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Public Health Liaison Meeting Public Health Update

December 12, 2024

Personnel Updates at the County

Welcome Dr. Melanie Thompson!
Deputy Public Health Officer



Enjoy your sabbatical, Dr. Lael Duncan!
Deputy Public Health Officer

NATIONAL HANDWASHING AWARENESS WEEK



First week of December every year

Let us continue to remember the importance of good hand hygiene to decrease the spread of COVID-19, Flu, RSV, etc this respiratory season

Tsunamis and King Tides

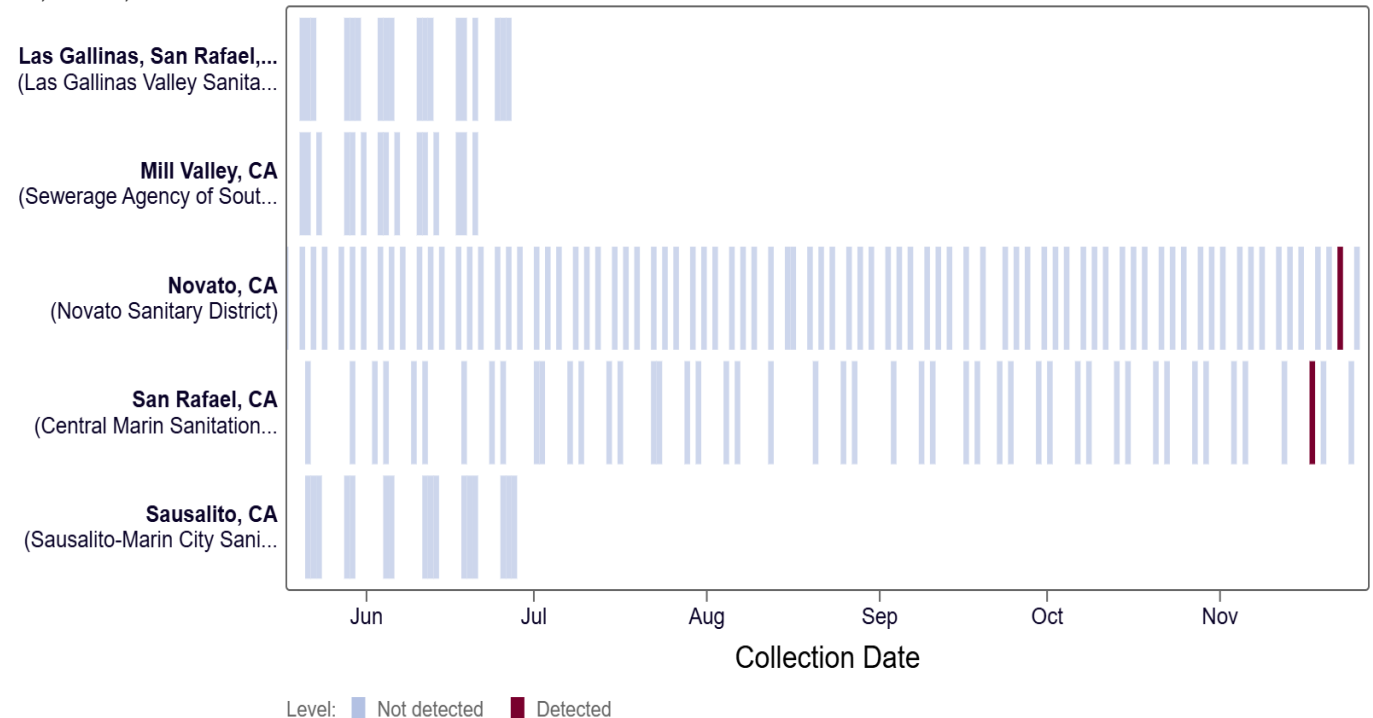
- Expected in mid December
- Plan for power outages, remote work
- <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/kingtides/>
- <https://www.marincounty.gov/news-releases/seasonal-high-tides-expected-over-next-few-months>

H5N1 Wastewater Surveillance in Marin

H5 has been detected in wastewater samples from 3 separate sites

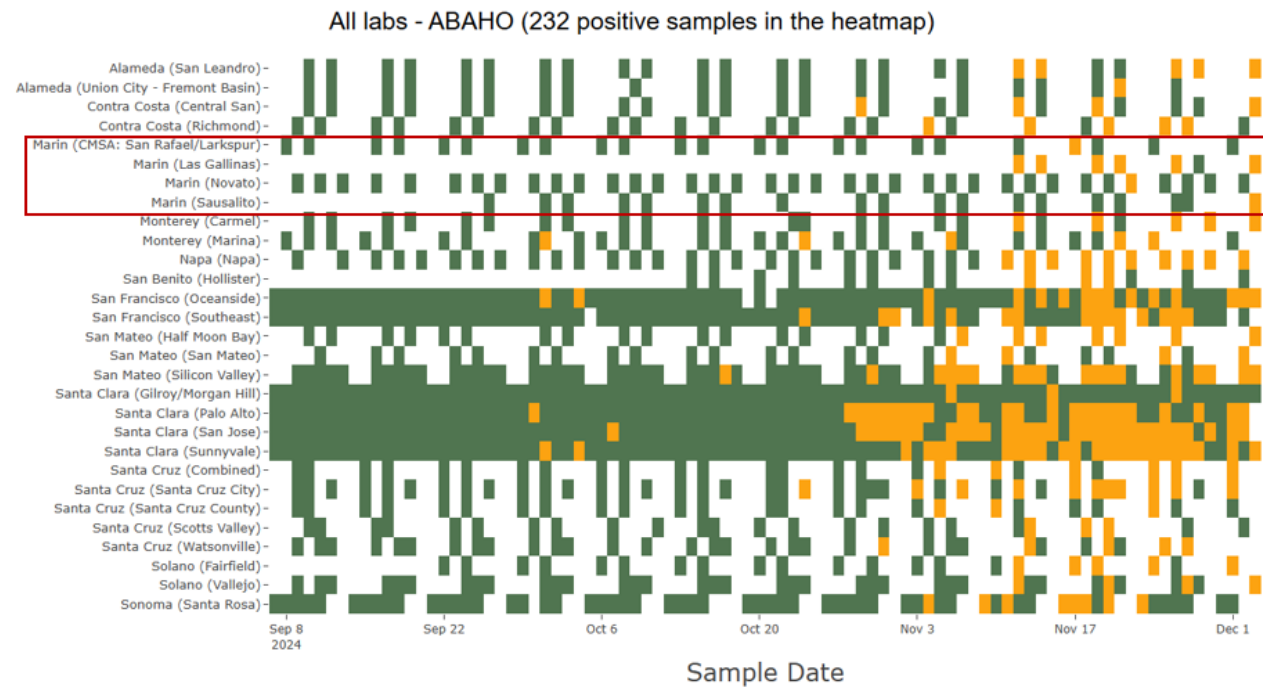
- CMSA, 11/22/24
(negative sample after detection)
- Novato, 11/17/24
(negative sample after detection)
- Las Gallinas, 11/12/24
(not shown - no data after detection)

H5, Marin, CA



H5 Wastewater surveillance across counties

Detections noted in neighboring counties



H5 Suspect Case in Marin

- 22 month old with several day exposure to raw milk which was subsequently recalled for presence of avian flu
- Several swabs collected- NP/OP, stool sample
- Positive for influenza A, subtype pending
- Stool negative for norovirus, bacterial infection

Wastewater Trends – COVID 19



SARs-CoV2 Monitoring in Wastewater



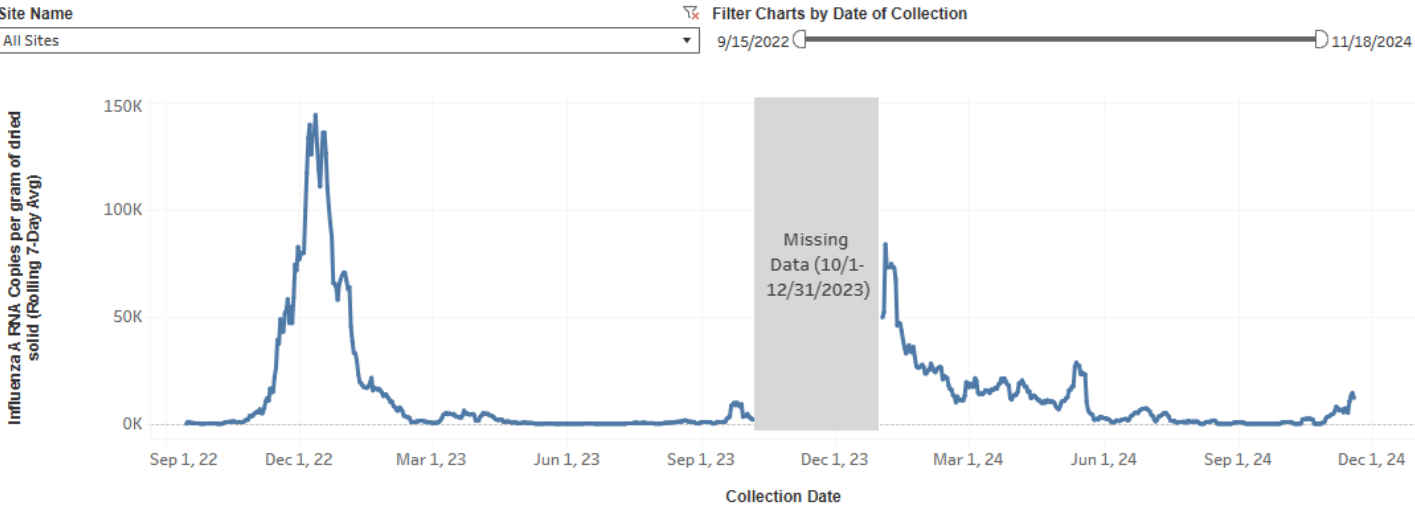
- Test before gathering
- Boosters available in local pharmacies

Wastewater Trends – Influenza A



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Influenza A



Not too late to get your vaccine

Wastewater Trends – RSV



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Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

Site Name

All Sites

Filter Charts by Date of Collection

9/15/2022

11/18/2024



- Adults 75+ recommended to receive vaccine and adults 60-74 who are at increased risk
- Vaccine for pregnant people
- RSV antibody for infants

Respiratory Virus Guidance

- MCPH is aligned with CDC and CDPH respiratory virus guidance - unified, multi-pronged approach to all common respiratory viruses, incl COVID-19, flu and RSV.
- Focus on preventing severe outcomes for those at higher-risk.
- Stay-at-home recommendations are symptoms-based.
- Masking and other precautions for an additional 5 days after returning to normal activities (e.g., avoiding contact with people who are at higher risk, covering cough, handwashing, improving air ventilation, testing).
- These strategies can also reduce the spread of many other infectious diseases in schools.
- Stay up-to-date with fall-winter immunizations.

Links to Respiratory Virus Guidance

- [MCPH Acute Respiratory Illness \(ARI\) Guidance for Education Settings 2024/25](#)
- [CDPH Respiratory Viruses](#)
- [CDC Respiratory Virus Guidance](#)
- [CDC Preventing Spread of Respiratory Viruses When You're Sick | Respiratory Illnesses](#)
- [CDC Respiratory Virus Guidance Snapshot \(cdc.gov\)](#)

Epinephrine Standing Order Process

- The state's Epinephrine Standing Order expires on December 31, 2024, and renewal applications will be available starting January 1, 2025. Please wait until that date to submit your renewal application.
- The renewal process includes an additional step: users must provide details about the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors, including the number, date, type of injector, district and school name, and who administered it.
- While you can still apply without this information, it's important to gather these details, as they are vital for the program's success.
- For questions, contact SafeSchoolsTeam@cdph.ca.gov.

California's Ban on Intoxicating Hemp Products

- On September 24, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that California's emergency regulations to ban THC-containing hemp products went into effect.
- On September 18, the County of Marin Board of Supervisors and the Public Health Officer issued a letter of support for this action. This establishes a pathway for hemp products that contain THC to be eventually regulated like cannabis, including placing age limits on purchase. This protects young people from the harmful effects of THC.
- Hemp food, beverage, and dietary products that contain detectable THC must now be removed from the retail marketplace.
- This ruling does not impact legal access to THC in the cannabis market.

Prepare for the Holidays!

- Vaccinate
- Wash your hands
- Update your
Emergency
Evacuation plan