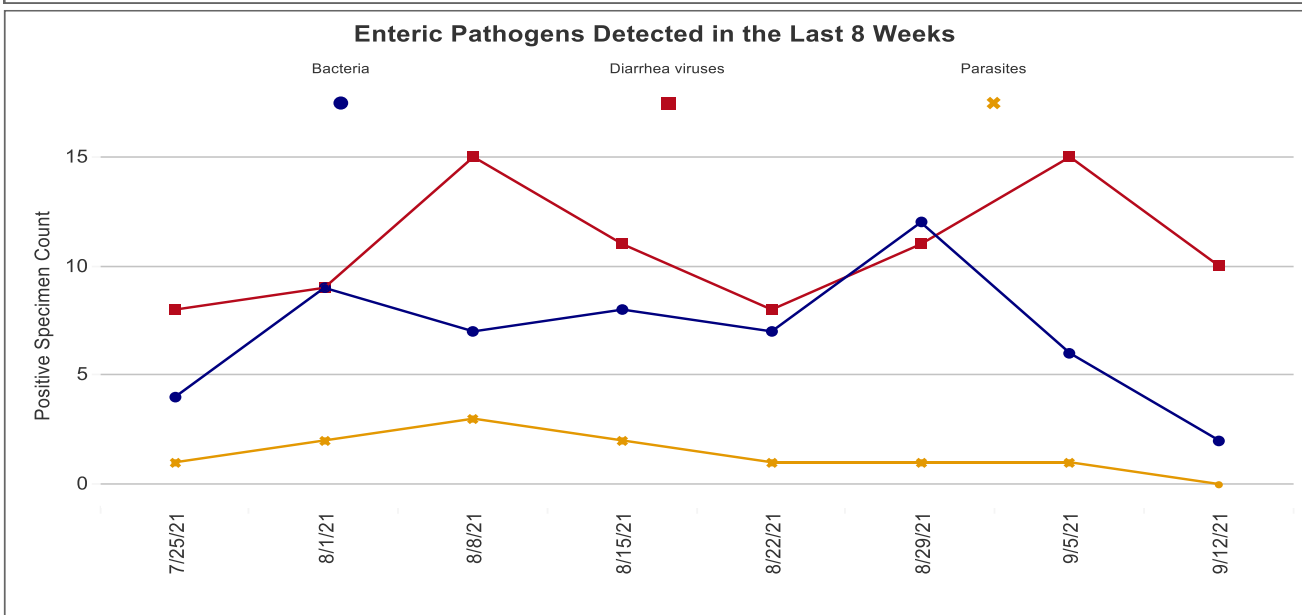
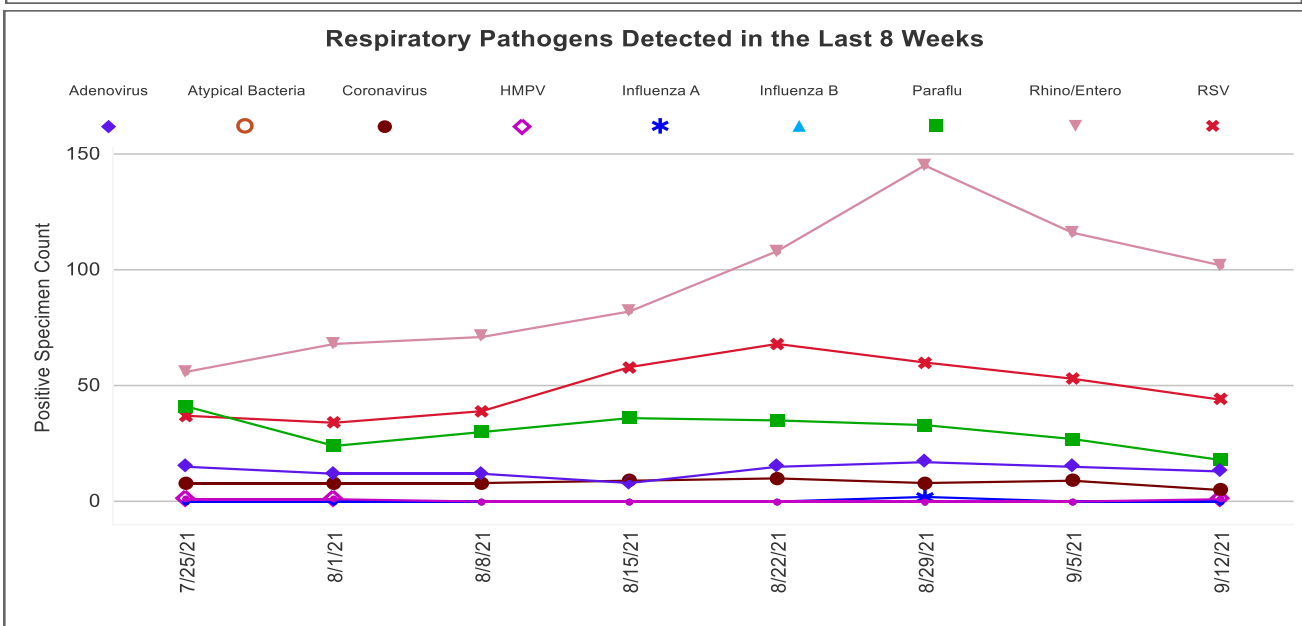
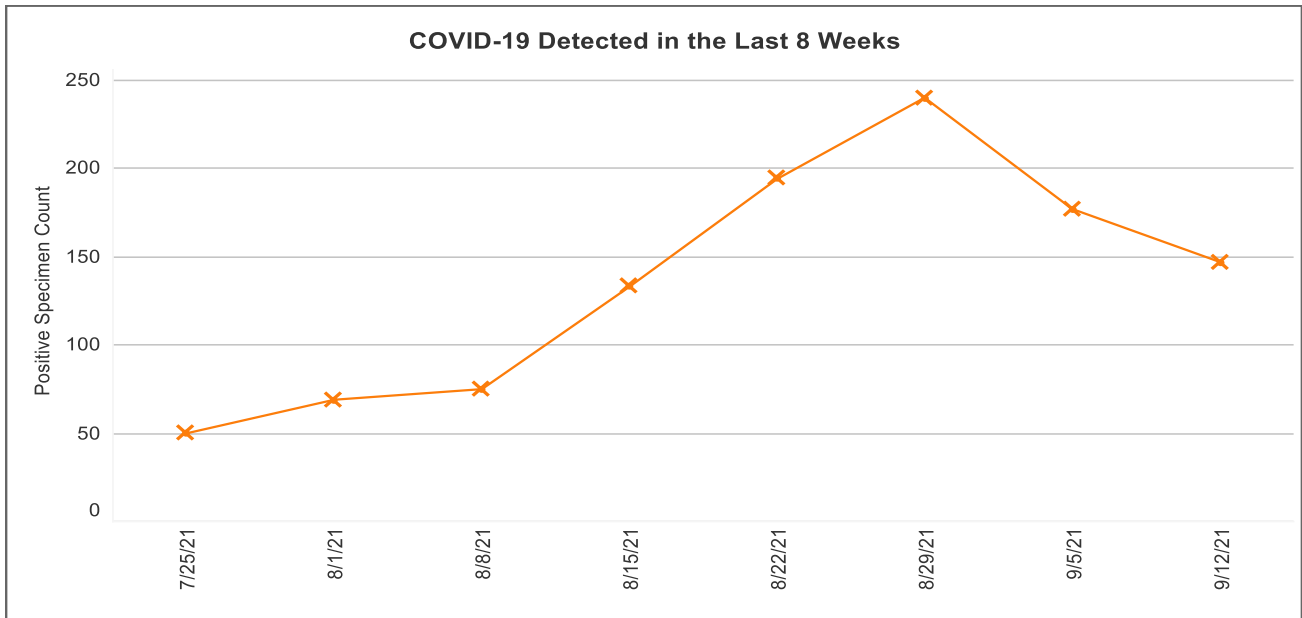


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Late Breaker: Although numbers have started to decline slightly, we are still seeing a large number of specimens positive for RSV and corresponding high numbers of children presenting to the ED and being admitted with bronchiolitis. COVID-19 numbers continue to rise in Colorado and remain high throughout the United States. The AAP released numbers last week demonstrating that COVID-19 cases in pediatric patients are the highest they have been since the start of the pandemic, accounting for 26% of all cases. Pediatric hospitalizations for COVID-19 are also increasing, but recent data from the CDC demonstrates pediatric hospitalizations are lower in communities with overall higher vaccination rates (https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7036e1.htm?s_cid=mm7036e1_w) and that hospitalizations in adolescents are almost exclusively seen in unvaccinated individuals (<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7036e2.htm>).



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