

Supplementary materials

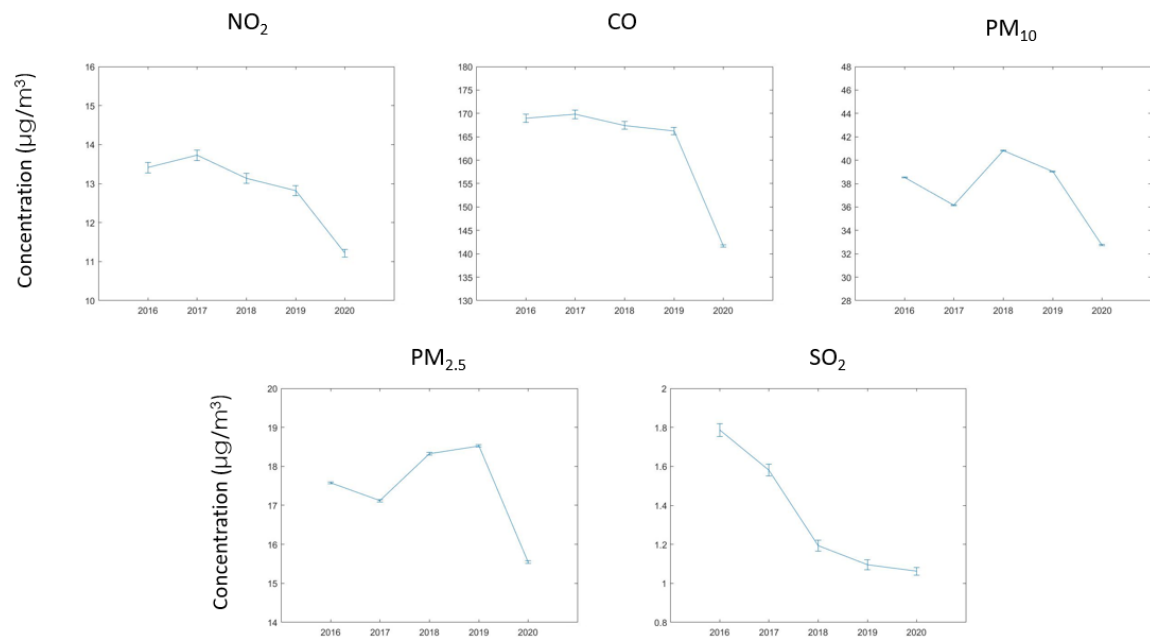


Figure S1: Annual national average concentrations (and standard error bars) of air pollutants in Israel: 2016-2020: NO₂, CO, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and SO₂.

Table S1: Spearman correlation results: coefficients and p-values of the correlations between demographic parameters and COVID-19 morbidity rates on specific time points in the Delta variant morbidity wave. Color scale: red indicates negative correlation and green indicates positive correlation.

Type of parameter	parameter	15 August 2021		22 August 2021		3 September 2021	
		r	p-value	r	p-value	r	p-value
Demographic	Natural growth	-0.31	<0.01	-0.7	<0.01	-0.75	<0.01
	Socioeconomic cluster	0.57	<0.01	0.93	<0.01	0.82	<0.01
	Total population	0.38	<0.01	0.36	<0.01	0.15	0.04
	Rate of elderly	0.82	<0.01	0.54	<0.01	0.22	<0.01
	Density	0.5	<0.01	0.36	<0.01	0.28	<0.01
Immunization	2 nd dose immunized ratio	-0.41	<0.01	-0.1	0.18	-0.12	0.09
Air pollution	SO ₂	0.56	<0.01	0.51	<0.01	0.51	<0.01
	PM _{2.5}	0.4	<0.01	0.37	<0.01	0.19	0.01
	PM ₁₀	0.47	<0.01	0.43	<0.01	0.2	0.005
	CO	0.4	<0.01	0.35	<0.01	0.13	0.07
	NO ₂	0.4	<0.01	0.37	<0.01	0.16	0.03

Table S2: Multivariate linear regressions results: coefficients and p-values for predicting the COVID-19 rate based on a single air pollutant and selected demographic features. Color scale: red indicates negative correlation and green indicates positive correlation.

15 August 2021					
<i>beta</i>	NO2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	SO2
Intercept	6.8767	6.9188	7.0506	6.45	7.0173
Total population	0.29069	0.49484	0.54727	0.57948	0.50416
Population density	4.3139	4.5449	5.3141	4.3141	5.2039
Ratio of elderly	-0.11512	-0.06831	0.70994	0.008771	0.032737
Air pollutant	1.3149	2.0043	0.076247	1.5621	0.71847
2 nd dose immunized ratio	-0.37246	-0.27041	-0.17763	-0.47704	-0.02489
<i>P-values</i>	NO2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	SO2
Intercept	3.28E-62	3.45E-62	7.64E-56	3.73E-57	8.45E-61
Total population	0.51944	0.27494	0.25923	0.17744	0.28748
Population density	3.10E-19	1.36E-21	1.15E-26	7.25E-22	8.08E-28
Ratio of elderly	0.88356	0.93153	0.39316	0.99058	0.96976
Air pollutant	2.50E-06	1.35E-05	0.72712	2.58E-09	0.019246
2 nd dose immunized ratio	0.48646	0.61632	0.75797	0.35295	0.96505

3 September 2021					
<i>Beta</i>	NO2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	SO2
Intercept	-5.6933	-5.6448	-6.0962	-5.9946	-5.8263
Total population	-0.29836	-0.26416	-0.38975	-0.24077	-0.35811
Population density	0.64071	0.7749	0.53053	0.30613	0.58912
Ratio of elderly	2.2385	2.3703	2.2968	1.9209	1.596
Air pollutant	0.19028	0.02103	0.55914	0.74474	1.0522
2 nd dose immunized ratio	0.18612	0.16254	0.74392	0.14135	0.62716
<i>P-values</i>	NO2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	SO2
Intercept	1.34E-40	1.47E-40	3.04E-38	2.48E-41	3.98E-44
Total population	0.54584	0.59111	0.42232	0.61635	0.45119
Population density	0.16528	0.083021	0.19673	0.47981	0.13578
Ratio of elderly	0.003471	0.001924	0.001488	0.009044	0.031272
Air pollutant	0.52294	0.96579	0.017358	0.008215	0.000906
2 nd dose immunized ratio	0.79374	0.81978	0.31532	0.83899	0.3711