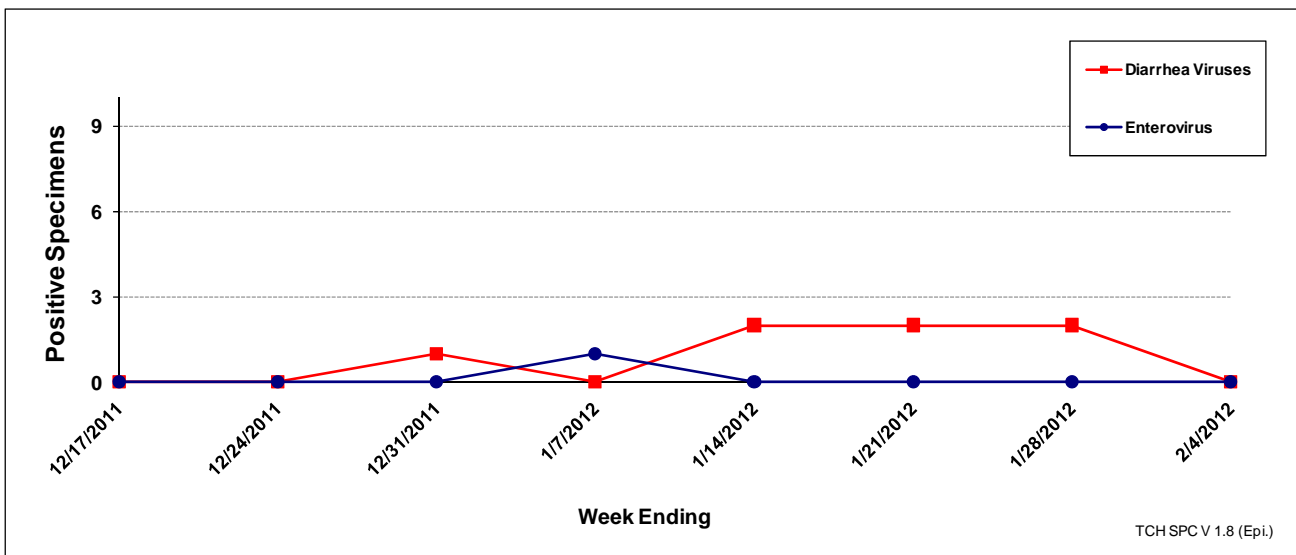
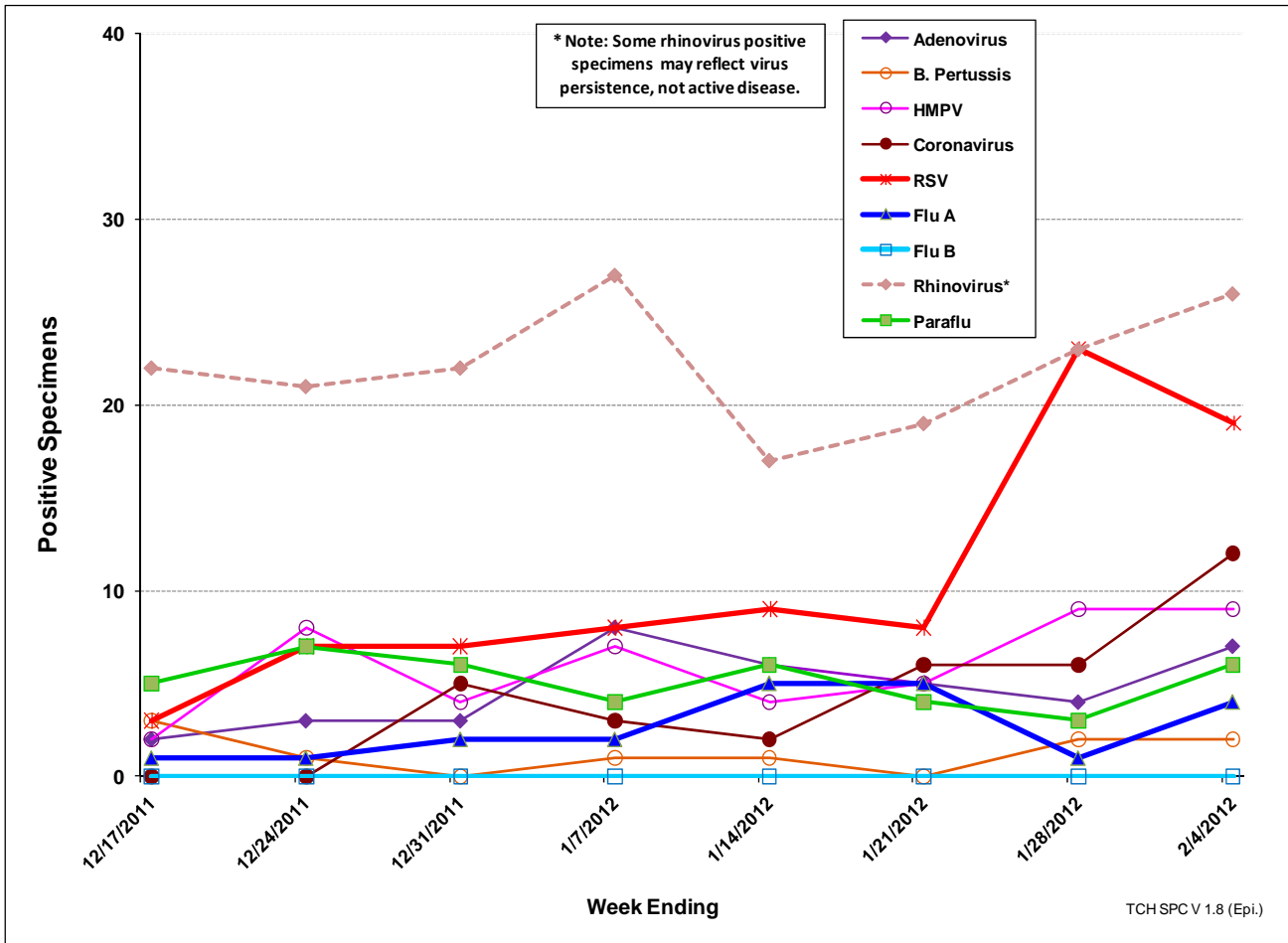


BUG WATCH

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Late Breaker: Although the intensity of the US flu season remains low, its geographic extent is increasing, with 5 states (CO, CA, MI, KY, NH, and VA) now reporting regional activity. Influenza A (H3N2) viruses are most common nationally and in CO, but influenza A (2009 H1N1) viruses are predominating or increasing in some states. All of the US influenza viruses characterized by the CDC since last October have been susceptible to the neuraminidase inhibitors oseltamivir and zanamivir.