



COVID-19 Response + Recovery

Cross-Functional Team Update

12.5.22

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Karla Nieman

State Disaster Declaration



* Anticipated date


**Anticipate Governor Abbott will renew his Disaster Declaration January 17-18, 2023.

Emergency Ordinances

Ordinance	Adoption Date	Most Recent Re-enactment	Expires
Disaster Declaration Ord. No. 019035	3/17/2020	11/7/2022	12/07/2022
Emergency Measures Ord. No. 019036	3/17/2020	11/7/2022	12/07/2022
Public Right of Way Ord. No. 019241	10/11/2021	11/7/2022	12/07/2022

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Texas Courts of Appeal

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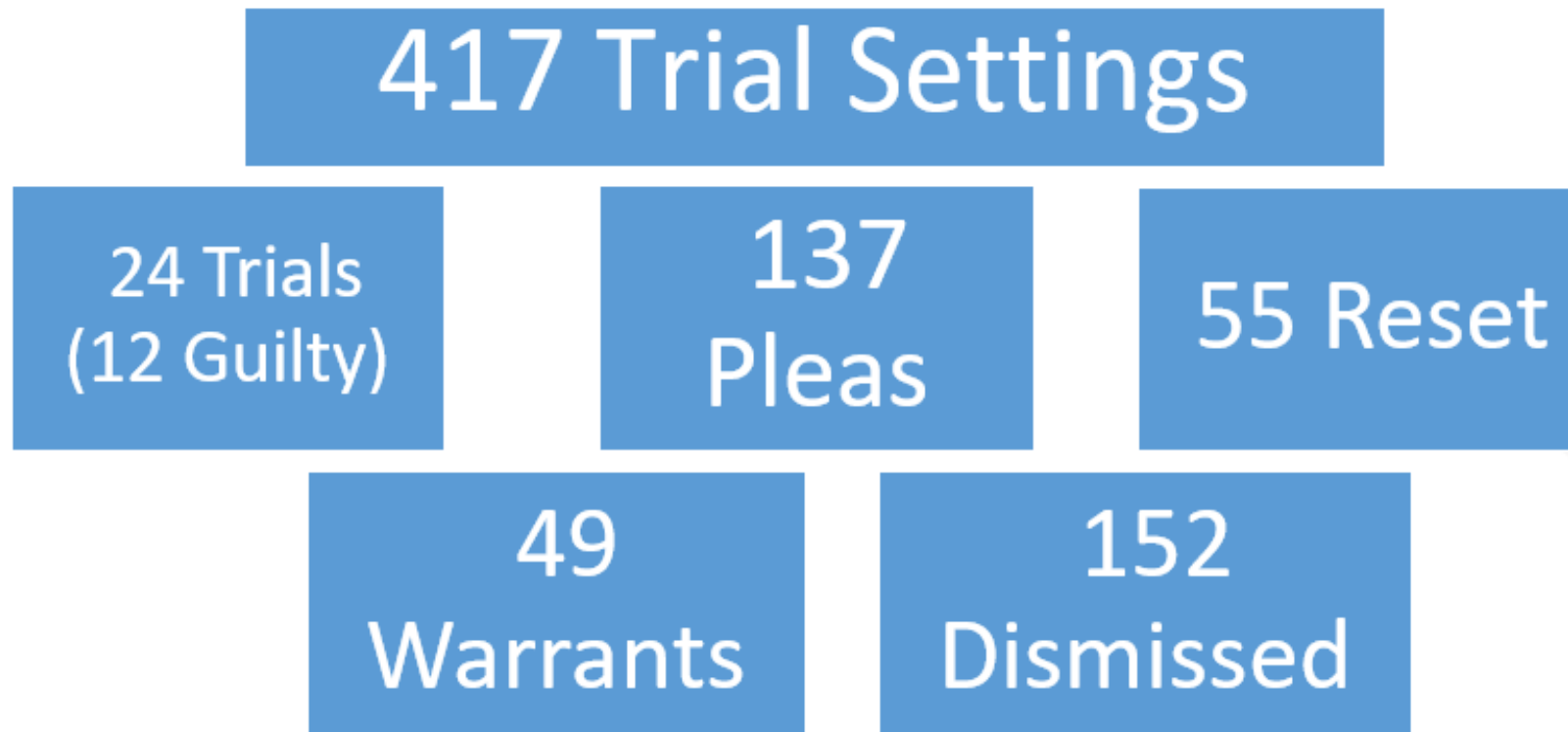
Additional Updates- Federal Emergency Declaration

- President Biden has released a statement indicating that he will veto any congressional action to end the public health emergency after Senate voted to terminate
- The public health emergency was extended another 90 days on October 13, 2022
- HHS has not given 60 days notice of ending the public health emergency, and will likely be extended in January



Additional Updates- COVID-19 Prosecution Update

Trial Settings on COVID-19 Citations through 11/30/2022 in all 5 Municipal Courts



3. Team Lead Report



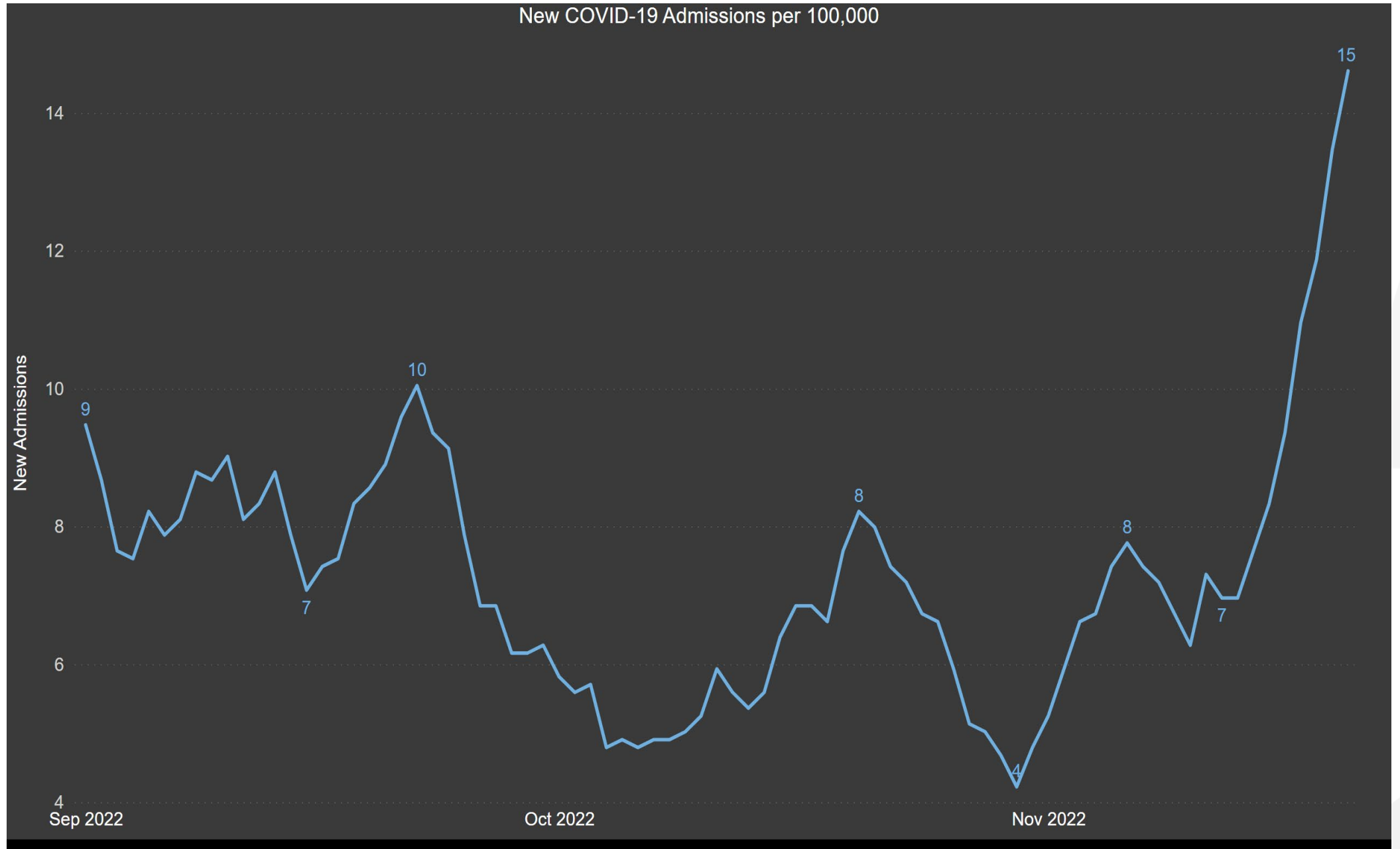
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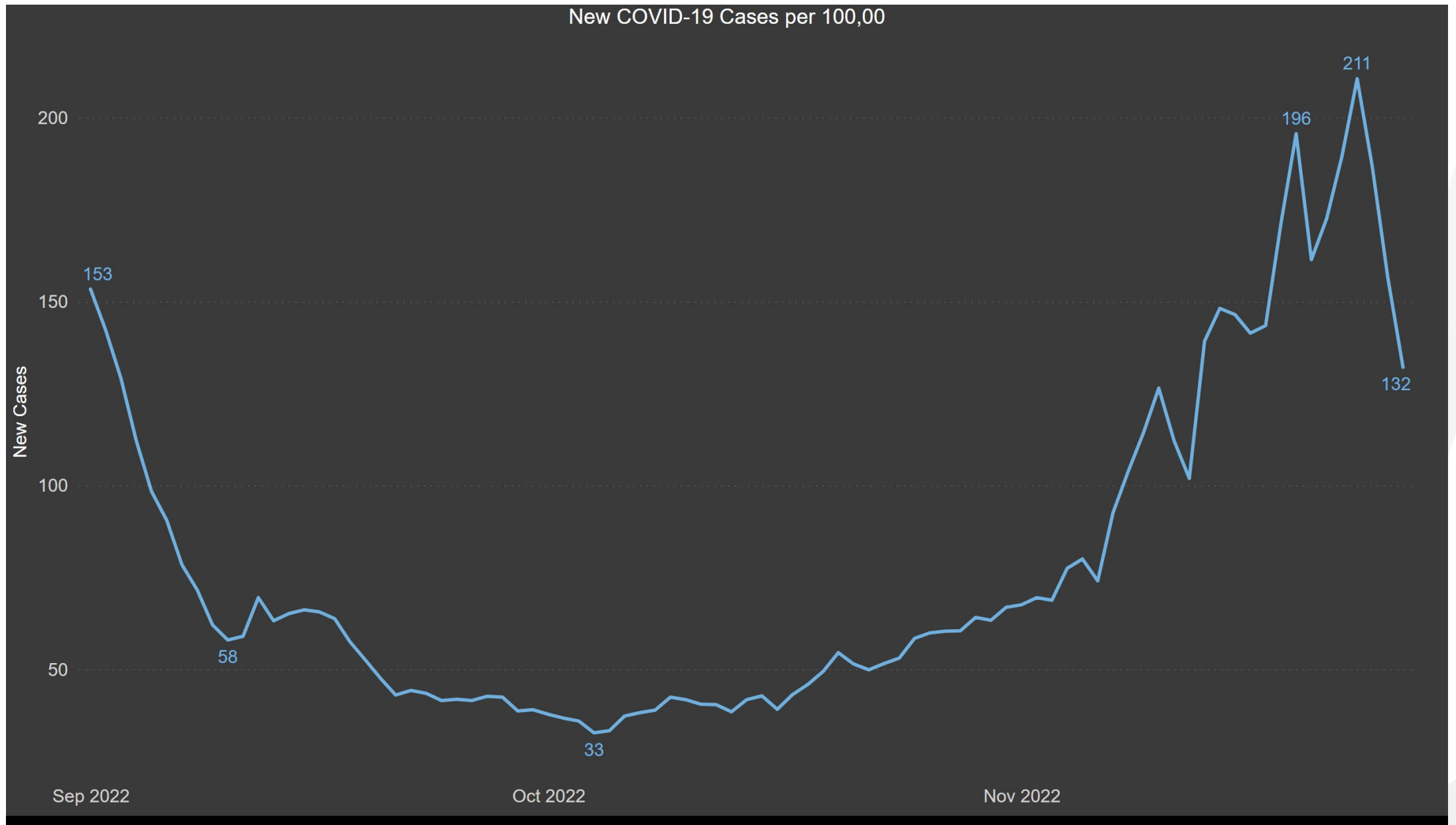
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Hector I. Ocaranza, M.D.

COVID-19 Update

- There has been a four-fold increase in cases per 100,000
- New Hospitalizations now doubled in 2-3 weeks
- Over 100 patients hospitalized with COVID now
- We are starting to see the expected increase by late fall and winter.
- Bivalent booster dose still very effective in preventing hospitalization and death

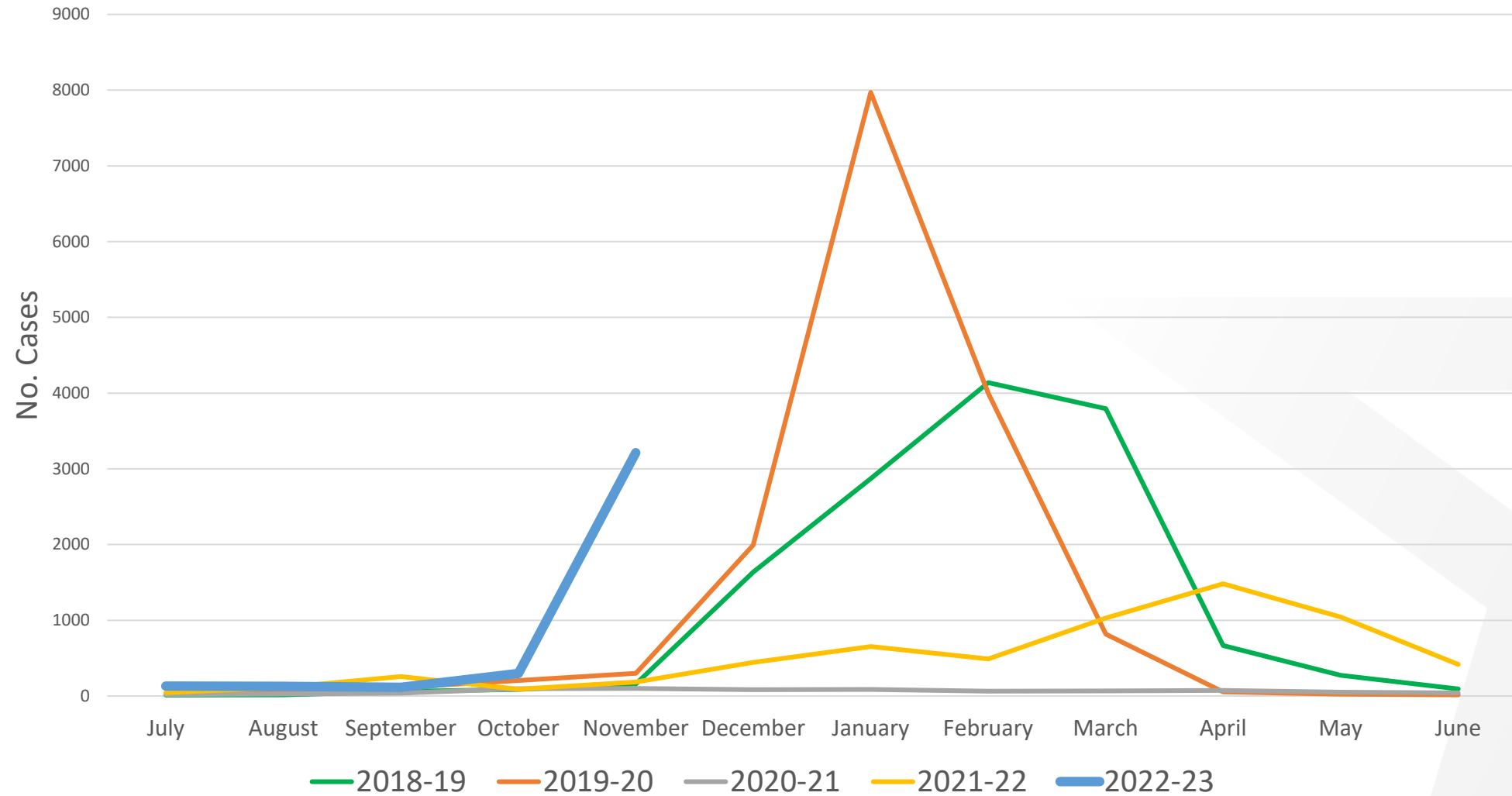




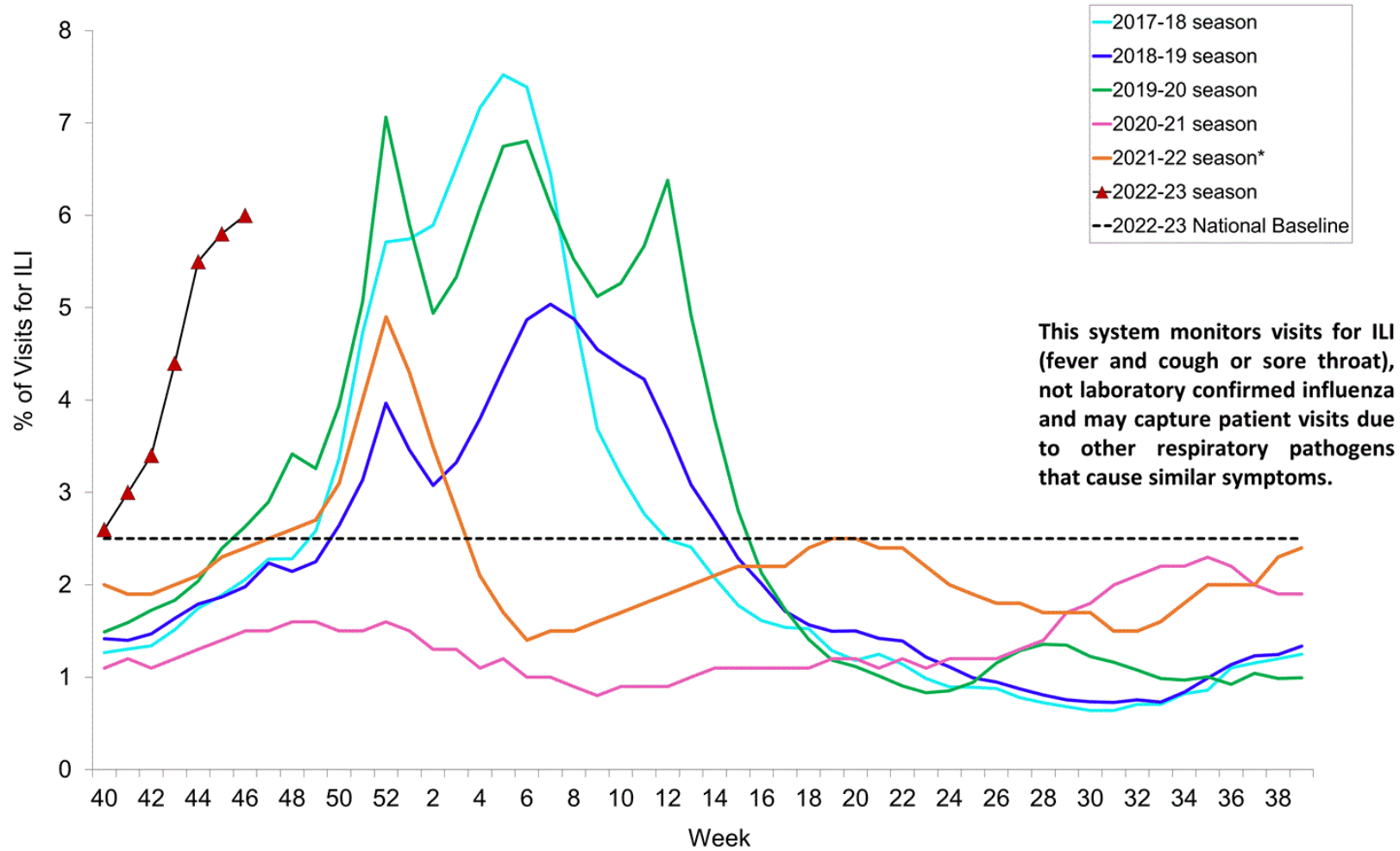
Influenza

- This influenza season is proving to be severe in our community
- We saw over a 10-fold increase in surveillance cases
- Pediatric population mostly affected
- Flu vaccine very effective against identified strain this year
- Non-pharmacological preventive measures very effective

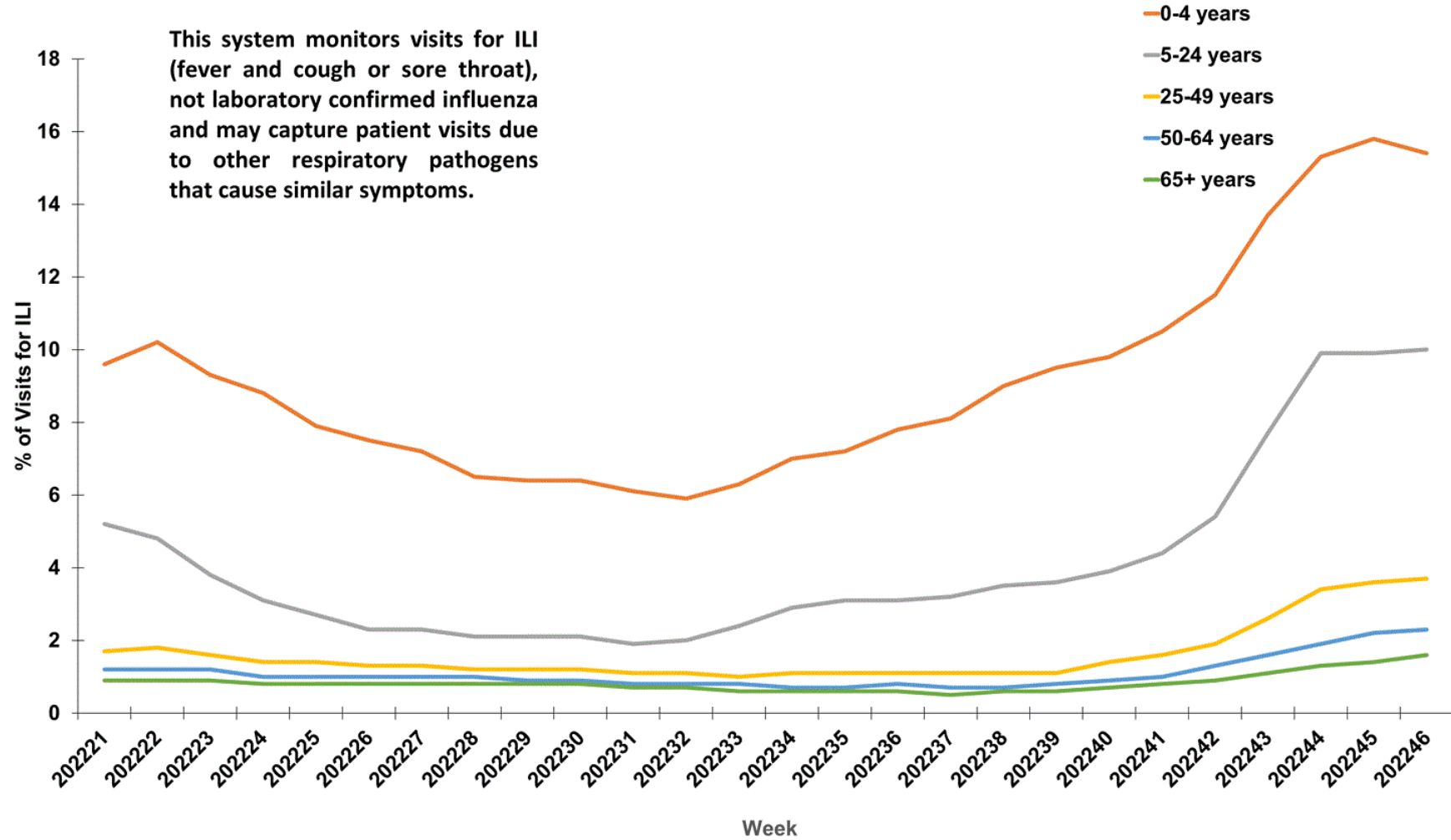
Influenza Activity 2018-22 El Paso, TX



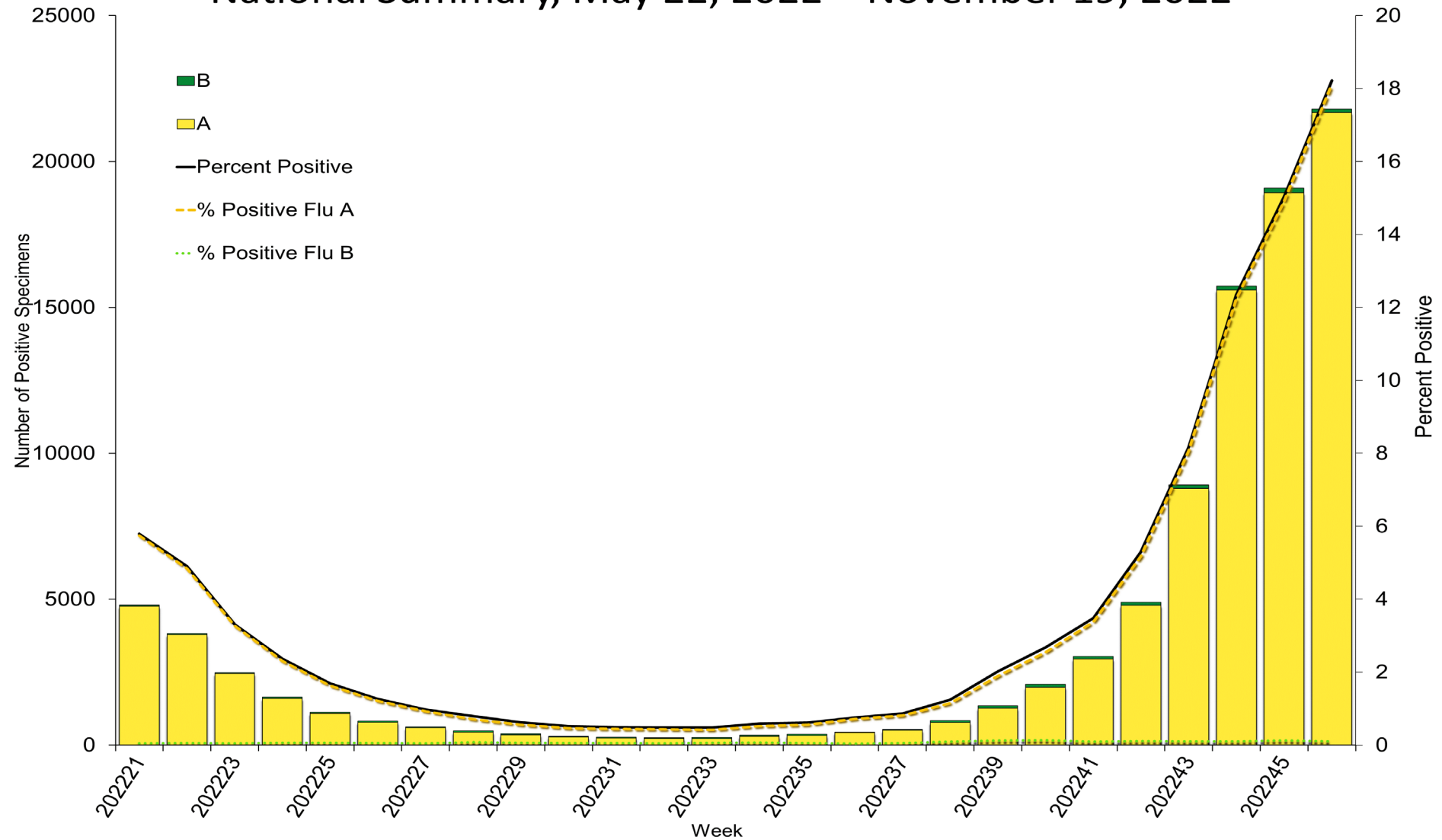
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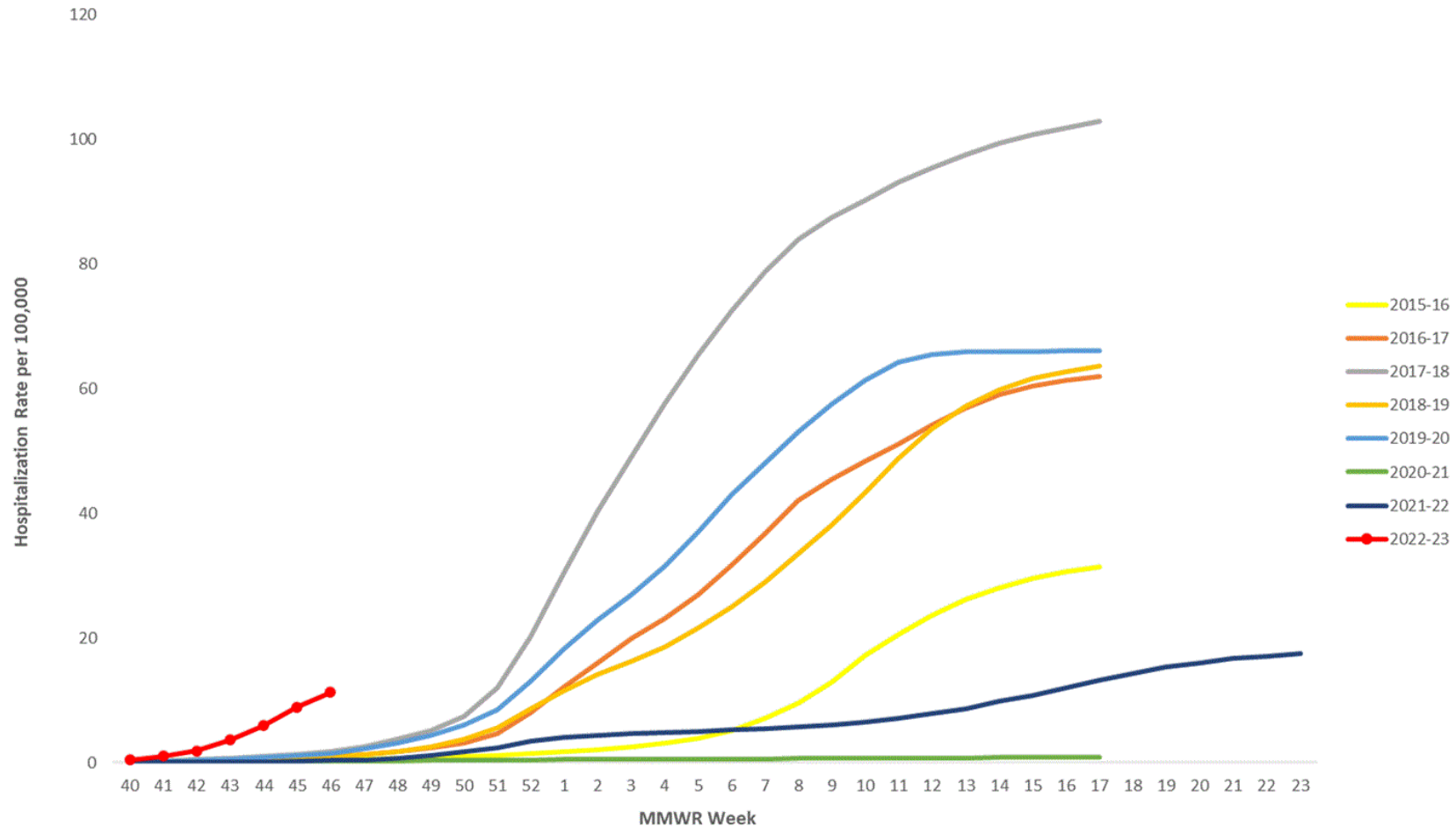
Percentage of Outpatient Visits for Respiratory Illness by Age Group
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Weekly National Summary, May 22, 2022-November 19, 2022*



Influenza Positive Tests Reported to CDC by U.S. Clinical Laboratories, National Summary, May 22, 2022 – November 19, 2022



Cumulative Rate of Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Hospitalizations among cases of all ages, 2015-16 to 2022-23, MMWR Week 46

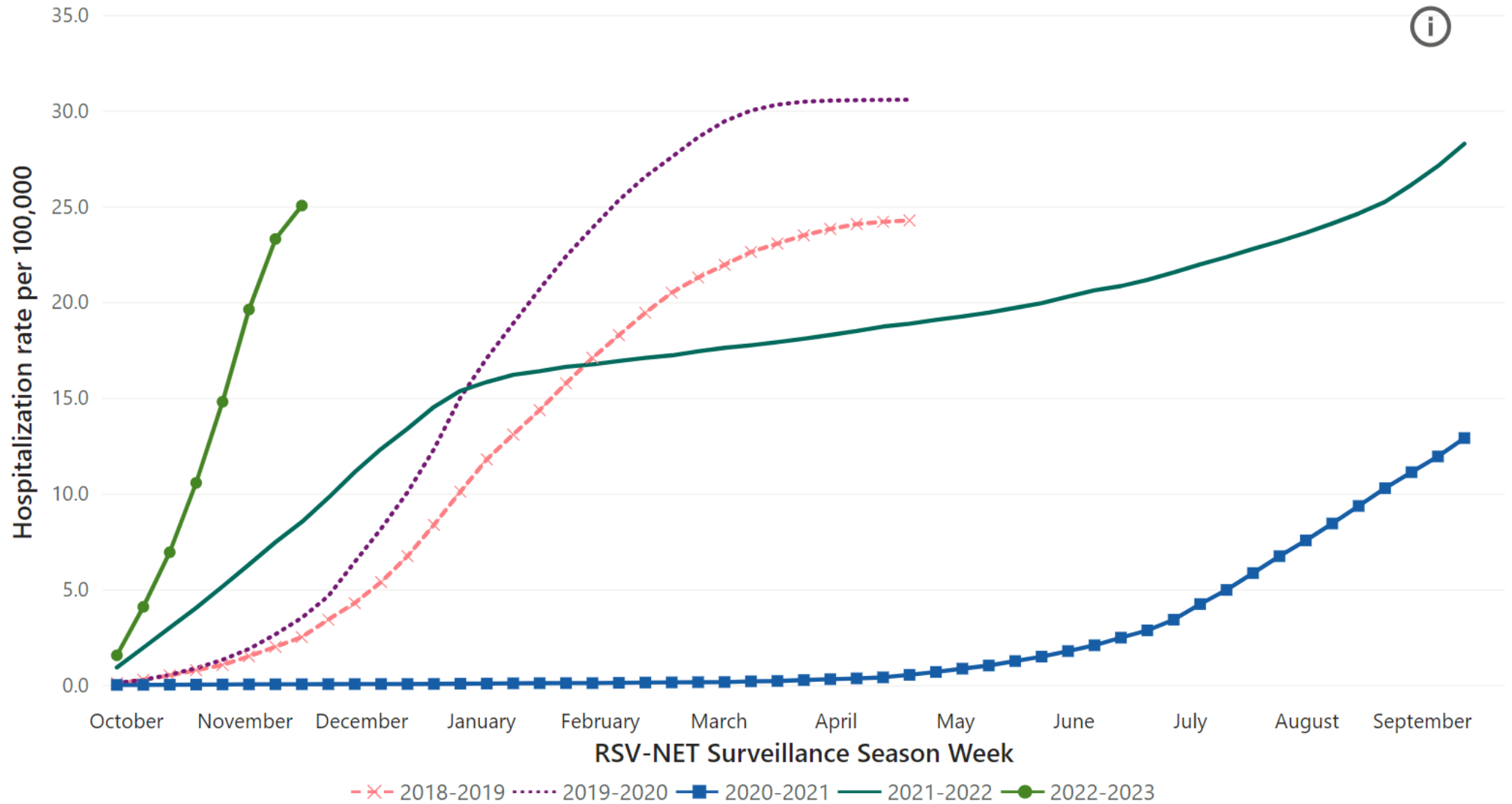


**In this figure, cumulative rates for all seasons prior to the 2022-23 season reflect end-of-season rates. For the 2022-23 season, rates for recent hospital admissions are subject to reporting delays. As hospitalization data are received each week, prior case counts and rates are updated accordingly.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

- Children younger than 4 mostly affected
- Large percent of outpatient visits to physicians are due to respiratory illnesses
- RSV Pediatric Hospital Admissions comprise most patients occupying a staffed bed
- Staffed pediatric hospital beds at 100% capacity in our city
- No Vaccine available
- Non-pharmacological preventive measures very effective

Rates of RSV-Associated Hospitalization, all seasons





4. City Manager Wrap-up

Tommy Gonzalez



Thank you!