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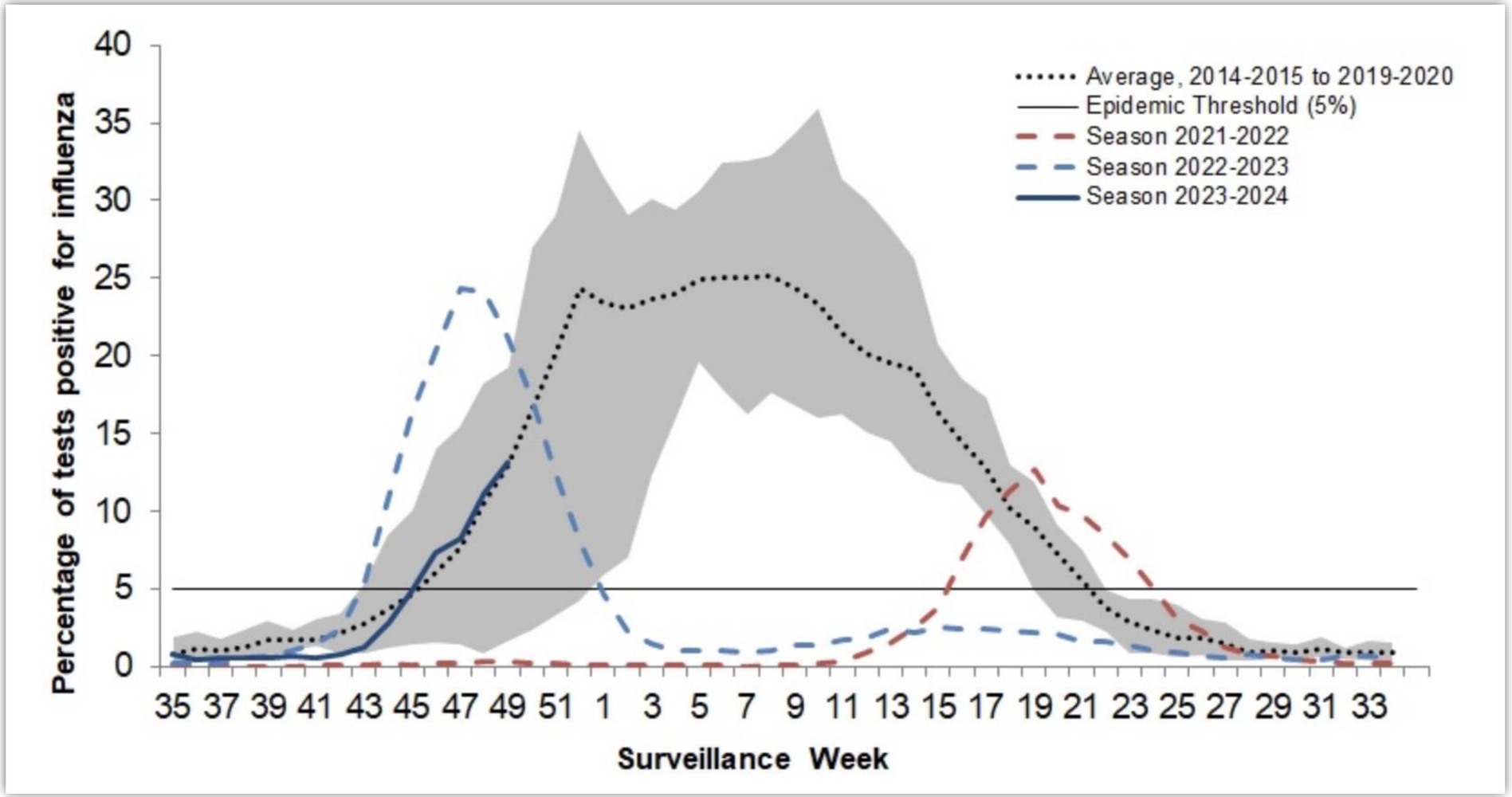
January 4, 2024

# WRH Board Meeting

# Percentage of Tests Positive In Canada Compared to Previous Seasons, Week 2023-35 to 2023-49

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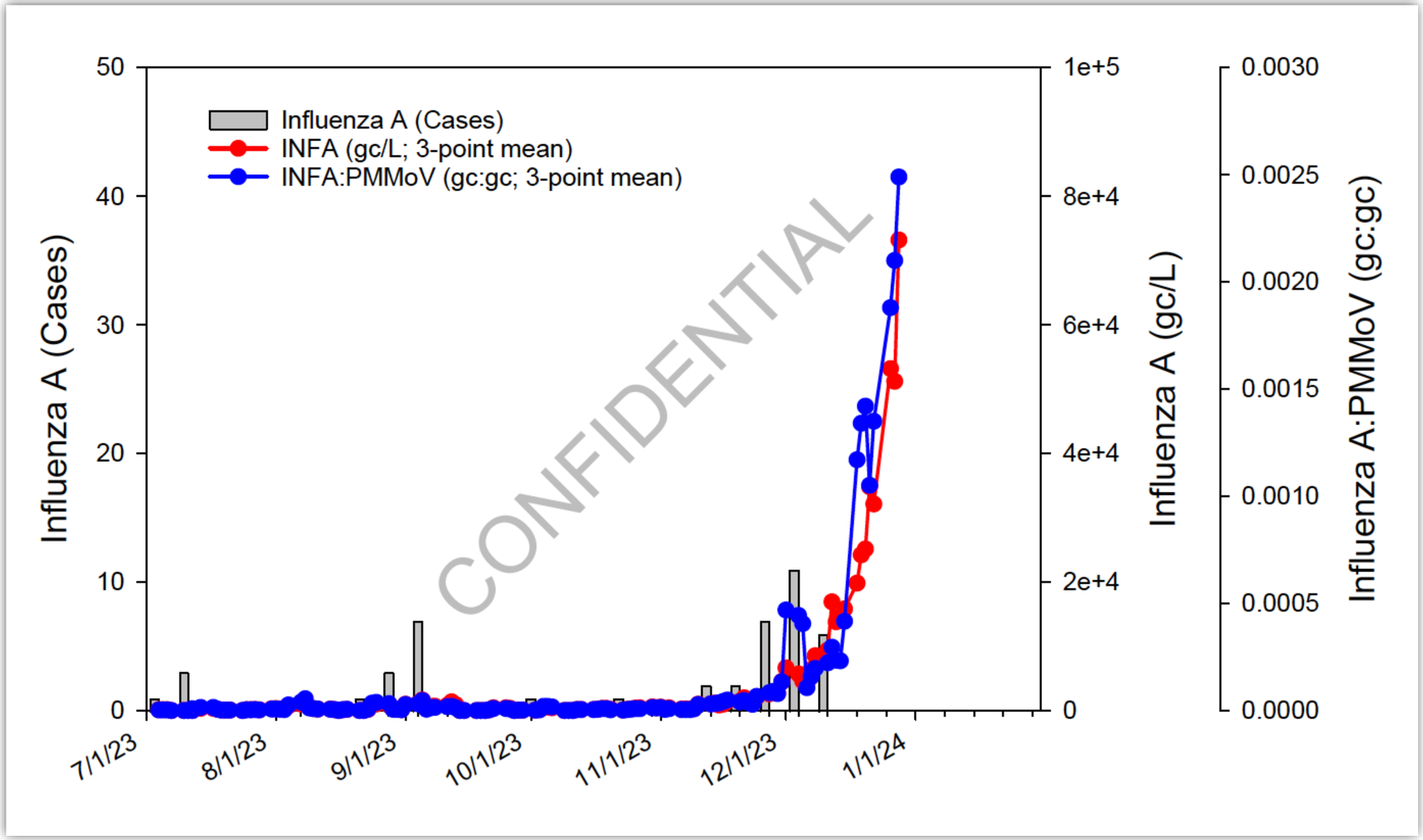

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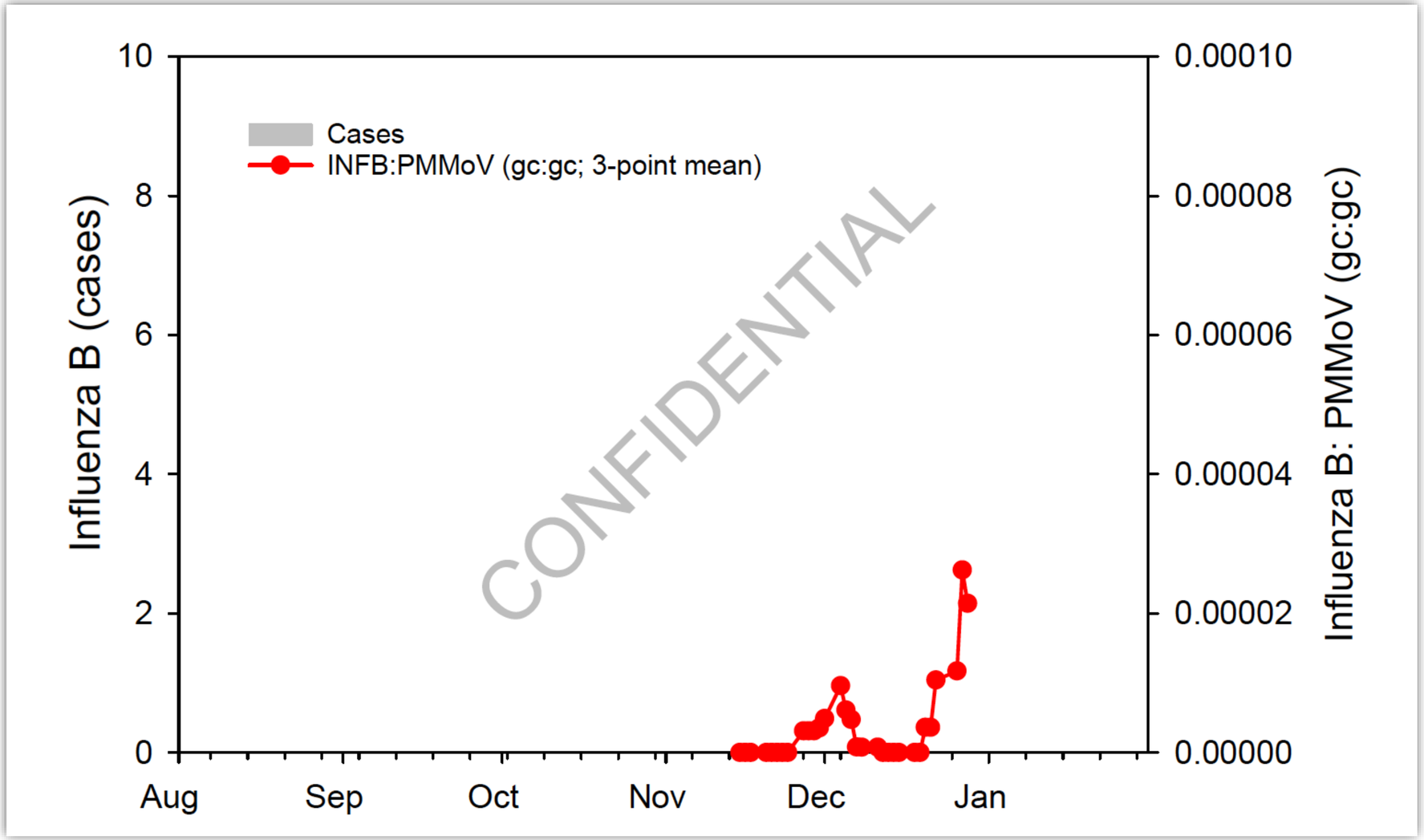

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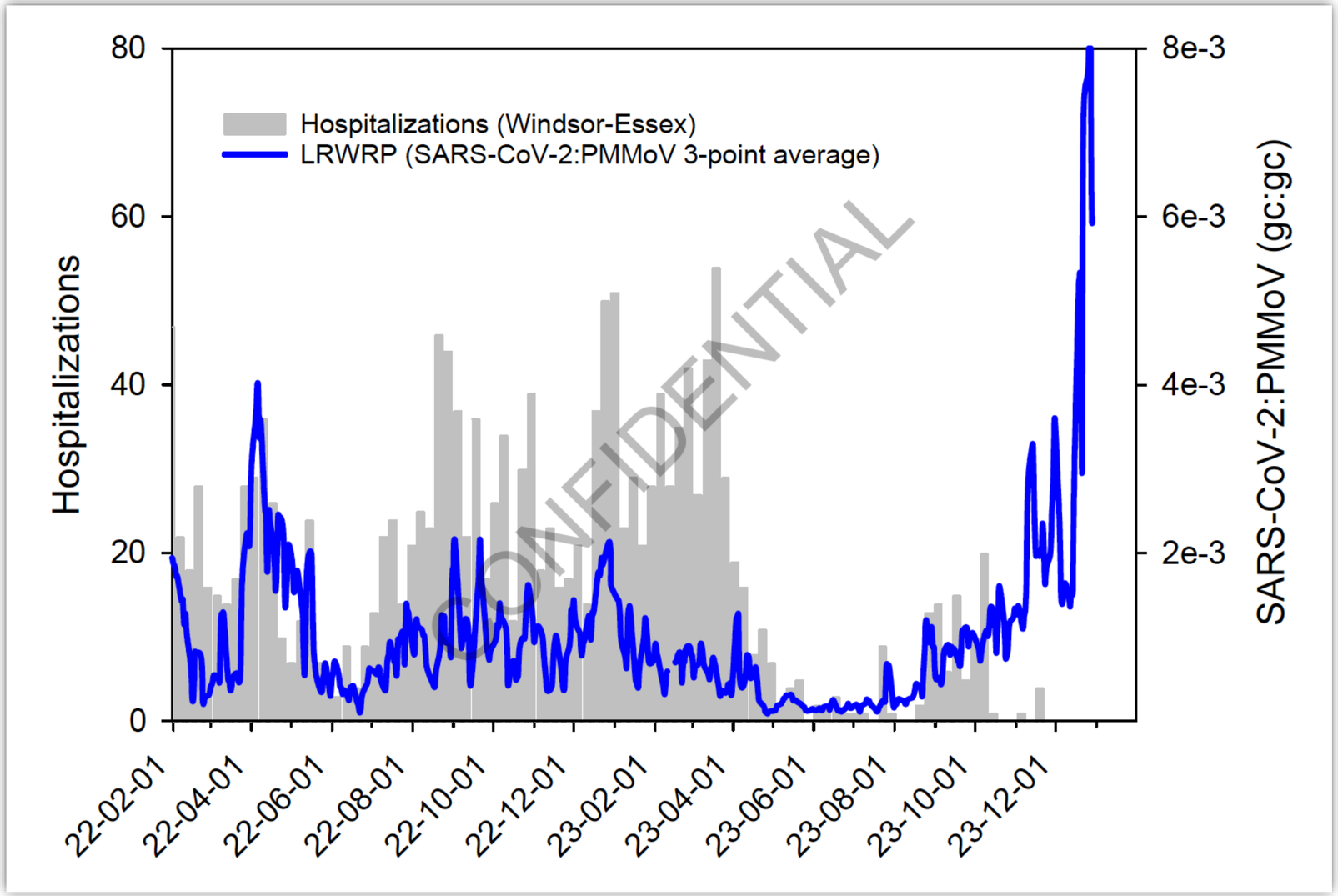

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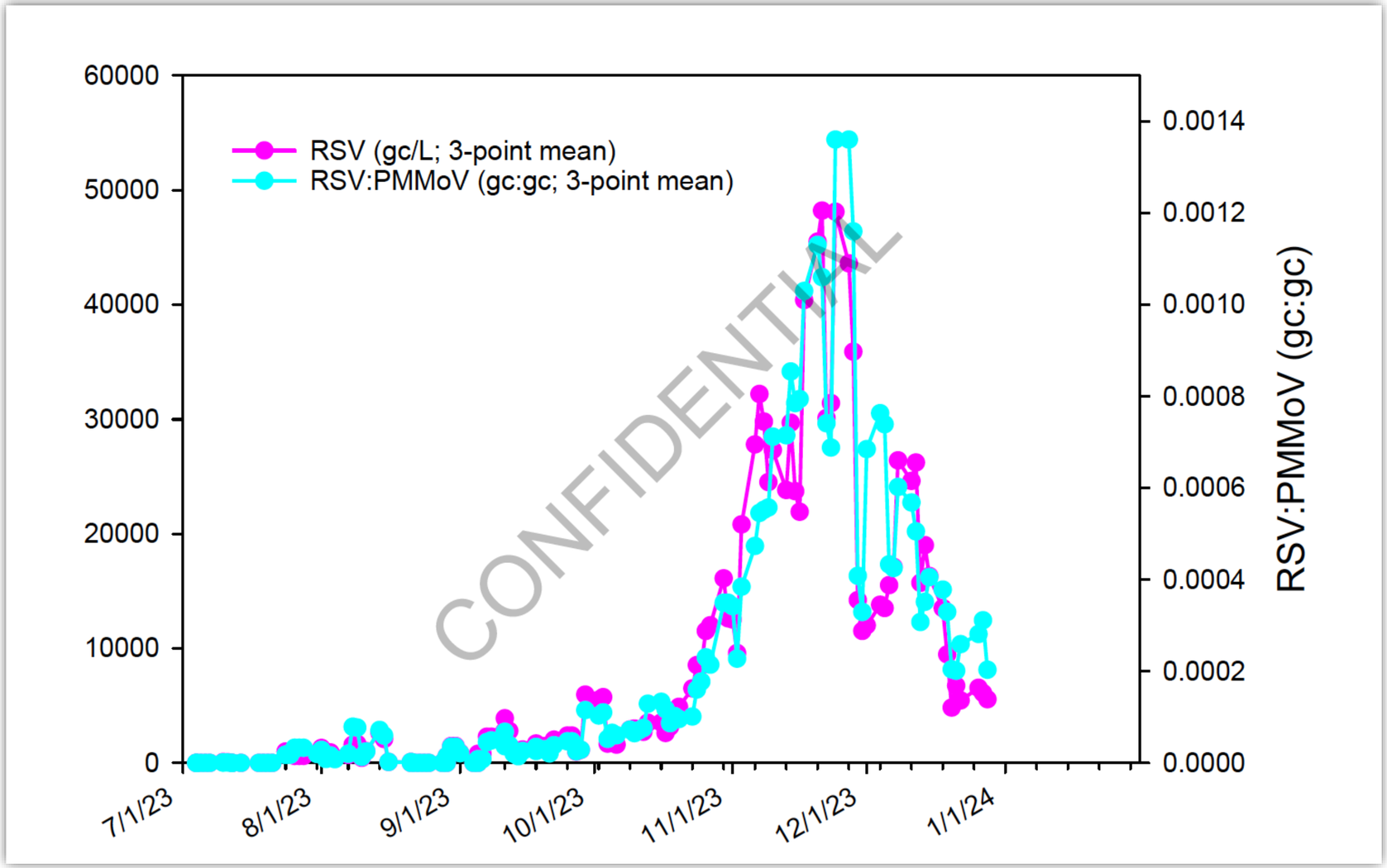
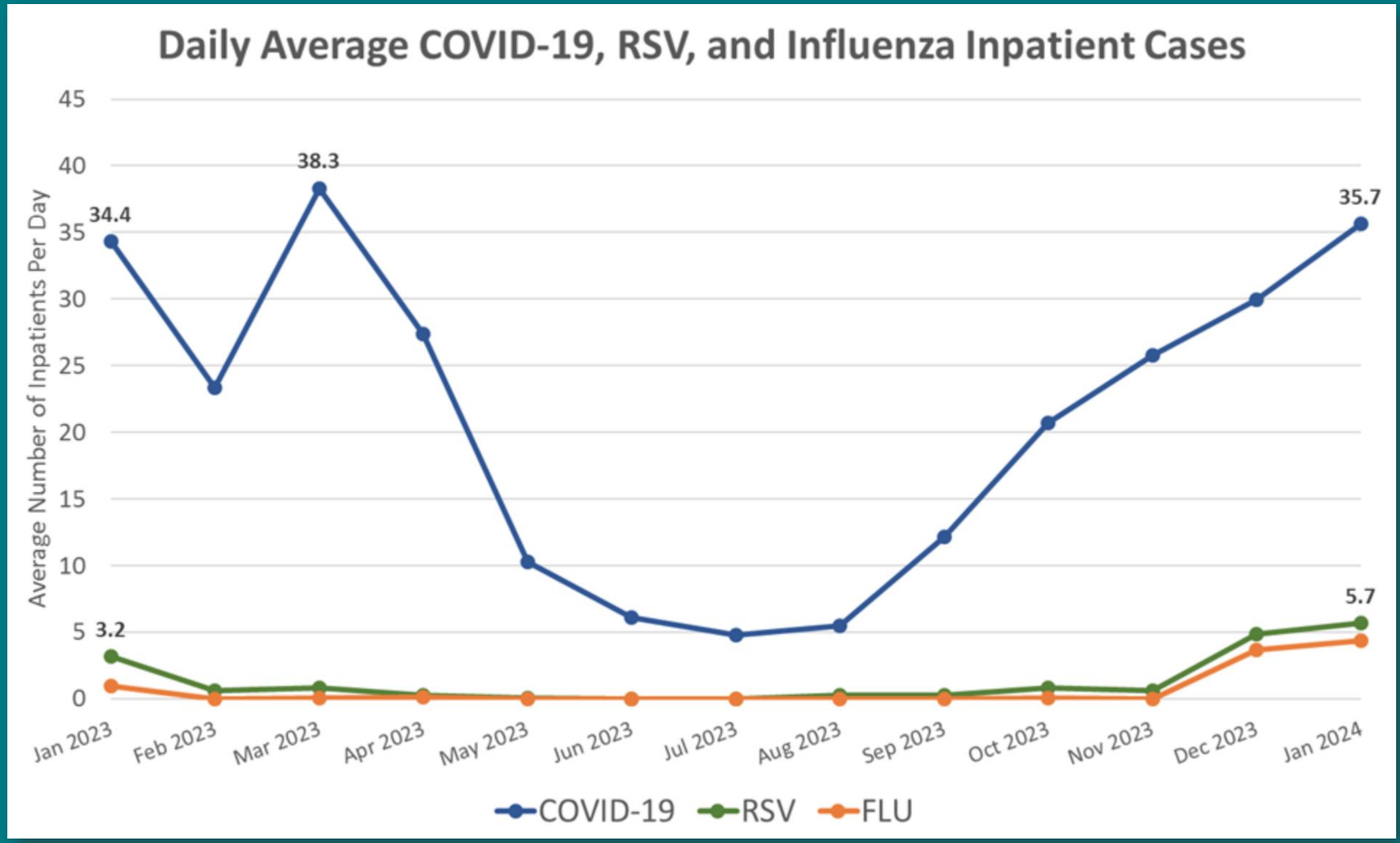


# WRH Patient Data – Last 12 months



# REMINDER – CURRENT Masking Rules for Visitors

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## Media Release

December 7, 2023
For Immediate Release

### MASKS REQUIRED WHEN VISITING PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL AMID RISE IN RESPIRATORY ILLNESS

**WINDSOR, ON.** _ As we move into the peak of the respiratory illness season, we are asking for the public's help in protecting our vulnerable patients. **Effective Friday, December 8 at 12:01 a.m.**, anyone visiting a patient in hospital must wear a mask while visiting in a patient's room. Patients must also wear a mask when outside of their designated bed space as much as tolerated.

Windsor Regional Hospital is taking on this proactive approach because we have historically seen an increase in respiratory illness and outbreak during the first two weeks of January - immediately following holiday gatherings.

"You can spread viruses to vulnerable individuals even before you start to feel sick," said Erika Vitale, WRH's Director of Infection Control. "Wearing a mask when in close contact, such as in a patient's room, is a simple measure that can reduce the risk to everyone."

WRH staff have been masking within two metres of patients since mid-October.

# Update – EVOLV Detectors

# EVOLV Detector Started October 19, 2023

Since October 19, 2023:

- over 1100 items seized
- of them over 600 sets of knives

That is approximately 16 items a day.

# Code Grey Status Update: Restoration Activities

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- As reported last month we initiated registration and backloading of patient information the first week of December
- On December 13th we went live with our electronic patient health record (Cerner)
- We also reported on the work in Diagnostic Imaging with PACs -
  - As of today our PACs system is up and running
    - This system electronically stores images and reports, instead of using the old method of manually filing, retrieving, and transporting film jackets, which are used for storing X-ray film.
    - It allows for a chronological view of a patient's radiology history and remote access to images meaning physicians can obtain immediate access for interpretation, diagnosis and treatment.

# Code Grey Status Update:
# Diagnostic Imaging CT and MRI Status Update

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- P1 and P2 (urgent and emergent priority)- we are at 100% capacity and have been all Code Grey
- P3 (semi urgent priority)- there was an initial impact during Code Grey and backlog due to PACs downtime – Now that PACs is up we will ramp up and expect backlog clearance of P3s within ~ 10 weeks
- P4 (non urgent priority)- we are not completing any P4 CTs or MRIs- and expect to start P4 ramp up for MRI later in January 2024 and for CT in February 2024
- All physician offices have been informed of current wait times to ensure patients are directed to other hospitals for imaging or are appropriate to wait.
- If anyone has questions about a referral that their physician has sent to us please contact the Diagnostic Imaging department directly for information: 519-254-1727

# Code Grey Status Update: Next Steps - Phase 2

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There are still systems left to bring online which have been prioritized regionally by ALL the hospitals.

Some of the clinical systems we expect to see coming online in January include:

- **Pyxis** - integration of our automated dispensing cabinets expected to occur the week of January 8th
- **CBORD** - Nutrition software allowing individualized meal ordering options
- **CVIS** - this is our cardiovascular information system (Cardiac PACs) used for connecting our cardiac imaging, echo reporting, diagnostic test (EKG) reporting and cath lab hemodynamic system and other components to the health record and similar to our DI PACs allowing for remote viewing of images/studies
- **Lab** - Hematology still requires manual processing in the lab and is not yet integrated- the team is actively working on a solution