SARS-CoV-2 Update

- In Wisconsin, positivity decreased to 2.6% of the 59,684 specimens tested by PCR and reported to WSLH for the week ending March 20.
- Genomic sequencing surveillance data showed increases in variant of concern (VOC) detections of B.1.1.7 in Wisconsin through March 26. In addition, the first P.1 VOC was detected.
- Nationally, the 7-day average of percent positivity from RT-PCR tests increased slightly to 4.7% as of March 25.

Influenza Update

- <1% of specimens tested for influenza were positive by PCR in Wisconsin.

Other Surveillance Data - Wisconsin

### Respiratory

- Influenza & RSV cases remain below seasonal norms.
- Seasonal coronavirus activity increased.

### Gastropathogens

- Norovirus & Cryptosporidium were the predominant gastropathogens detected.
- Others detected included: EPEC (5.8%), ETEC (1.1%), P. shigelloides (1.0%) & Y. enterocolitica (1.0%).

To enhance surveillance activities for influenza viruses, the WSLH asks labs to please send:

1. Please send all positive influenza specimens for further characterization.