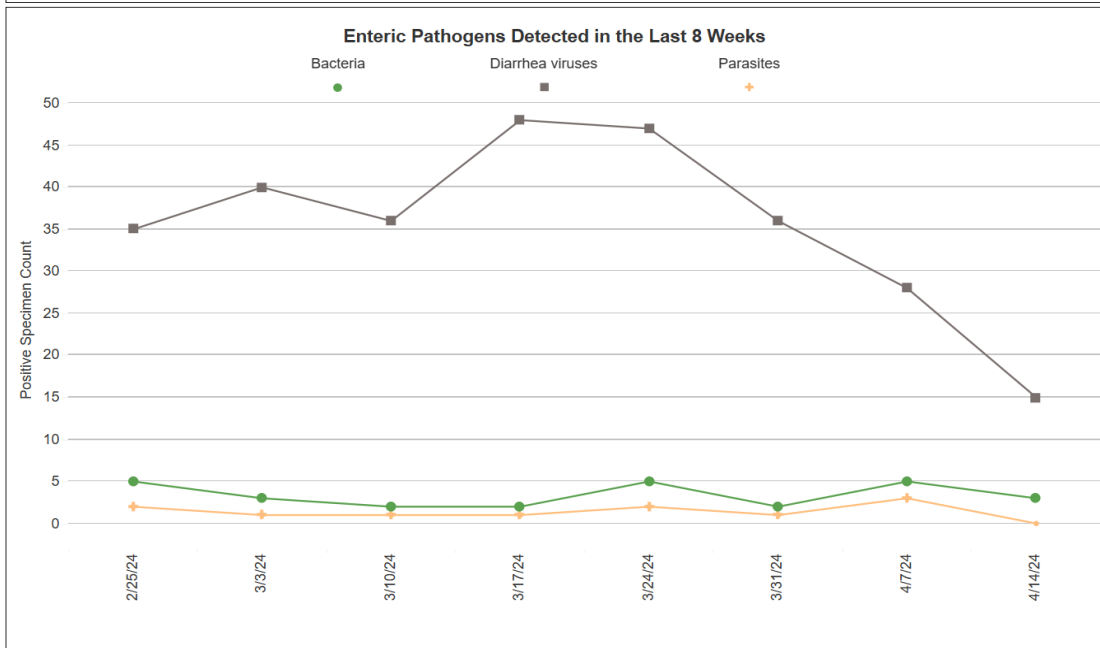
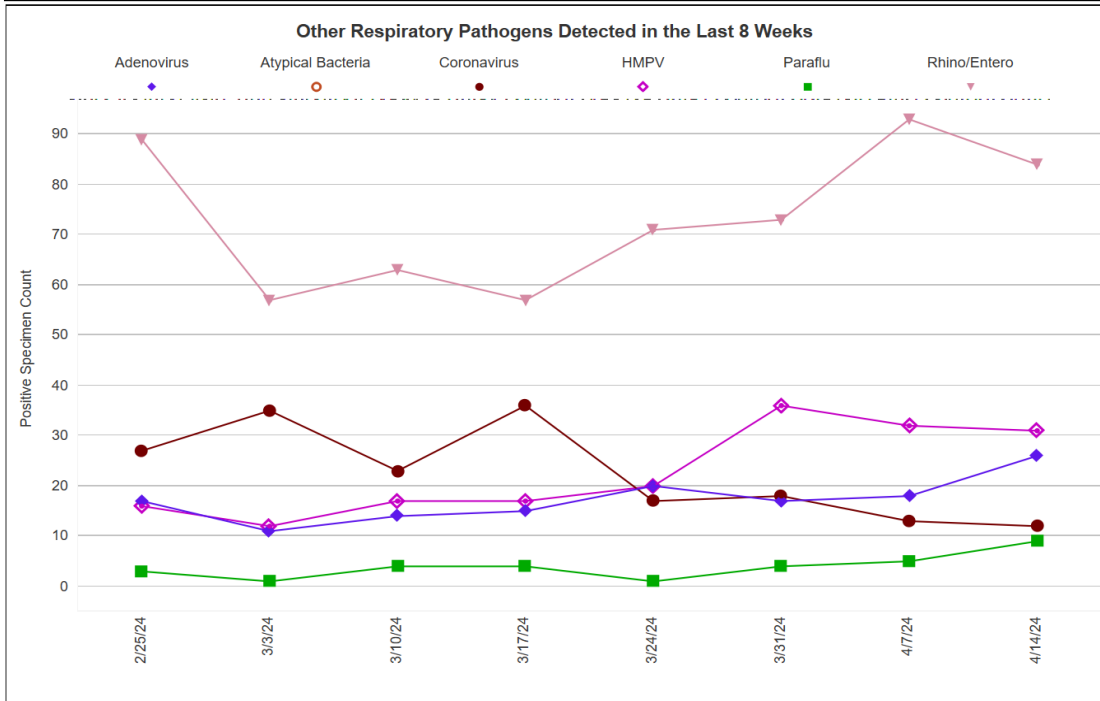
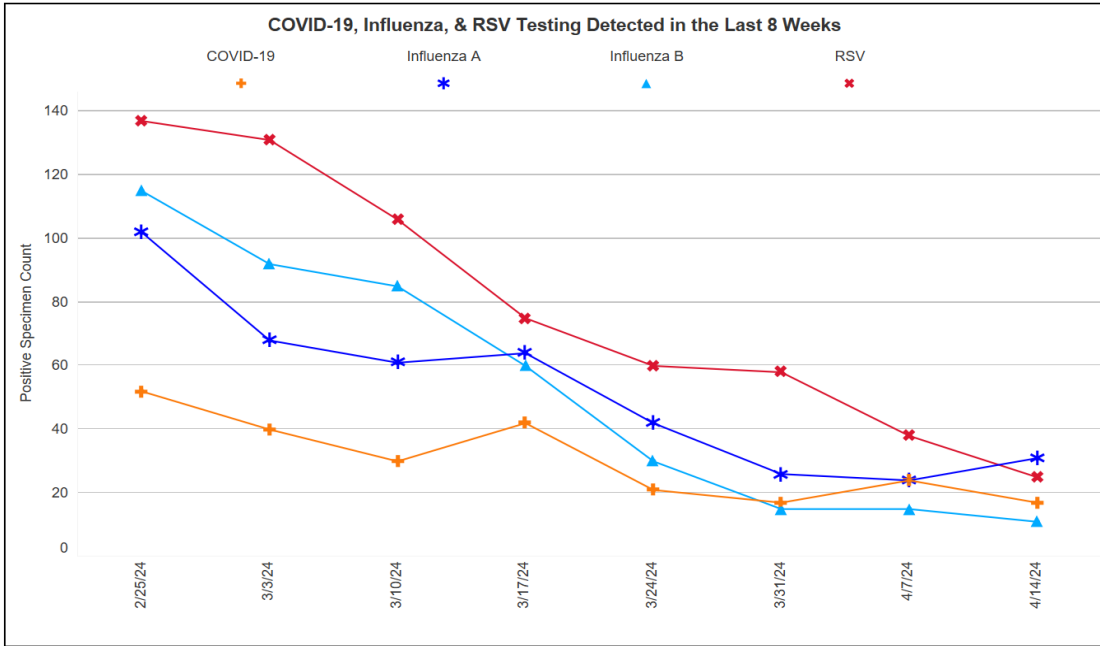


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**Late Breaker:** On April 1, due to the sharp rise in syphilis over the past few years in Colorado, CDPHE released new screening recommendations for syphilis and congenital syphilis. Overall, there has been a seven-fold increase in congenital syphilis from 2018 to 2023, with 22 cases of congenital syphilis, including 5 stillbirths and 2 fetal deaths, reported already this year. Among other recommendations, CDPHE recommends testing for syphilis in all sexually active people between the ages of 15 and 44, all pregnant people three times (first prenatal visit, at 28-32 weeks, and at delivery), and all infants born to any person who did not have prenatal care or syphilis screening prior to delivery before discharging from the hospital. A full list of the updated recommendations can be found at: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/sti-hiv-vh/syphilis-in-colorado/provider>.