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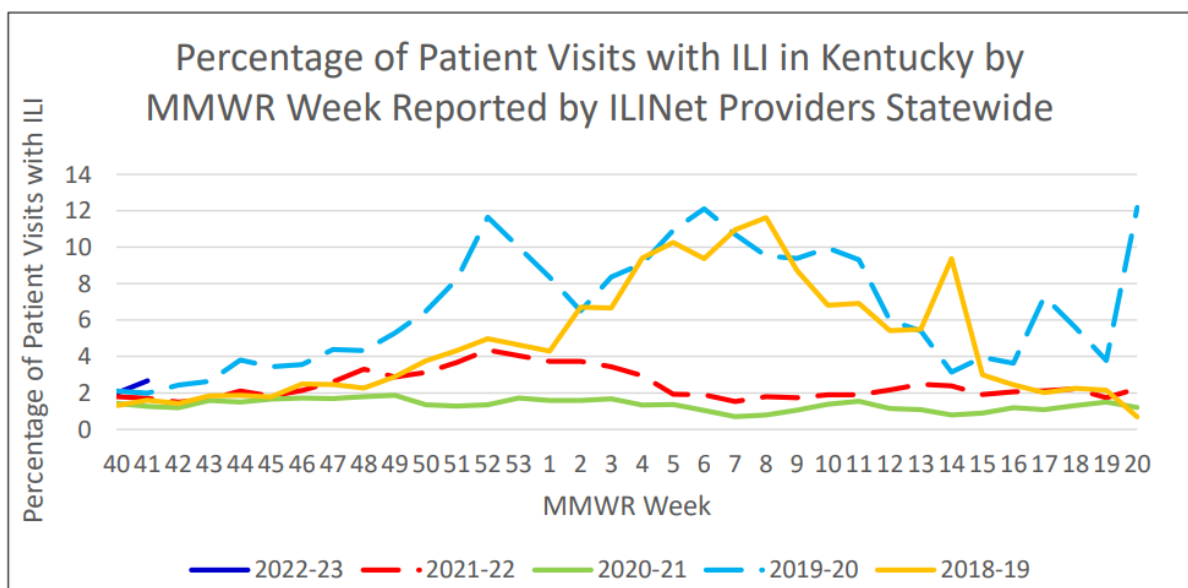
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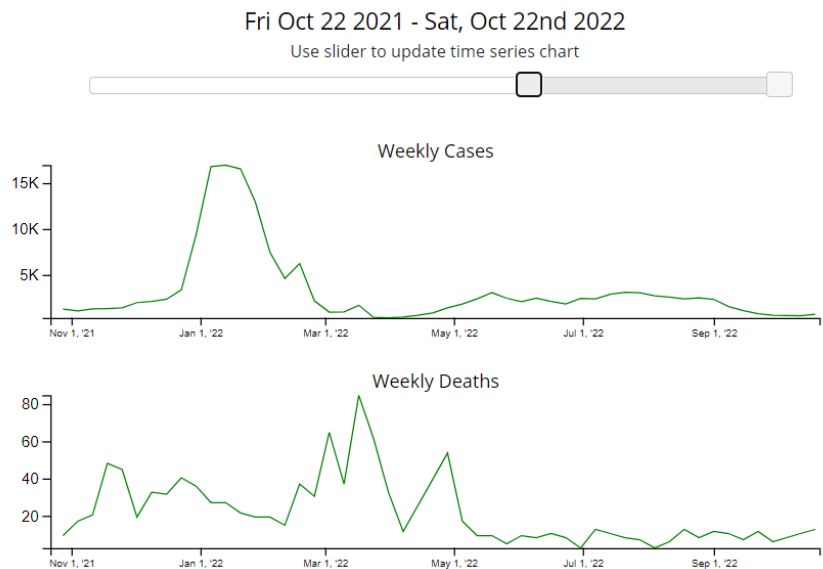
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Subject: November Director's Report - Trends and Insights from 9/27/22 – 10/28/22

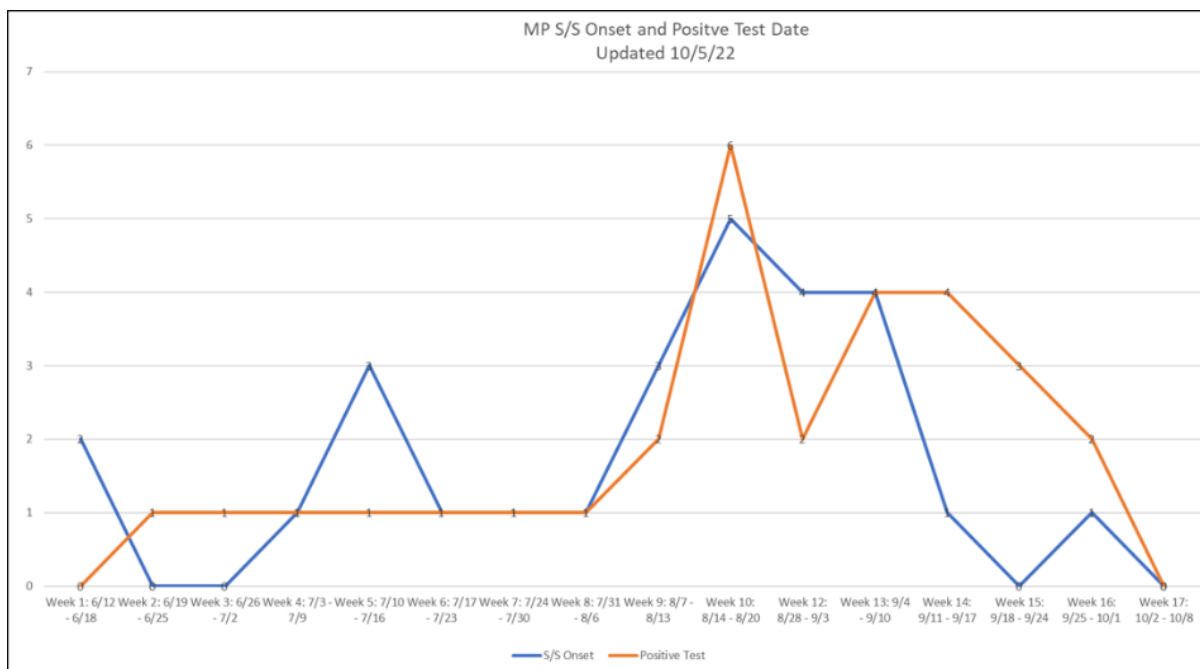
- **Recruitment and retention.** There are a total of 98 vacancies across the department, this includes over 20 vacant nurse positions. Immediate impacts of the vacancies to the community are increased wait times for appointments and halting harm reduction outreach to homeless encampments. Since May 2022, 70 individuals were onboarded including 38 new hires, 22 new contractors, and 10 staff promotions/transfers.
- **Community grocery store.** Metro Council [approved the letter of intent](#) with Louisville Association for Community Economics, Inc., and Louisville Community Grocery, L.C.A. to construct a community grocery. The \$3.5 million bond is intended to support the development and operation of a grocery in an underserved area, as well as promote job creation and community health.
- **Flu.** The number of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases is increasing in most of the [county](#), including [Kentucky](#). So far in the 2022-2023 influenza season, there are a total of 26 confirmed cases in Jefferson County, 9 new cases reported in the last week, and 0 deaths.



- COVID-19.** Community level remains classified as low risk. LMPHW and LMG switched from using our own COVID-19 data dashboard to the [CDC's COVID data tracker](#) to free up human resources and promote consistency. The local COVID-19 data has been archived and is available on Louisville Metro's [open data portal](#).



- Monkeypox.** There are [38 confirmed cases](#) of Monkeypox in Jefferson County, accounting for 56% of [cases in Kentucky](#). Locally, 8 people are in active isolation, 23 people have recovered and been released, and 7 people have been lost to follow up. Slowing of new case reports mirrors [national trends](#).



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