Late Breaker: Similar to other parts of the U.S., we are seeing a rise in SARS-CoV-2 positive patients. This is likely being driven by the new omicron variants, KP.3 and KP.2 which have been rapidly increasing and now make up half of the cases in the U.S. KP.2 and KP.3 are members of a group of SARS-CoV-2 variants sometimes called FLiRT variants because of the location of their mutations in the spike protein (F for L at position 456 and R for T at position 346). These mutations help eliminate antibody binding sites that neutralize the virus but also weaken their ability to bind and enter cells. Wash your hands, consider wearing a mask, and get a COVID test if you become sick after travel or exposure to an event with lots of people.