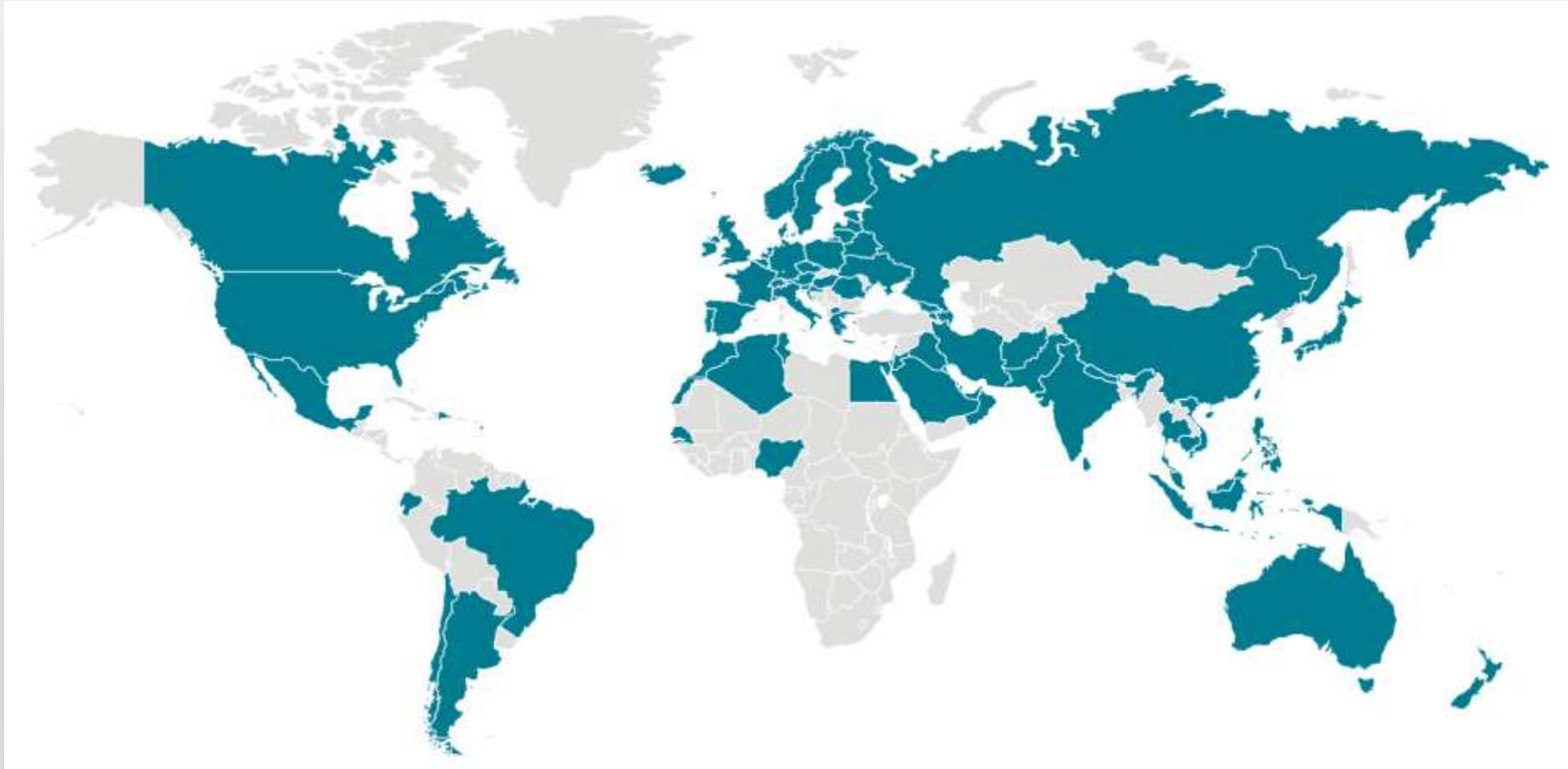


WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE COVID-19 DISEASE

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GLOBAL MAP OF CONFIRMED CASES



RI UPDATES AS OF MARCH 6, 2020

- Number of COVID-19 positive cases: **2**
 - This number does not include a Massachusetts resident who the Massachusetts Department of Public Health reported as having a presumptive positive test result. This individual went on the Saint Raphael Academy trip to Italy in mid-February.
- Number of people who had negative test results at RIDOH's State Health Laboratories: **17**
- Number of people for whom tests are pending: **8**
- Number of people who are currently instructed to self-quarantine because they had direct contact with a person with COVID-19: approximately **200**
 - Approximate number subject to change regularly

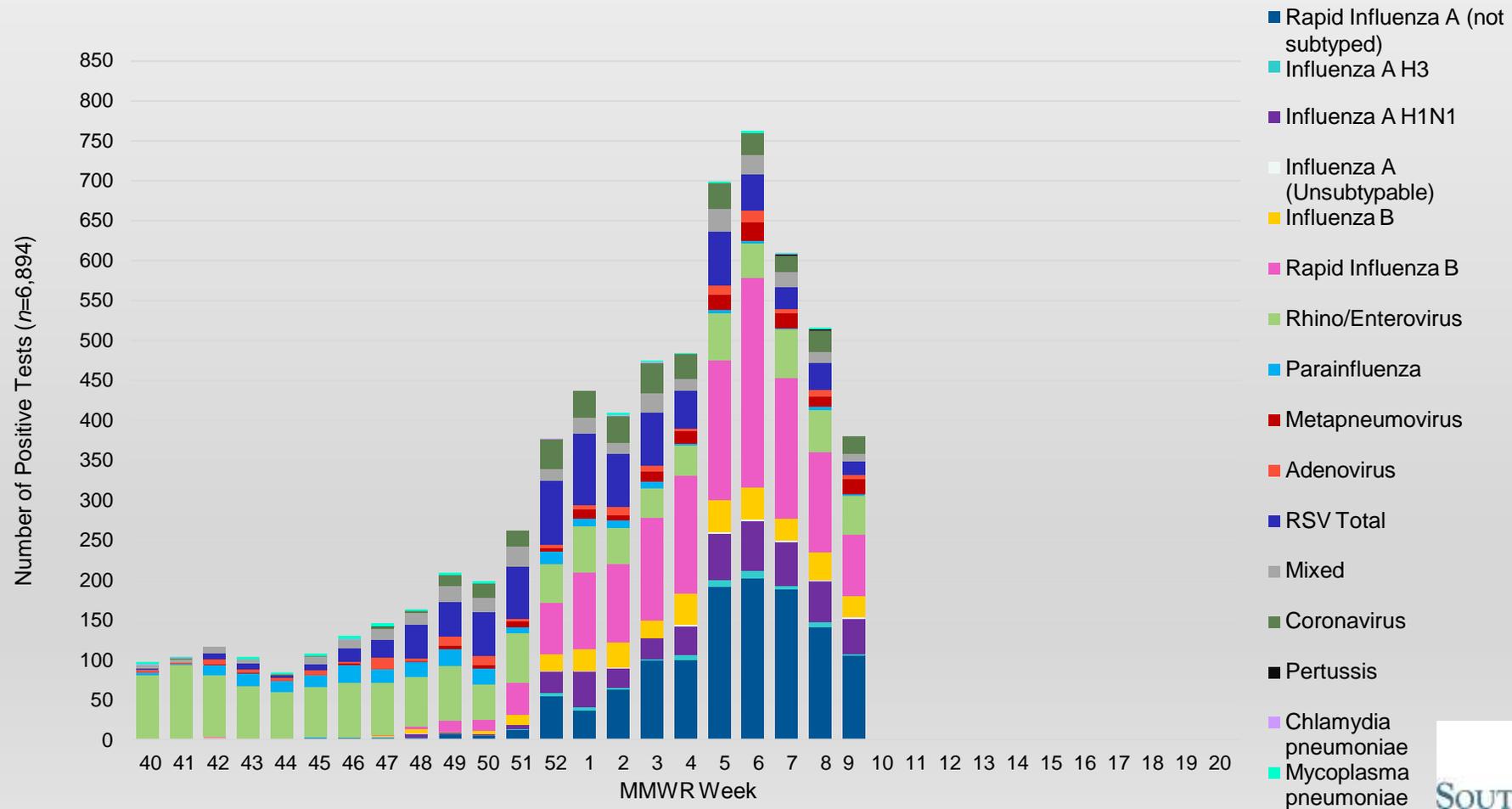
WHAT ARE CORONAVIRUSES?

WHAT IS SO CONCERNING ABOUT COVID-19?

- Human coronaviruses were first identified in the mid-1960's
- The name came from the way they are shaped “crown like spikes” on the virus surface
- There are **seven** different types of coronaviruses, 4 of which are associated with **mild upper respiratory illness-like the common cold**
- Other types of the virus include severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), the Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) and now Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

COMMUNITY PARTNER TESTS: LIFESPAN RESPIRATORY PATHOGEN PANEL RESULTS

Respiratory Pathogen Panel and Rapid Respiratory Test Positives
September 29, 2019 - February 29, 2020



WHY ARE WE SO CONCERNED ABOUT THIS DISEASE?

- Because it is a **new novel** virus and with new viruses we don't know much about their mechanism in the very beginning we are still learning more each day.
- There is no anti viral medication to offer a person with a positive test result
- There is no FDA approved available vaccine at this time
- We would be treating the symptoms in which the patient presents with:
example: supplying oxygen supplements for the shortness of breath, etc.

DEFINITIONS

- We want to give you the various definitions of words that we have been using during this event
 - Self monitoring
 - Self quarantine
 - Incubation
 - Contagious
 - Asymptomatic vs. symptomatic
 - Contacts of contacts
 - Fever

“AFFECTED AREAS”-HOW DOES THE CDC DETERMINE THOSE AREAS?

- Affected areas are identified by the World Health organization (WHO) based on certain criteria
- Geographic regions where sustained community transmission has been identified
- “Affected areas” will be defined as a country with at least a CDC level 2 travel health notice

International Areas with Sustained (Ongoing) Transmission

Last updated February 28, 2020

- China ([Level 3 Travel Health Notice](#))
- Iran ([Level 3 Travel Health Notice](#))
- Italy ([Level 3 Travel Health Notice](#))
- Japan ([Level 2 Travel Health Notice](#))
- South Korea ([Level 3 Travel Health Notice](#))

WHAT DO THESE LEVELS MEAN TO US?

- **Warning - Level 3:** Avoid Nonessential Travel—Widespread Community Transmission
- **Alert - Level 2:** Sustained Community Transmission—Special Precautions for High-Risk Travelers

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR TESTING AND WHAT DOES THAT ENTAIL?

- The criteria is evolving and changing
- Created in January and has evolved 3 times based on the more we know and understand the epidemiologic factors
- These “factors” guide the CDC and WHO to make decisions on whether testing is needed
- So when should you be tested? You have seen and read:
 - “A person who has had close contact with a lab confirmed COVID-19 patient” and showing symptoms within a 14 day incubation period
- A person who has traveled to one of those affected areas and onset of symptoms within the “14 day period”

WHAT ABOUT THOSE PERSONS WITHOUT EITHER OF THESE CRITERIA?

- As mentioned, as this situation has evolved, there have been some unexplained cases and this is why they have added additional criteria for clinicians and IPs to factor in and discuss with their local health department personnel
- Fever with severe acute lower respiratory illness (acute pneumonia) requiring hospitalization and without alternative explanatory diagnosis (such as influenza, COPD etc.) needs further dialog to serve as guidance for evaluation with RIDOH

PREPAREDNESS AND PLANNING

Communication

- Developed a landing page (located on the intranet) to post updated materials for all staff to reference
- Leadership Huddles
- Twice weekly updates (Tuesdays and Thursdays) via all users email
- Staff meeting invites
- DOH weekly conference calls and more frequently as needed
- Weekly conference calls (Fridays) with our SCH COVID team
- IP pager for staff concerns not addressed with the various venues

PREPAREDNESS AND PLANNING CON'T

Supplies and Inventory

- Weekly review of counts associated with PPE
- Stocking up with various types of PPE
- Have the testing collection supplies available now in our lab (we do not perform the test)
- MM is monitoring back orders of supplies
- Working on partnering with a hospital to perform a respiratory viral panel so we can exclude patient earlier before requiring COVID-19 testing

PREPAREDNESS AND PLANNING CON'T

Surge plans

- Developed a response plan for our off site areas
- Identified the areas to care for these types of patients in the hospital setting
- Reviewing staff plans in case of Surge needs
- Partnering with other hospitals to obtain situational awareness of their volume of ventilators being used and air borne isolation areas occupied

MORE INFORMATION FOR STAFF

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Leadership Team
Learning Management
Medical Abbreviations
Medical Staff

Announcements

There are no items to show in this view of the "Announcements" list.

Safety Data Sheets (SDS Online)

MobiLab Desktop Training

MobiLab Quick Reference

COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019)

Workplace Safety Task Force VIOLENCE

Coastline EAP
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE FROM COAST TO COAST

Ext 1511 - Emergency Operator

Emergency Codes

SOME COMMON QUESTIONS BEING ASKED

- Why are surgical face masks acceptable in the out-patient setting and not the use of an N-95 for the HCP?
- When would a staff member need to be on “furlough”
- What will be the future needs of a screening situation for asymptomatic people?