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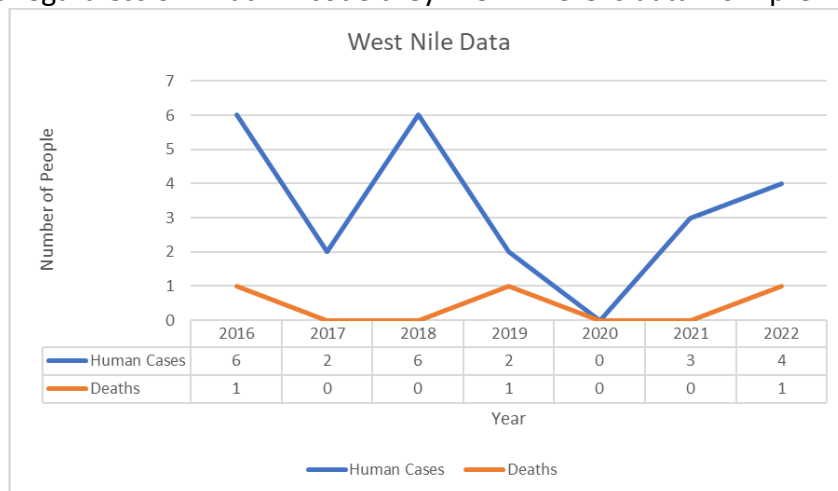
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Memorandum for: Louisville Metro Board of Health

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Subject: October Director's Report - Trends and Insights from 8/30/22 – 9/26/22

- **Mayoral transition.** We submitted a high-level overview of our department to both mayoral candidates, including among many other documents, our organizational chart, list of grants and contracts, and our strategic plan. Attached you will find our top five initiatives as well as our top three strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.
- **Workforce development.** We hosted our first in-person, all staff meeting since 2019. 150 people joined us in person and 80 people participated virtually. In addition to relationship building and celebrating employment anniversaries, the event included a question-and-answer session with the Senior Directors Team and the topic most asked about was equitable compensation.
- **Lead.** Local policies (rental registry and proactive inspections) aimed at addressing housing exposures to reduce negative impacts of lead poisoning are tabled. Internally, we are focused on strengthening data available from providers to allow for true surveillance of the tests performed and the number of people with elevated blood lead level.
- **West Nile.** 4 people have tested positive for West Nile and 1 person has died. Mosquitos carrying West Nile are not unusual at this time of year. LMPHW continues to find mosquitoes with West Nile virus [in several ZIP codes](#). LMPHW has advised residents to take precautions regardless of what ZIP code they live in. Here is data from previous years:

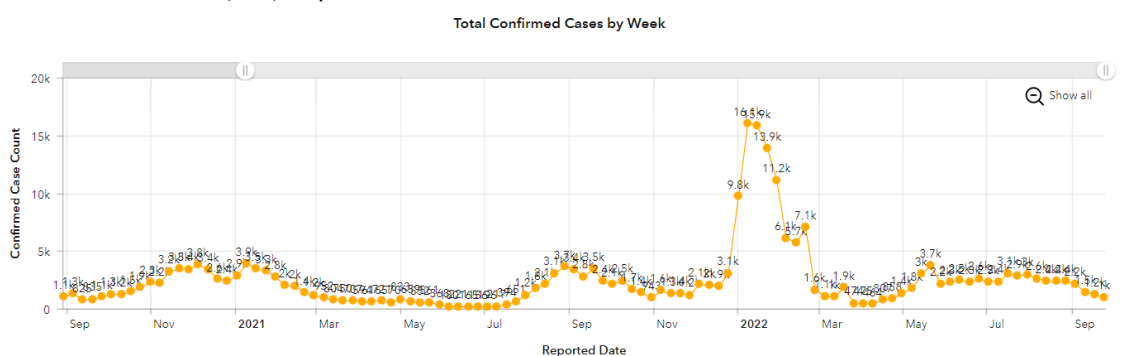


- **Monkeypox.** [30 confirmed cases](#) of Monkeypox - 17 people are in active isolation and 12 people have recovered and been released. Jefferson County accounts for 58% of [cases in Kentucky](#).

Cases by Race	Count	Percentage
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Other Pacific Islander	0	0%
Black or African American	11	37%
White	12	40%
Multiracial	5	17%
Other	1	3%
Unknown/Declined to Answer	1	3%
Jefferson County Total	30	100%

Cases by Ethnicity	Count	Percentage
Hispanic or Latino	4	13%
Non-Hispanic or Latino	26	87%
Unknown/Declined to Answer	0	0%
Jefferson County Total	30	100%

- **COVID-19.** Community level is now classified as low risk. Our [current metrics](#) are:
 - New COVID-19 Cases: 154.41 per 100,000 population (up from 150.63 on 9/19/22)
 - New COVID-19 Admissions: 9.13 per 100,000 population (down from 11.74 on 9/19/22)
 - Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients: 3.27% (down from 4.27% on 9/19/22)



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