COVID-19 Monitoring In Wastewater

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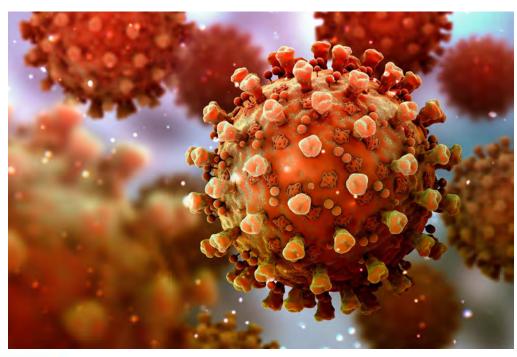


COVID-19 Cases and Deaths in USA

	Total Reported	On March 7, 2022	7-Day Average
Cases	77,355,034	42,904	36,215
Deaths	935,422	1,036	1,120



Covid-19 Tracking

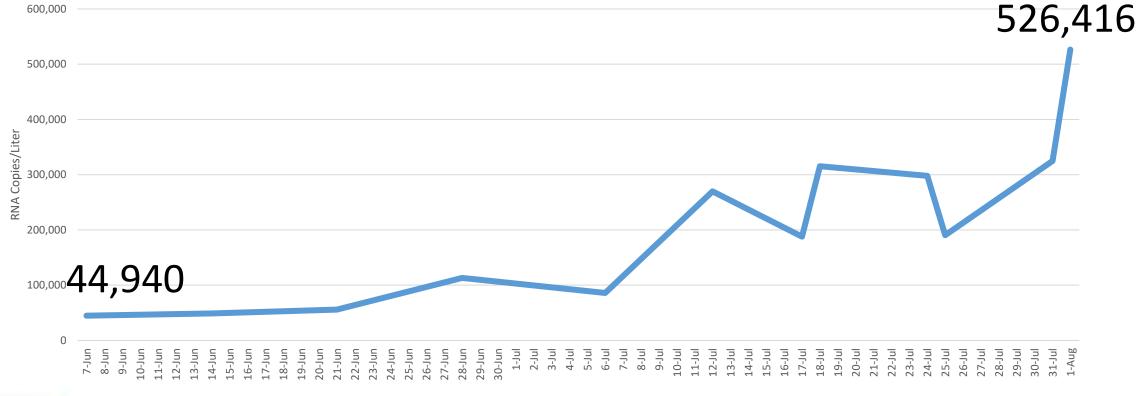


- Covid-19 infections are under reported
- People shed virus in stool 3-4 days after infection
- Virus does not survive in sewer, but dead viruses leave RNA traces that can be detected and analyzed



Previous Study Virus Increase Over 10 Weeks

SARS CoV-2 Virus Load in LTP Influent





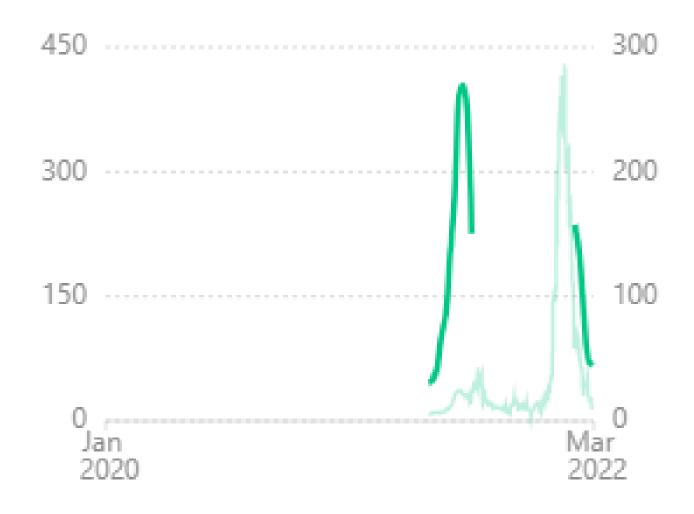
Current Studies

- Sending two samples per week to Luminultra
- Sending one sample per week to Biobot
- Both labs are doing RNA analyses to determine the relative amount of strains





Data - Biobot



Wastewater

Clinical cases per 100k

Summary

- Monitoring wastewater for infectious diseases can be more effective than using testing services
 - Almost everybody sheds into a wastewater treatment plant
 - Some people get tested frequently, others not at all
- Sonoma County Public Health is interested in collaborating with LTP to monitor wastewater

