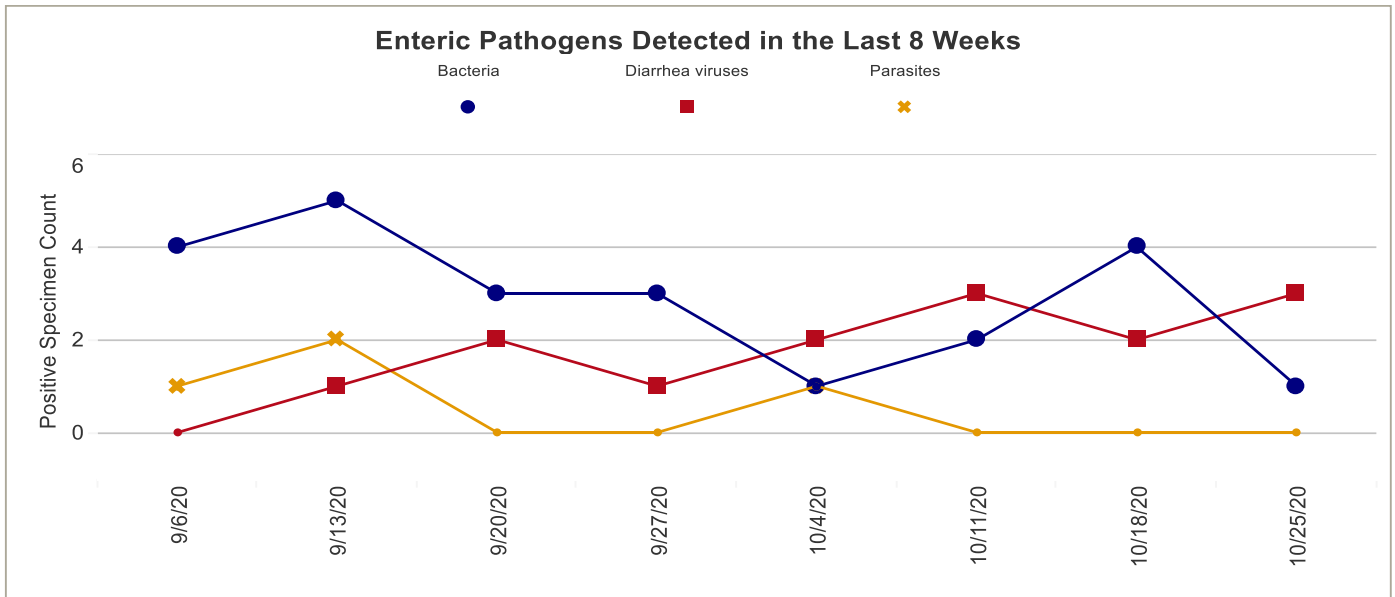
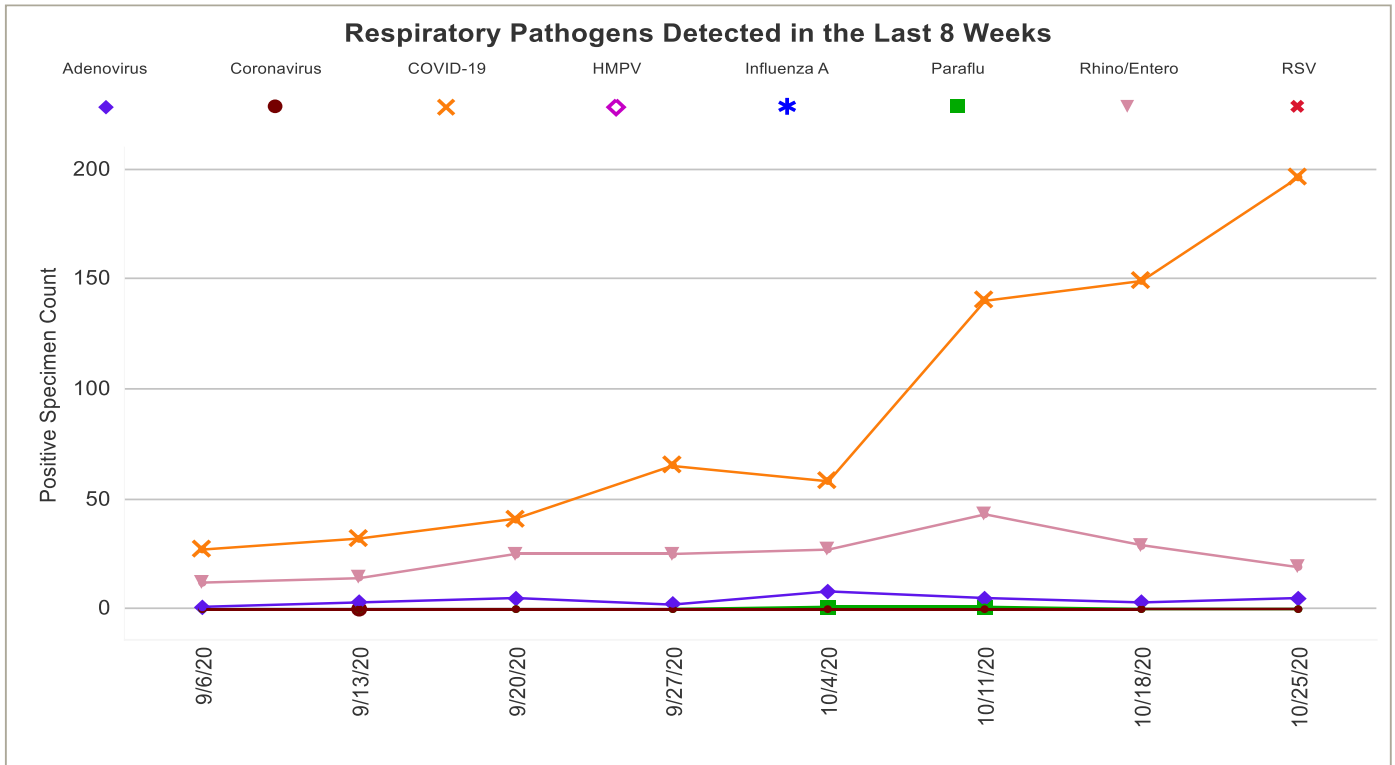


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Late Breaker: COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations have risen dramatically over the past two weeks in Colorado. New modeling data from the Colorado COVID-19 Modeling Group (Colorado School of Public Health, CU SOM, CU Boulder, UC Denver, and CSU) suggest that if we remain on our current trajectory we will soon exceed the April peak and will approach ICU hospital capacity in January. Increases in contacts over the holiday season and increased indoor activities due to colder weather could also accelerate growth in cases and ICU hospital capacity could be exceeded in December. We are at a critical moment and need to improve transmission control over the next few weeks. Despite “pandemic fatigue,” we must all continue to and encourage others to practice social distancing (at least 6 feet), wear mask/cloth face coverings, avoid large gatherings, meet outdoors in preference to indoors when possible, and wash hands frequently.



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