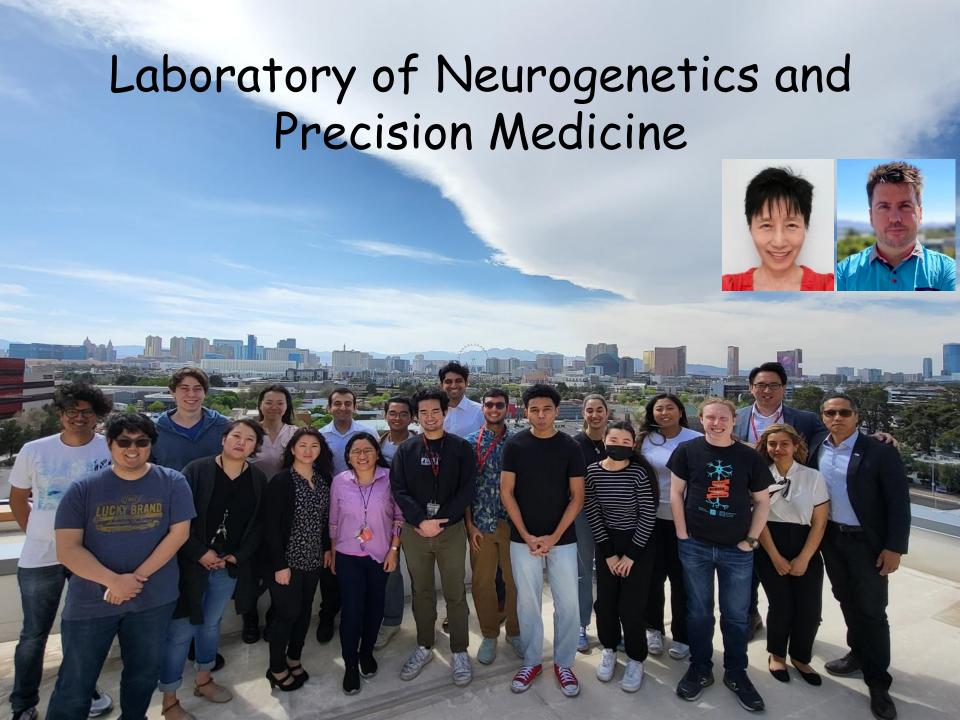
# Wastewater Intelligence and Application to Public Health Decisions

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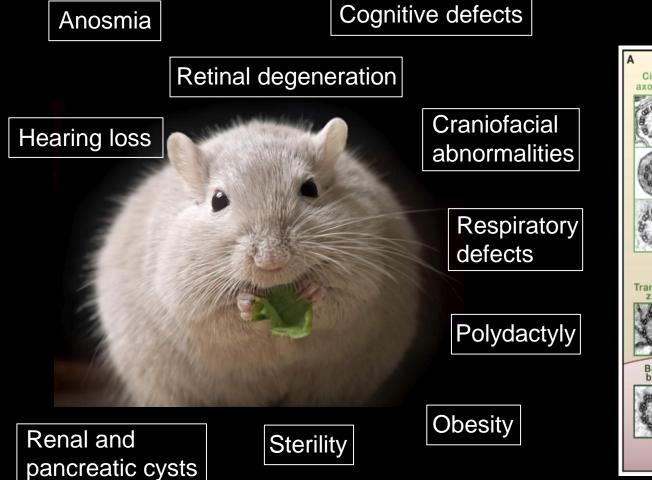


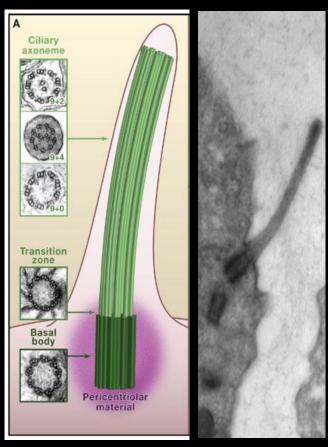




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# A role for cilia in development and disease





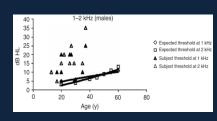
# Defects of cilium have been implicated in a number of human diseases



Skeletal abnormalities



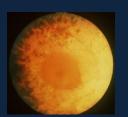
Central/
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Hearing loss



Renal, pancreatic, biliary cysts/fibrosis



Retinal degeneration

#### Genomic tools to discover mutations that cause disease

Nephronophthisis (NPHP)

Oral-Facial-Digital Syndrome (OFD)

Meckel-Gruber Syndrome (MKS)

Senior-Loken Syndrome (SLS)

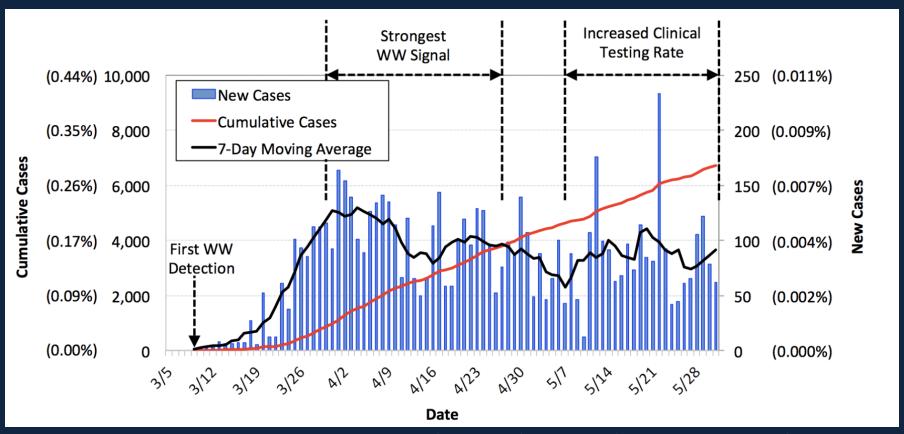
Bardet-Biedl Syndrome (BBS)

Jeune Asphyxiating Thoracic Dystrophy (JATD)

Ciliopathies: An expanding group of overlapping clinical entities

# COVID-19 April 2020

# Wastewater SARS-CoV-2 RNA levels can be used to monitor case counts



Southern Nevada Water Authority: Dan Gerrity and Katerina Papp

## How it Works



Asymptomatic and symptomatic individuals



SARS-CoV-2 shed in feces



Feces transported in the sewage system



Wastewater samples taken at the treatment plant



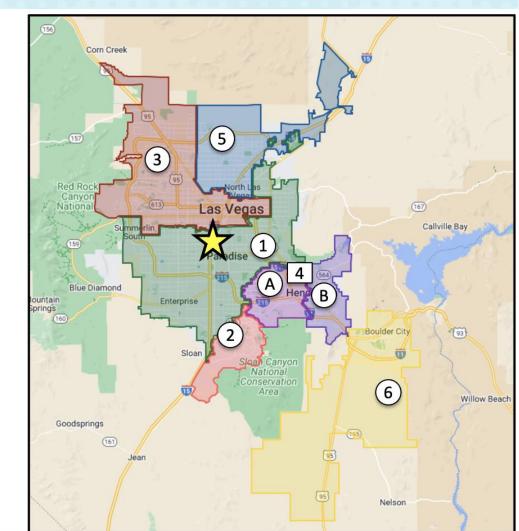
Analysis of wastewater influent for SARS-CoV-2



Wastewater data used to inform public health actions

#### **Southern Nevada**

Sewershed	Population	Flow (mgd)
1	900k	100
2	90k	5
3	800k	42
4 (Composite)		21
4A (Grab)	135k	15
4B (Grab)	115k	6
5	250k	20
6	16k	0.8



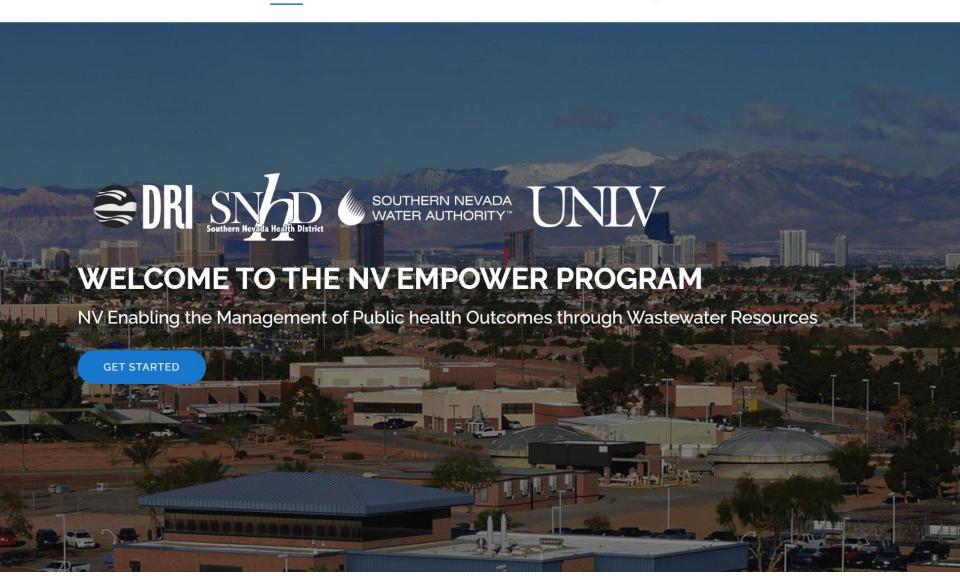
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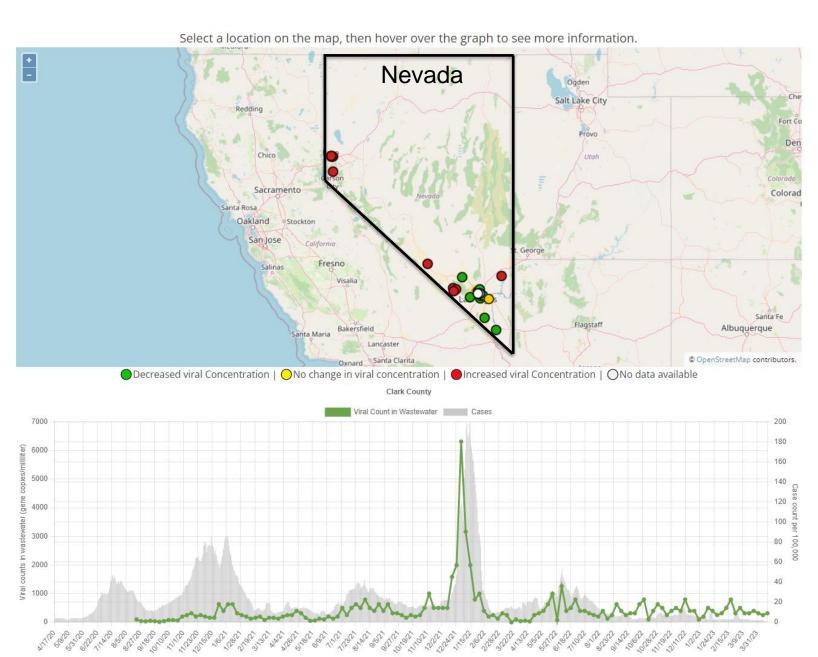
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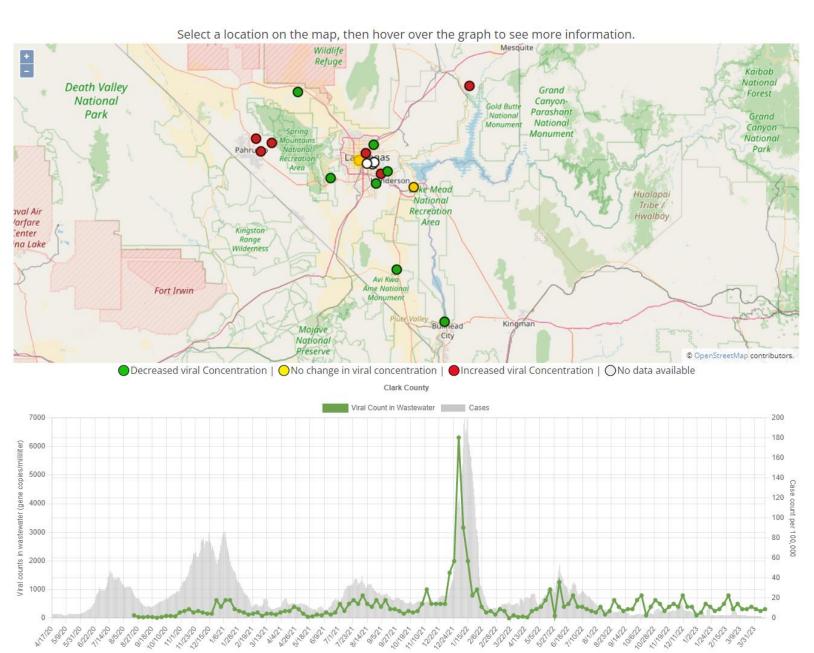
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#### Map of Southern Nevada



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#### **Wastewater Surveillance for Policy Changes**

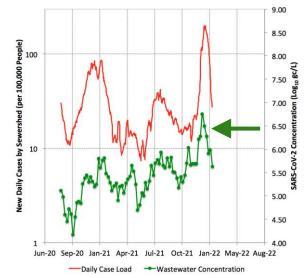
# Nevada governor announces an immediate end to mask mandate



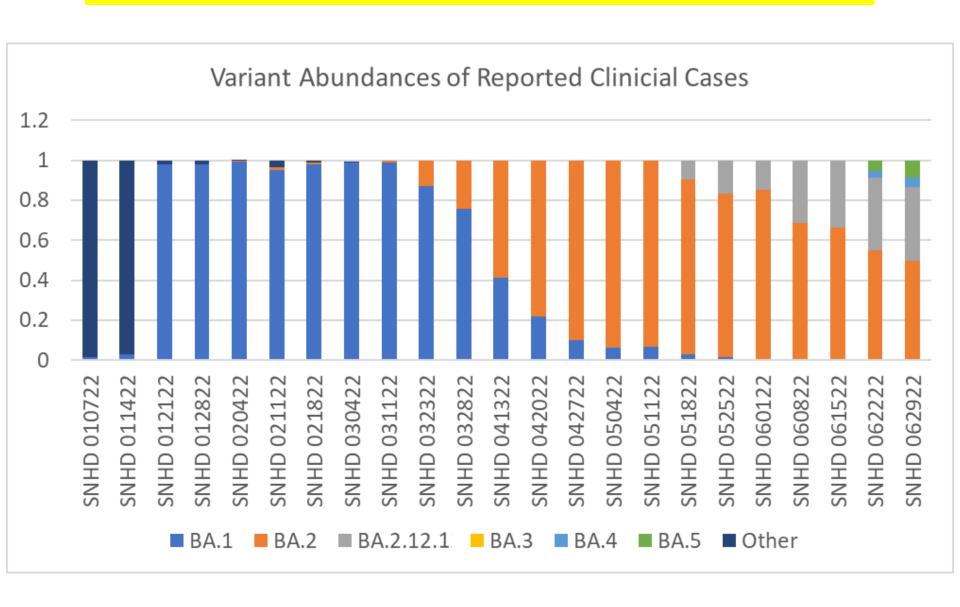
STEVE MADCIIS

Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak responds to question from a reporter during a visit to the Horizon Ridge Wellness Clinic on East Flamingo Road Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021. The visit was part of Protect Nevadas Future week of action, a statewide effort to vaccinate children ages 5 to 11 years against COVID-19 from Dec. 18 to 23.

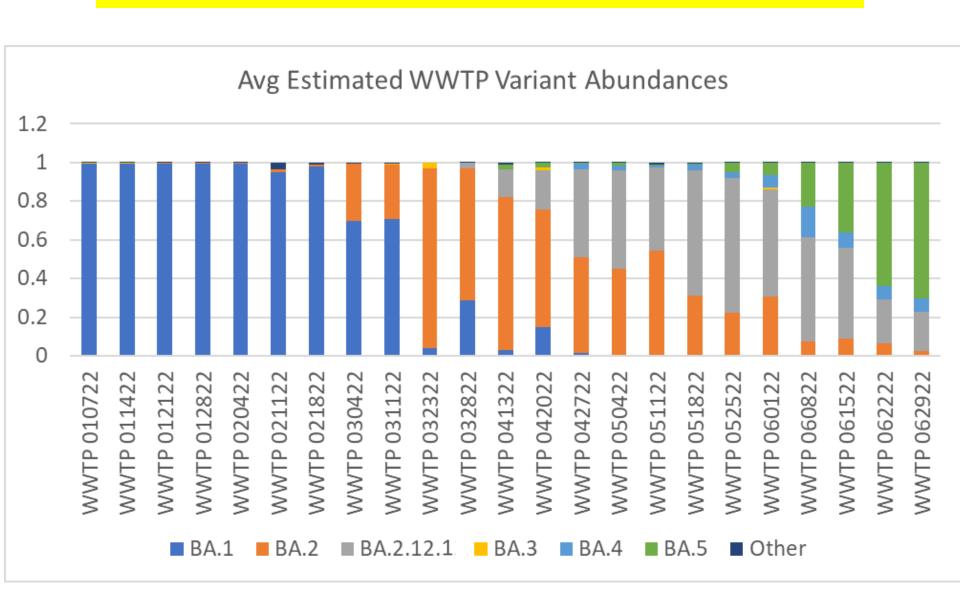
In making his announcement, Sisolak cited a decline in overall cases, hospitalizations and the amount of virus detected during wastewater testing. At the height of the omicron variant surge on Jan. 10, Nevada recorded 7,865 new cases; that number has declined to about 1,280 in recent days.

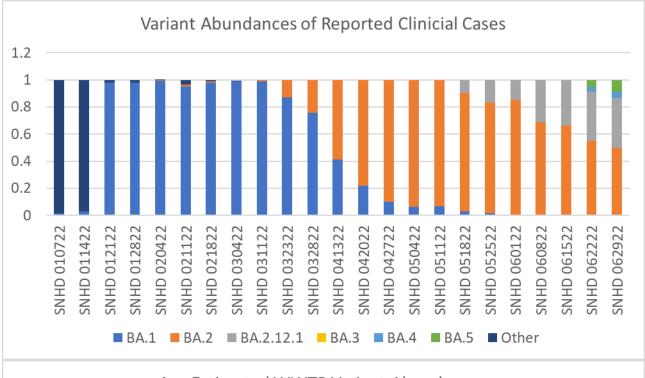


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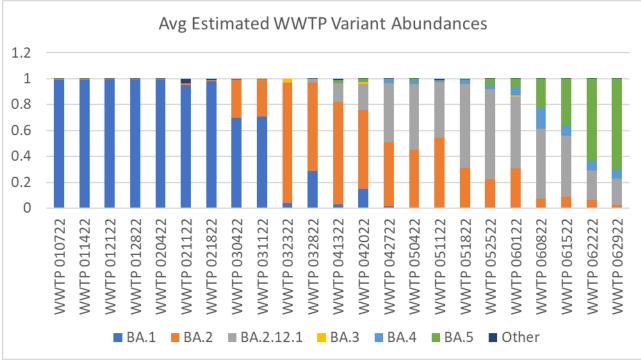


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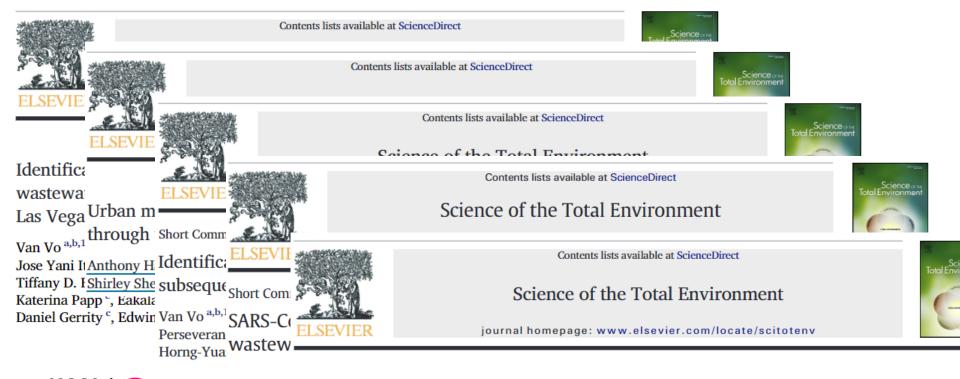


#### **Public Health**



Wastewater

#### **Wastewater lessons**





**Epsilon** D-19



#### Original Investigation | Infectious Diseases

#### Detection of the Omicron BA.1 Variant of SARS-CoV-2 in Wastewater chiller b, Walter Q. Betanco From a Las Vegas Tourist Area

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## Monitoring shelters, airports, dorms, hotels, stadiums...

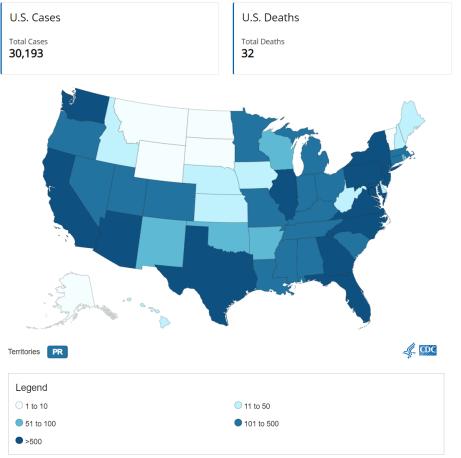








#### MPOX - public health emergency in 2022

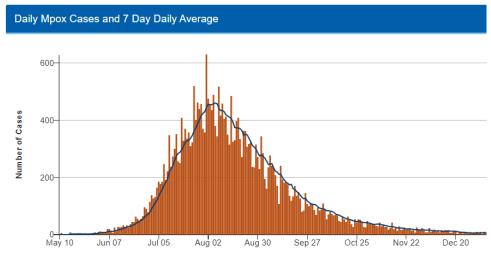


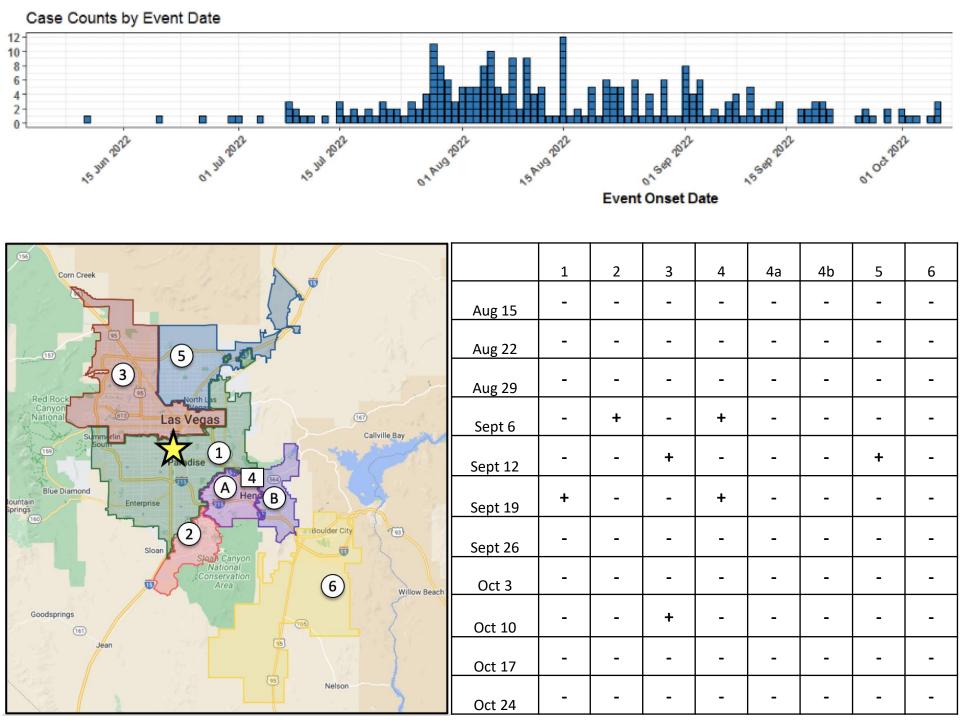
#### U.S. Mpox Case Trends Reported to CDC

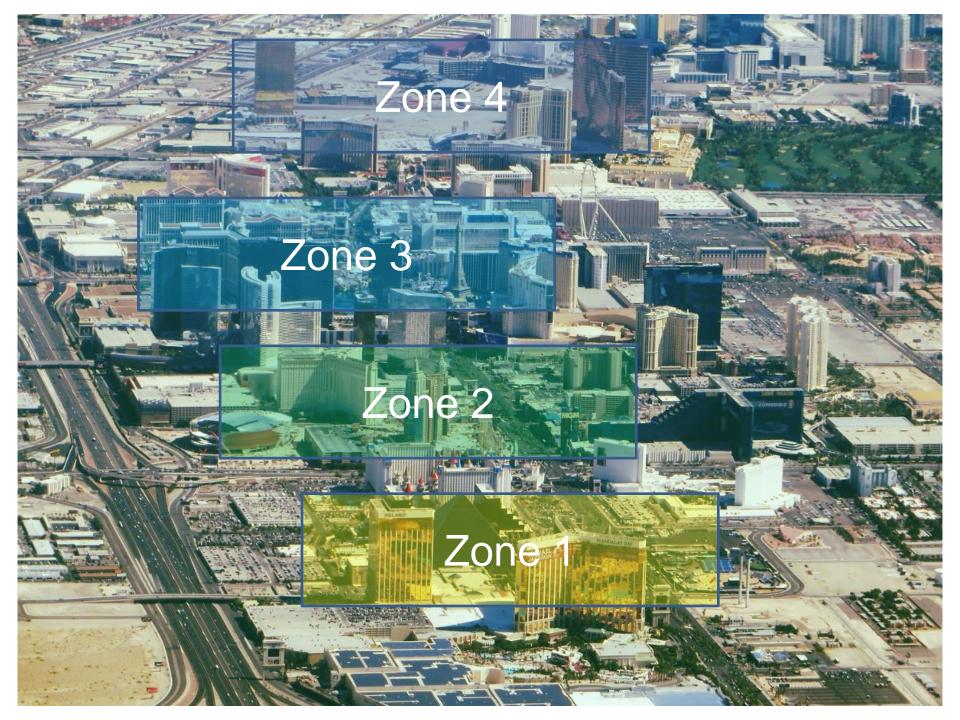
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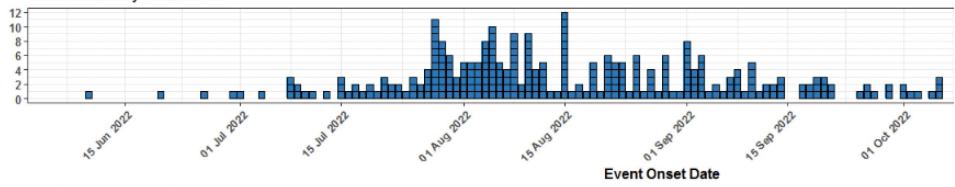
Trends of mpox cases reported to CDC during the 2022 outbreak by date\*



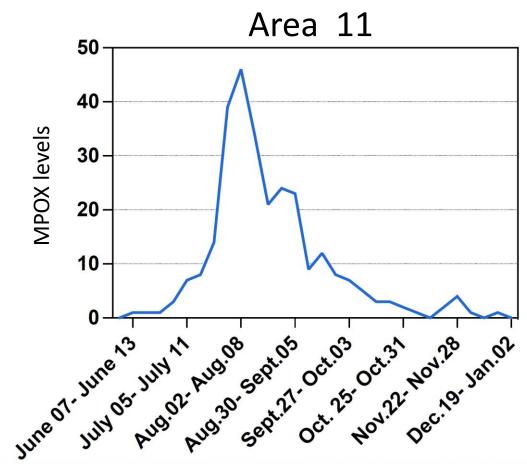




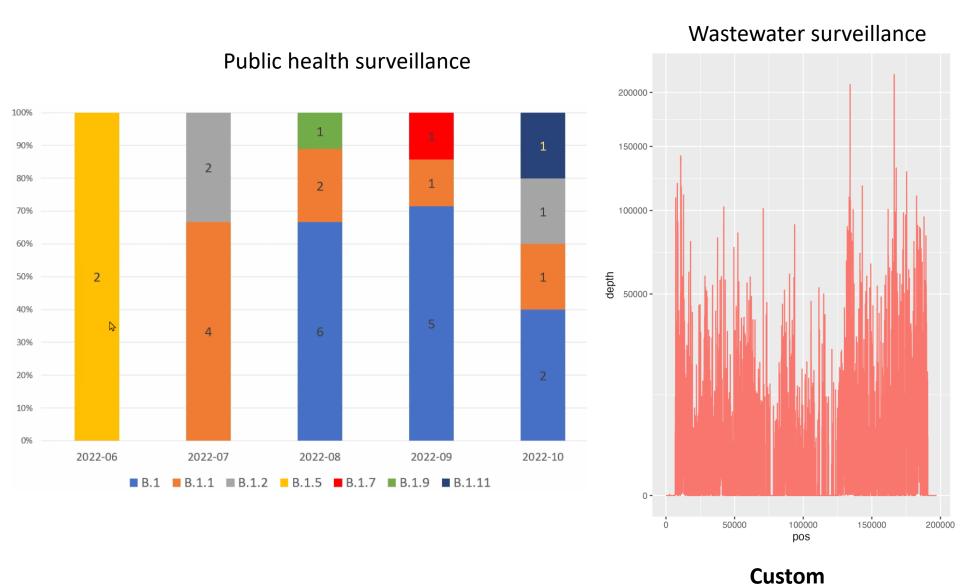
Case Counts by Event Date



n = 286 monkeypox cases to date Case onsets range from 10 Jun 2022 to 16 Nov 2022



#### Public health and wastewater genome sequencing





# We're bringing immunizations to your neighborhood

## Summary and Future Directions

- PCR and WGS from complex matrices can help determine viral load and identify variants
- Collaboration with community partners (really essential) to continue and grow surveillance program
- Extend program to monitor microbial content and analytes/metabolites

### Questions

- What is the sensitivity of wastewater monitoring?
- How can my communities benefit from this tool?