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Tackling COVID-19 at the Regional Level  
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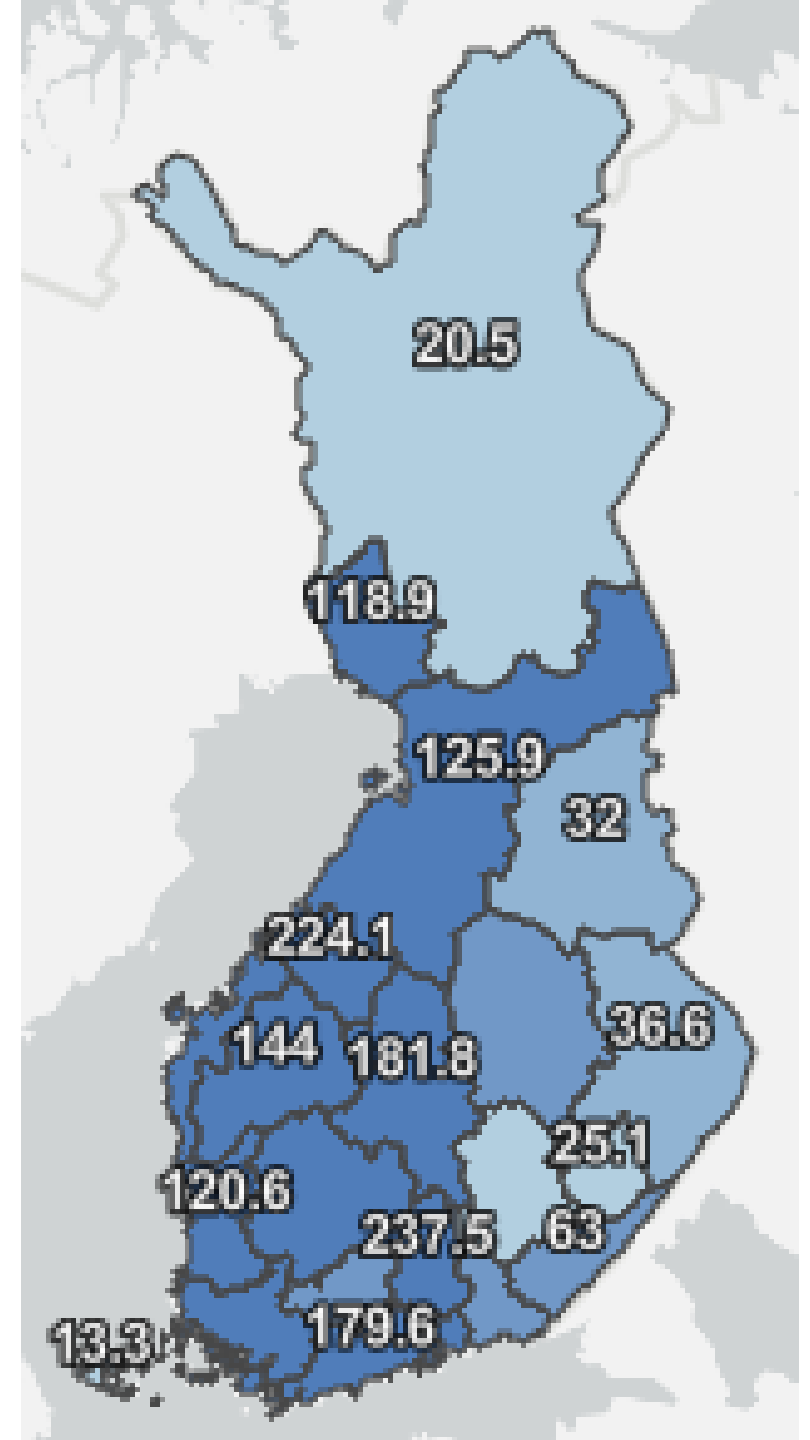
# Confirmed coronavirus cases in Finland

*Incidence by hospital district per 100 000 residents →*

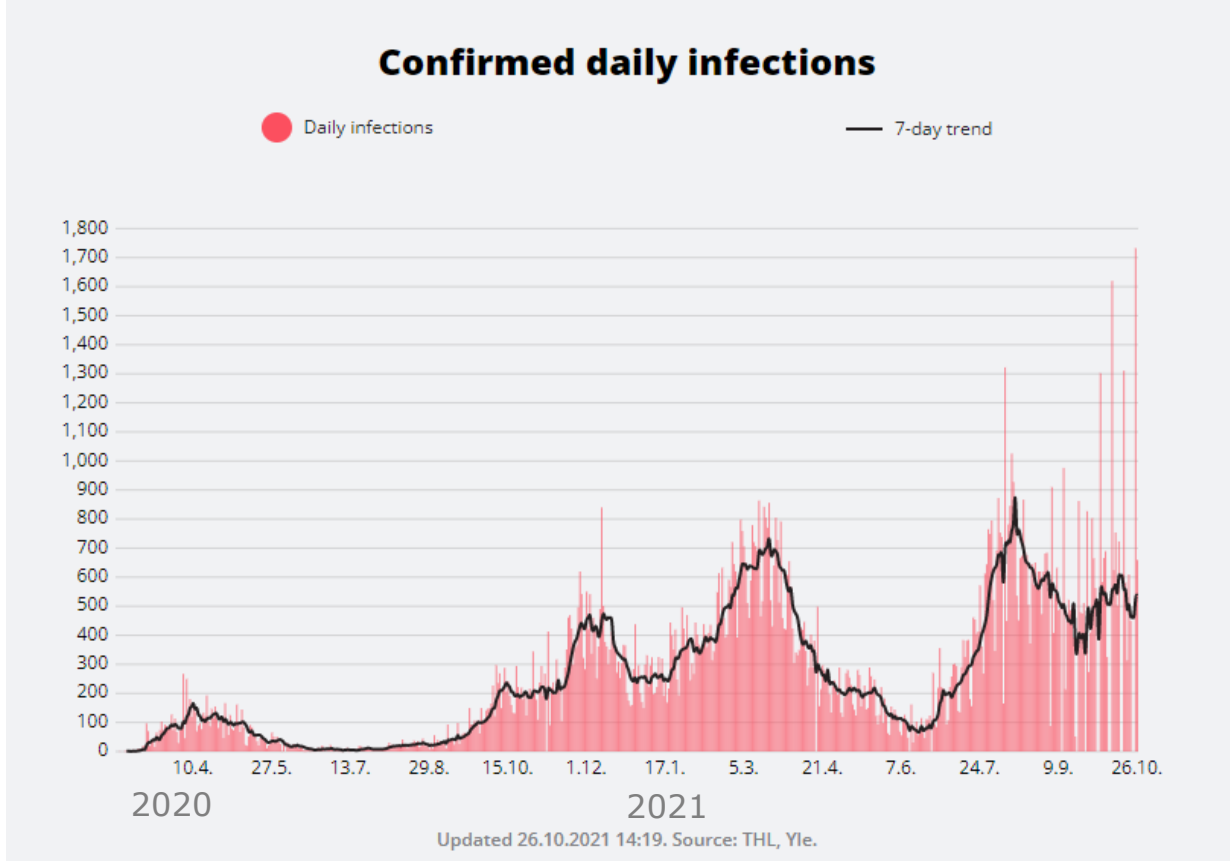
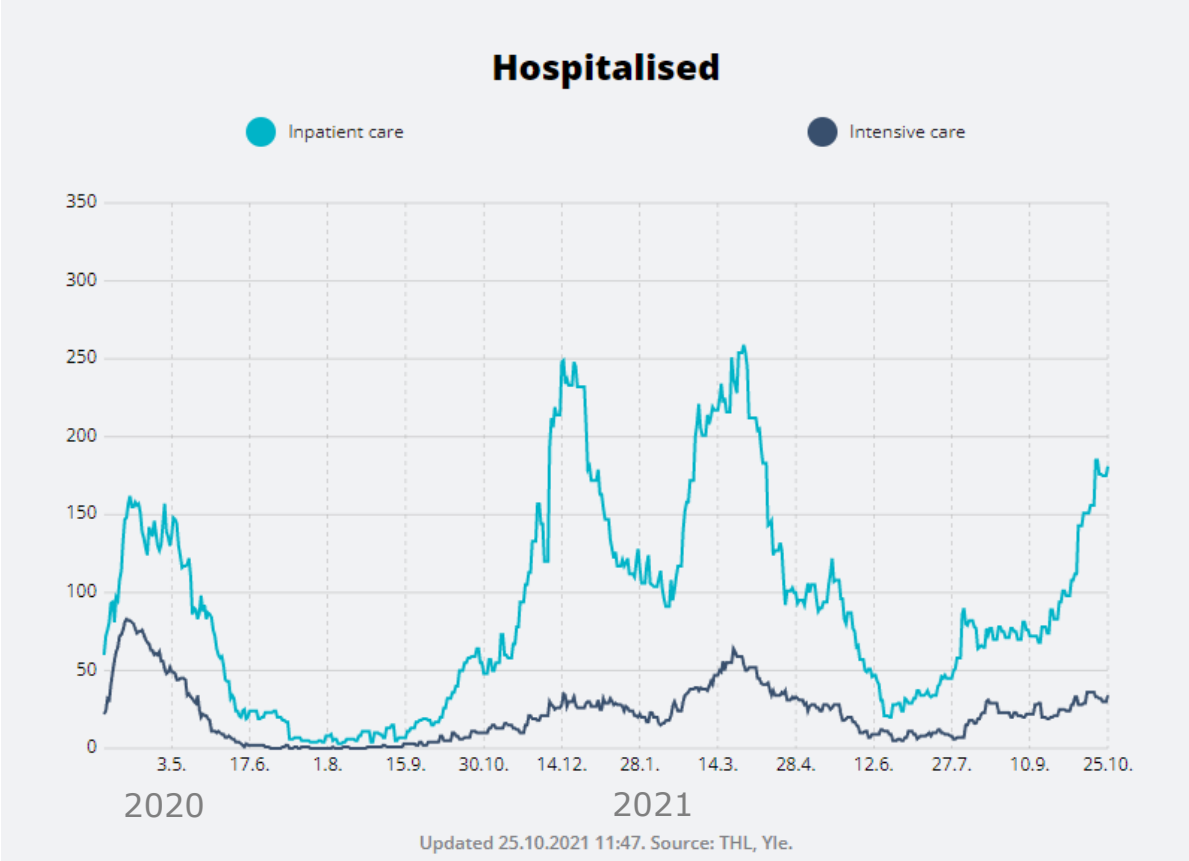
Statistics (October 2021)

- 140 incidence cases per 100 000 residents
- 155 547 total confirmed cases
- 1150 deaths
- 7,4 million tests
- 34 patients in intensive care
- 85% vaccinated, one vaccine dose
- 77% vaccinated, two vaccine doses

Population 5,5 million



# Situation in Finland



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**Hybrid Strategy –  
from National  
Level to Regional  
Level**

- Test, trace, isolate, treat
- National level gives guidelines and general recommendations
- Regional level is responsible for restrictions, regional recommendations
- Now the focus is more and more at the regional and local level



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# Responsibilities of authorities in managing the coronavirus pandemic



## Parliament and the Government

- Laws and decrees
- Policies and recommendations
- Restrictions on restaurant operations

## Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare

- National coordination and support
- Instructions for citizens

## Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

- Planning of national control activities
- Supervising the Regional State Administrative Agencies and municipalities

## Hospital districts

- Heading the regional coronavirus coordination group
- Regional recommendations
- Expert opinions

## Regional State Administrative Agencies

- Coordination
- Imposing restrictions and issuing regulations
- Monitoring
- Municipal steering

## Municipalities

- Vaccinations
- Health checks at border crossing points
- Quarantine orders
- Imposing restrictions within the municipality
- Safety of public spaces
- Monitoring

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**Role of AVI  
during the  
pandemic is  
very important**



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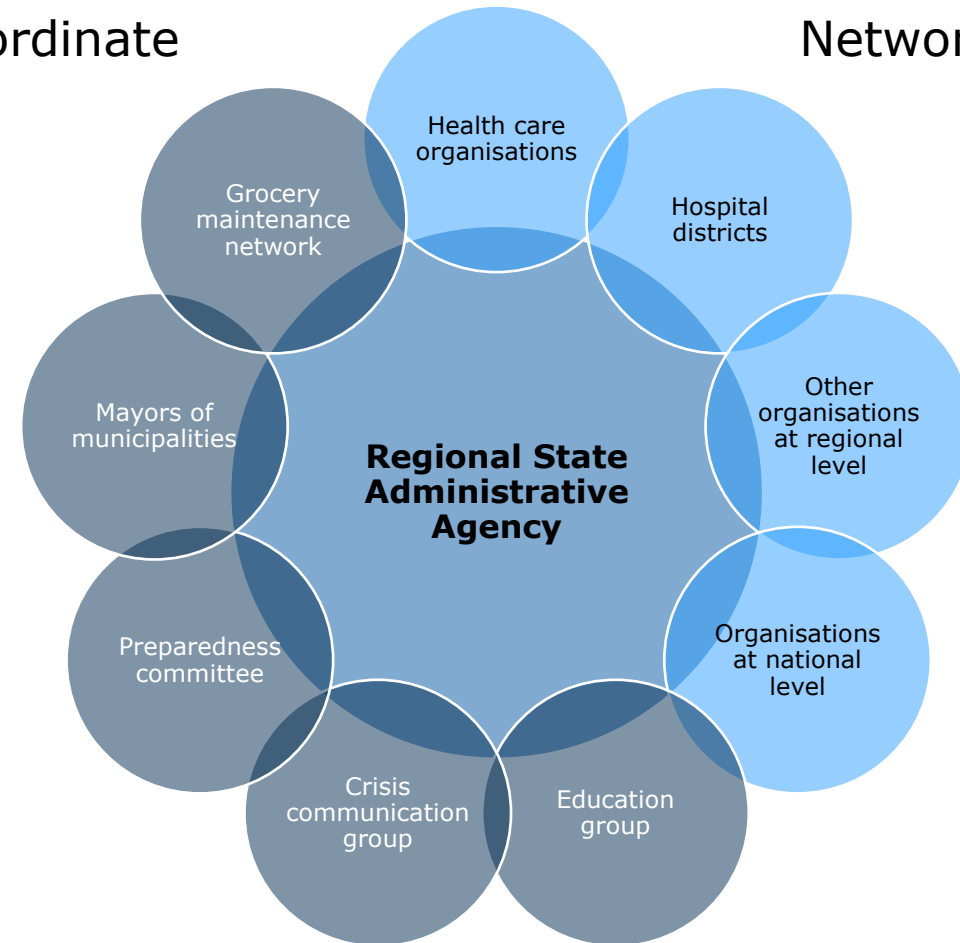
- Coordination and networking
- Producing situation updates
- Making decisions, steering and supervising according to the Communicable Diseases Act
- Communication and responding to questions

# AVI's Coordinating and Networking in Northern Finland



Coordinate

Network



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## **Learnings and recommendations**

- Good preparedness for crisis
- Importance of cooperation-  
horizontally and vertically
- Situation updates have a key role
- Importance of Communication, 24/7
- Hybrid strategy – importance of  
regional level policy
- Avoid restrictions for children and  
young people

# Thank you!



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