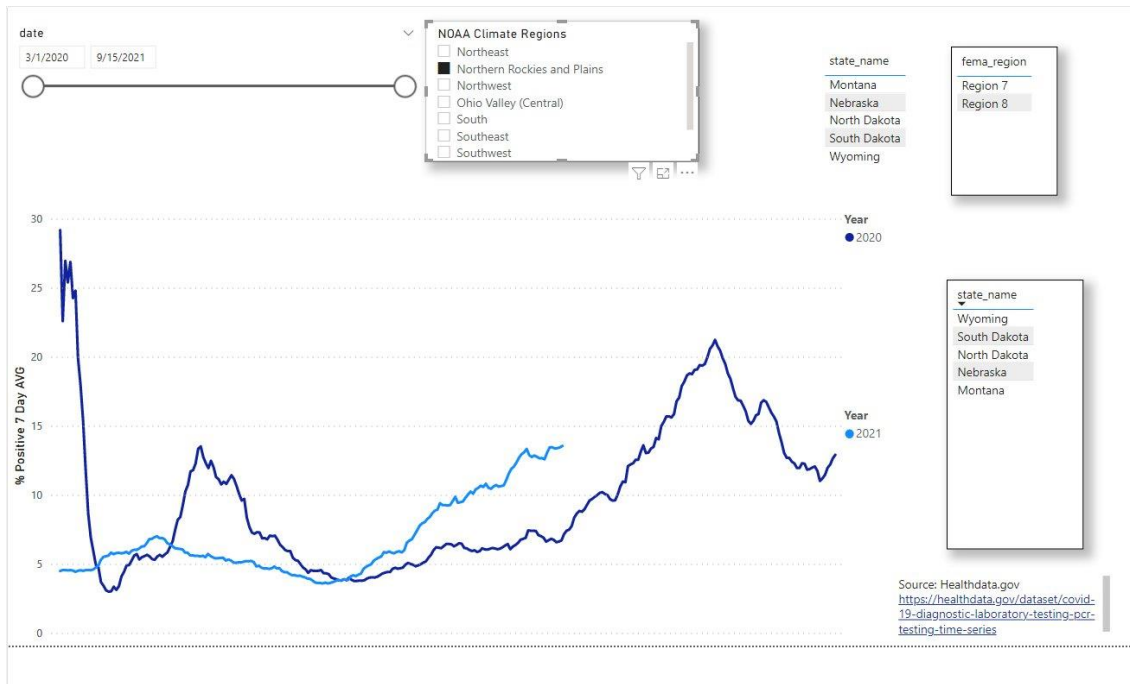
What story are the charts below -- which cover four different regions of the United States -- telling us?

The dark line represents 2020. The lighter line represents 2021.

I get that the curves are not absolutely identical. But they're not altogether different, either. The same trajectories are evident in both years, in each chart.







What do these charts mean?

Do they mean that the virus is regional and seasonal, and that despite our feeble interventions it does what it will?

I won't attempt to draw any sweeping conclusions for you. But look at the charts and make up your own mind.