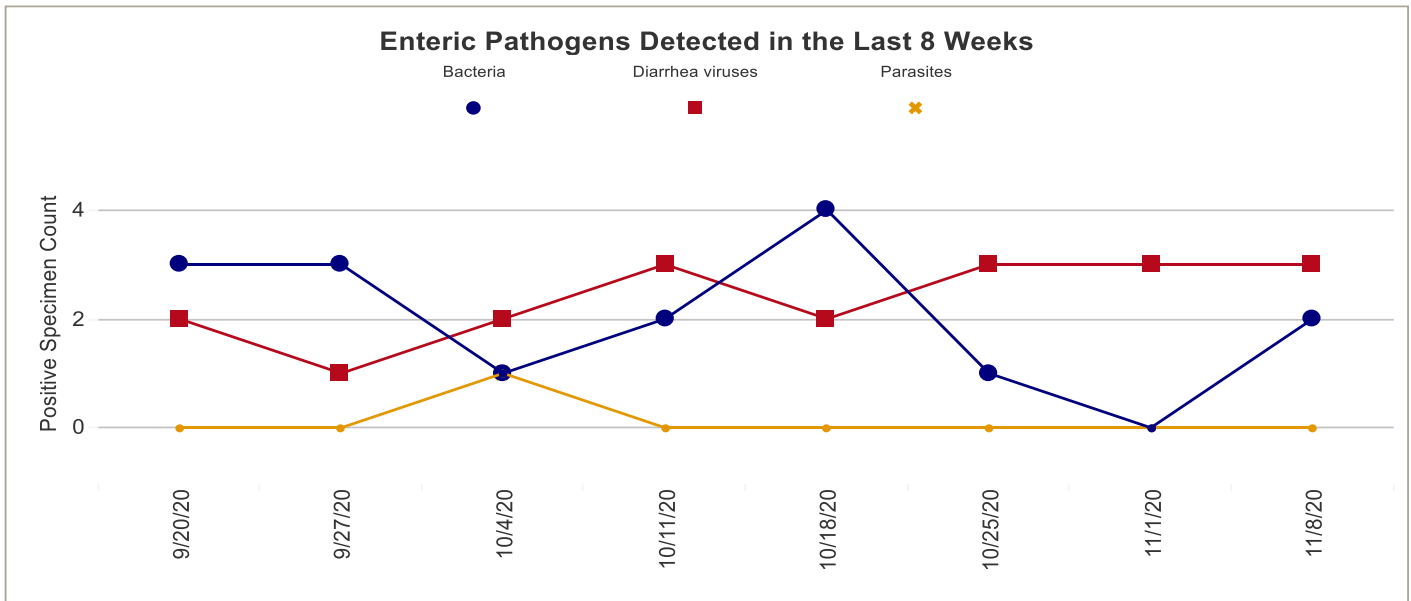
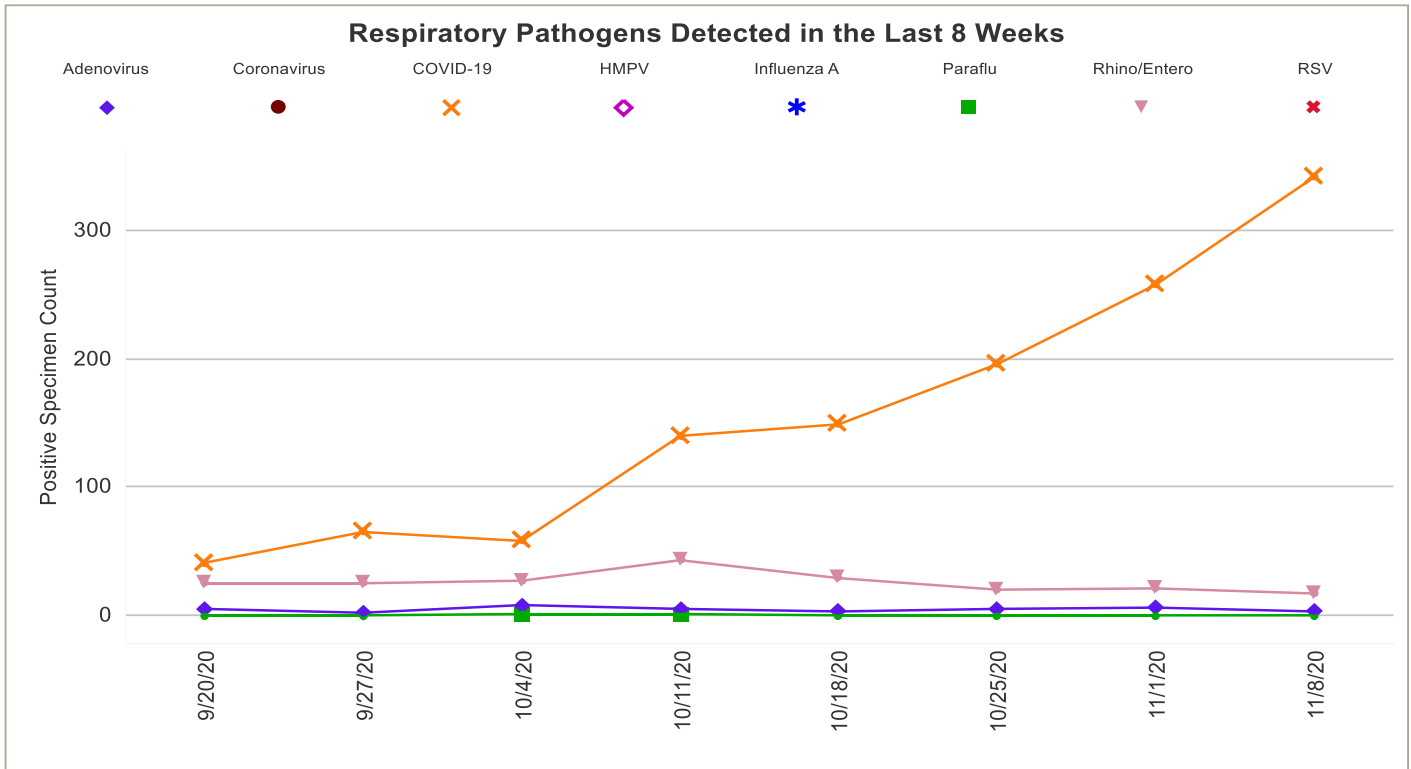


# Bug Watch

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Late Breaker: The number of cases of COVID-19 in Colorado (and across the country) continue to rise at an alarming rate. Likewise, the number of hospitalizations due to COVID-19 in Colorado are also rapidly increasing and have surpassed the number seen during the first wave of the virus in April. Several counties have moved to “orange status” and if current trends continue multiple counties will likely be moved to “red status” in the near future (see CDPHE dial at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial>). Modeling is now projecting that without significant changes in transmission control we will exceed ICU capacity in mid-December. Governor Polis has encouraged all Coloradans to continue wearing masks and avoid indoor gatherings with anyone outside or your immediate household. The next several weeks are critical for our state and country and we need to encourage everyone to comply with current public health recommendations.



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