

Environmental Services Division Update

Subregional Technical Advisory Committee
October 13th, 2022



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Three Updates



ENFORCEMENT
RESPONSE PLAN
AND SIU POLICY
UPDATES



LAGUNA
ENVIRONMENTAL
LABORATORY



WASTEWATER
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL
TESTING

Enforcement Response Plan (ERP)

- General enforcement plan covering all wastewater users
- Mandatory for EPA approved pretreatment program
 - Pretreatment staff responsibilities
 - Administrative enforcement tools and guidelines
 - Fine ranges for industrial user non-compliance
- Current version approved 2010
- Referenced in and supported by all Regional Partner's Municipal Codes
- Establishes enforcement procedural uniformity in Regional System



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Changes to ERP Overview

- Staff titles and enforcement responsibilities updated
- Inclusion of hauled waste to the industrial users
- Department name updated



Significant Industrial User Enforcement Response Policy (SIU Policy)

- Specific SIU policy for users that meet the EPA definition of an SIU
- Defines user actions that result in non-compliance
- Provides structure for escalation of SIU non-compliance
- Outlines fine structure for administrative and reporting violations
- Current policy approved 2010



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Changes to SIU Policy Overview

- Definition of Significant Non-Compliance changed to replicate language used in EPA regulations
- Updated acceptable user discharge pH range to match the City code



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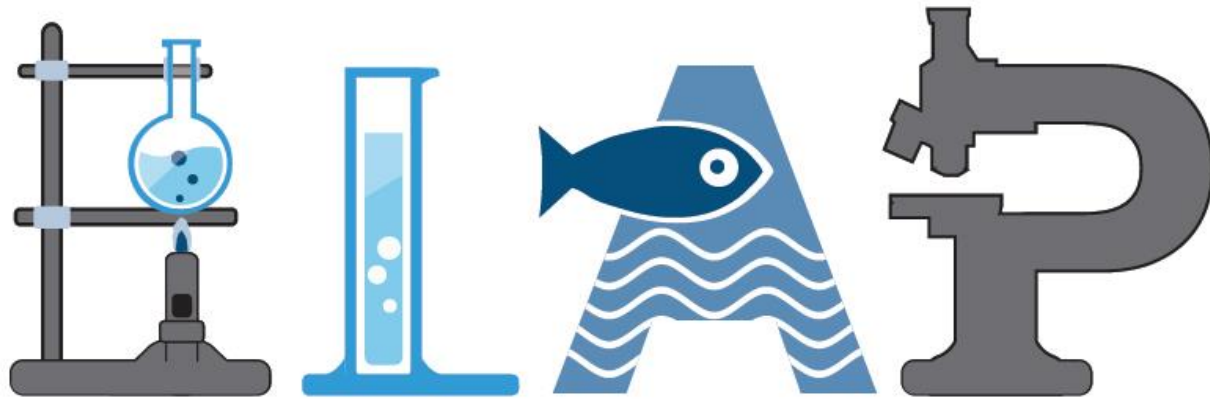




Laguna Environmental Laboratory (LEL)

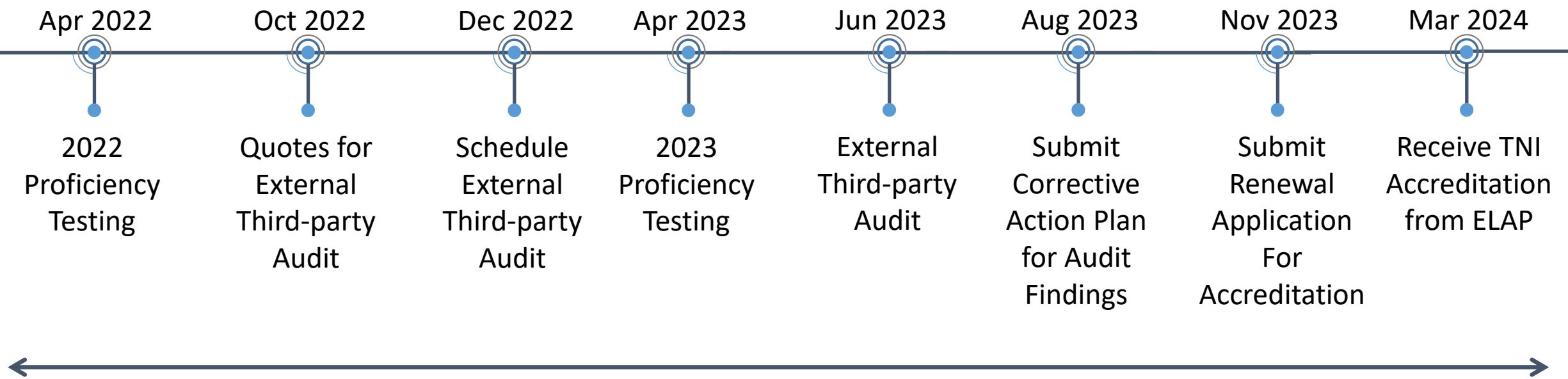
- LEL was established in 1968
- Expanded to add a broader scope of analytical testing in 2000
- Thirteen staff work 7 days/ week
- Staff processed 19,108 samples last fiscal year

Maintaining Accreditation



Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program
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- Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP)
 - Accreditation body for environmental laboratories in California
 - Adopted The NELAC Institute (TNI) standard with laboratories needing to adopt new regulations by January 2024
 - Updates to the City Program are focused with the Quality Assurance Program



Updating: Quality Assurance Manual, Standard Operating Procedure Documentation, Bench Sheets, ETC...
&
Laboratory Training

TNI Compliance Timeline

- Quality Assurance Coordinator and the Laboratory Supervisor to maintain timeline
- New Supervising Analyst
- Support from ChemVal Consulting



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Instrument Replacement 2020 - 2022



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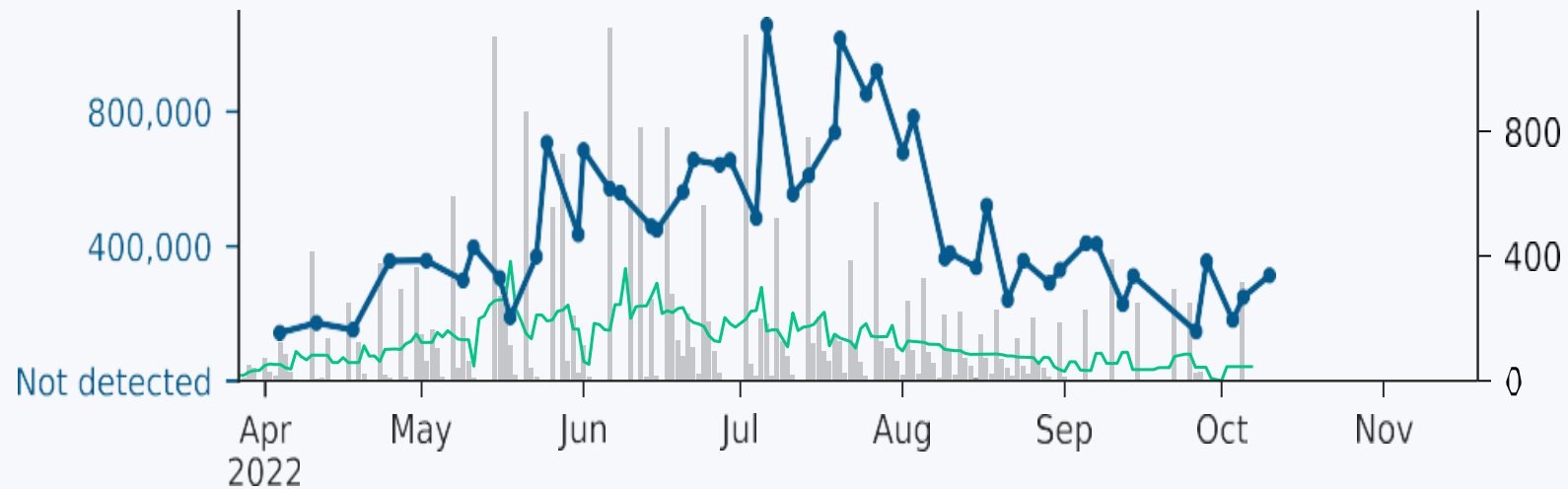
- Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer (Volatiles)
- Type I Deionized Water Systems
- rAPID-T (Cyanide)
- Ion Chromatograph (Nutrients)
- Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (Low Level Metals)
- Cold Vapor Atomic Fluorescence (Low Level Mercury)
- Cold Vapor Atomic Absorbance (Mercury)
- Gas Chromatograph (Semi-volatiles)
- Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer (Pesticides)

Wastewater Epidemiological Studies

- COVID
- Monkey Pox
- Influenza A (not found yet)
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

Effective virus concentration over time

Effective SARS-CoV-2 virus
concentration (copies / L of sewage)

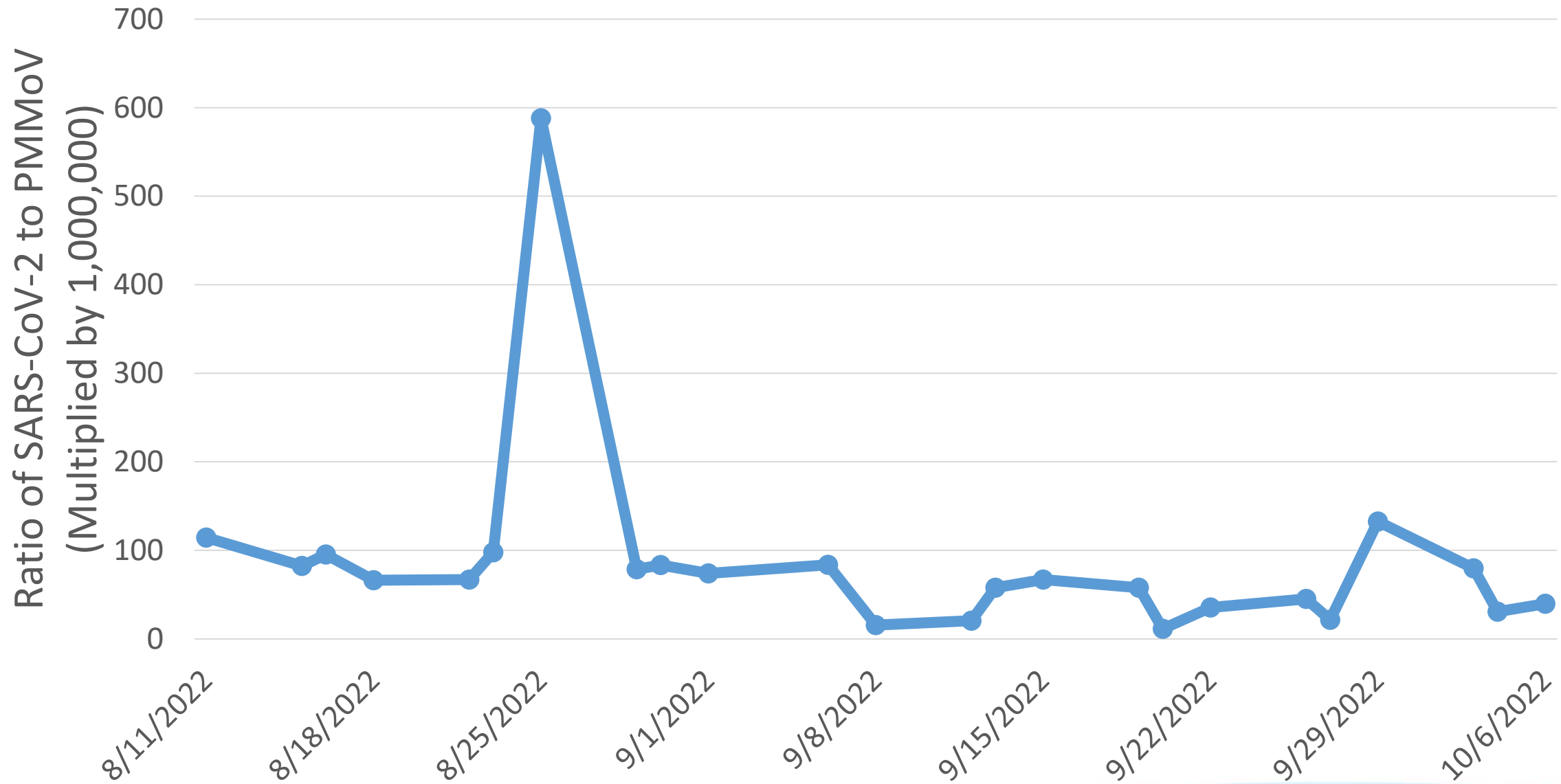


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concentration

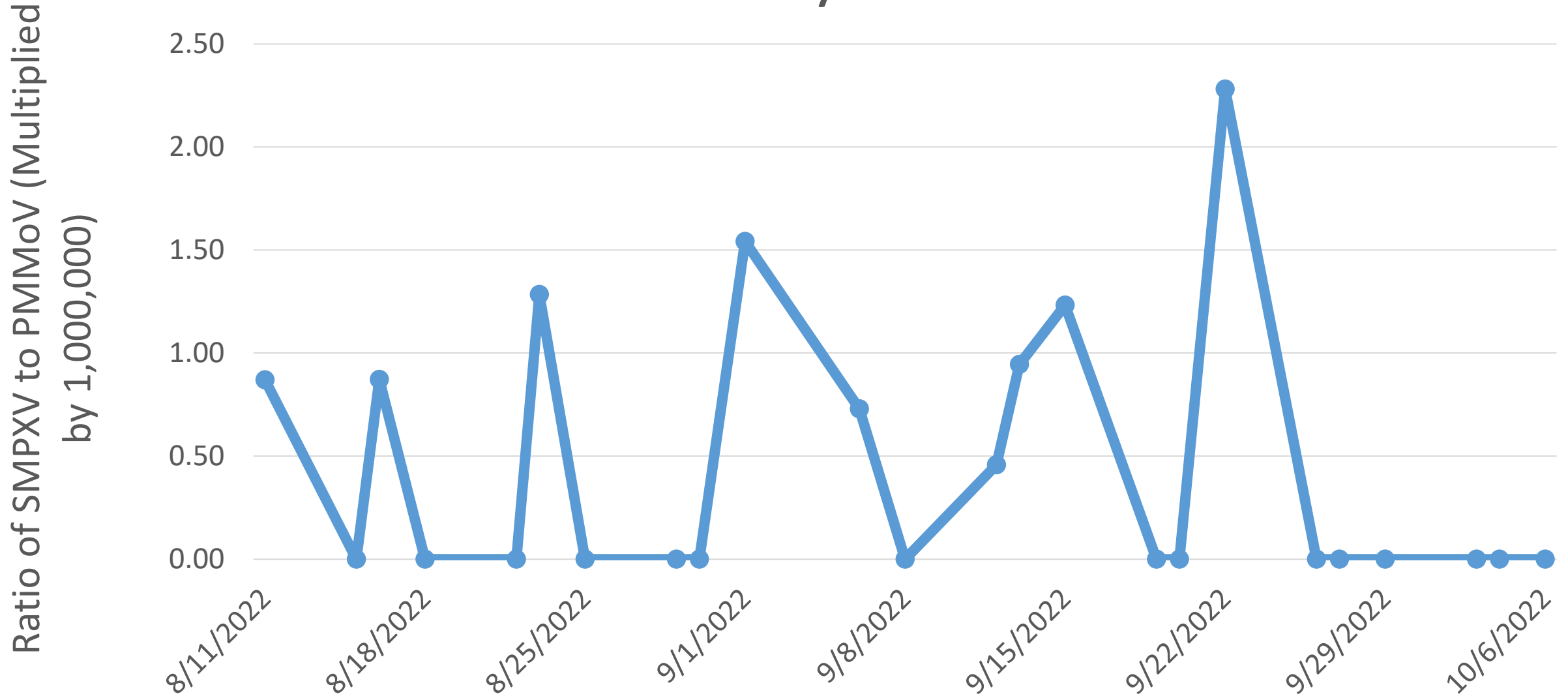
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your county New cases in your county



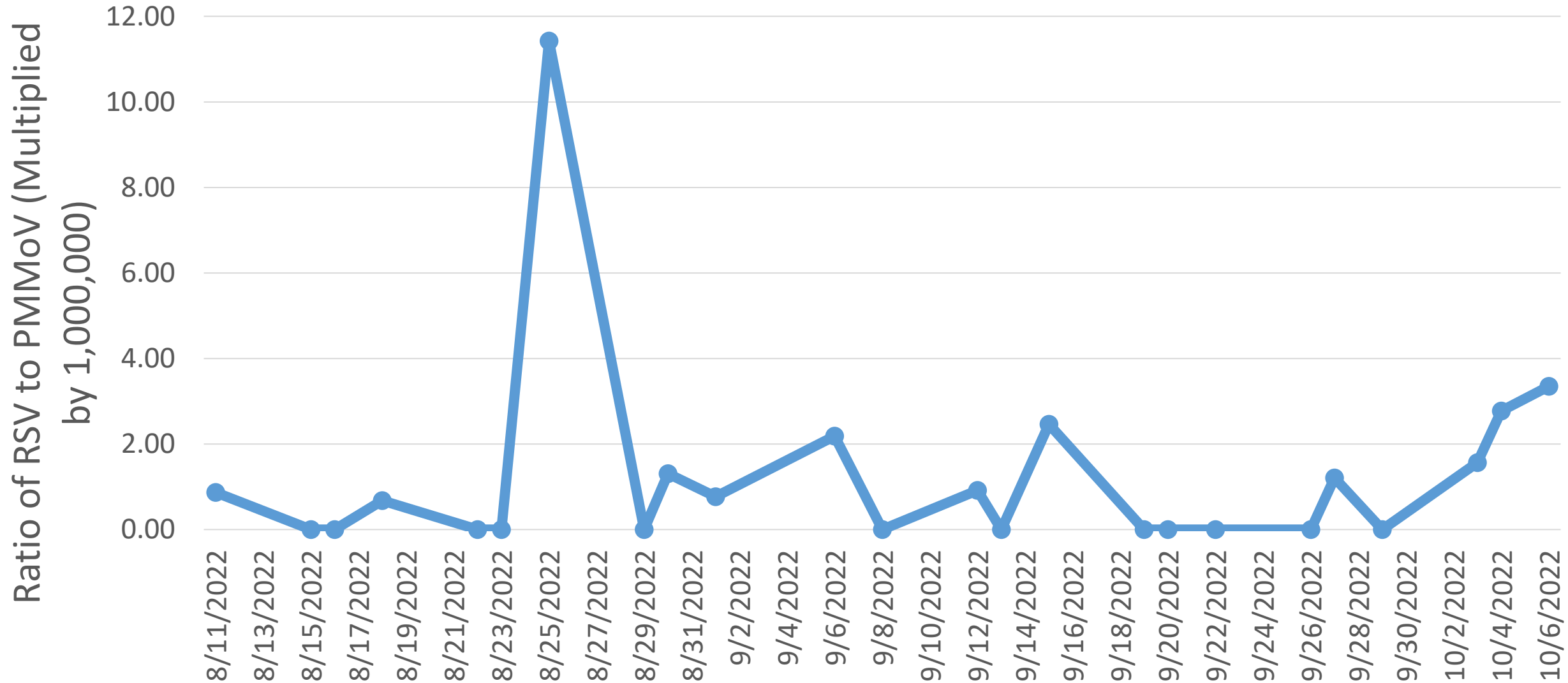
COVID-19



Monkey Pox



Respiratory Syncytial Virus



Questions



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