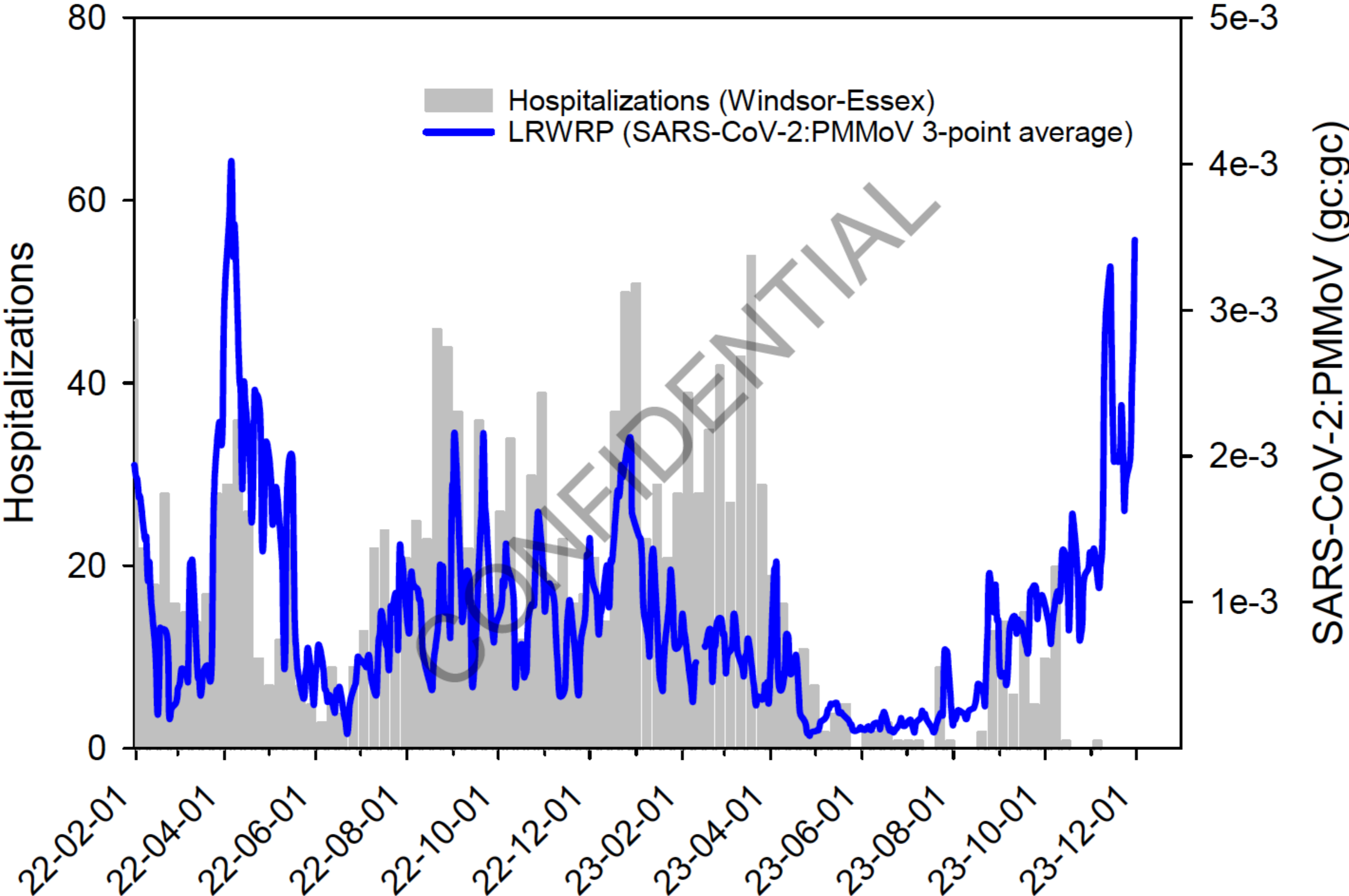




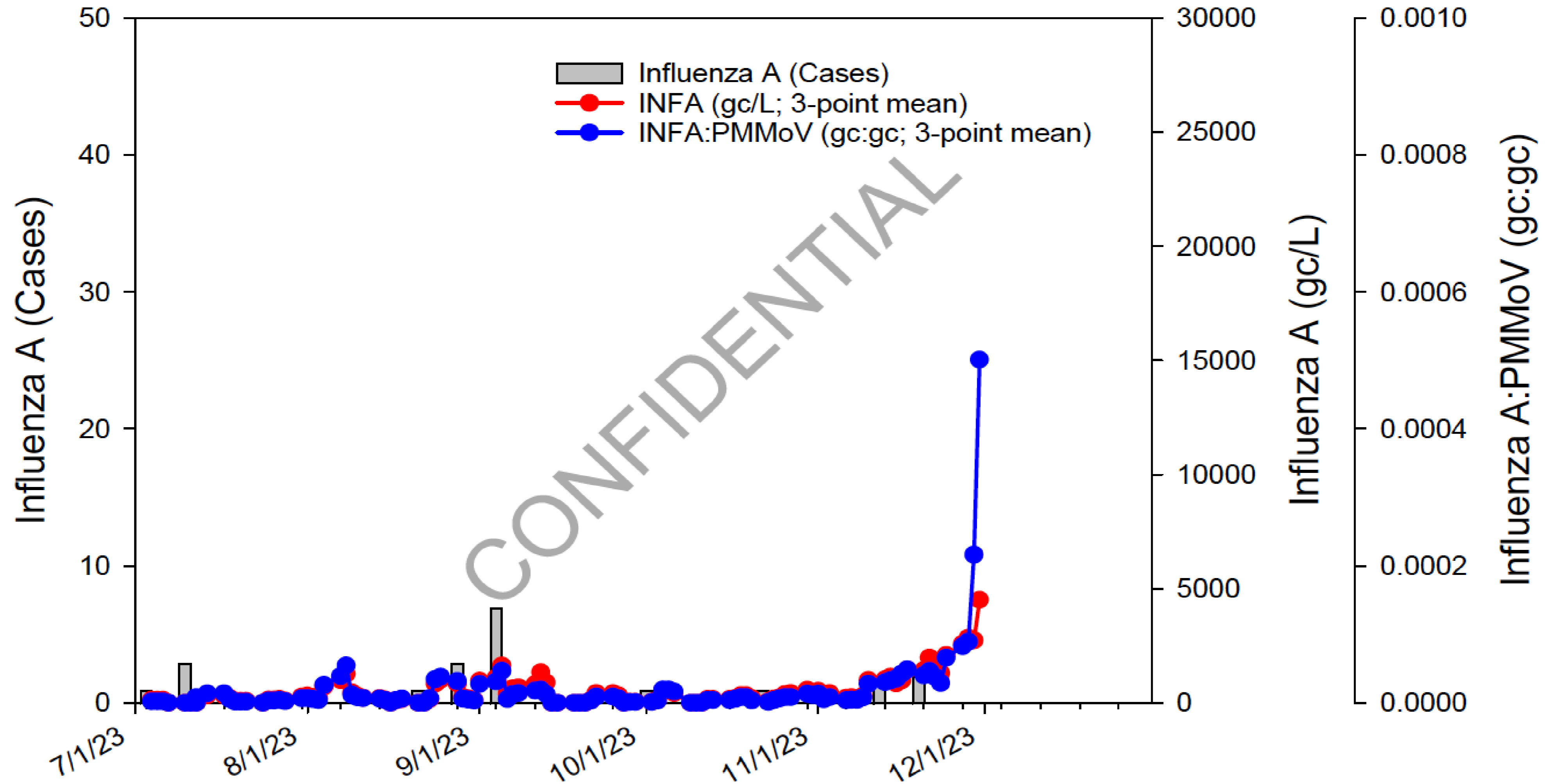
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WRH BOARD MEETING

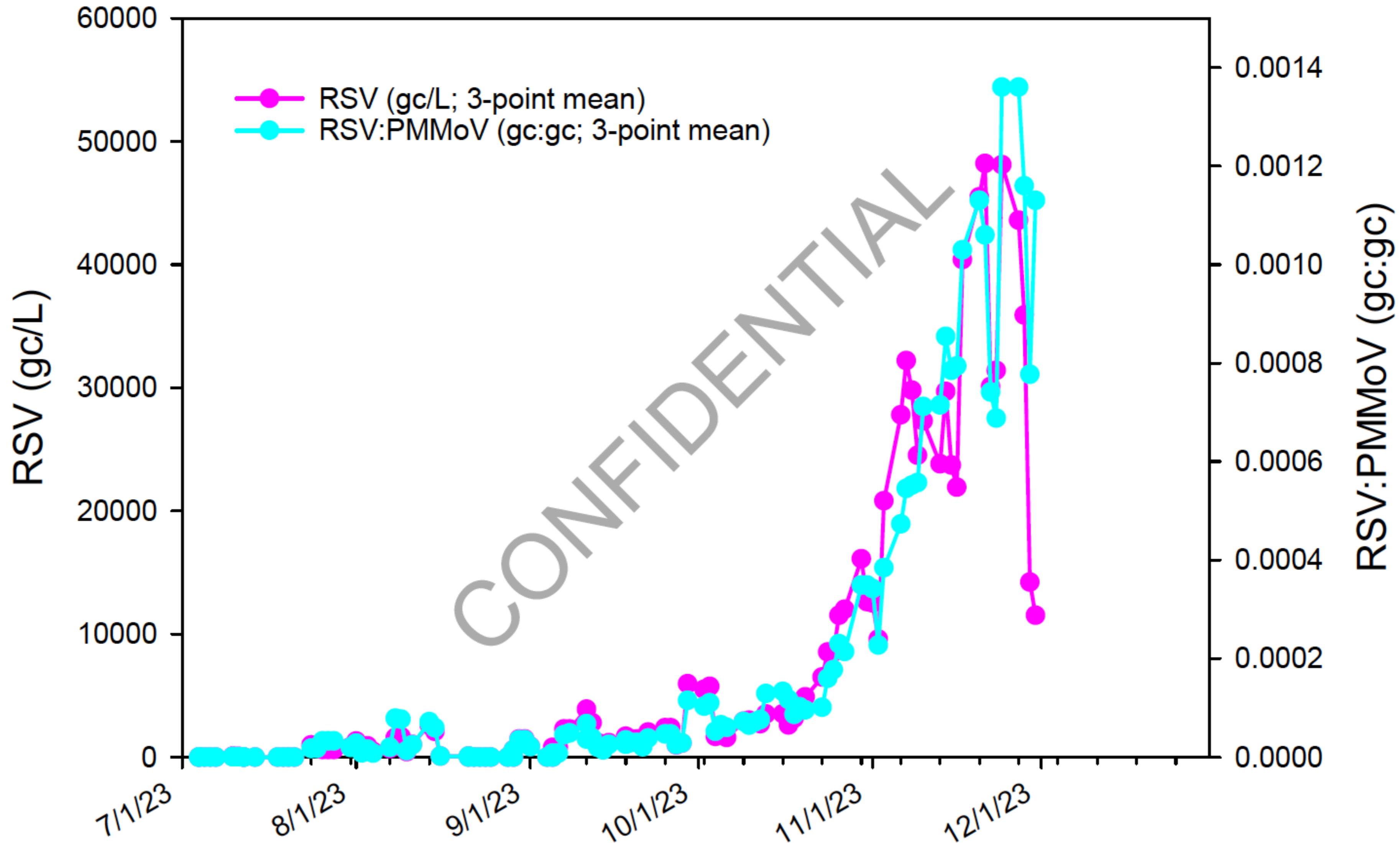
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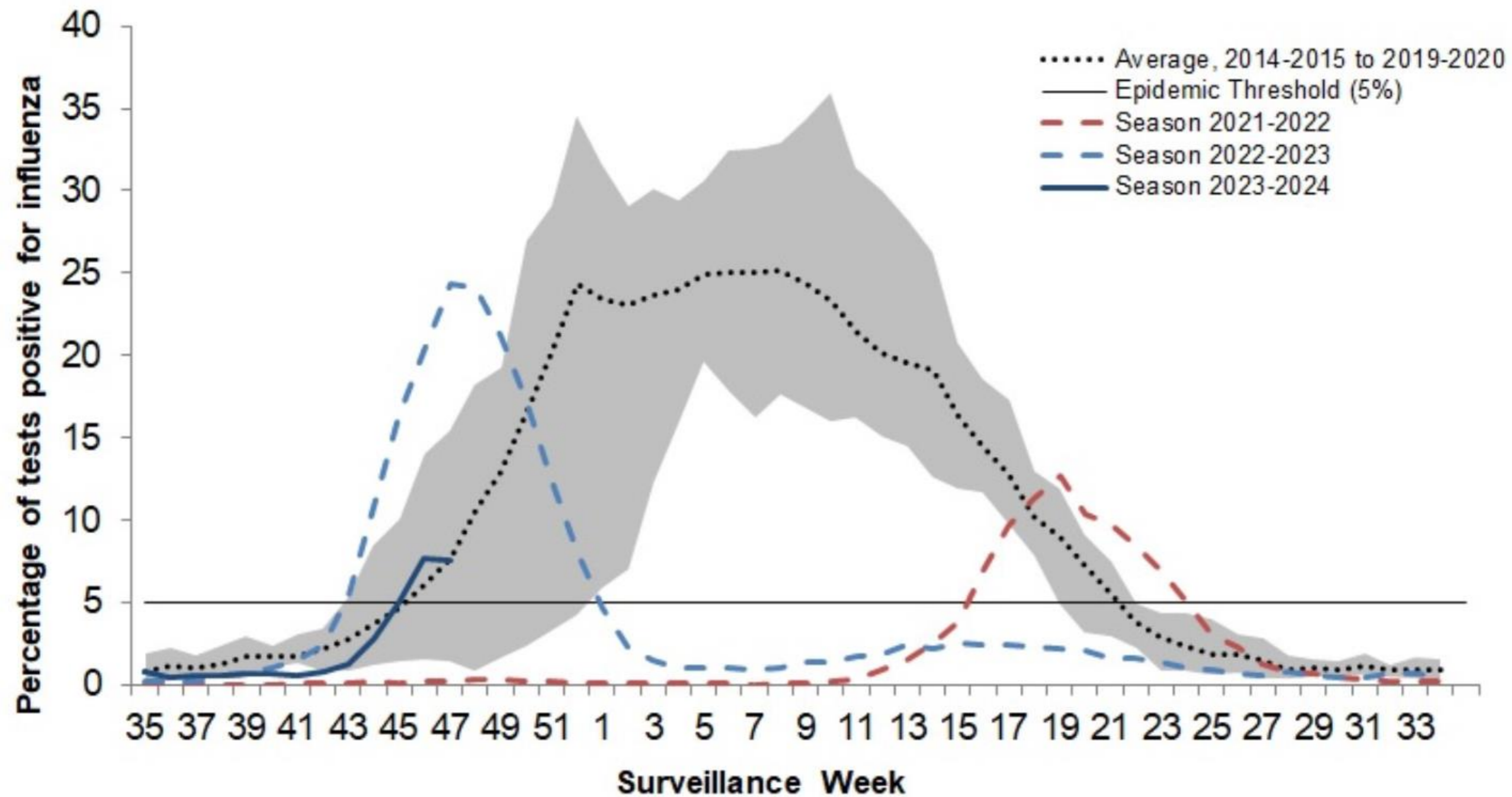


Wastewater RSV Windsor-Essex



Canada Influenza – November 19 to November 25, 2023 (week 47)

Figure 3: Percentage of tests positive in Canada compared to previous seasons, week 2023-35 to 2023-47



New Masking Rules for Visitors – Effective 12:01 AM Friday December 8, 2023



Media Release

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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.

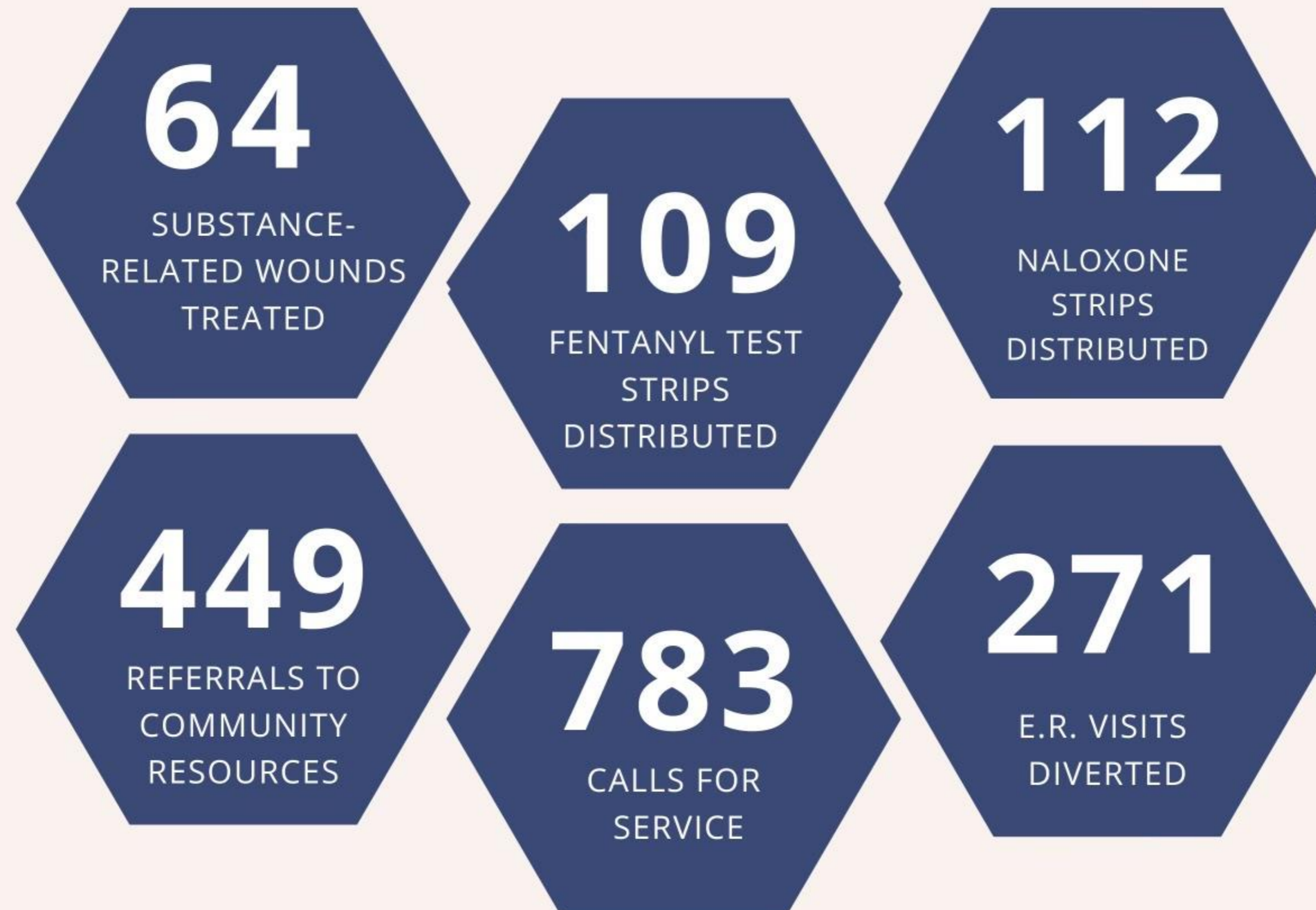
“You can spread viruses to vulnerable individuals even before you start to feel sick,” said Erika Vitale, WRH's Director of Infection Control. “Wearing a mask when in close contact, such as in a patient's room, is a simple measure that can reduce the risk to everyone.”

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

NURSE POLICE TEAM

Program highlights through 29 weeks

(working 3 days per week)



Code Grey Status Update: Restoration Activities



- On Dec 2nd started registering and discharging patients in the electronic system who were admitted and discharged during the downtime period
- On Dec 7th started registering current patients and entering current treatment plans and orders
- Go live with our electronic patient health record planned for December 13th

Code Grey Status Update: Restoration Activities



This is NOT a full restoration of electronic systems. Some of the systems that will not be full electronic or integrated into the health record include

- **Pharmacy** - our medication dispensing units will not be integrated for about 1 more month
- **Lab** - results will not automatically populate the health record for another 1-2 weeks
- **Diagnostic Imaging** - our PACs system is not yet up and running
 - PACS is a picture archiving and communications system. 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.
 - PACS provides remote access. This means physicians in faraway physical areas can obtain immediate access to the images for both interpretation and diagnosis/treatment decisions.

Code Grey Status Update: Diagnostic Imaging Prioritization

Diagnostic Imaging is prioritized based on clinical indication

- Priority 1 Emergent - is an exam necessary to diagnose and/or treat disease or injury that is immediately life threatening - Target completion within 24 hours
- Priority 2 Urgent - is an exam necessary to diagnose and/or treat disease or injury and alter treatment plan that is not immediately threatening to life or limb. This would include all hospital inpatient exams unless unrelated to their admission - Target completion 48 hours
- Priority 3 Semi Urgent - is an exam necessary to diagnose or treat disease or injury and or alter the treatment plan, where provided clinical information requires that the examination be performed sooner than the P4 benchmark period. Target completion 10 days
- Priority 4 Non Urgent - an examination necessary to diagnose or treat disease or injury where the clinical indication does not require the study to be performed within the P3 benchmark period. Target completion 28 days. Current provincial wait time for Priority 4 is approximately 90 days.

Code Grey Status Update:

Diagnostic Imaging CT and MRI Status Update



- P1 - we are at 100% capacity and there was no impact on volumes during the Code Grey
- P2 - we are at 100% capacity and there was no impact on volumes during the Code Grey
- P3 - we have returned to 100% capacity for CT and MRI- initial impact of Code Grey and backlog due to PACs downtime - Once PACs up mid December we will ramp up and expect backlog clearance of P3s within 10 weeks
- P4 - we are not completing any P4 CTs or MRIs- Do not expect to start P4 ramp up for MRI until January 2024 and for CT until 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