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# San Diego County Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report

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## COVID-19

Cases

26,448

Deaths

152

Outbreaks\*

236

7/2/2023 – 12/9/2023

## Influenza

Cases

3,973

Deaths

6

Outbreaks\*

3

7/2/2023 – 12/9/2023

## RSV

Cases

2,327

Deaths

3

Outbreaks\*

4

7/2/2023 – 12/9/2023

\*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 weekly *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 are available via the Epidemiology Unit [website](#).

Please visit the COVID-19 data dashboards on the County of San Diego COVID-19 [website](#). Additional COVID-19 data are available there in a more interactive format.

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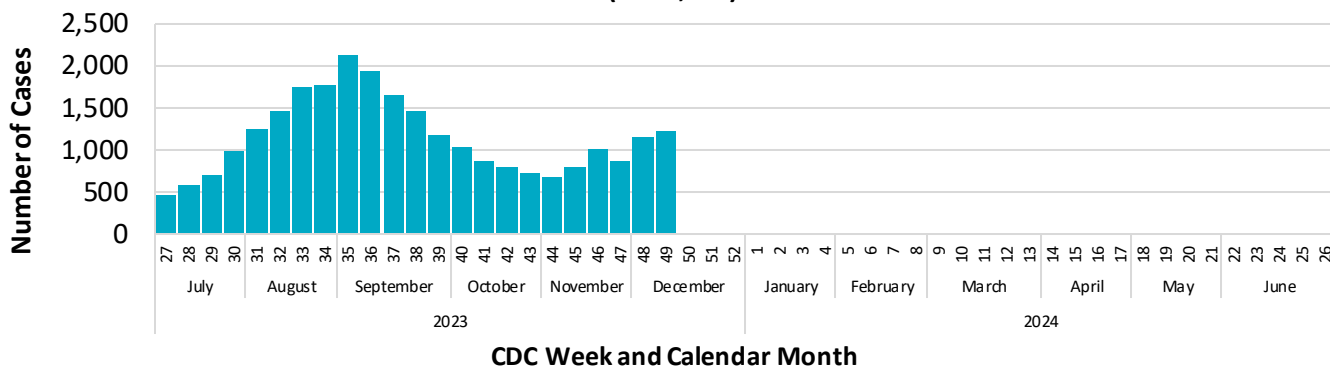


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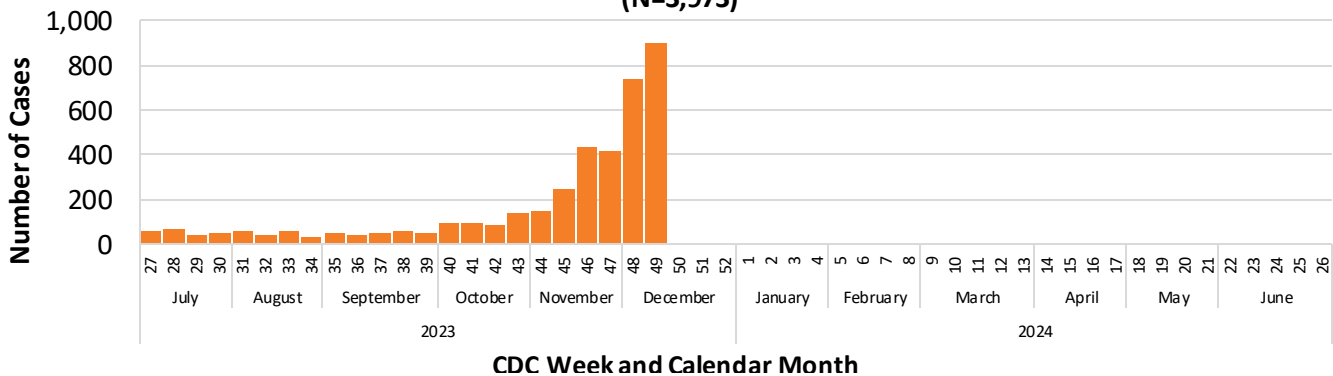


## COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV Cases by CDC Episode Week, \* 2023-24 Fiscal Year-to-Date

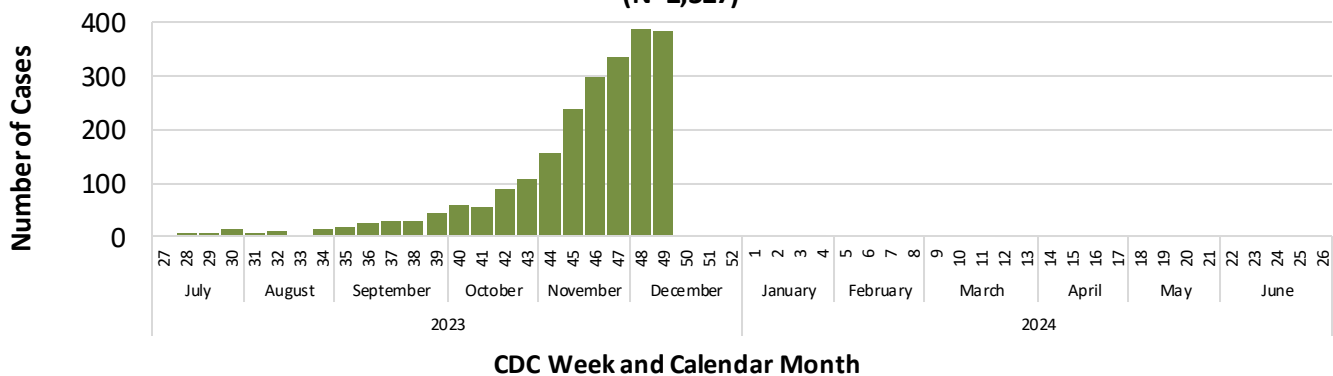
**Figure 1.1. San Diego County COVID-19 Confirmed and Probable Cases (N=26,448)**



**Figure 1.2. San Diego County Influenza Cases (N=3,973)**



**Figure 1.3. San Diego County RSV Cases (N=2,327)**



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## COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV Fiscal Year-to-Date Overview

Table 1. Respiratory Surveillance Indicators

Indicator	2023-24 Fiscal Year			2022-23 Fiscal Year			Prior Years Average*		
	Week 49	Total To Date	Week 48	Week 49	Total To Date	FY Total	Week 49	Total To Date	FY Total
% P&I deaths <sup>†</sup>	6%		6%	8%			8%		
<b>CASES</b>									
COVID-19 <sup>‡</sup>	1,217	26,448	1,157	5,975	125,067	177,373	8,389	110,553	352,279
Influenza	896	3,973	737	1,627	17,335	21,711	471	4,036	11,426
RSV	384	2,327	389	203	4,447	5,885	103	1,936	2,749
<b>DEATHS<sup>§</sup></b>									
COVID-19	9	152	9	14	233	630	38	544	1,889
Influenza	0	6	0	7	25	44	2	8	48
RSV	1	3	0	1	8	21	0	3	8
<b>HOSPITALIZATIONS<sup>¶</sup></b>									
COVID-19	158	3,116	192	401	6,181	11,696	430		
Influenza	68	359	68	189	1,084	1,588	65		
<b>OUTBREAKS<sup>#</sup></b>									
COVID-19	4	236	7	25	291	498	21	229	513
Influenza	0	3	2	2	19	25	1	5	22
RSV	0	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	1
<b>SYNDROMIC SURVEILLANCE</b>									
% ED CLI**	3%		3%	5%			5%		
% ED ILI <sup>††</sup>	5%		5%	7%			4%		
% Resp General	19%		19%	22%			17%		

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.

†The percentage of deaths registered with pneumonia or influenza listed as a cause of death.

‡Confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

§Current FY deaths are shown by week of report; prior FY deaths are shown by week of death.

¶The number of patients admitted to an inpatient bed who had laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 or laboratory-confirmed influenza virus infection at the time of admission. COVID-19 admissions data are available starting August 2020, while influenza admissions data are available starting November 2020. As a result, totals to date and FY totals for prior years average are unavailable. Starting 11/2/2023, these data are based on new hospital admissions and reflect a change from the census data shown in previous reports. Census data can be found on page 5 of this report and on our [COVID Highlights dashboard](#).

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

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

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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

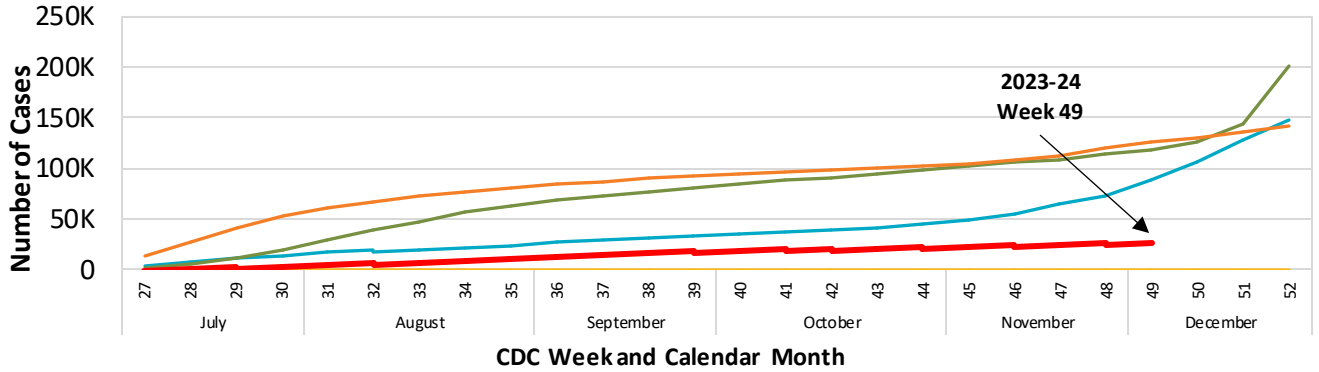


Figure 2.2. Cumulative Influenza Cases

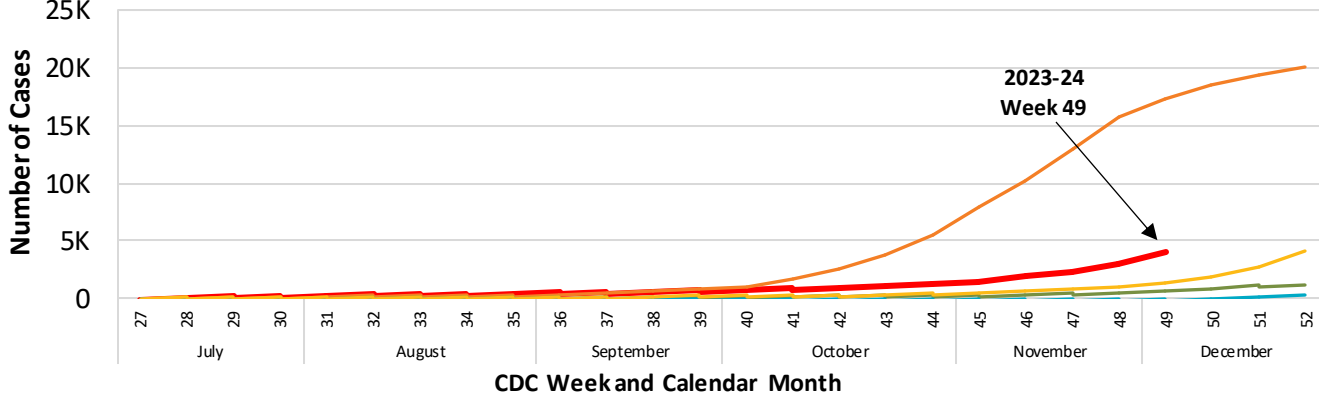
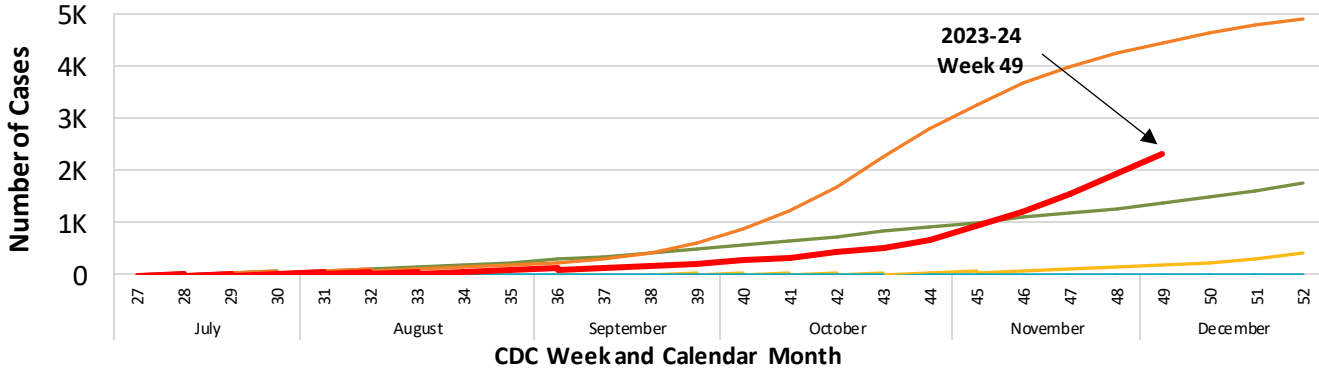


Figure 2.3. Cumulative RSV Cases



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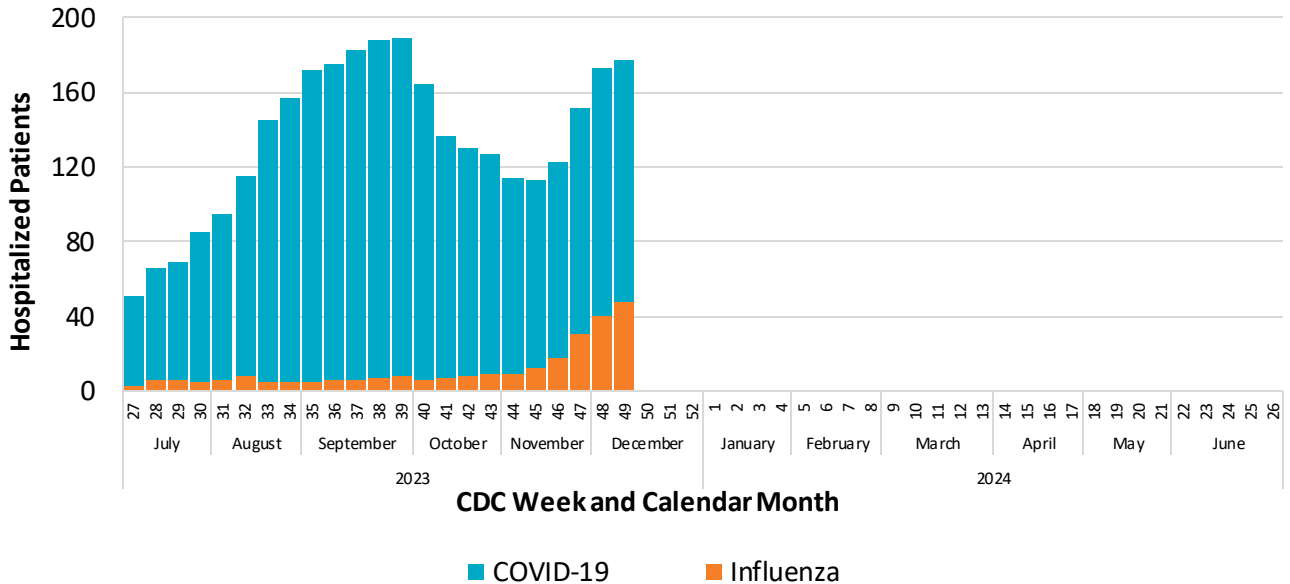


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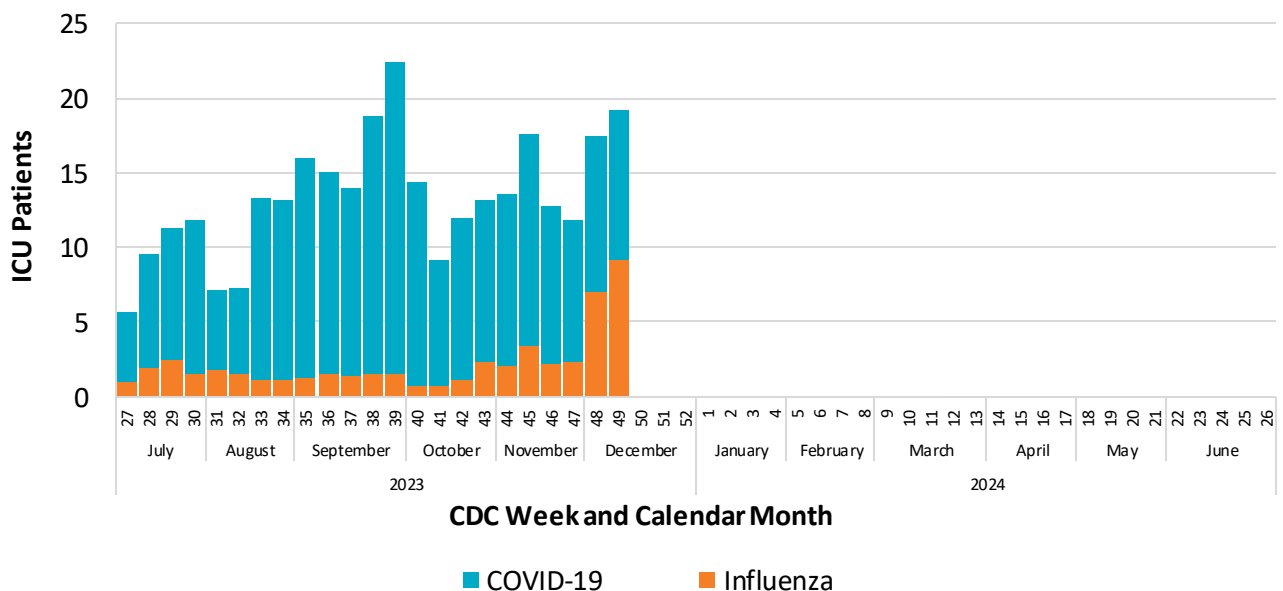


## COVID-19 and Influenza Hospital and ICU Census

**Figure 3. COVID-19 and Influenza-Positive Hospitalized Patients, 7-Day Rolling Average, San Diego County**



**Figure 4. COVID-19 and Influenza-Positive ICU Patients, 7-Day Rolling Average, San Diego County**

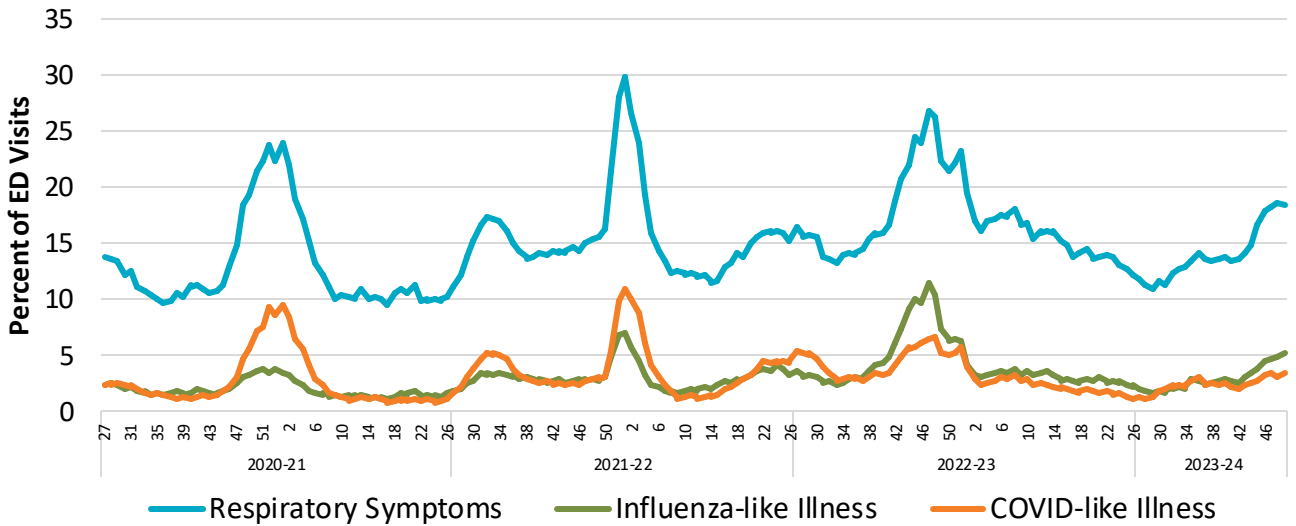


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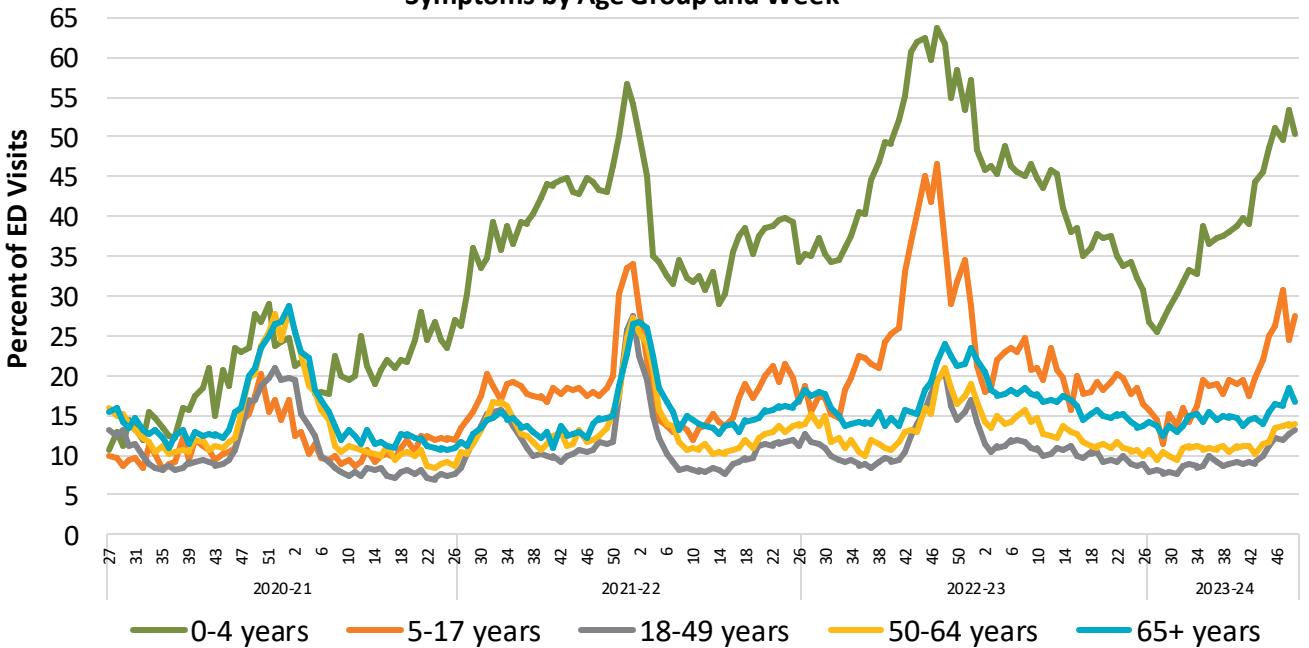


## Emergency Department Data: Respiratory Symptoms

**Figure 5. Percent of Emergency Department Visit Chief Complaints for ILI<sup>†</sup>, 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**



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

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Figure 7. Proportion of COVID-19 Cases

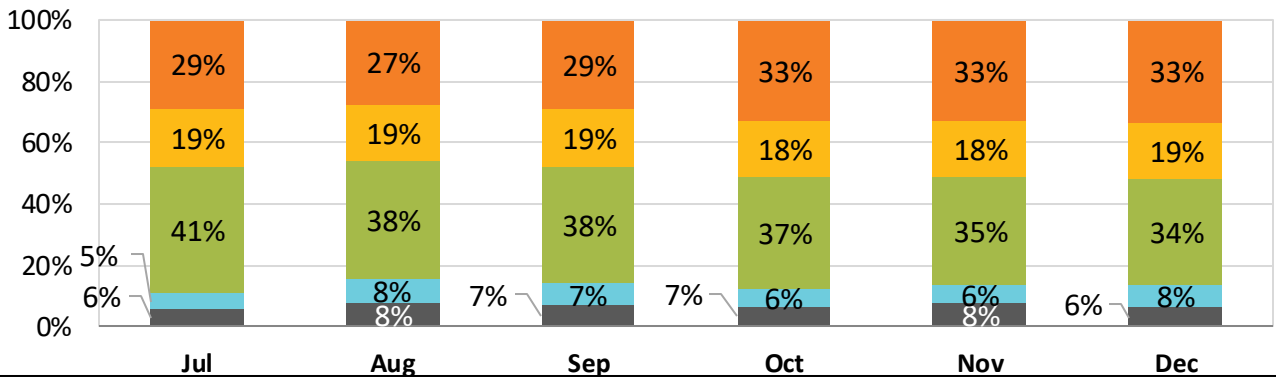


Figure 8. Proportion of Influenza Cases

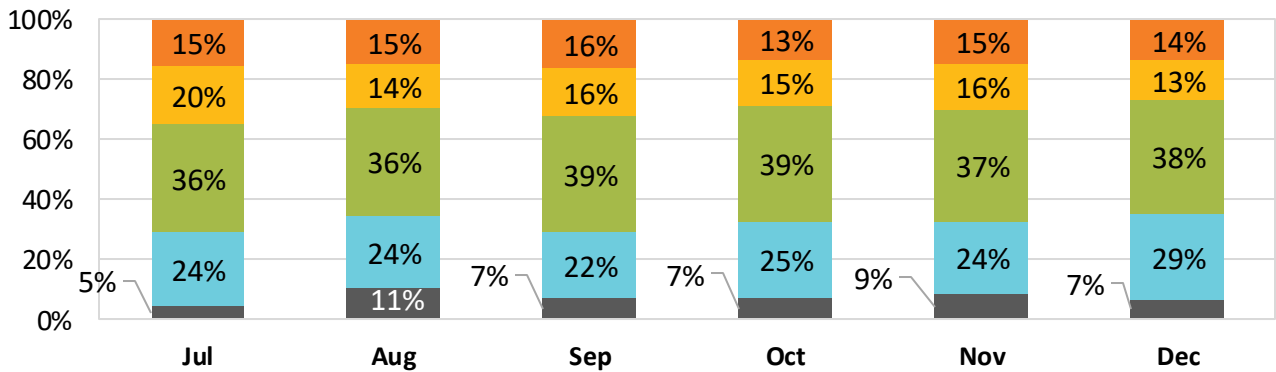
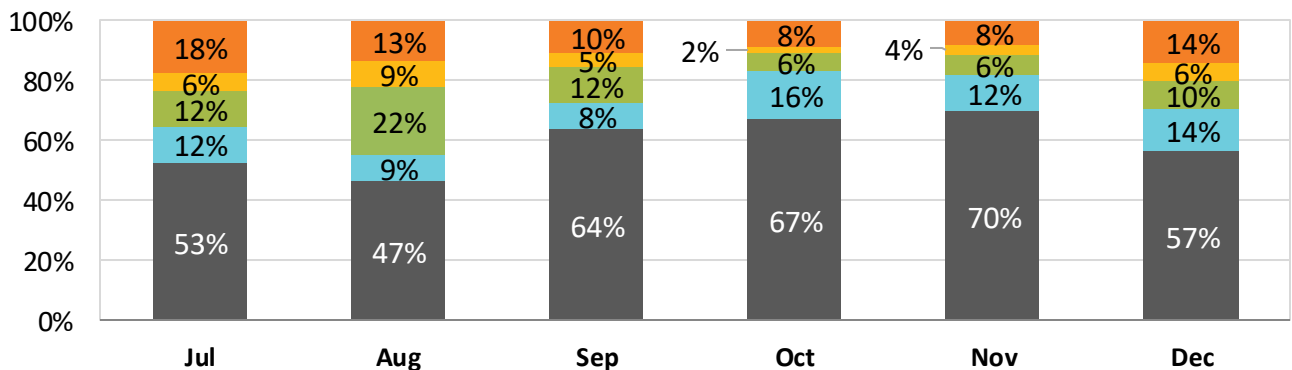


Figure 9. Proportion of RSV Cases



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

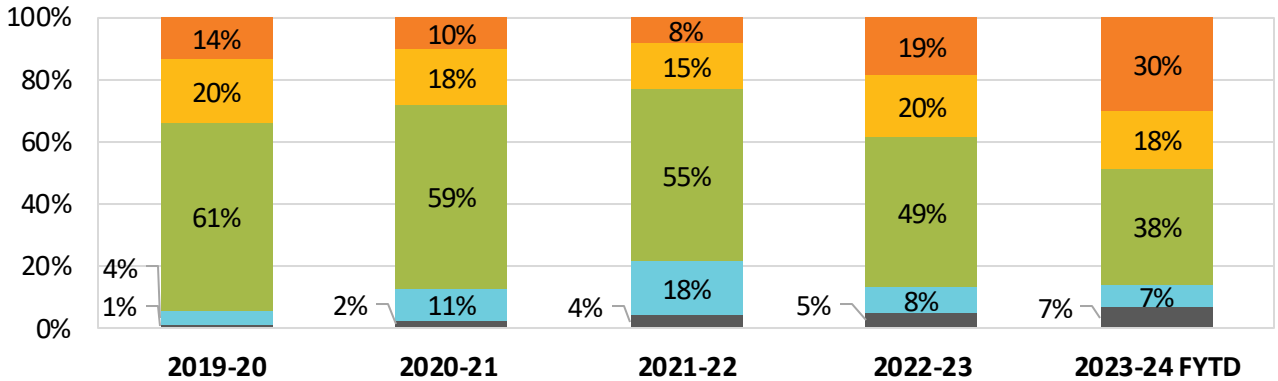


Figure 11. Proportion of Influenza Cases by Age Group and Fiscal Year

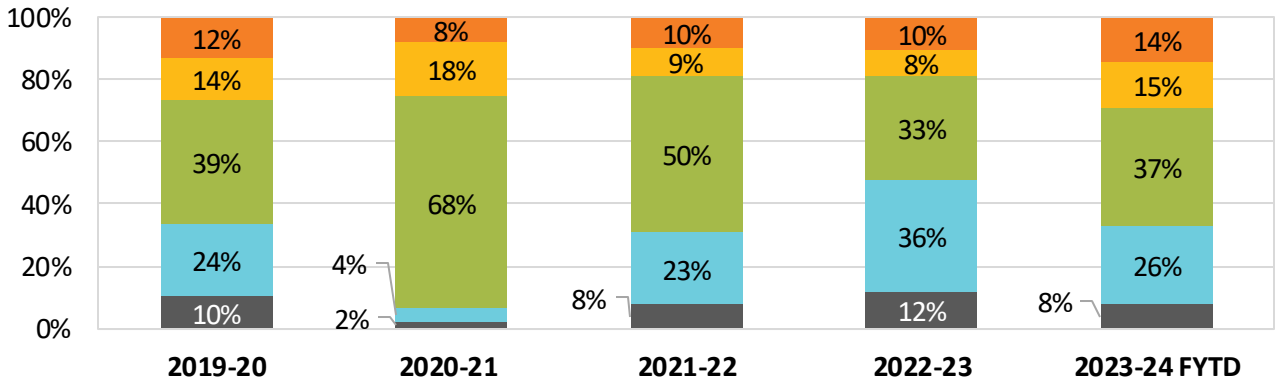
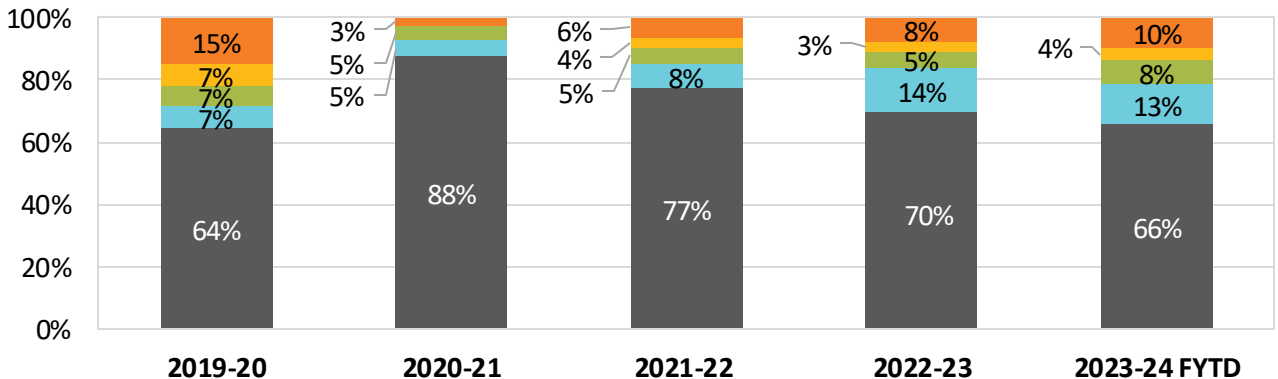


Figure 12. Proportion of RSV Cases by Age Group and Fiscal Year



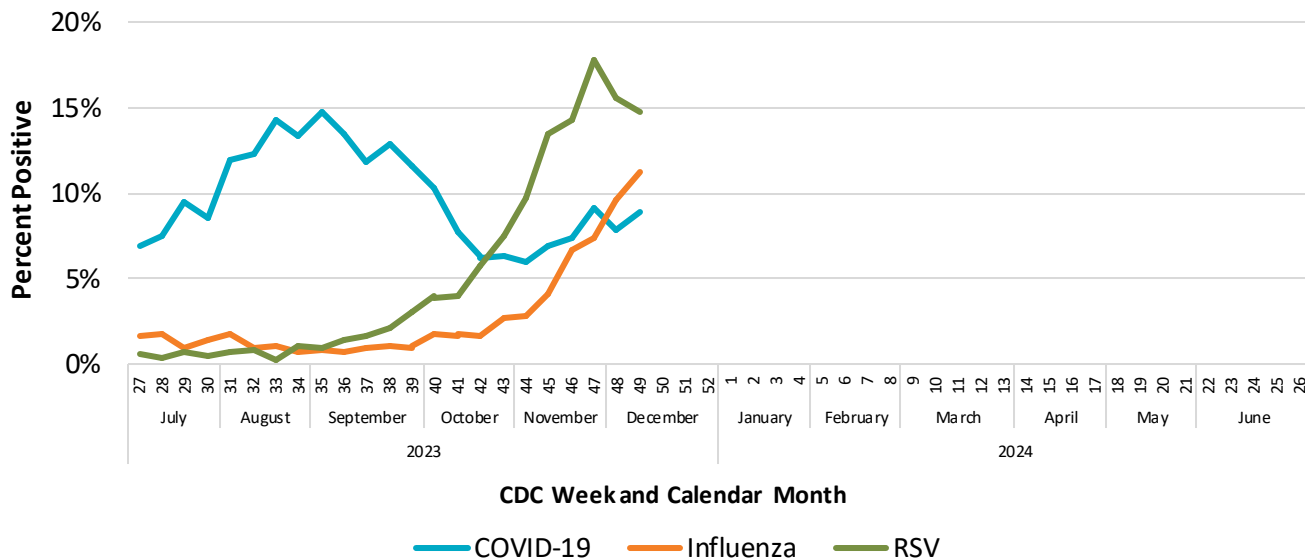


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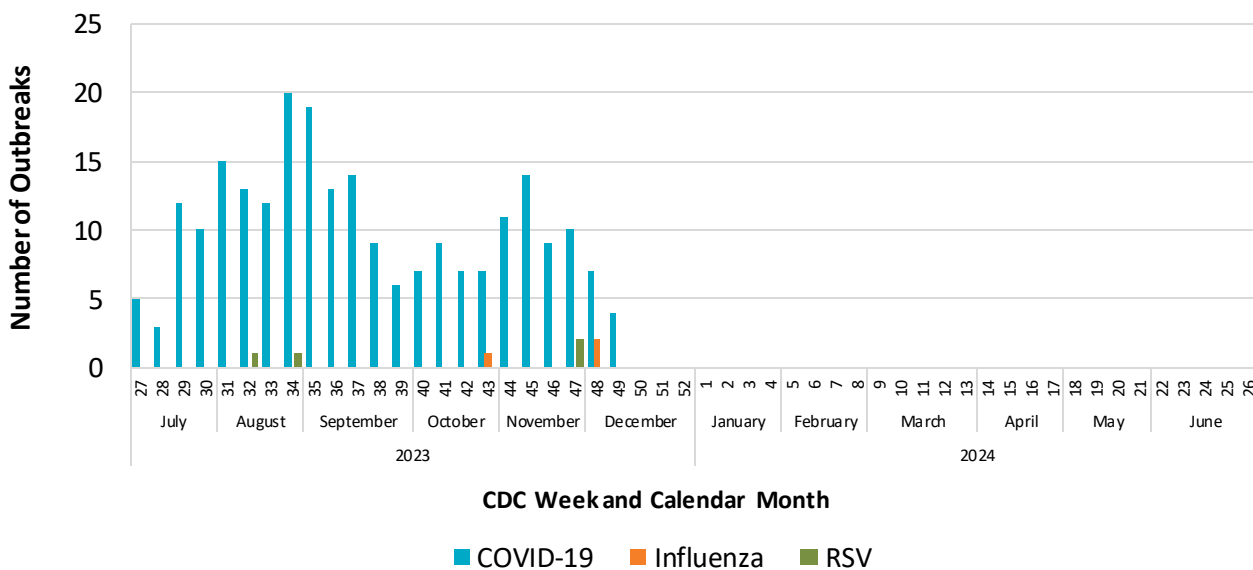
## COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV Positivity

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

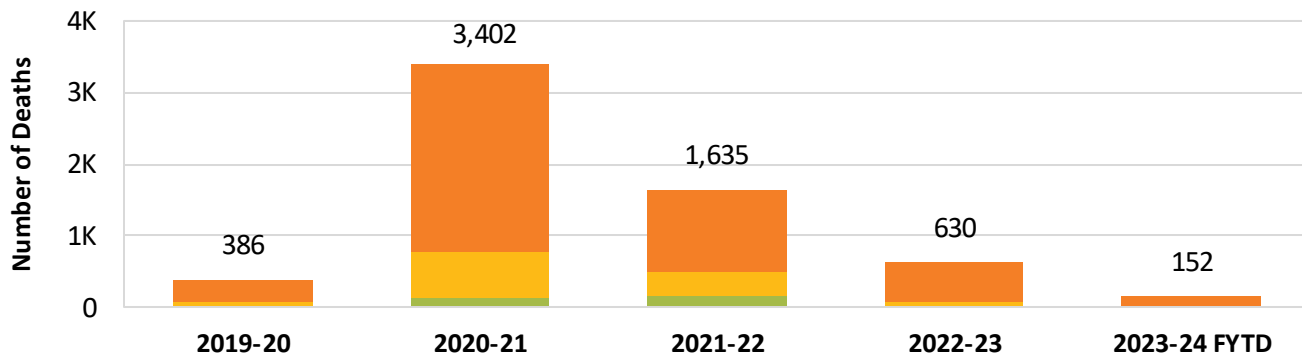


Figure 16. Influenza Deaths by Age and Fiscal Year

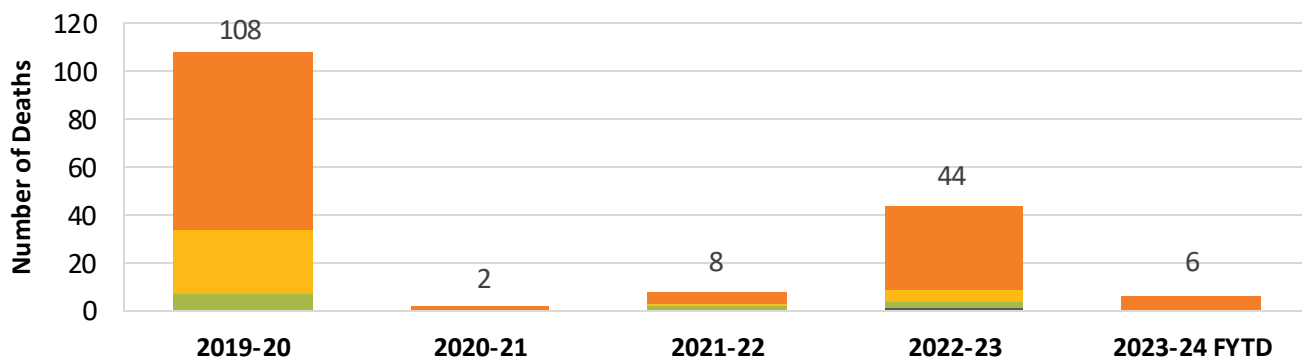
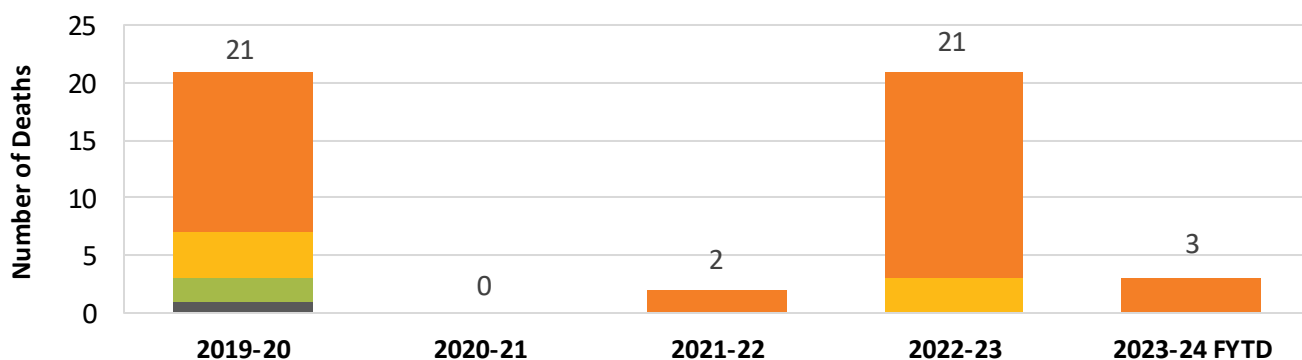


Figure 17. RSV Deaths by Age and Fiscal Year



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**Table 2. Summary of Deaths, Fiscal Year-to-Date**

	COVID-19 Deaths	Influenza Deaths	RSV Deaths
<b>Age</b>			
0-4 years	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
5-17 years	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
18-49 years	4 (2.6%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
50-64 years	12 (7.9%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
65+ years	136 (89.5%)	6 (100.0%)	3 (100.0%)
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	89 (58.6%)	3 (50.0%)	2 (66.7%)
Female	63 (41.4%)	3 (50.0%)	1 (33.3%)
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
American Indian or Alaska Native	2 (1.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Asian	14 (9.2%)	3 (50.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Black or African American	3 (2.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Hispanic or Latino	23 (15.1%)	1 (16.7%)	1 (33.3%)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Other/Multiple Race	2 (1.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
White	108 (71.1%)	2 (33.3%)	2 (66.7%)
<b>Other Significant Conditions</b>	115 (75.7%)	5 (83.3%)	2 (66.7%)

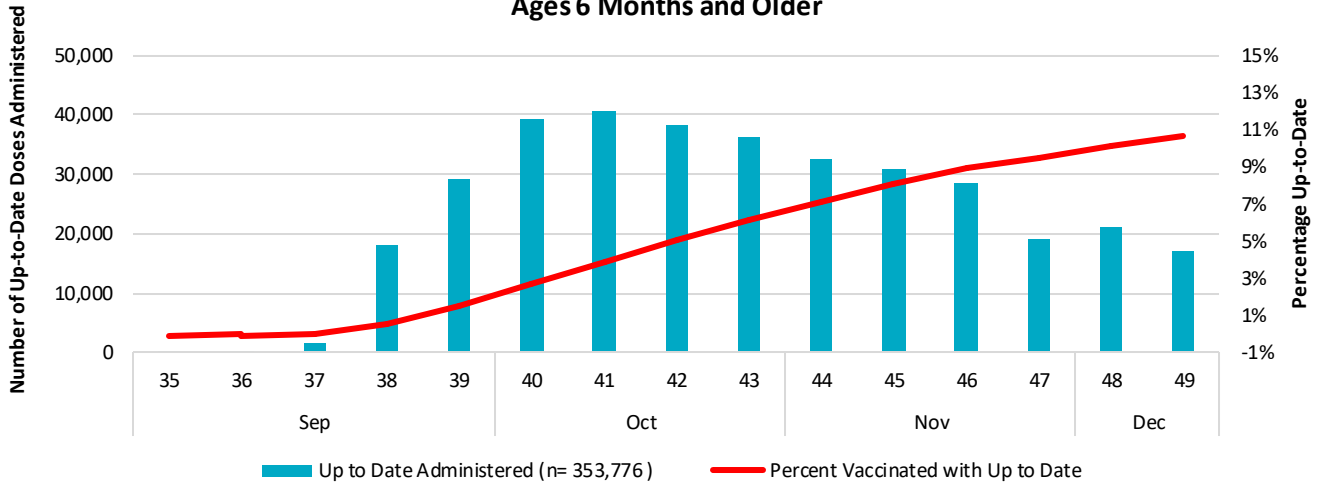


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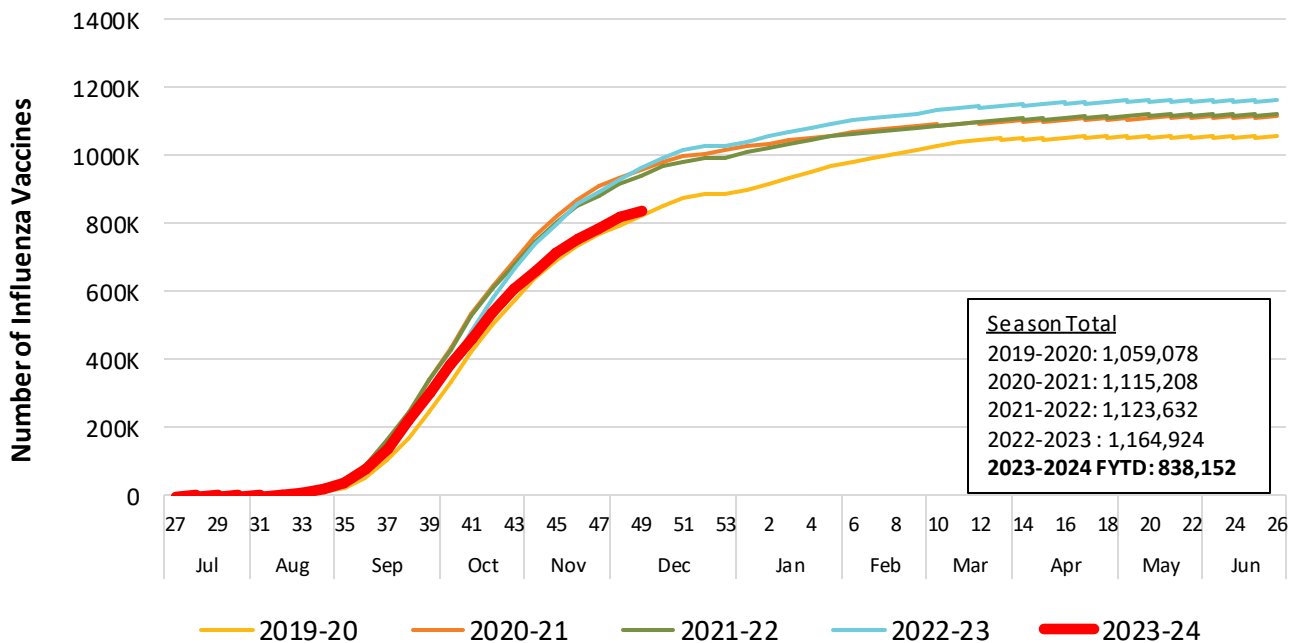
## Vaccinations Administered

**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**



Season Total	
2019-2020:	1,059,078
2020-2021:	1,115,208
2021-2022:	1,123,632
2022-2023:	1,164,924
<b>2023-2024 FYTD:</b>	<b>838,152</b>

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

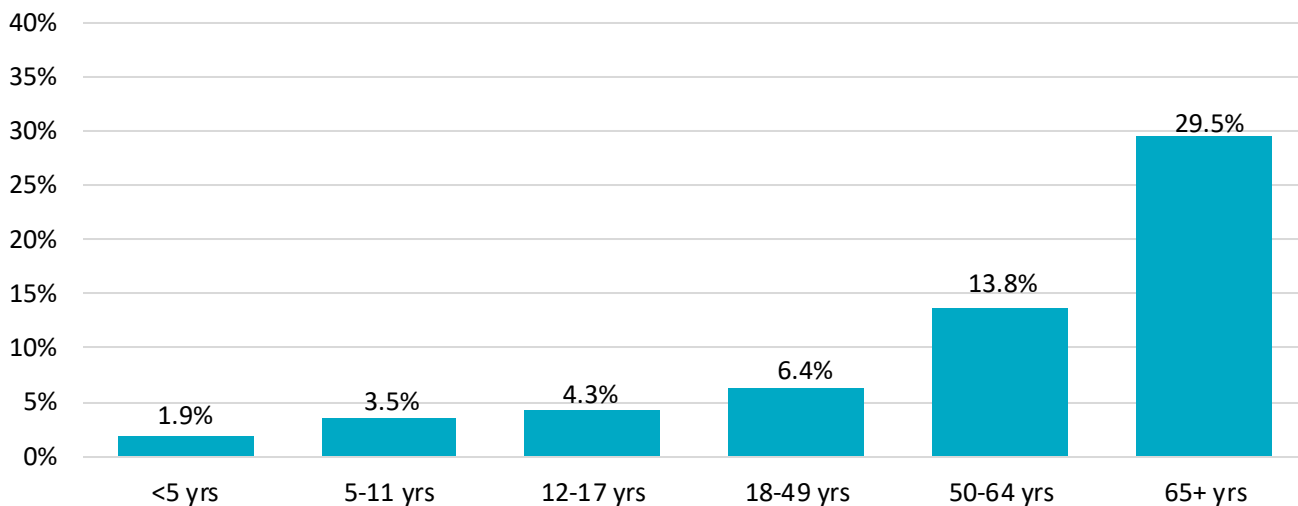


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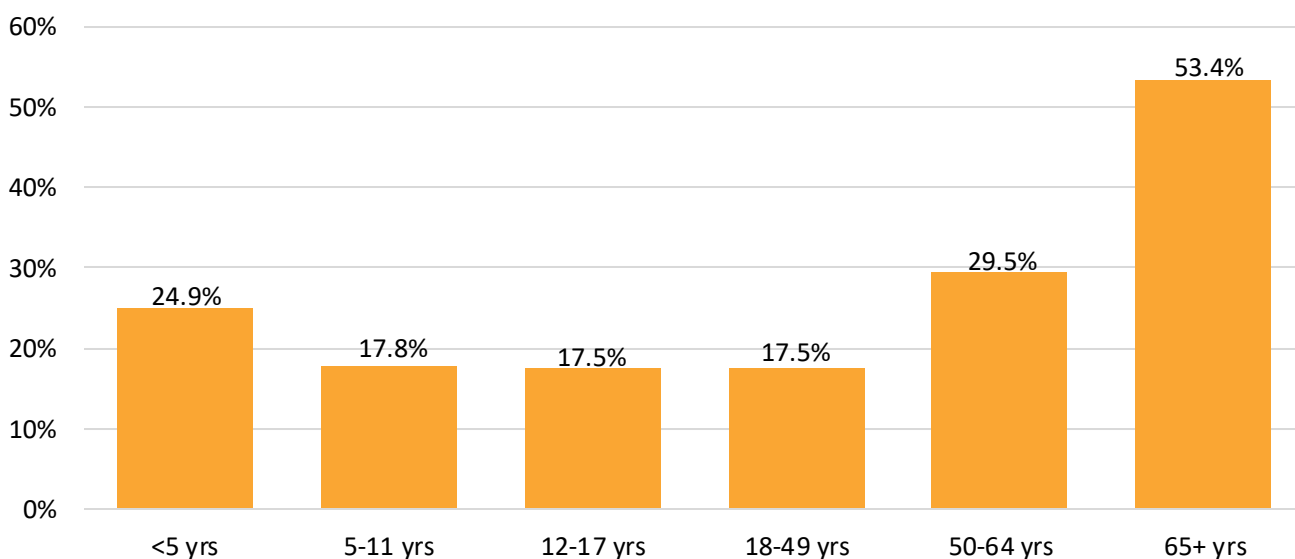
## Vaccine Recipients by Age

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](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz/downloads/2023-2024-up-to-date-criteria.pdf)

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



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## Wastewater Surveillance

— Moving Average\*      ● Normalized daily level†

Figure 22. SARS-CoV-2 Detection in Wastewater

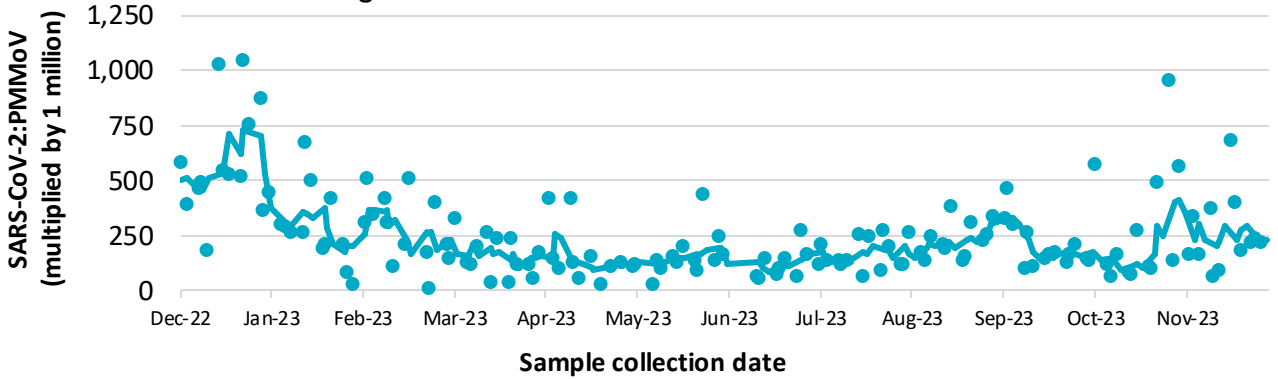


Figure 23. Influenza A‡ Detection in Wastewater

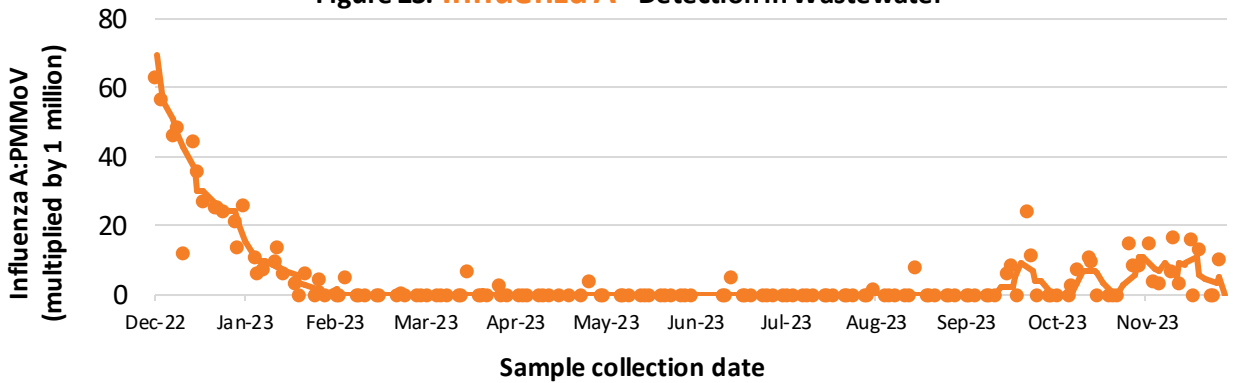
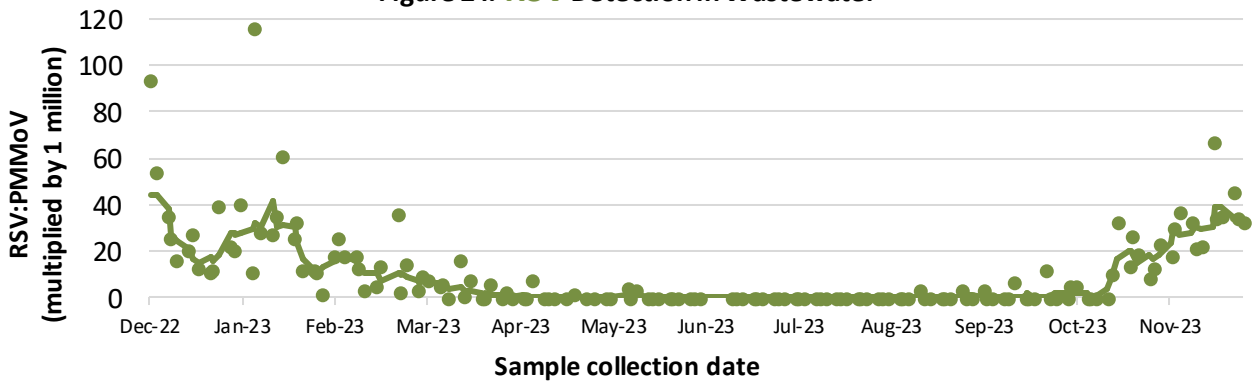


Figure 24. RSV Detection in Wastewater



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\*

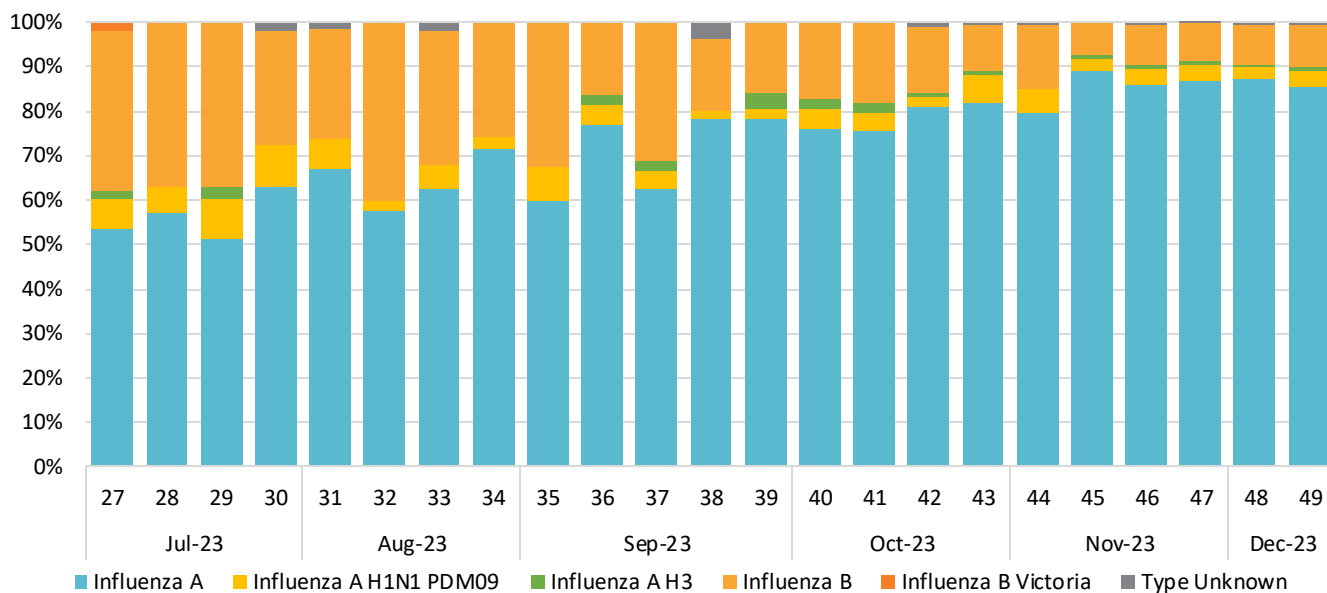
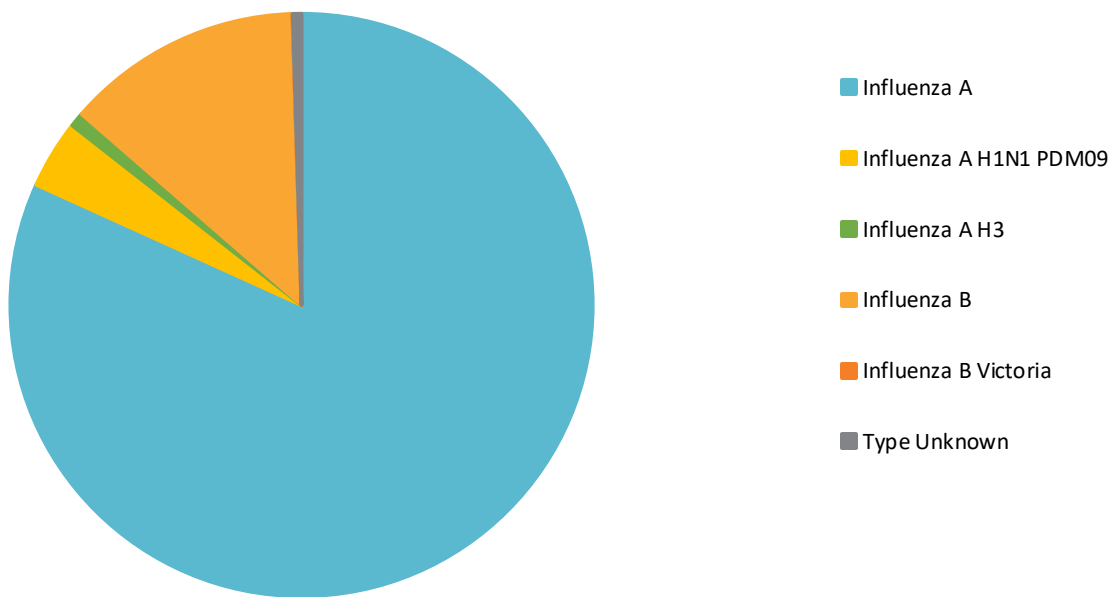


Figure 26. Influenza Subtypes, 2023-24 Fiscal Year-to-Date



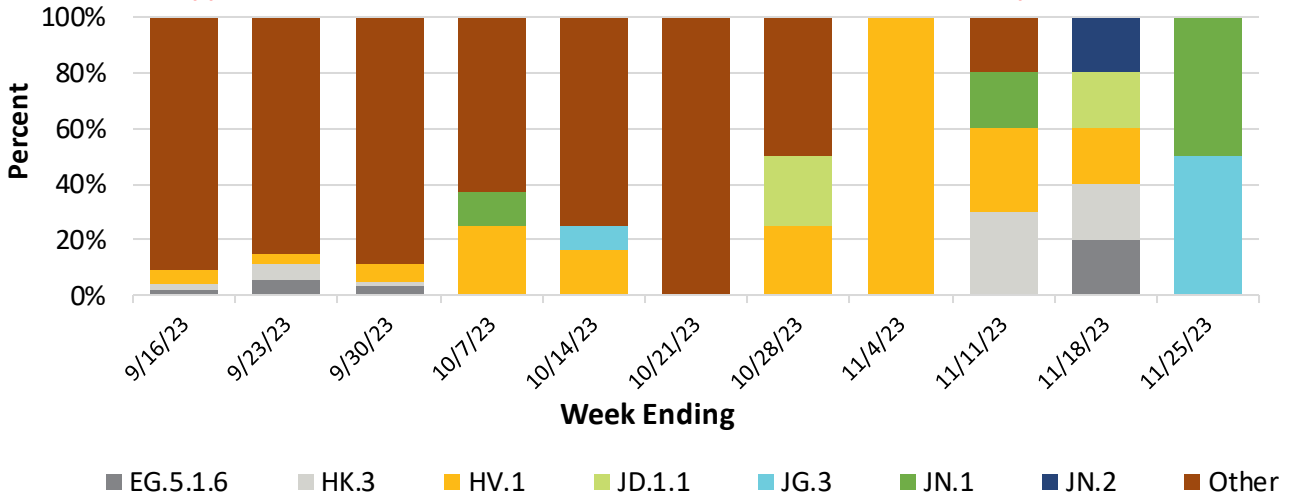
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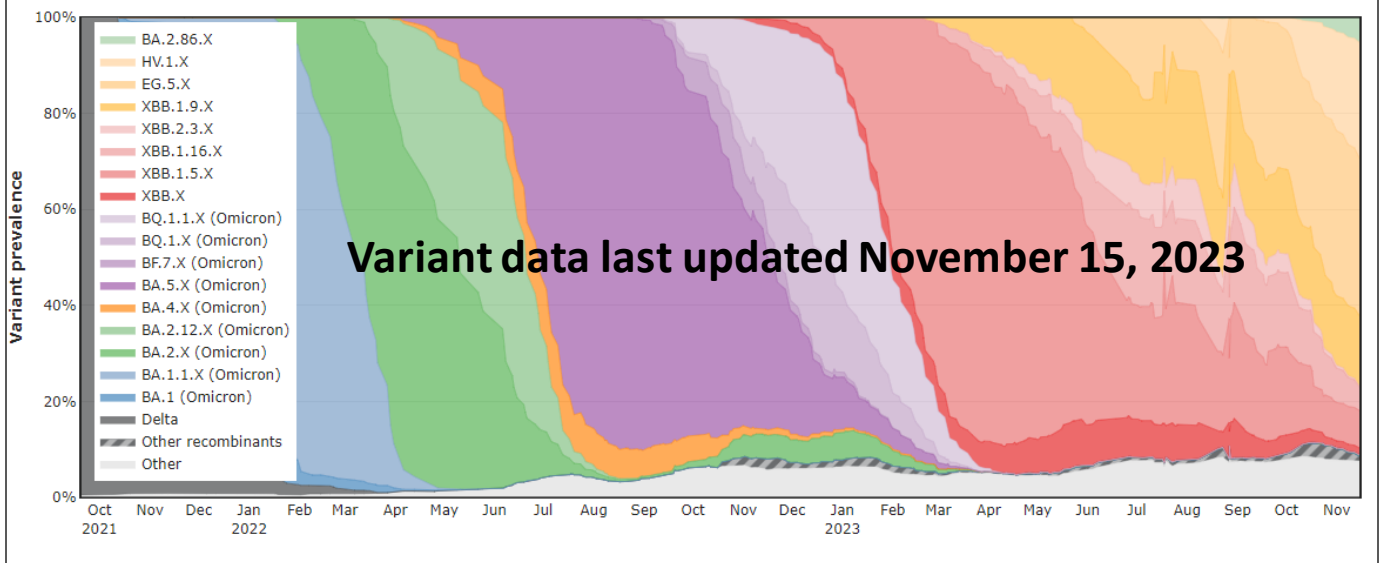
## COVID-19 Surveillance on Variants

**Figure 27. SARS-CoV-2 Variant Prevalence from Genomic Surveillance**  
 Sequencing data in San Diego County is currently sparse. While some lineages may appear dominant in recent weeks, this is based on a small number of sequences.



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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