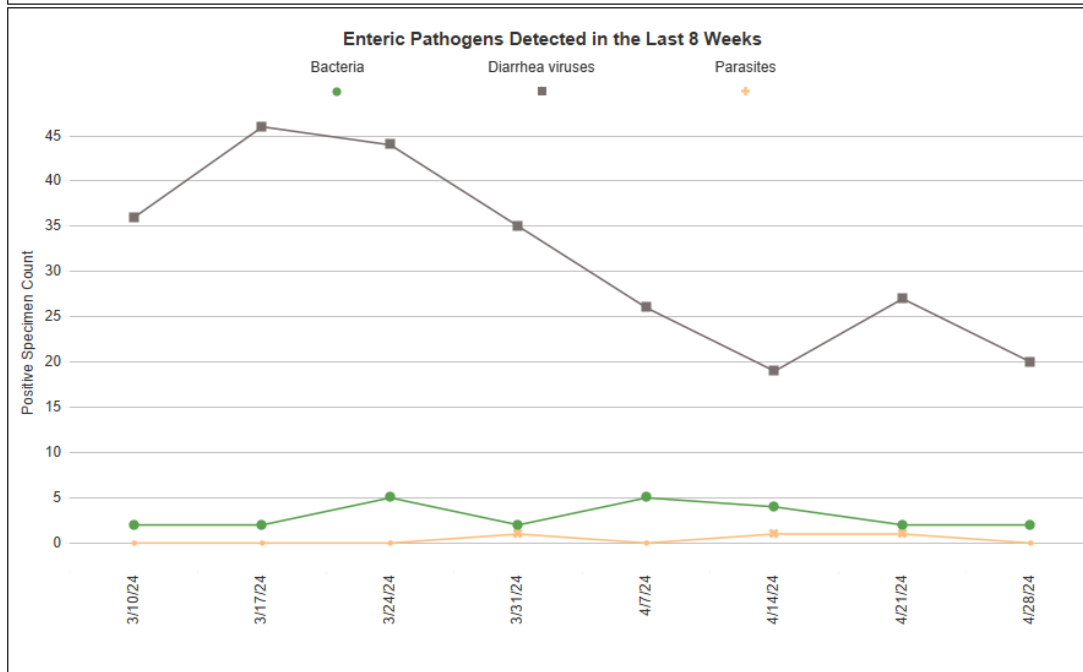
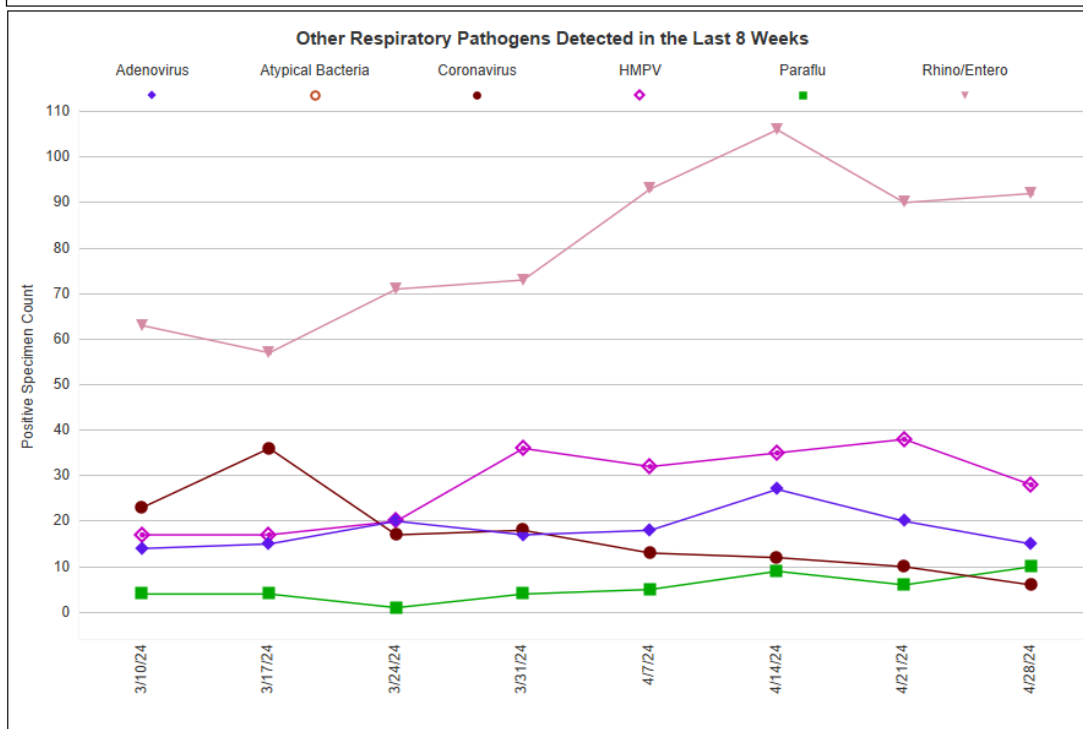
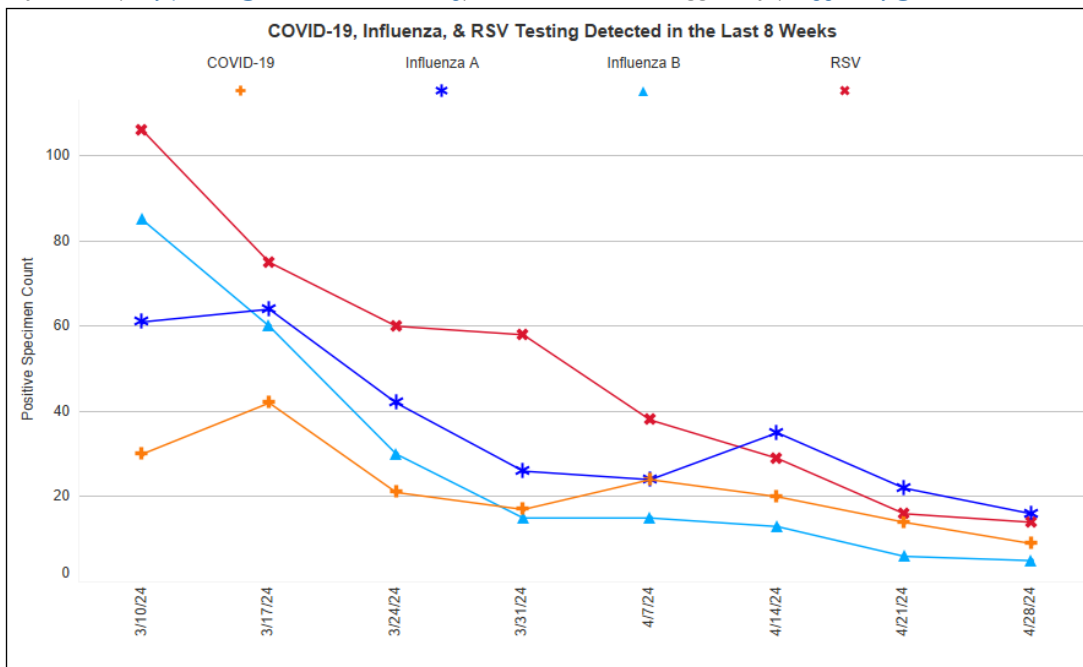


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Late Breaker: Currently there is an ongoing, multi-state outbreak of H5N1 avian influenza in dairy cows first reported at the end of March. This is the first time H5N1 viruses have been found in cattle. CDPHE reported last week that H5N1 was detected for the first time in cows in Colorado. There has only been one known case of transmission of H5N1 from cows to humans which resulted in mild disease (conjunctivitis). To date, no live virus has been found in pasteurized milk products. Everyone should avoid unprotected exposures to sick or dead animals including birds, poultry, domesticated birds, or cattle.