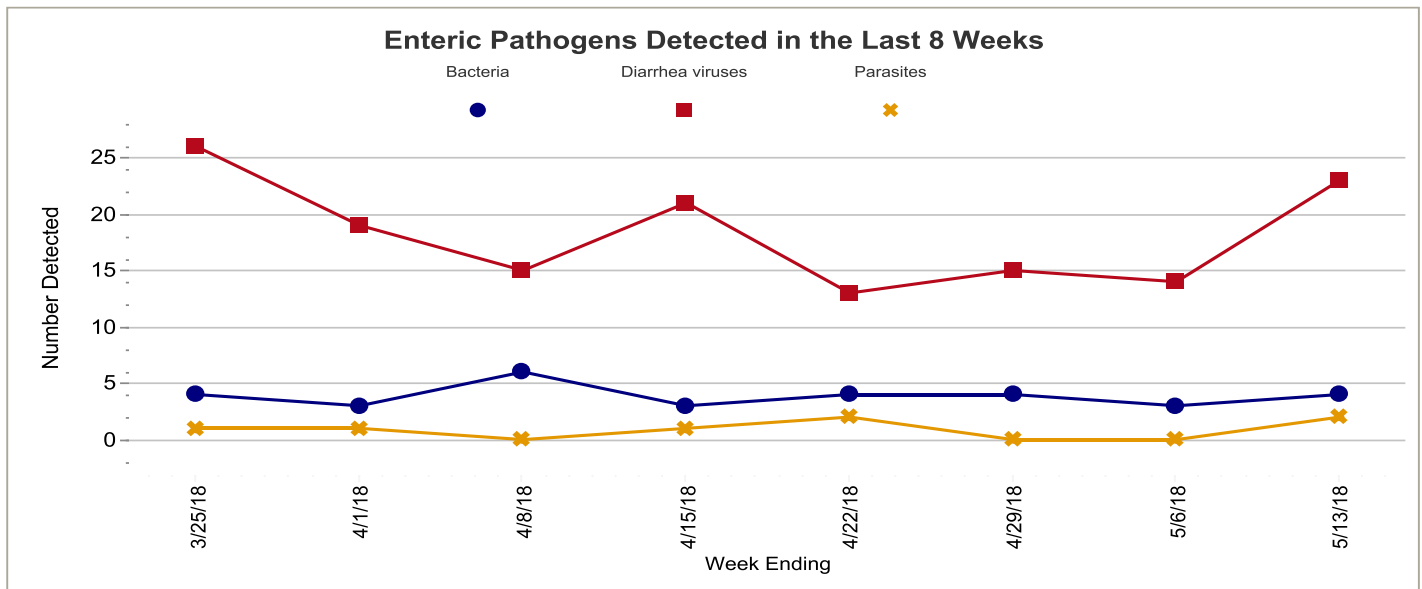
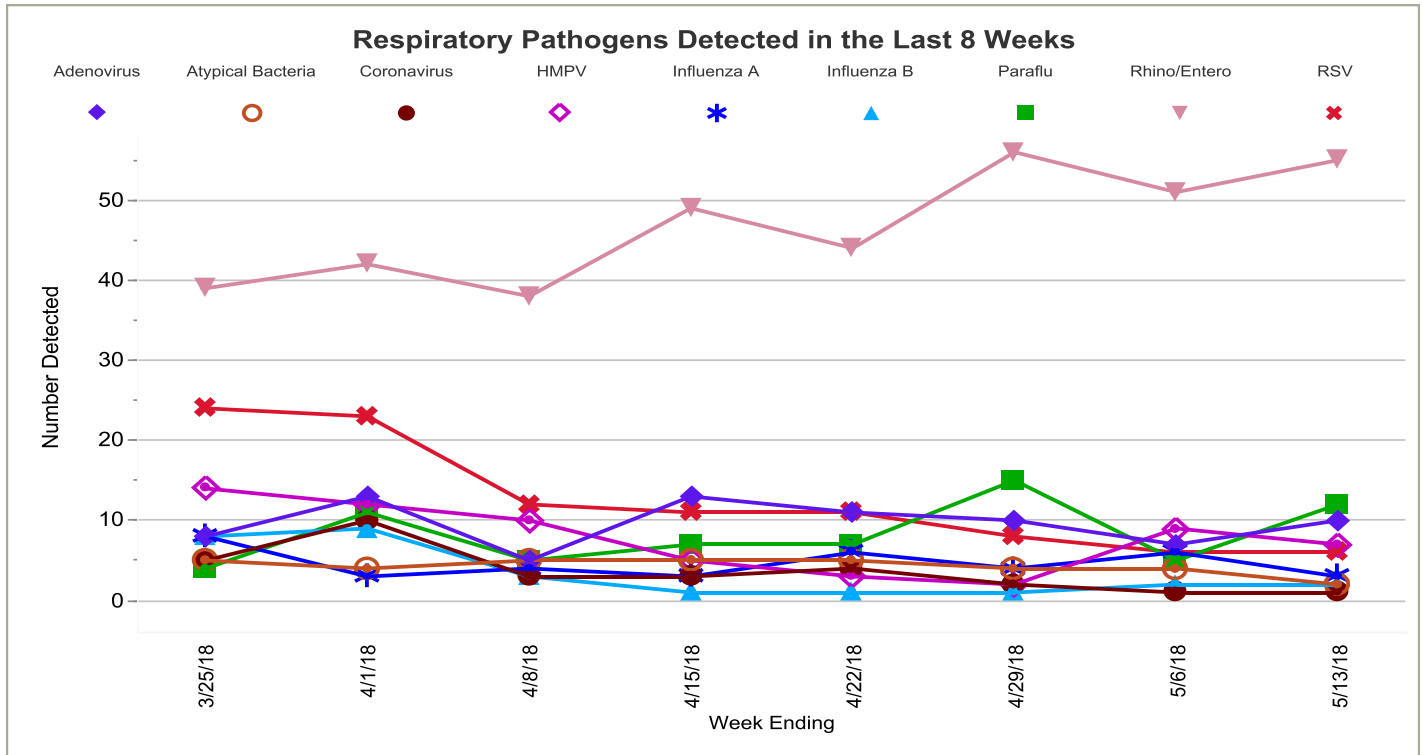


# Bug Watch

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**Late Breaker:** It appears to be an early enterovirus (EV) season this year. We have already had several cases of EV meningitis and encephalitis. Remember that not all EVs, particularly EV-A71 and EV-D68, are readily detectable in CSF. To date we have not seen any cases of EV-D68. If initial CSF testing for EVs is negative, we recommend sending a throat and a rectal swab for EV. Similarly, our Respiratory Pathogen Panel can detect rhinoviruses and enteroviruses from nasopharyngeal specimens, but is preferentially weighted toward detecting rhinovirus and therefore is not the optimal test for detecting EVs.



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