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San Diego County Annual 2023-24 Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report

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COVID-19

Cases

48,876

Deaths

362

Outbreaks*

488

7/2/2023 – 6/29/2024

Influenza

Cases

19,035

Deaths

63

Outbreaks*

32

7/2/2023 – 6/29/2024

RSV

Cases

5,918

Deaths

24

Outbreaks*

10

7/2/2023 – 6/29/2024

*In residential congregate settings

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Data are preliminary and may change due to delayed reporting and additional information obtained during investigations.

Most data in this report are presented by fiscal year, which runs July 1–June 30. Because data are also presented by CDC disease week, which runs Sunday–Saturday, we start the data for 2023-24 on July 2, 2023.

The purpose of the **Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report** is to summarize current COVID-19, RSV, and influenza surveillance in San Diego County. Additional information on COVID-19, RSV, and influenza reporting, resources, data sources, and definitions can be found in the [Supplemental Information](#) document. A link to subscribe to this report is available via the Epidemiology Unit [website](#).

Visit the Respiratory Viruses Data and Reports [website](#) and the COVID-19 in San Diego County [website](#) to see additional data.

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COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV Fiscal Year Overview

Table 1. Respiratory Surveillance Indicators

Indicator	2023-24 Fiscal Year		2022-23 Fiscal Year		Prior Years Average*
CASES					
COVID-19 [†]	48,876		177,416		352,298
Influenza	19,035		21,711		11,426
RSV	5,918		5,885		2,749
DEATHS[‡]					
COVID-19	362		632		1,890
Influenza	63		44		48
RSV	24		21		8
OUTBREAKS[§]					
COVID-19	488		501		515
Influenza	32		25		22
RSV	10		2		1

FY 2023-24 is 7/2/2023- 6/29/2024, Weeks 27-26. Previous weeks' case counts or percentages may change due to delayed processing or reporting.

*Includes FYs 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 for influenza and 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 for COVID-19 and RSV.

[†]Confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

[‡]Current FY deaths are shown by week of report; prior FY deaths are shown by week of death.

[§]See the [Supplemental Information](#) document for outbreak definitions. Includes only outbreaks occurring in skilled nursing facilities and other residential congregate settings.



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COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV Cases by CDC Episode Week, * 2023-24 Fiscal Year

Figure 1.1. San Diego County COVID-19 Confirmed and Probable Cases (N=48,876)

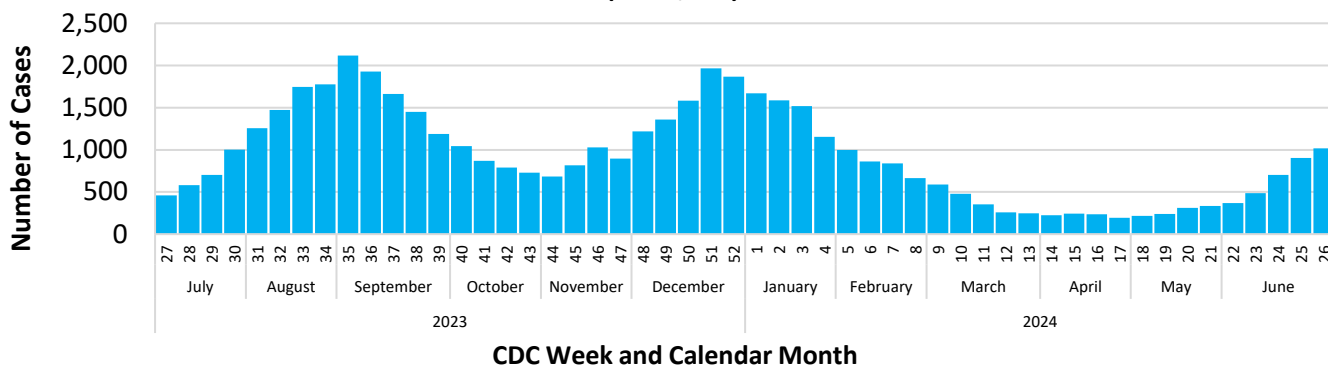


Figure 1.2. San Diego County Influenza Cases (N=19,035)

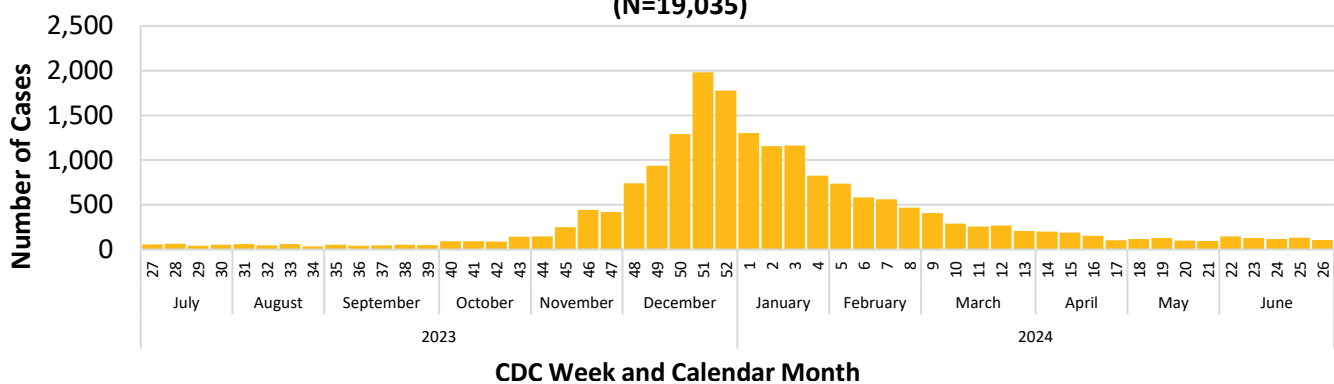
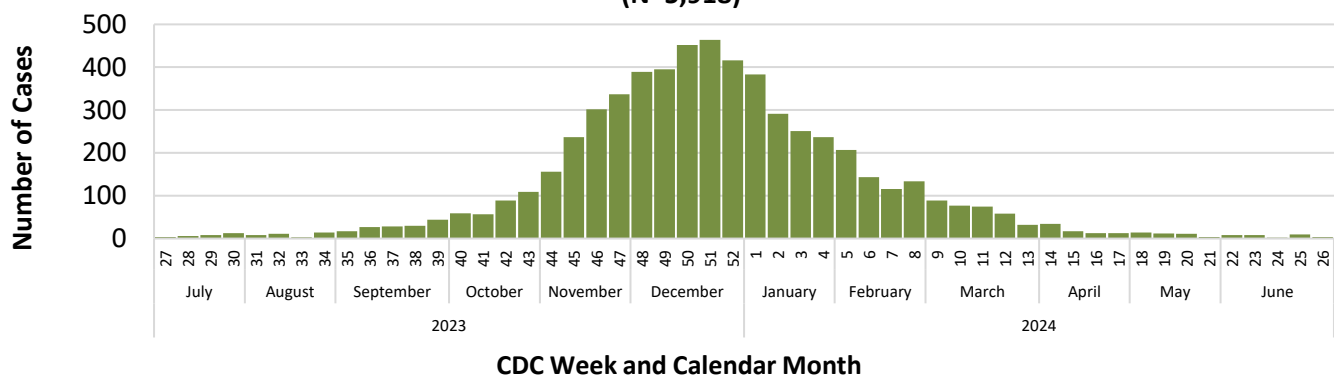


Figure 1.3. San Diego County RSV Cases (N=5,918)



*Episode date is the earliest available of symptom onset date, specimen collection date, date of death, date reported. Data for the most recent week may be incomplete.



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Cumulative COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV Cases by CDC Episode Week* and Fiscal Year

— 2023-24 — 2022-23 — 2021-22 — 2020-21 — 2019-20

Figure 2.1. Cumulative COVID-19 Confirmed and Probable Cases

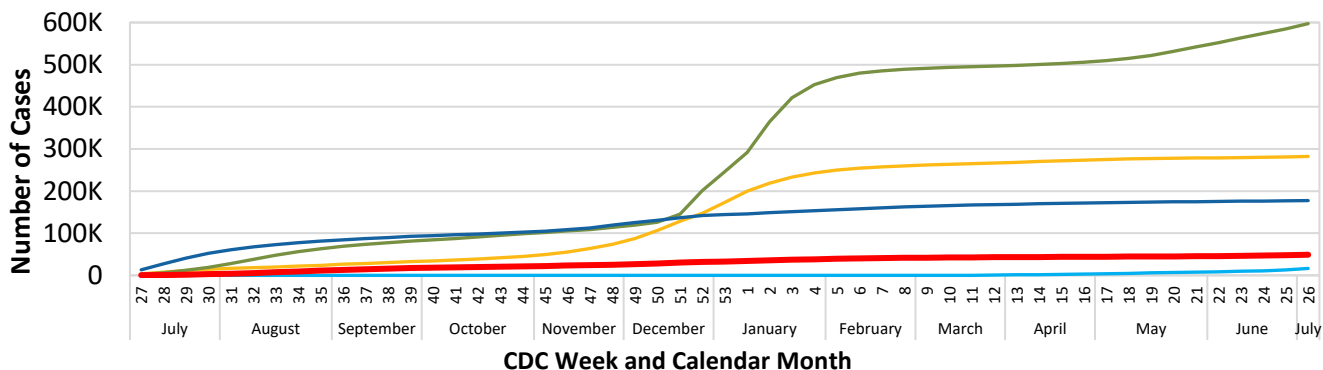


Figure 2.2. Cumulative Influenza Cases

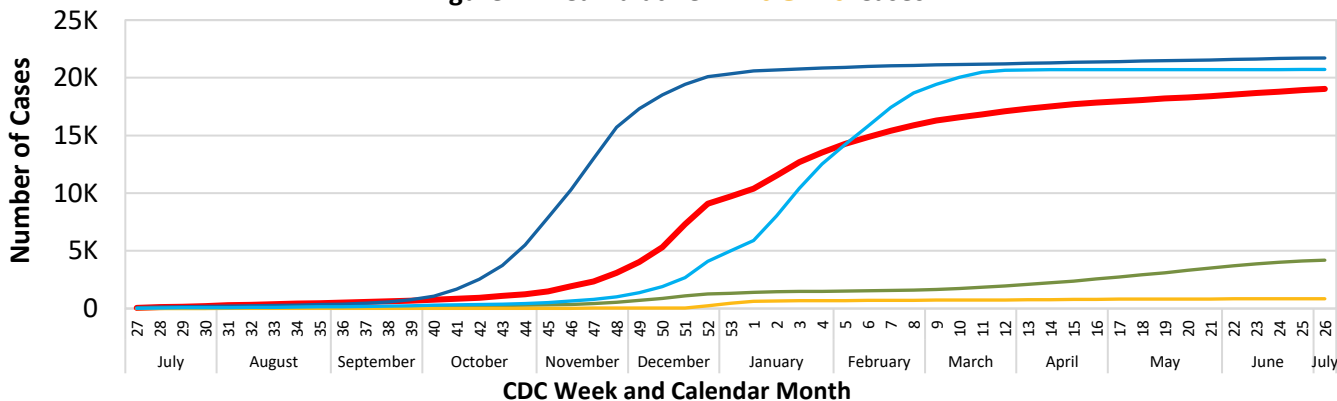
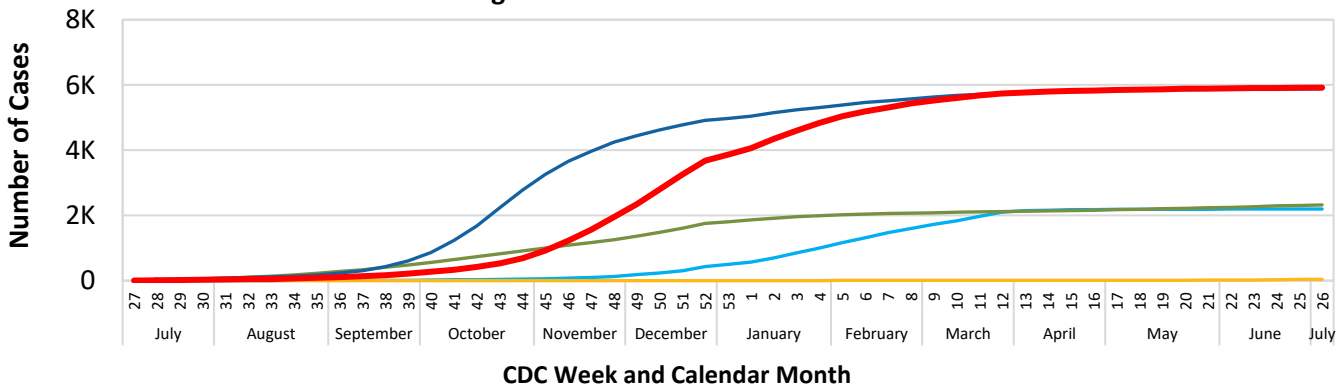


Figure 2.3. Cumulative RSV Cases



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COVID-19 and Influenza Hospital and ICU Census

Figure 3. COVID-19 and Influenza-Positive Hospitalized Patients, Weekly Average Census,* San Diego County

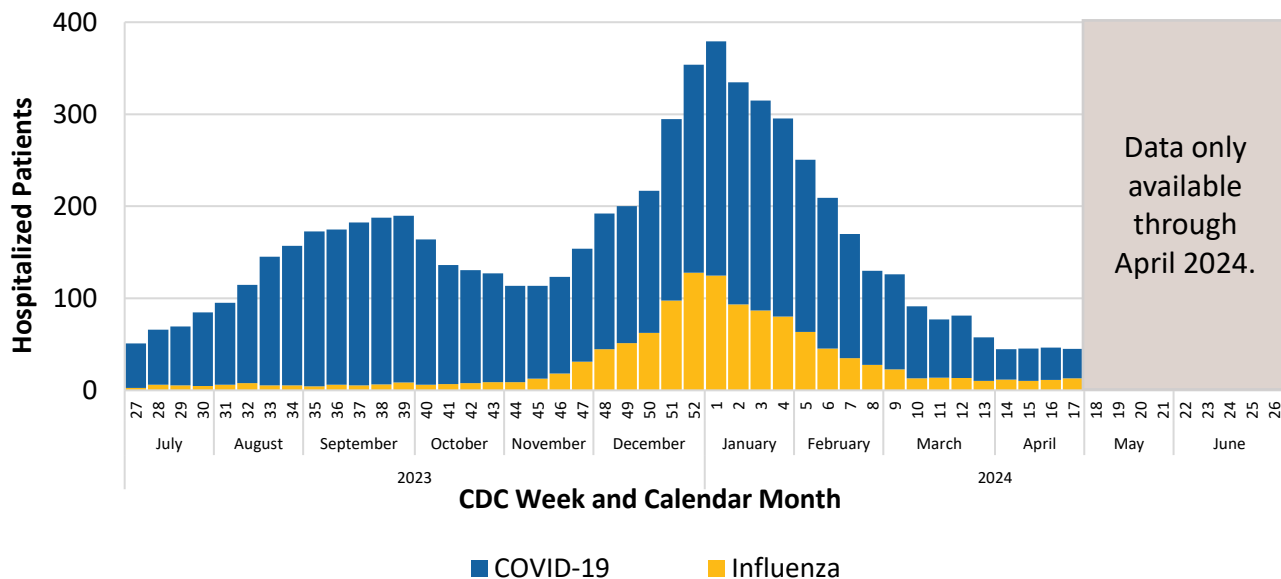
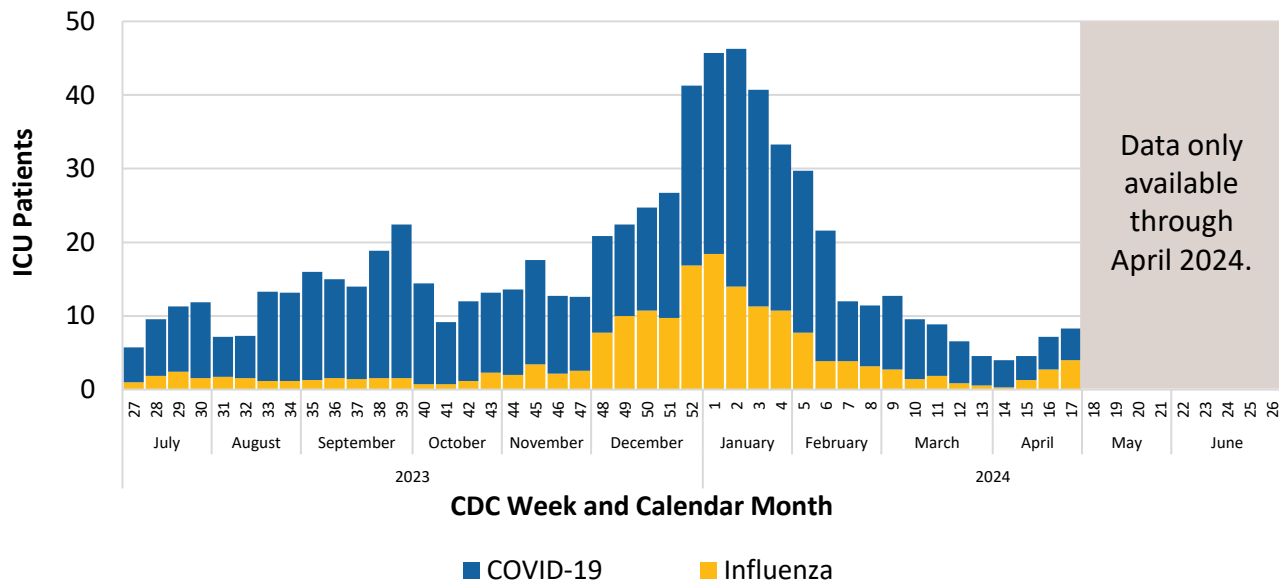


Figure 4. COVID-19 and Influenza-Positive ICU Patients, Weekly Average Census,* San Diego County



*Calculated by taking the 7-day daily average census for the week.



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Emergency Department Data: Respiratory Symptoms

Figure 5. Percent of Emergency Department Visit Chief Complaints for ILI,[†] Respiratory Symptoms, or COVID-like Illness* by Week

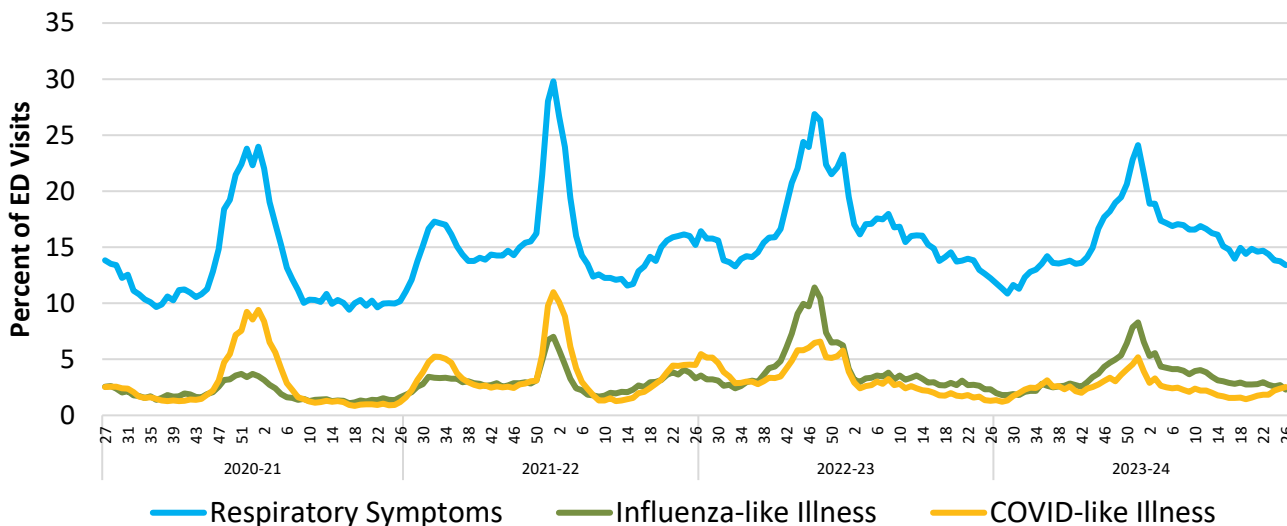
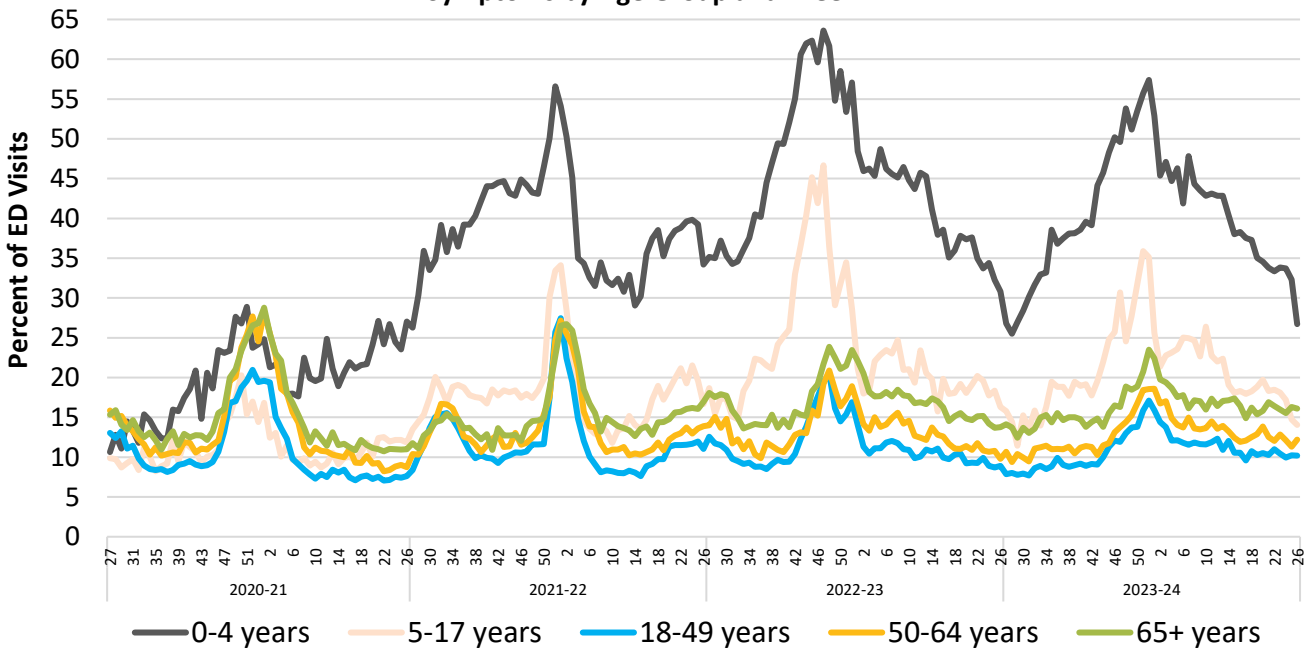


Figure 6. Percent of Emergency Department Visit Chief Complaints for Respiratory Symptoms by Age Group and Week



*COVID-like Illness (CLI) includes fever and cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing OR coronavirus diagnostic codes.

†Influenza-like illness (ILI) includes fever plus cough and/or sore throat.



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Proportion of Cases by Age Group and Episode Month, 2023-24 Fiscal Year

■ 0-4 yrs ■ 5-17 yrs ■ 18-49 yrs ■ 50-64 yrs ■ 65+ yrs

Figure 7. Proportion of COVID-19 Cases

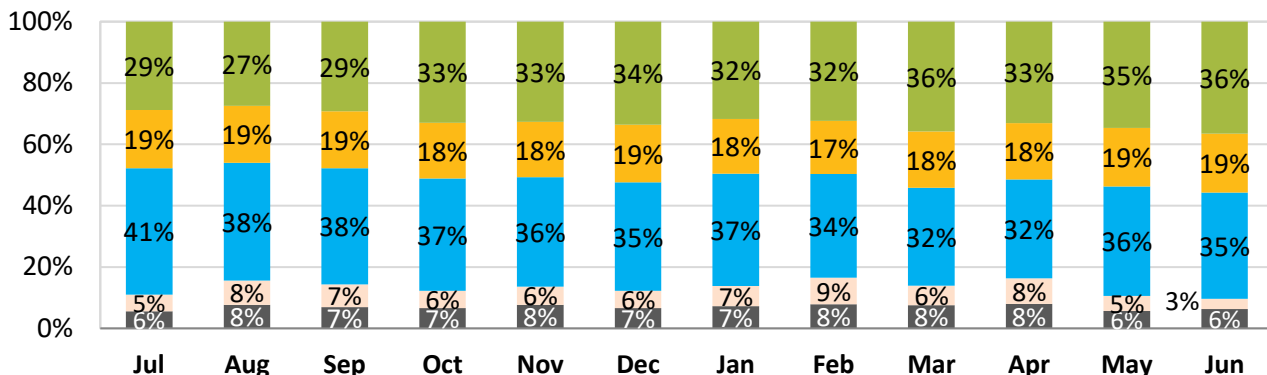


Figure 8. Proportion of Influenza Cases

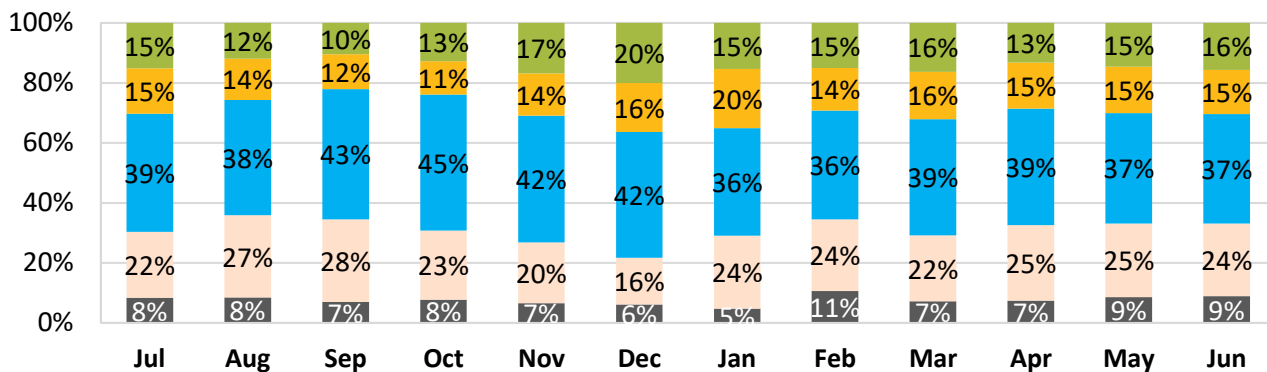
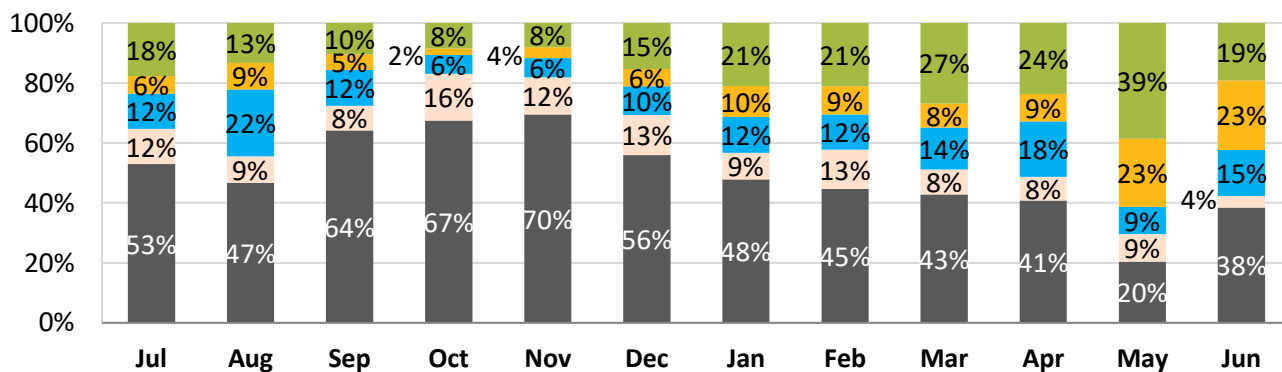


Figure 9. Proportion of RSV Cases



Episode date is the earliest available of symptom onset date, specimen collection date, date of death, date reported. Date admitted is not known for all hospitalizations; information may be updated as case investigations proceed.

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Proportion of Cases by Age Group and Fiscal Year

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Figure 10. Proportion of COVID-19 Cases by Age Group and Fiscal Year

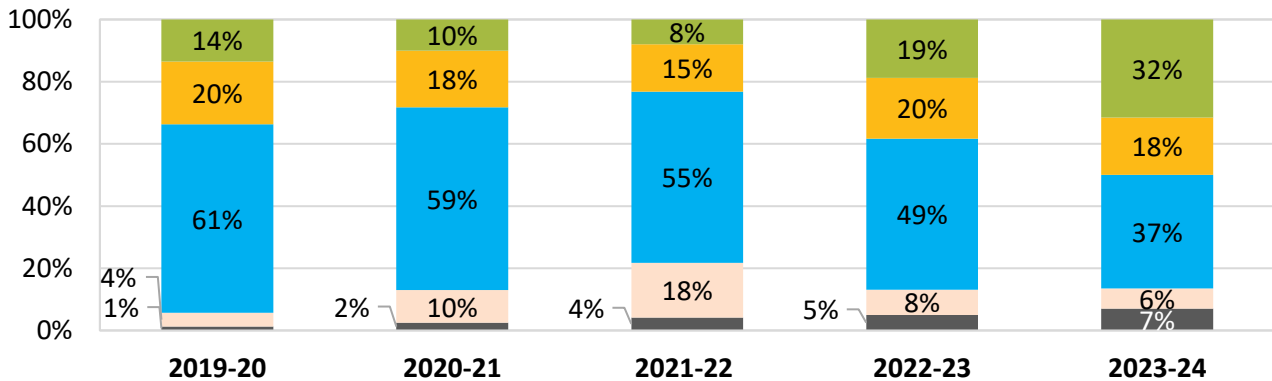


Figure 11. Proportion of Influenza Cases by Age Group and Fiscal Year

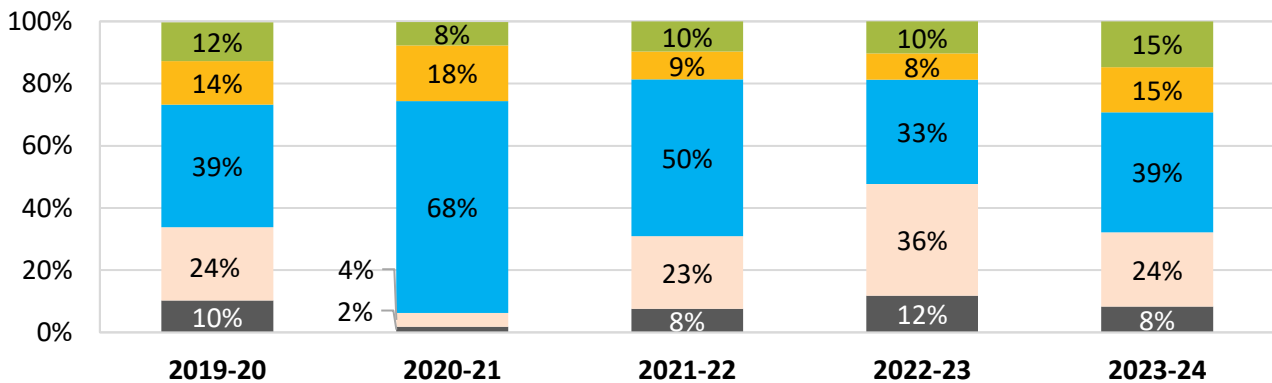
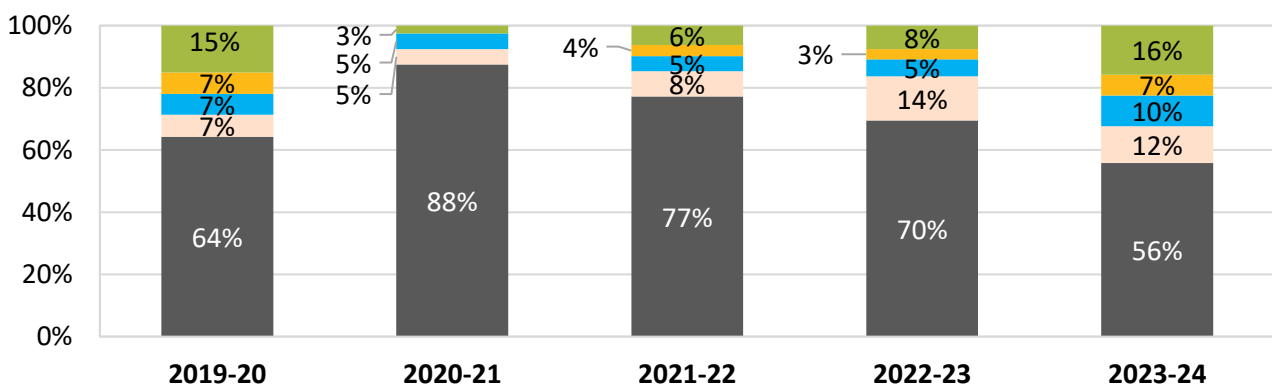


Figure 12. Proportion of RSV Cases by Age Group and Fiscal Year

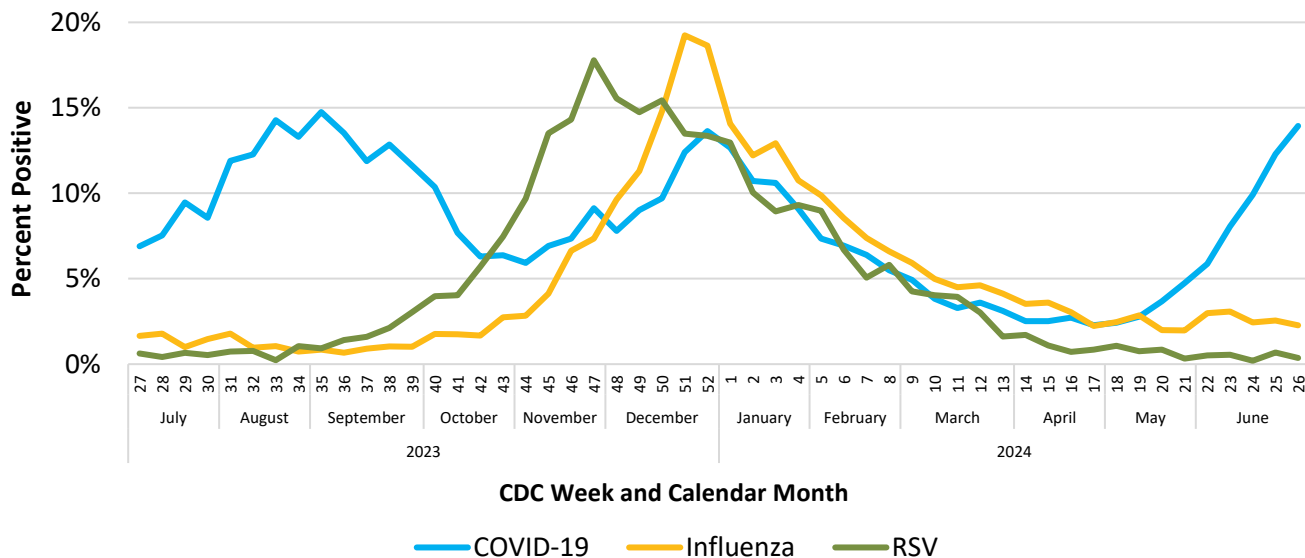


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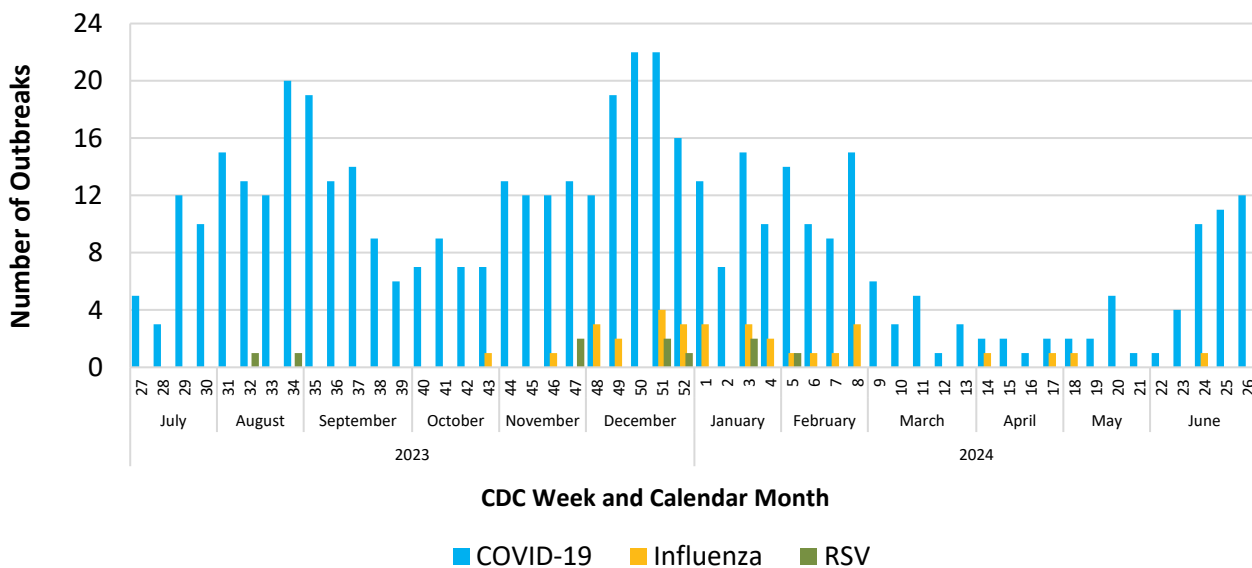
COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV Positivity

Figure 13. COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV Positivity by Week of Specimen Collection



COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV Outbreaks in Residential Congregate Settings*

Figure 14. COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV Outbreaks by Week of Onset



*Includes skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, group homes, correctional facilities, homeless shelters.



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COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV Deaths by Age and Fiscal Year

■ 0-4 yrs
 ■ 5-17 yrs
 ■ 18-49 yrs
 ■ 50-64 yrs
 ■ 65+ yrs

Figure 15. **COVID-19** Deaths by Age and Fiscal Year

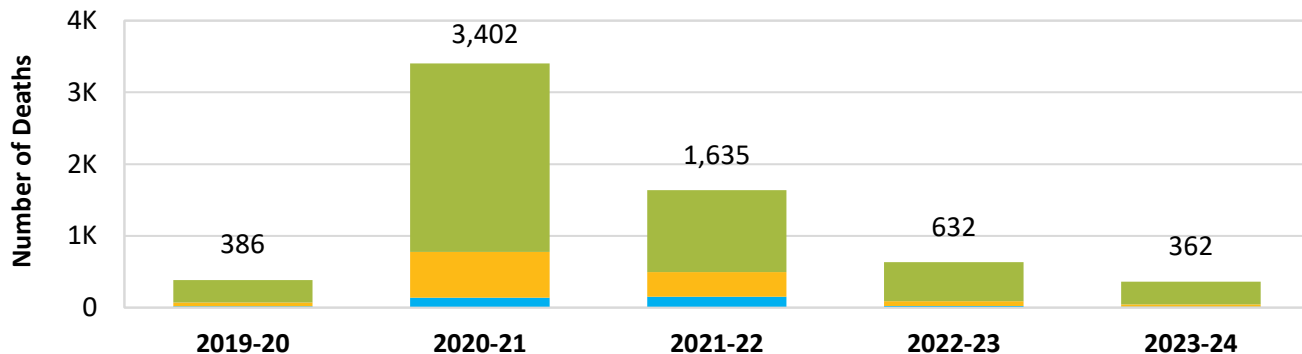


Figure 16. **Influenza** Deaths by Age and Fiscal Year

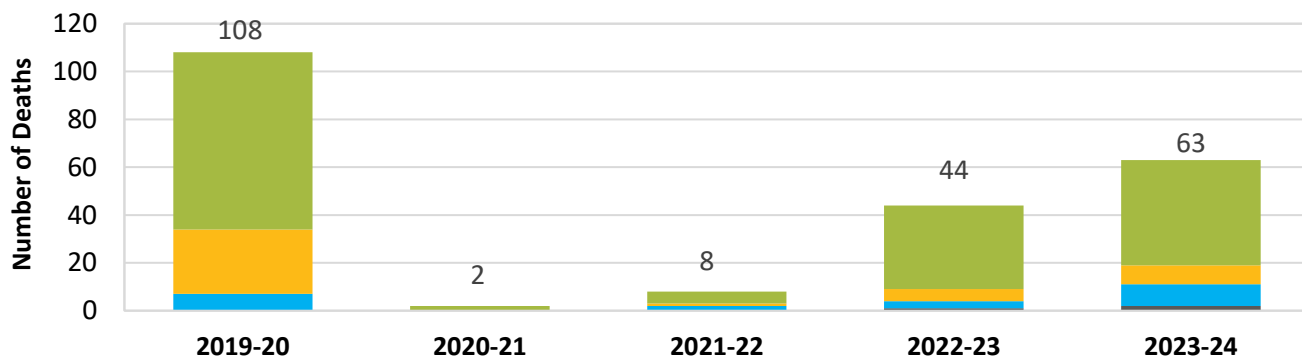
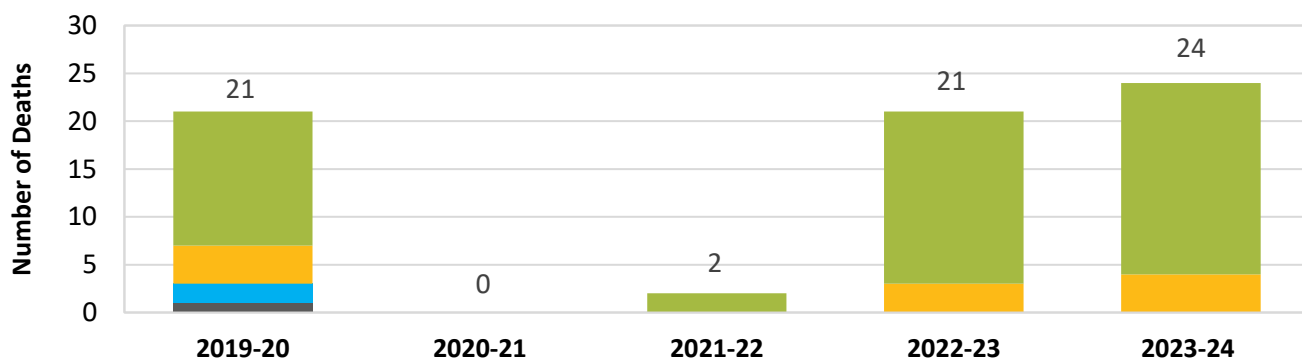


Figure 17. **RSV** Deaths by Age and Fiscal Year



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Table 2. Summary of Deaths, Fiscal Year

	COVID-19 Deaths	Influenza Deaths	RSV Deaths
Age			
0-4 years	2 (0.6%)	2 (3.2%)	0 (0.0%)
5-17 years	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
18-49 years	11 (3.0%)	9 (14.3%)	0 (0.0%)
50-64 years	32 (8.8%)	8 (12.7%)	4 (16.7%)
65+ years	317 (87.6%)	44 (69.8%)	20 (83.3%)
Gender			
Male	216 (59.7%)	34 (54.0%)	11 (45.8%)
Female	146 (40.3%)	29 (46.0%)	13 (54.2%)
Race/Ethnicity			
American Indian or Alaska Native	3 (0.8%)	1 (1.6%)	0 (0.0%)
Asian	34 (9.4%)	13 (20.6%)	5 (20.8%)
Black or African American	9 (2.5%)	1 (1.6%)	2 (8.3%)
Hispanic or Latino	61 (16.9%)	16 (25.4%)	7 (29.2%)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.6%)	0 (0.0%)
Other/Multiple Race	6 (1.7%)	1 (1.6%)	0 (0.0%)
White	249 (68.8%)	30 (47.6%)	10 (41.7%)
Other Significant Conditions	269 (74.3%)	52 (82.5%)	19 (79.2%)

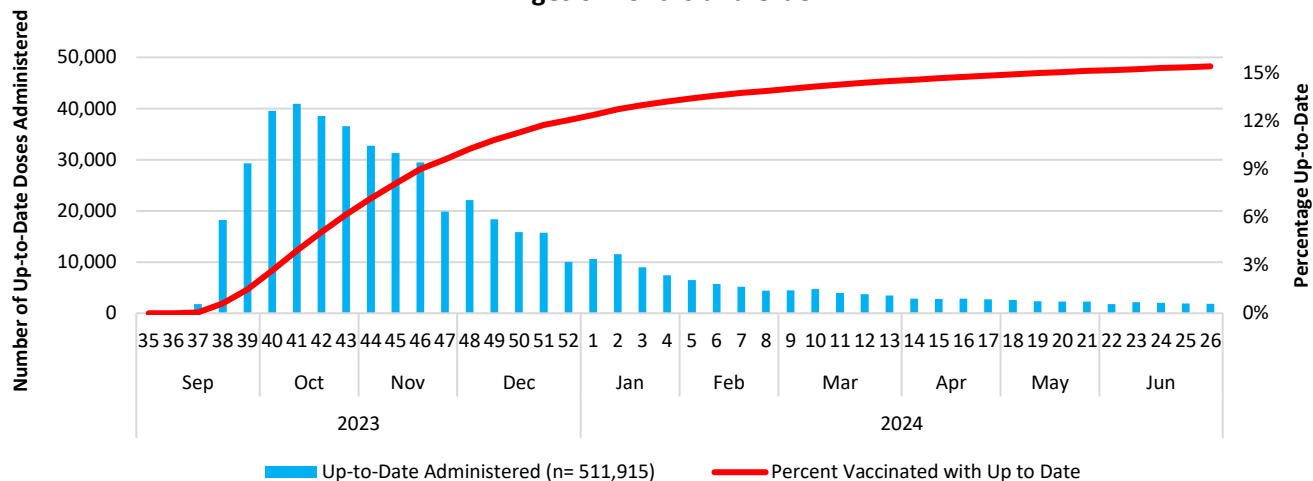


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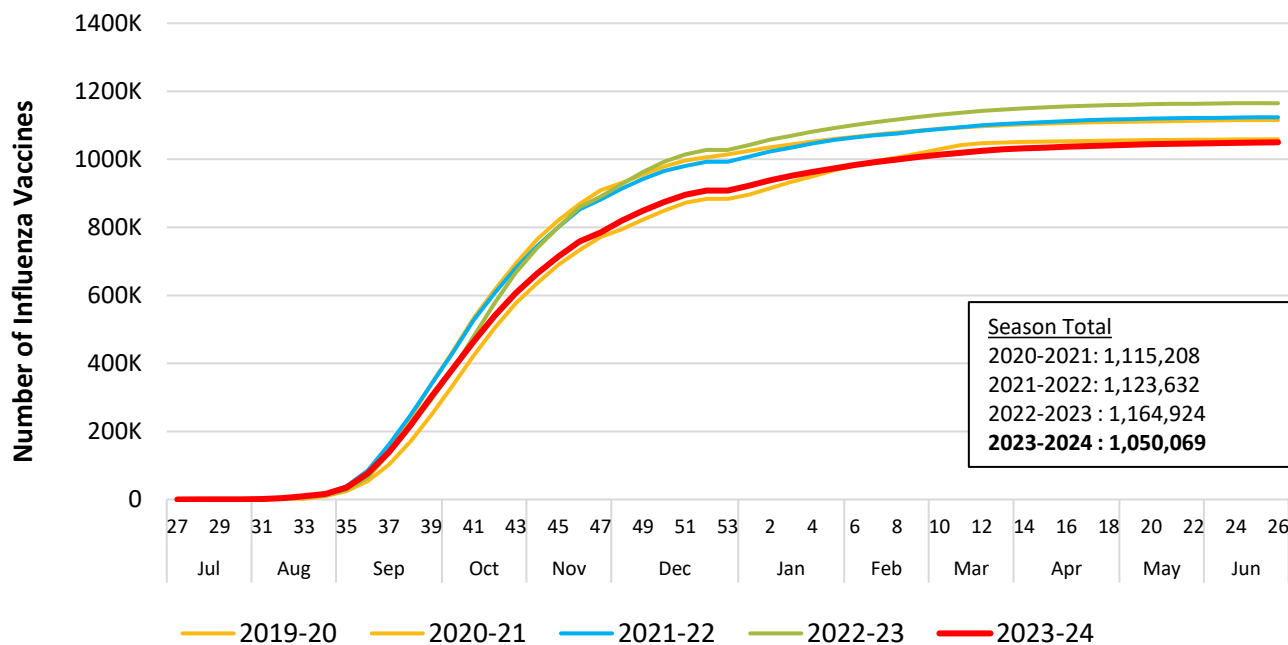
Vaccinations Administered

Figure 18. San Diego County Residents with Up-to-Date COVID-19 Vaccination Status, Ages 6 Months and Older



The line shows the percent of persons vaccinated as Up-to-Date (UTD) per the 2023/2024 guidelines. The bars show the number of UTD doses administered to San Diego County Residents. The 2023/2024 UTD guidelines per the CDC are that individuals who are at least 5 years of age and older should receive one dose of an updated COVID-19 vaccine and individuals 6 months to 4 years of age should receive multiple COVID-19 vaccines in addition to at least one dose of the updated COVID-19 vaccine. [Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#)

Figure 19. Cumulative Number of Influenza Vaccinations Administered* by CDC Week and Fiscal Year



*Week 52 data are repeated for week 53 for years that do not include week 53.

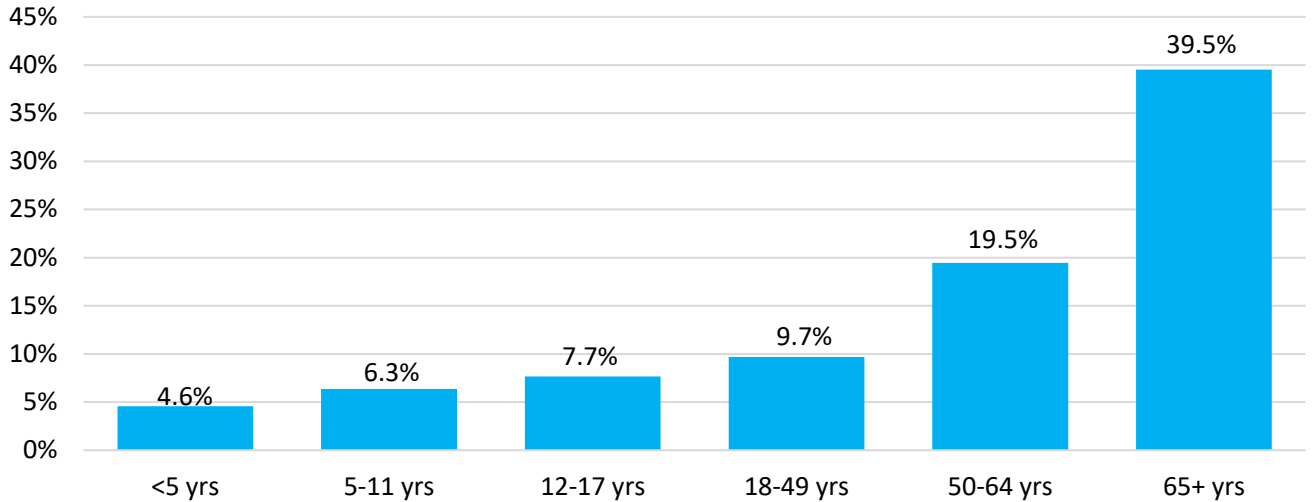


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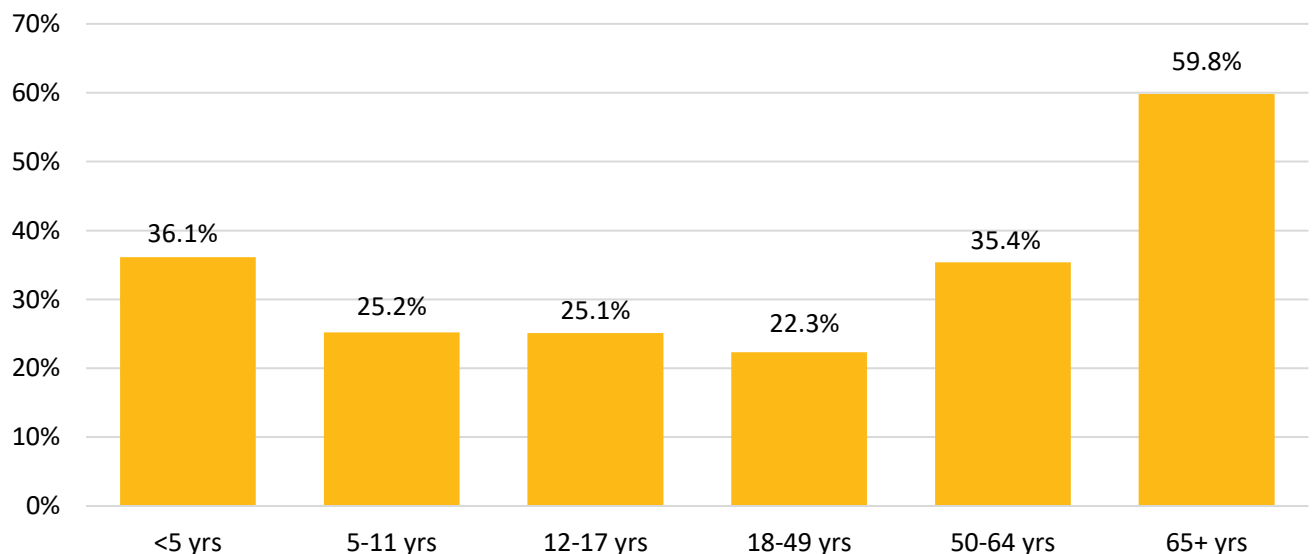
Vaccine Recipients by Age

Figure 20. Percentage of San Diego Resident Age Groups Up to Date* on COVID-19 Vaccination



*Using the Up to Date (UTD) criteria per the 2023/2024 guidelines. [Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#)

Figure 21. Percentage of San Diego Resident Age Groups that Received an Influenza Vaccination, 2023-24 Fiscal Year

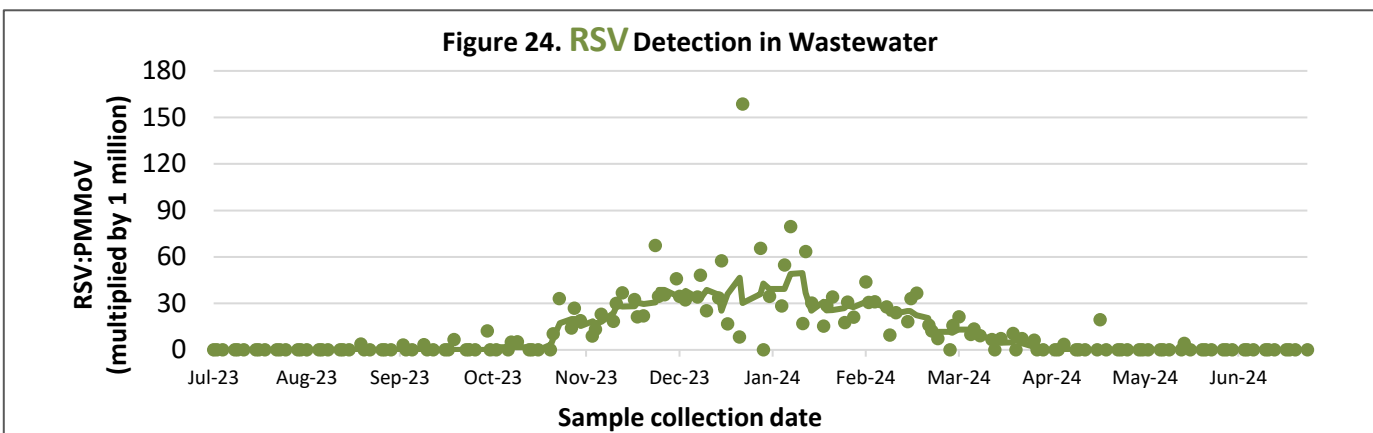
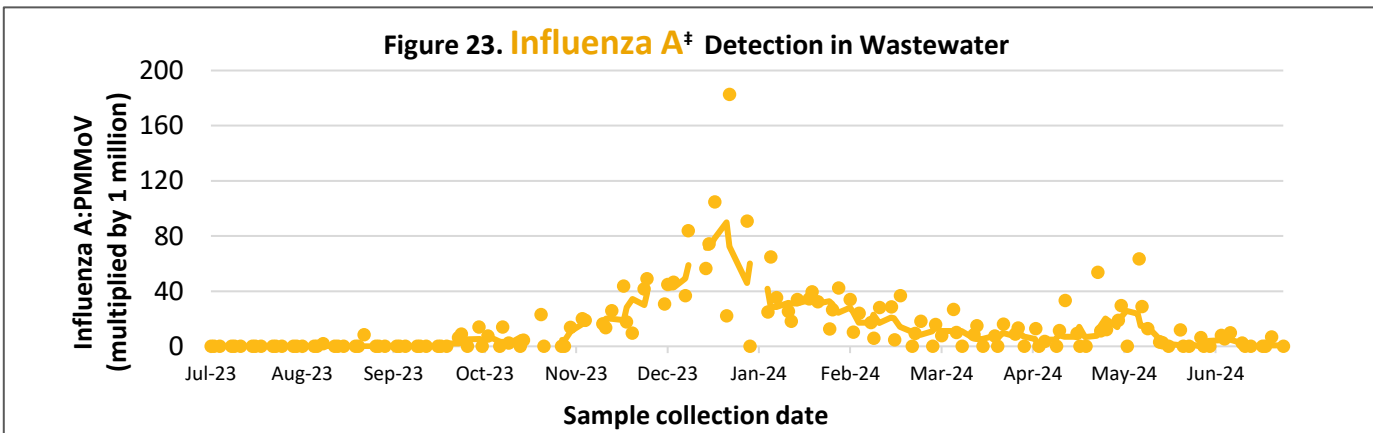
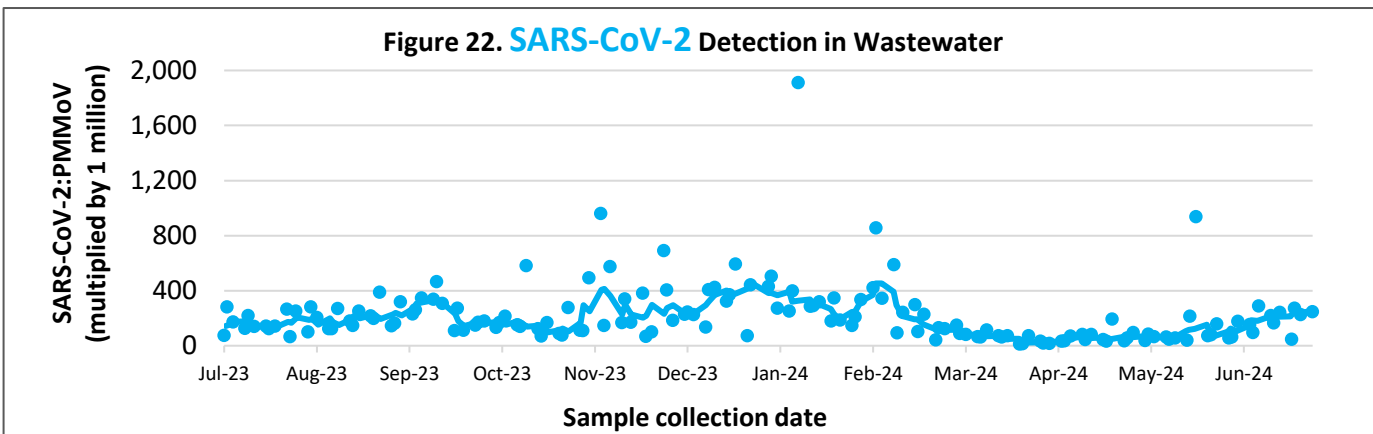


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Wastewater Surveillance

— Moving Average* ● Normalized daily level†



Data provided by Wastewater SCAN: <https://wastewaterscan.org/>.

*Calculated by taking the average of the 5 samples centered around a date after excluding the highest and lowest values.

† Data are normalized to a common, harmless plant virus that is consumed when people eat called pepper mild mottle virus (PMMoV).

‡ Detection of influenza in wastewater is specific to influenza A.

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Influenza Subtypes

Figure 25. Influenza Subtypes by CDC Episode Week*

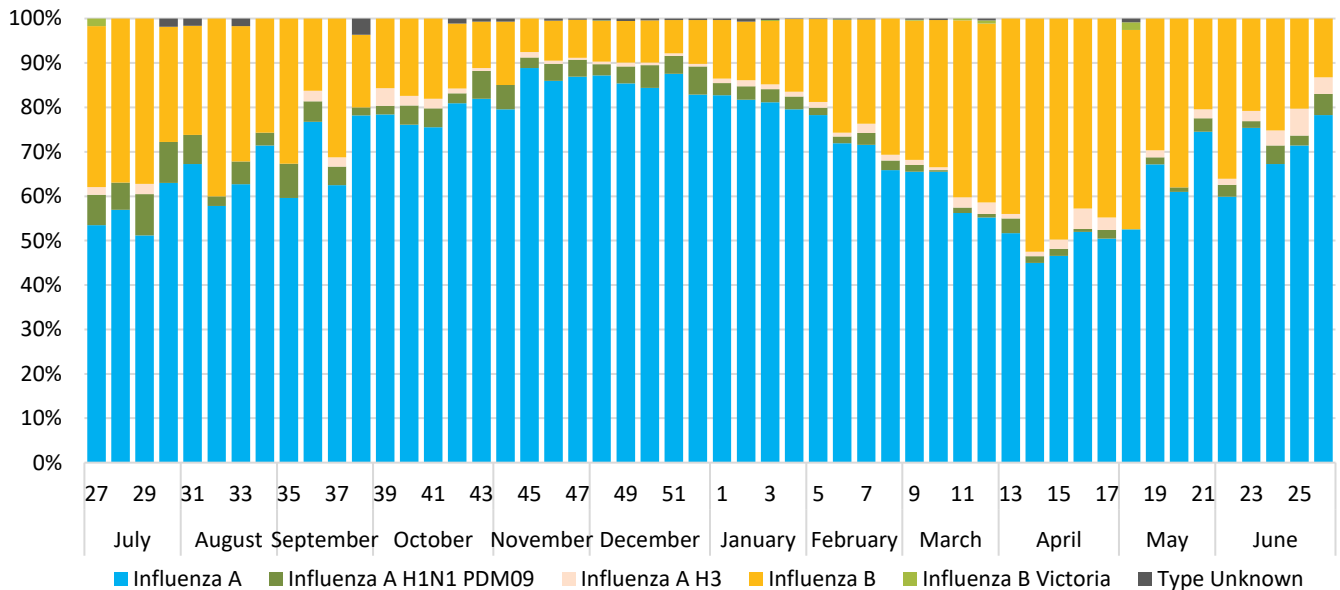
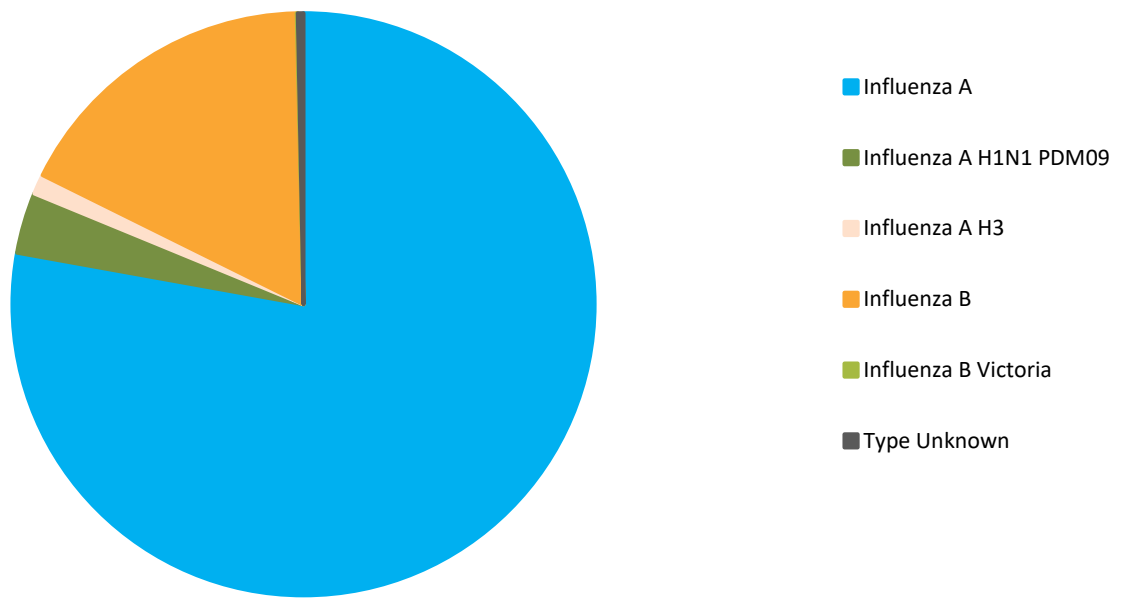


Figure 26. Influenza Subtypes, 2023-24 Fiscal Year



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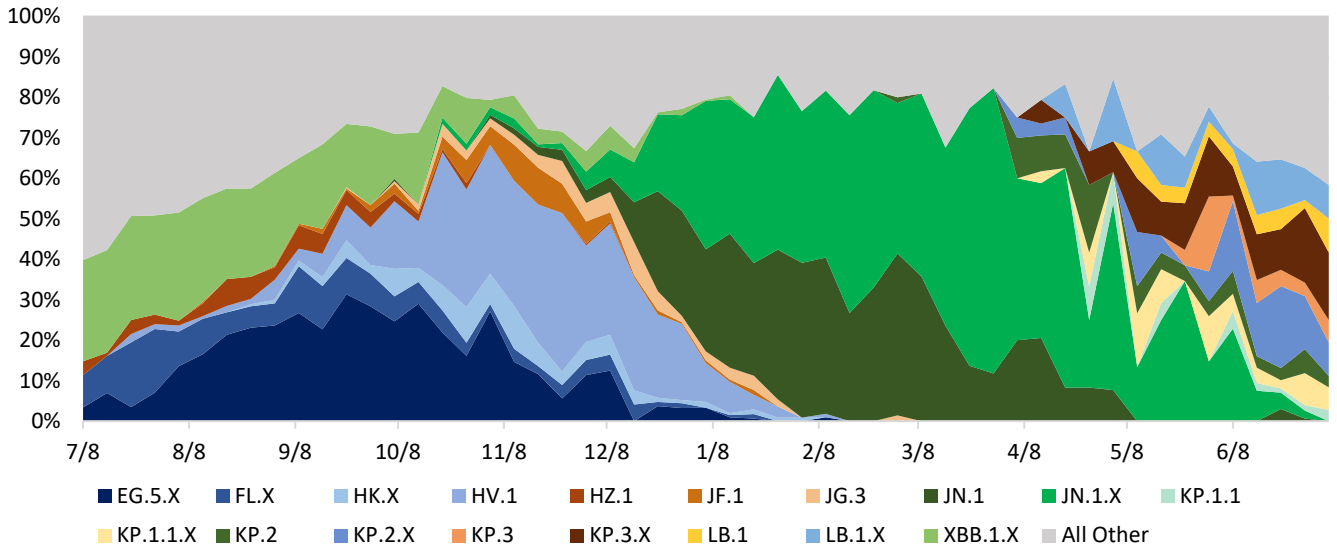


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COVID-19 Surveillance on Variants

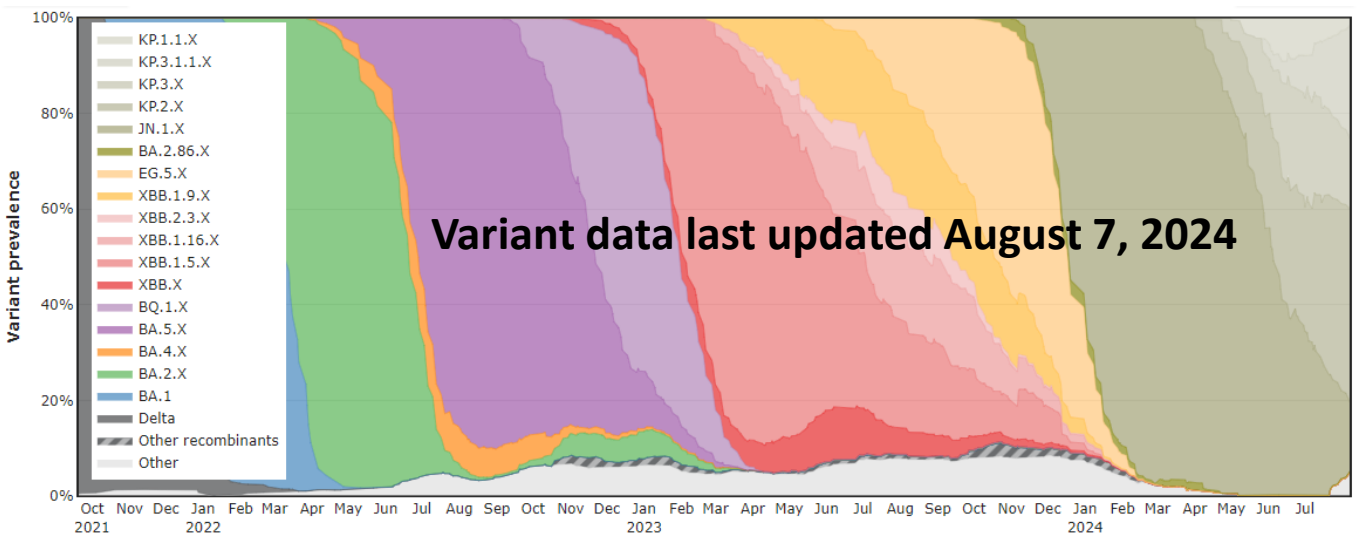
Figure 27. SARS-CoV-2 Variant Prevalence from Genomic Surveillance



Variant calls for SARS-CoV-2 genomes generated from clinical samples were obtained from the CDPH COVIDNET dashboard and GISAID. Data was then filtered to only include samples from San Diego county within the past 3-months (<https://testing.covid19.ca.gov/covidnet/>, <https://gisaid.org/>).

For some weeks, very limited specimens may have been tested and findings should be interpreted with caution.

Figure 28. SARS-CoV-2 Wastewater Lineage Prevalence Over Time in San Diego



Source: SARS-CoV-2 variant prevalence in wastewater was generated by the SEARCH consortia (<https://searchcovid.info/dashboards/wastewater-surveillance/>).

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