



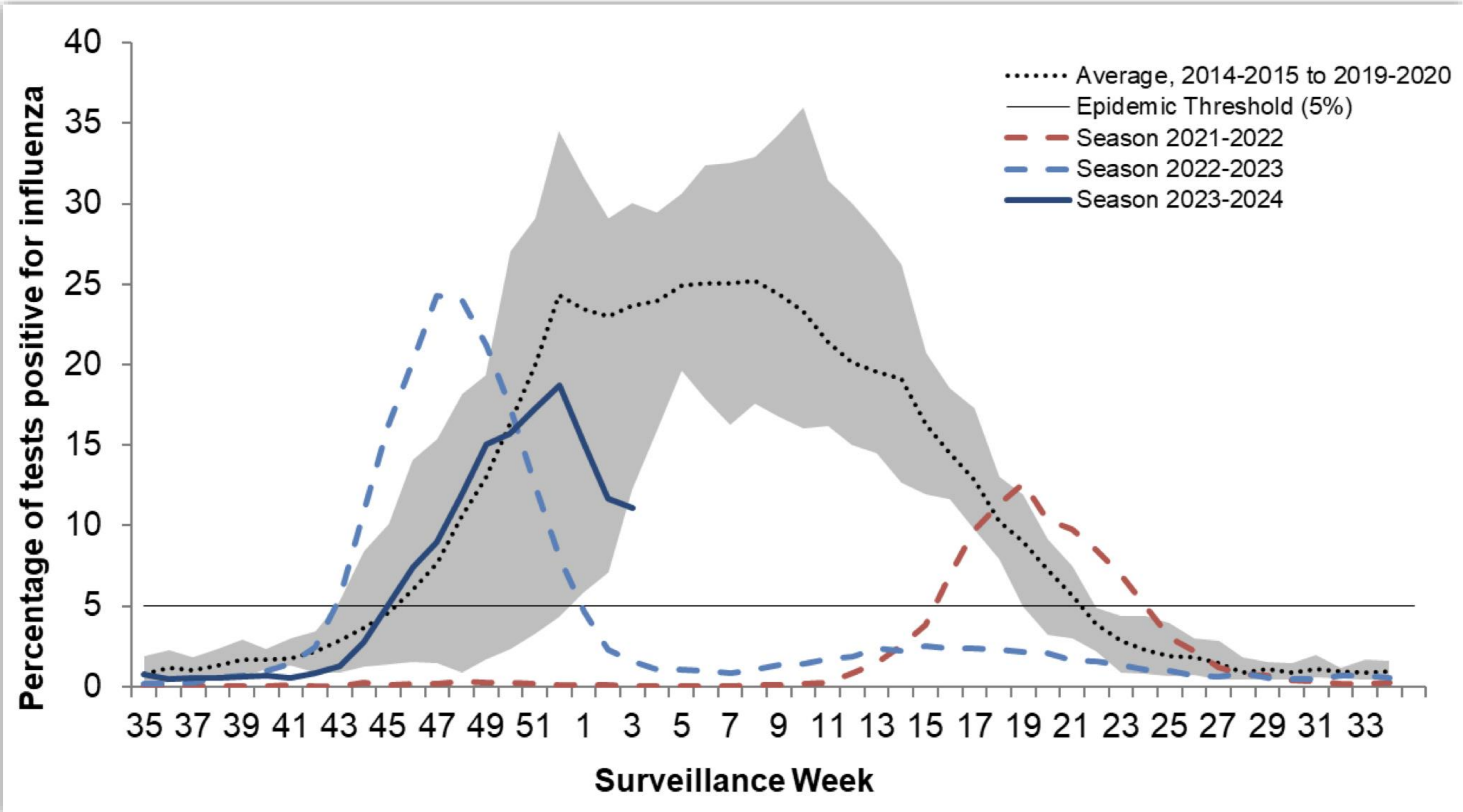
WINDSOR
REGIONAL
HOSPITAL

OUTSTANDING CARE – NO EXCEPTIONS!

February 1, 2024

WRH Board Meeting

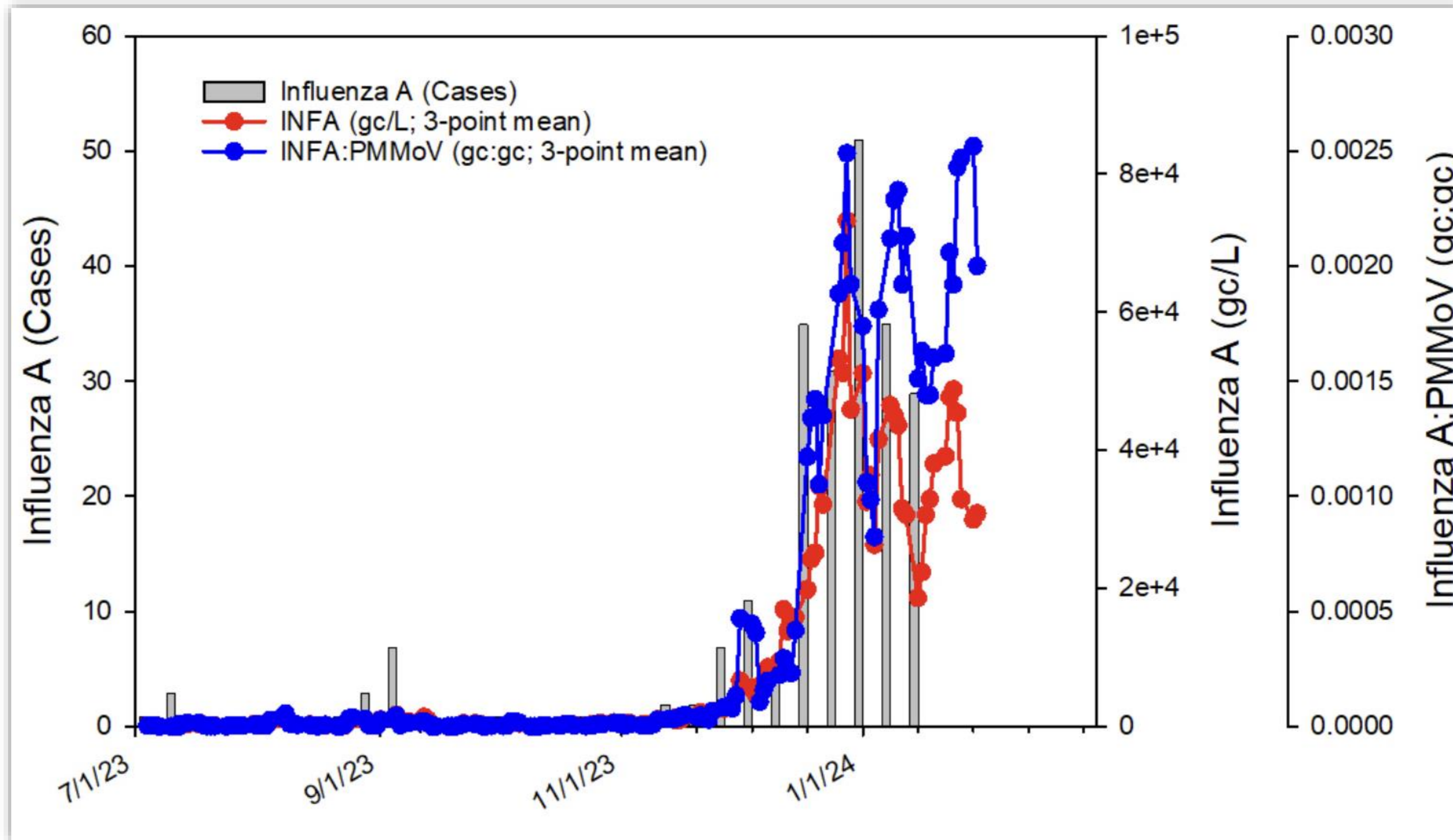
Percentage of tests positive in Canada compared to previous seasons, week 2023-35 to 2024-03



Wastewater Influenza A Windsor-Essex

R. Michael McKay, Ph.D.

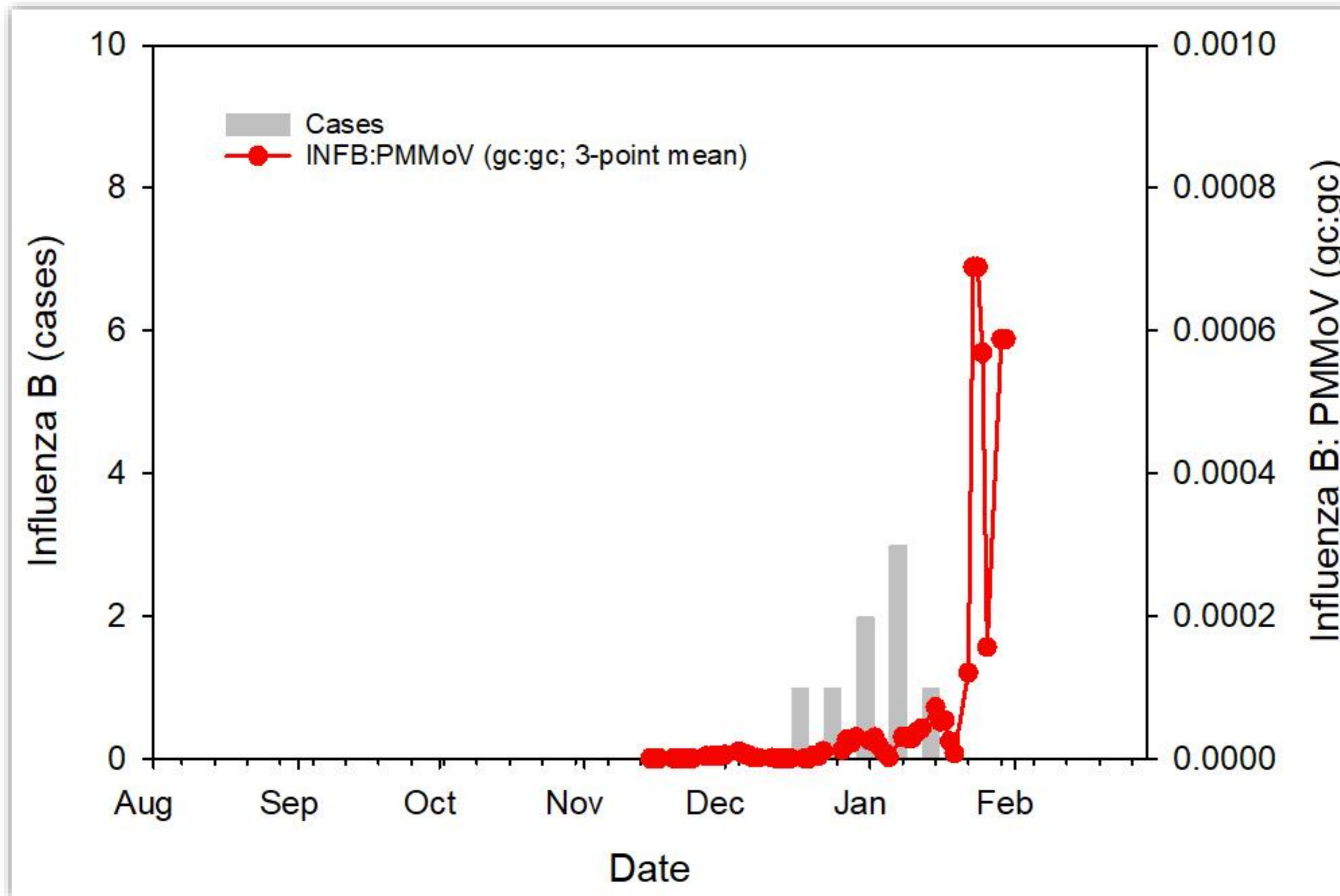
Director and Professor Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research University of Windsor



Wastewater Influenza B Windsor-Essex

R. Michael McKay, Ph.D.

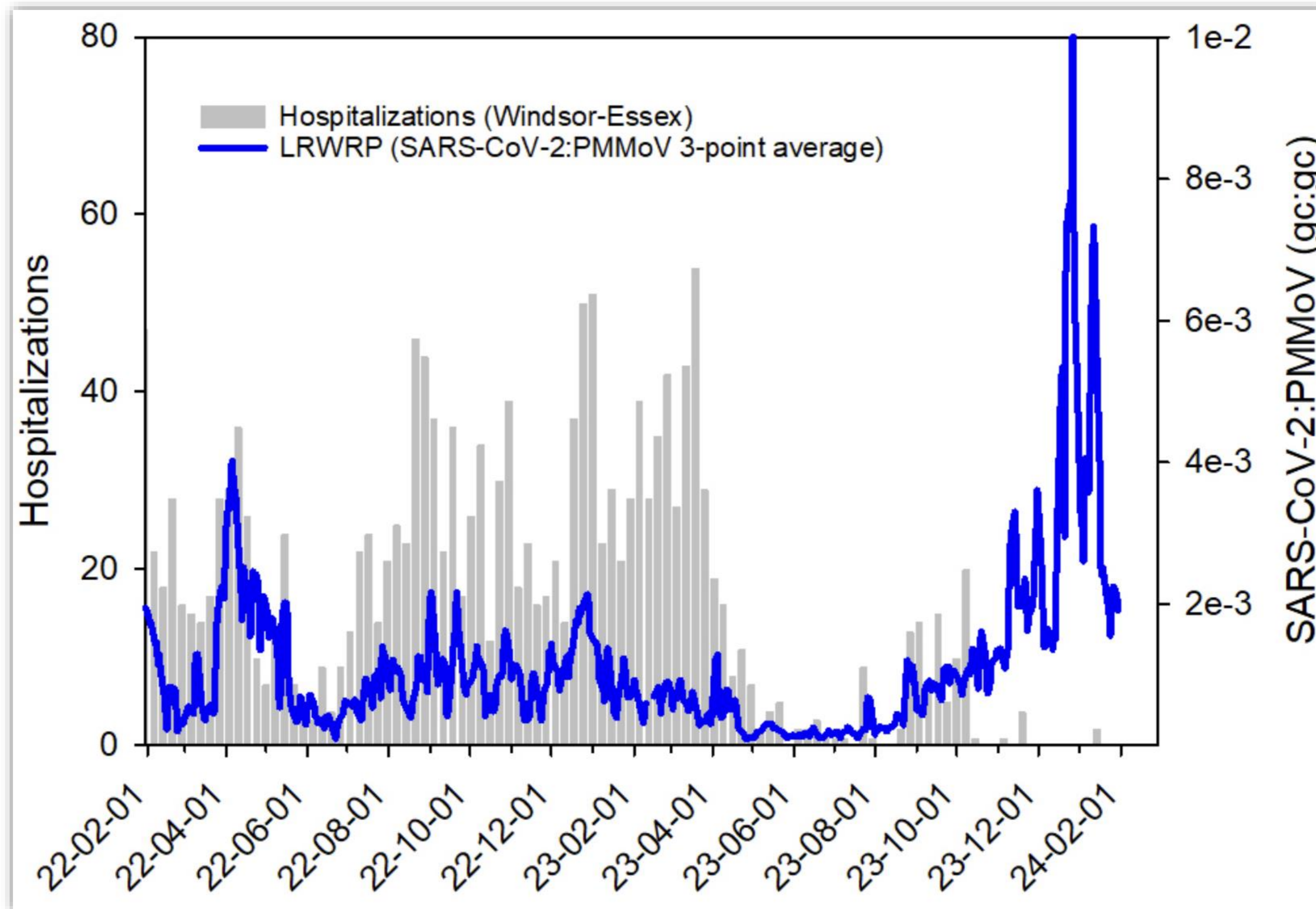
Director and Professor Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research University of Windsor



Wastewater COVID Windsor-Essex

R. Michael McKay, Ph.D.

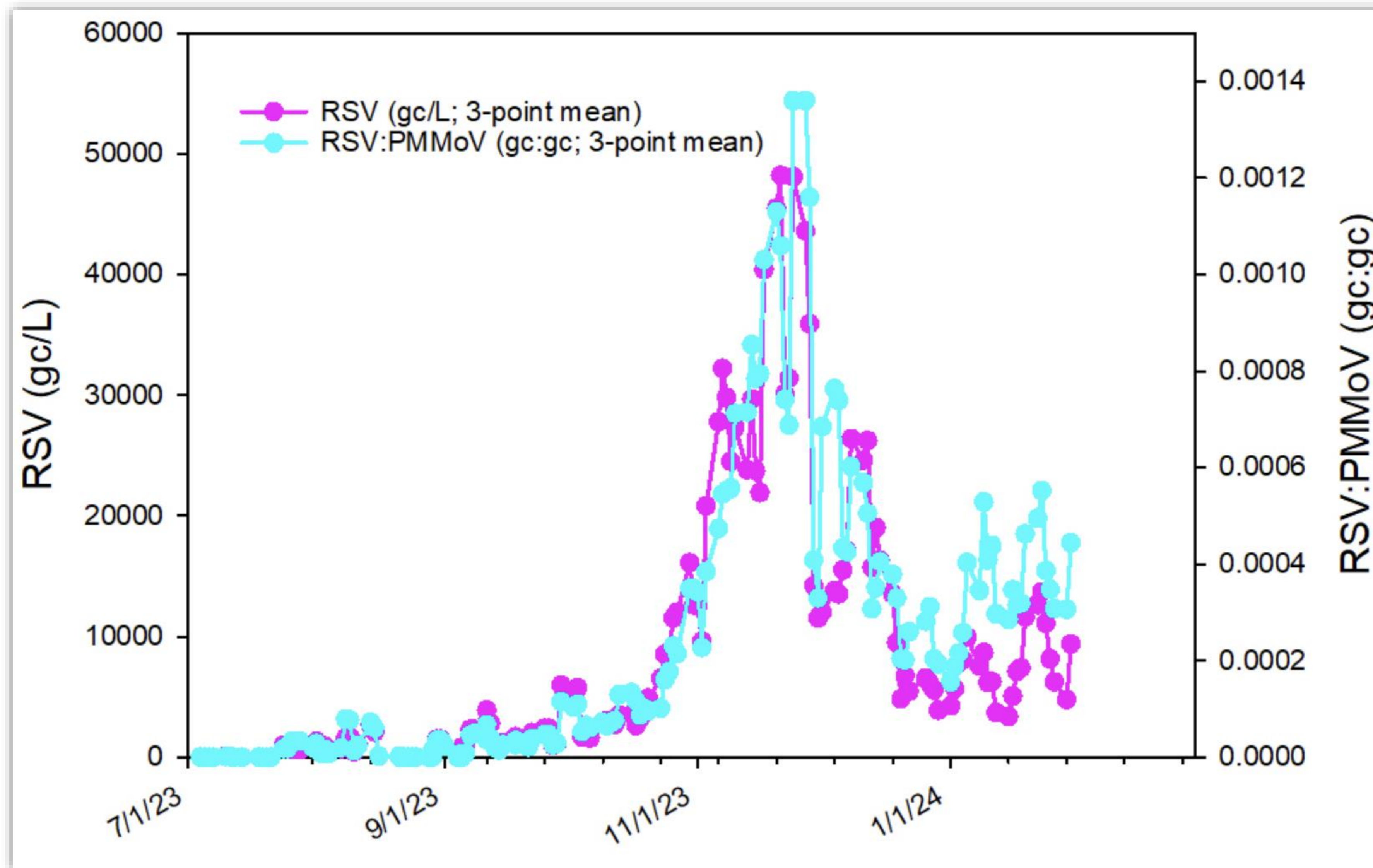
Director and Professor Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research University of Windsor



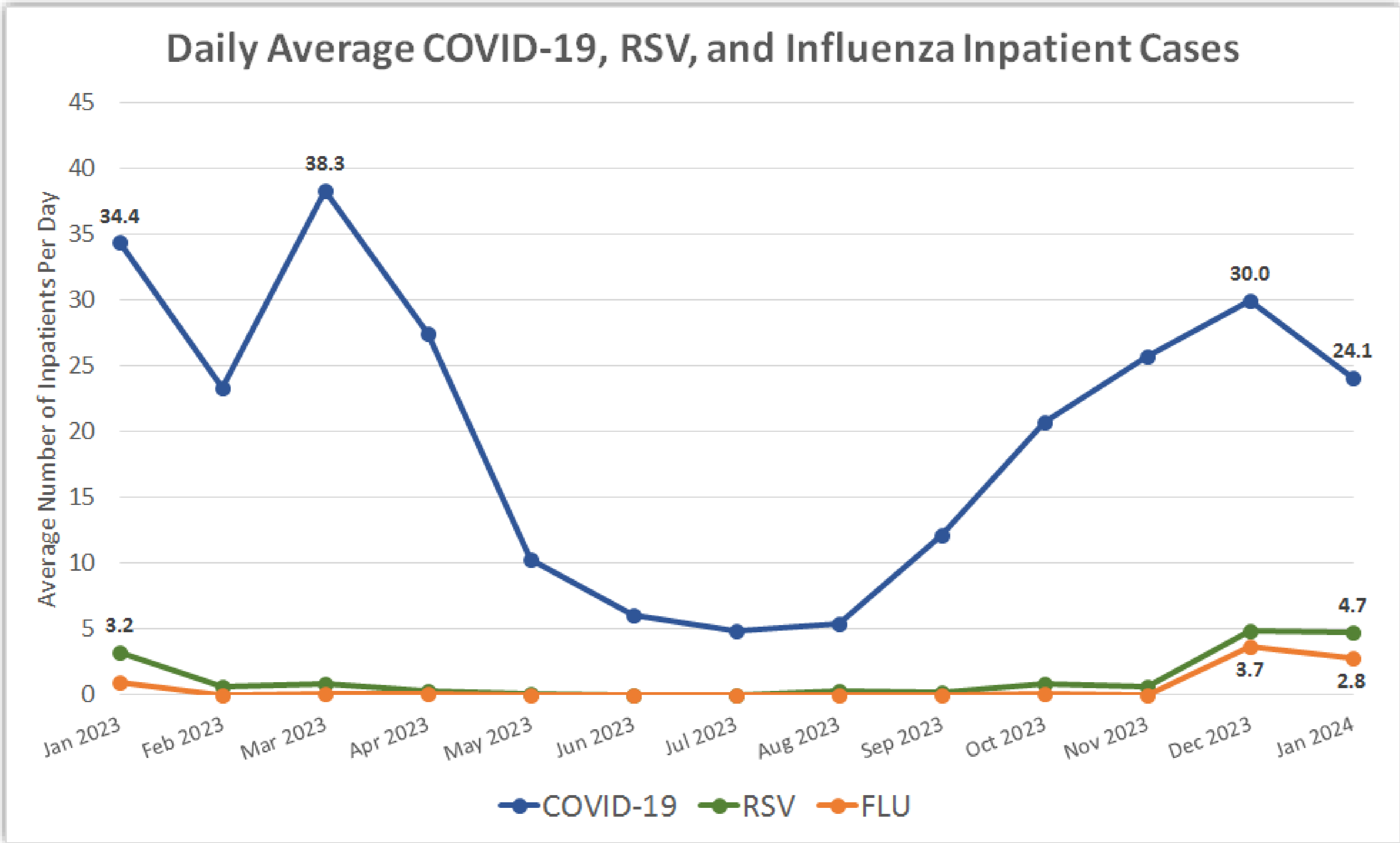
Wastewater RSV Windsor-Essex

R. Michael McKay, Ph.D.

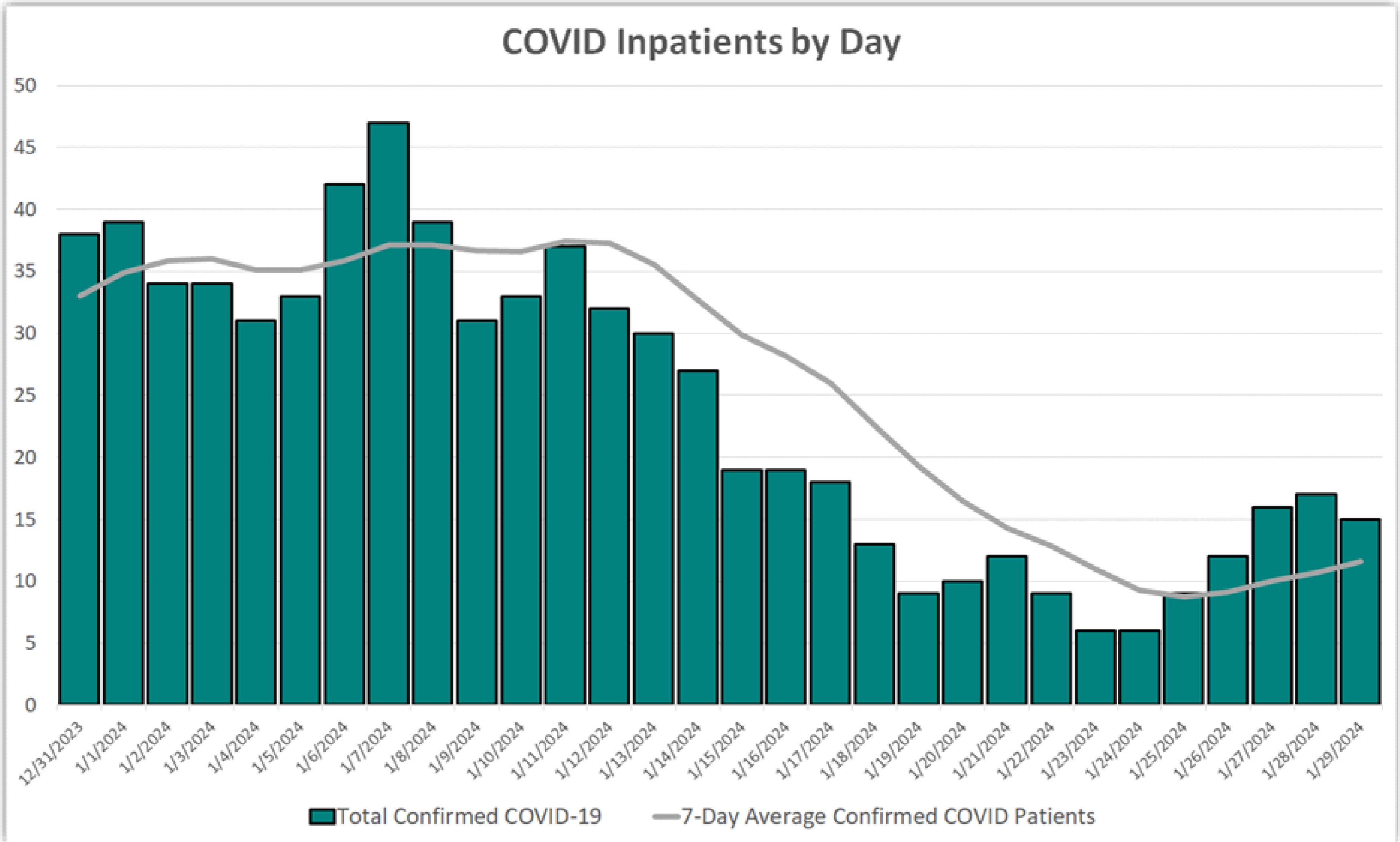
Director and Professor Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research University of Windsor



WRH Patient Data – Last 12 months



WRH COVID Inpatients Trending



REMINDER – CURRENT Masking Rules for Visitors

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.

Ministry Of Health Expanding “Number of” and “Access To” Family Health Teams



NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Connecting Over 300,000 People to Primary Care Teams

\$110 million investment brings the province one step closer to connecting everyone in Ontario to primary care

February 01, 2024

[Ministry of Health](#)

PETERBOROUGH — The Ontario government is investing \$110 million to connect up to 328,000 people to primary care teams, bringing the province one step closer to connecting everyone in Ontario to primary care.

“Our government is making record investments to ensure that everyone that wants to have a primary care provider can connect to one,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “While there is more work to do, giving hundreds of thousands of more Ontarians the opportunity to connect to primary care brings us that much closer to this goal.”

Ontario currently leads the country with 90 per cent of people connected to a regular health care provider. As a next step to close the gap for the 1.3 million people not connected to primary care, the government is making a record investment of \$90 million to add over 400 new primary care providers as part of 78 new and expanded interprofessional primary care teams. In addition to other historic investments to expand medical school spots and efforts to break down barriers so highly-skilled internationally-trained doctors can care for people in Ontario, Ministry of Health modelling shows that these initiatives will help connect up to 98 per cent of people in Ontario to primary care in the next several years.

Dr Catherine Zahn, Deputy Minister, Becoming Chair of Ontario Health



NEWS RELEASE

Dr. Catherine Zahn is Being Appointed the New Chair of Ontario Health

Province thanks Bill Hatanaka for his years of service and leadership

February 01, 2024

[Ministry of Health](#)

TORONTO – Today, Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, recognized Bill Hatanaka’s tremendous 5-year term as chair of Ontario Health and announced that Dr. Catherine Zahn is being appointed as the new chair of Ontario Health, the province’s agency that connects, coordinates and modernizes the delivery of health care.

“I’m thrilled that someone of Dr. Zahn’s experience and skillset has agreed to take on the role of chair of Ontario Health,” said Minister Jones. “Her dedication and expertise have been instrumental in advancing our healthcare initiatives and strengthening our healthcare system. With her decades of experience on the frontlines of Ontario’s health care system and having served in several important leadership positions, Dr. Zahn is perfectly positioned to help carry forward our government’s ongoing work to implement our Your Health plan as we connect people to more convenient care.”

Bill Hatanaka has served as the inaugural chair of Ontario Health since 2019, providing exceptional leadership, including through the COVID-19 pandemic. He helped to oversee the standing up of Ontario Health, including the integration of 22 previously-siloed former agencies to break down barriers and eliminate administrative duplication so more money can be invested in frontline care.

Code Grey Status Update: Restoration Activities Status Update



As we reviewed last month we went live with our electronic patient health record December 13, 2023

DI Update/CT/MRI: As of January 3, 2024, our PACs system was up and running

- This is the system that stores images, reports, and allows chronological view and remote access to images for interpretation, diagnosis and treatment
- **P1 and 2** - no backlog
- **P3s** - those of semi urgent priority will take approximately 10 weeks to clear
- **P4s** - we are working on a regional recovery plan with our partner hospitals
- 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



The clinical systems that came online in January 2024 include:

- **CBORD** - Nutrition software allowing individualized meal ordering options
- **Lab** - Hematology fully integrated

Those that are due to be online in the next few days:

- **Pyxis** - integration of our automated dispensing cabinets
- **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

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

However we will have reached a major milestone with the restoration of CVIS and Pyxis.

If all continues as planned we will be able to lift our Code Grey effective Tuesday February 6th