

Students Converging COVID-19: Environment, Health, and Equity



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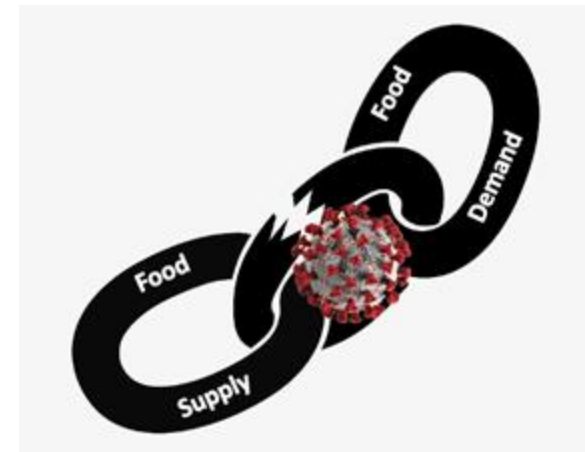
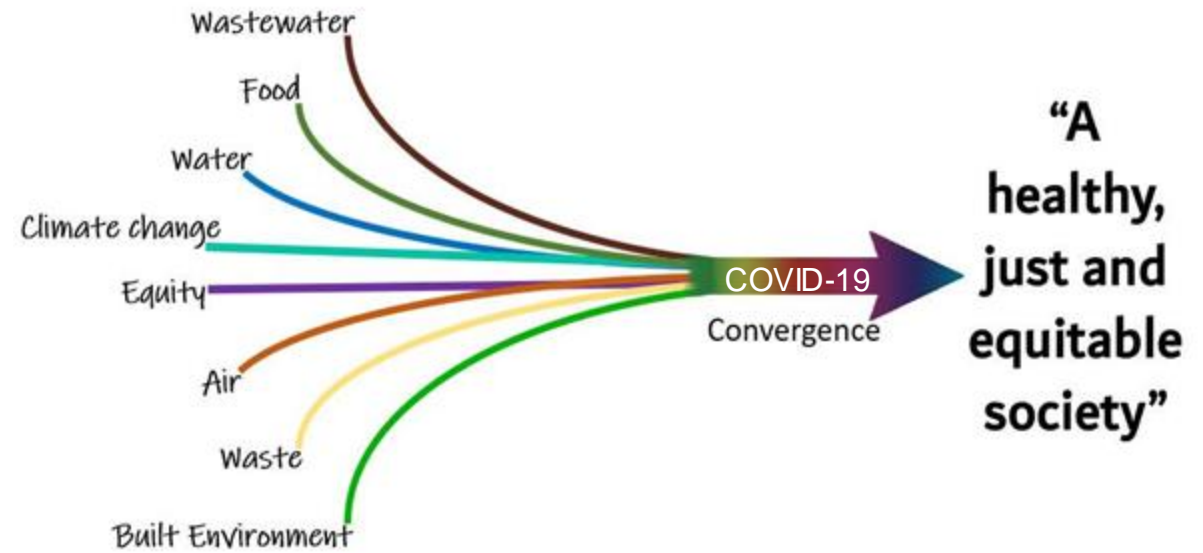
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Presentation Outline

- I. Converging COVID-19 Series
- II. Youth Moving Forward Session
- III. COVID-19 Impacts on food supply system
- IV. Wastewater and COVID-19
 - a) COVIDPoops19
 - b) W-SPHERE
- V. Conclusions
- VI. Acknowledgements
- VII. Questions and Answers



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Report from Converging COVID-19 series

Colleen Naughton, Assistant Professor, Environmental Engineering University of Merced
Maya Trotz, Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of South Florida

**AEESP Converging COVID-19:
Environment, Health and Equity**
Fridays, October 16 - November 20, 2020, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m., ET
<https://aeespconvergingcovid19.org/>

Moderators

- Session 1: Friday, October 16**
COVID-19, systemic biases, and environmental engineering education
Moderator: Kimberly Jones
- Session 2: Friday, October 23rd**
COVID-19 and fostering informed decisions and actions
Moderator: Amy Stuart
- Session 3: Friday, October 30th**
COVID-19 and the creation of efficient, healthy and resilient cities
Moderator: Katherine Strickland
- Session 4: Friday, November 6th**
COVID-19 and sustainably supplying food, water, and energy
Moderator: James Mhanna
- Session 5: Friday, November 13th**
COVID-19 and designing a future without pollution and waste
Moderator: Colleen Naughton
- Session 6: Friday, November 20th**
COVID-19 and climate change mitigation, and adaptation
Moderator: Lila Morton

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CONVERGING COVID-19: YOUTH MOVING FORWARD

Virtual Conference: Thursday April 8th, 2021 1:30 - 3:00pm EST

An opportunity for the younger generation of adults (high school, undergraduate, graduate, and early career) to come together and discuss issues relevant to youth and COVID-19.

- Education
- Youth Health
- Vaccination
- Environment

Susan Masten, Ph.D. Mahmooda Khaliq Pasha, Ph.D. Jill Roberts, Ph.D. Colleen Naughton, Ph.D.

Register here: <http://bit.ly/YouthForwardCOVID19>

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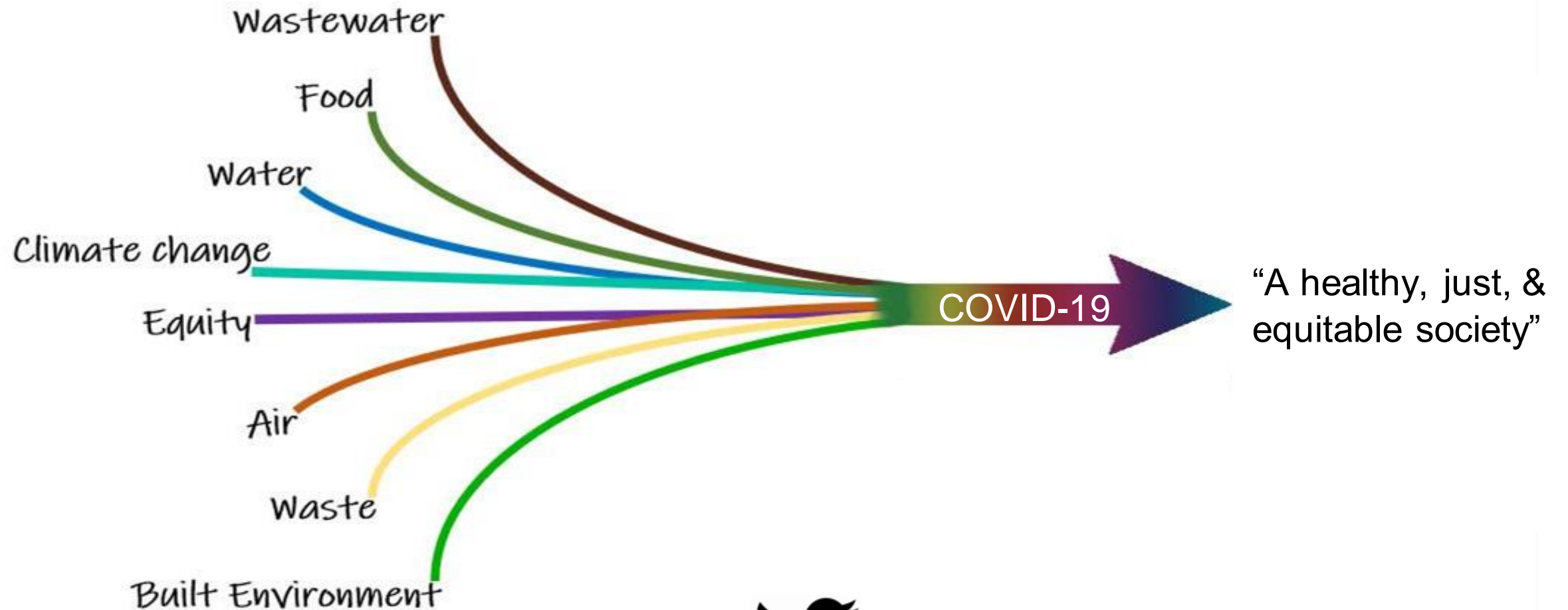


Ashley Osler

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Goals & Motivation

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Yang Wang



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Session 3: Friday, October 30th
COVID-19 and the creation of efficient, healthy and resilient cities

Moderator:
Katherine Alfredo



Shelly Miller



Andrew Whelton



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Anu Ramaswami



Anthony Kane

Session 4 November 6th: COVID-19 and sustainably supplying food, water, and energy COVID-19

Moderator:
James Mihelcic



Weslyne Ashton



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Tala Naveb-Daneshmand



Anjali Muchandani



Matt Verbyla

Session 5 November 13th: COVID-19 and designing a future without pollution and waste

Moderator:
Colleen Naughton



Juyeong Choi



Shakira Hobbs



Julie Zimmerman



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Session 6 November 20th: COVID-19 and climate change mitigation, and adaptation

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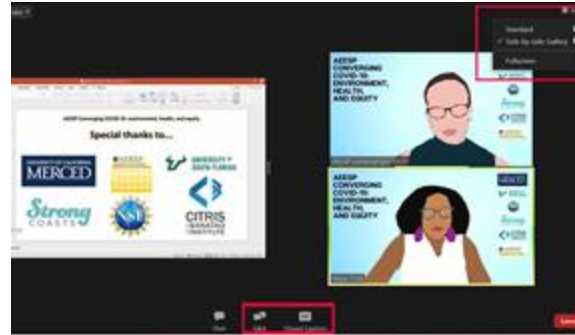


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Questions

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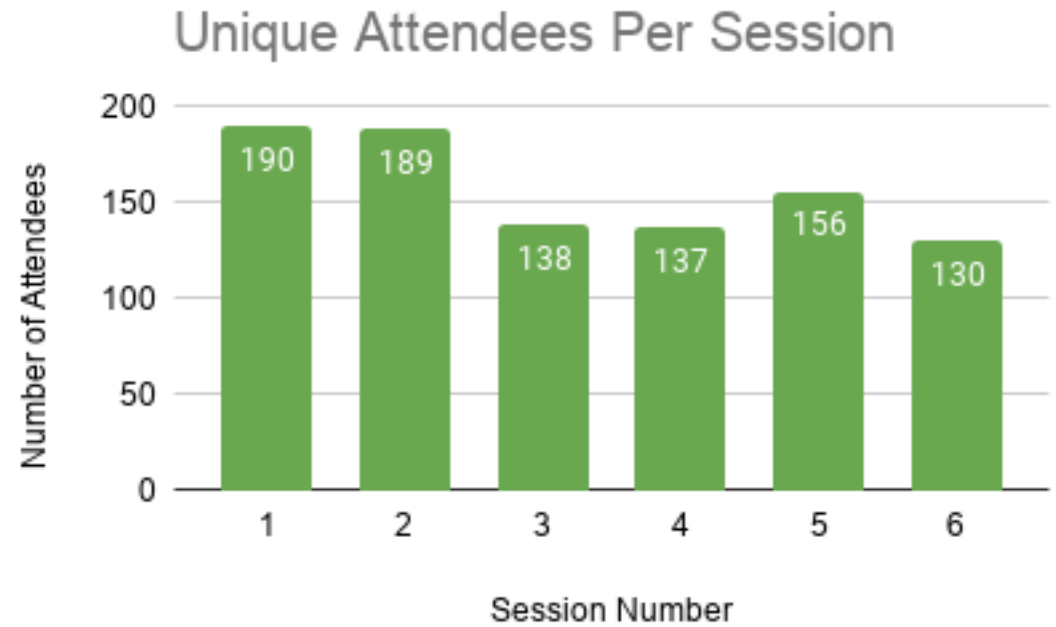
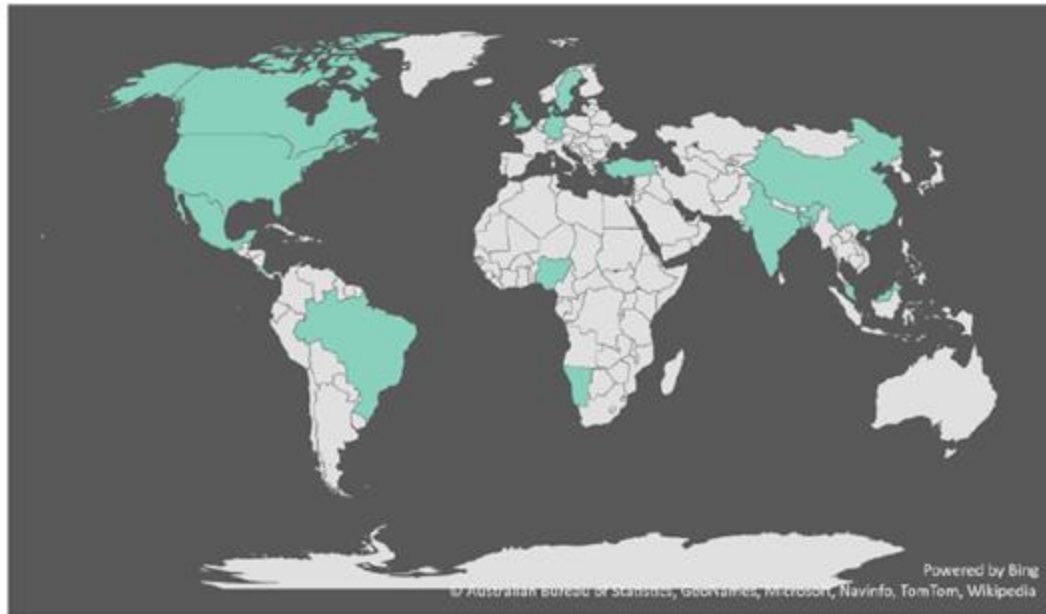
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Zoom Q&A function

1. What role does **equity** play in your research and teaching? How do you incorporate equity in your research and teaching?

2. Related to the theme of **convergence** and others on this panel, after hearing their presentations, how can we make our research more convergent?

Results



quiz participants: 106 80 74 64 61 50

43 certificates were awarded
32.1% completion rate

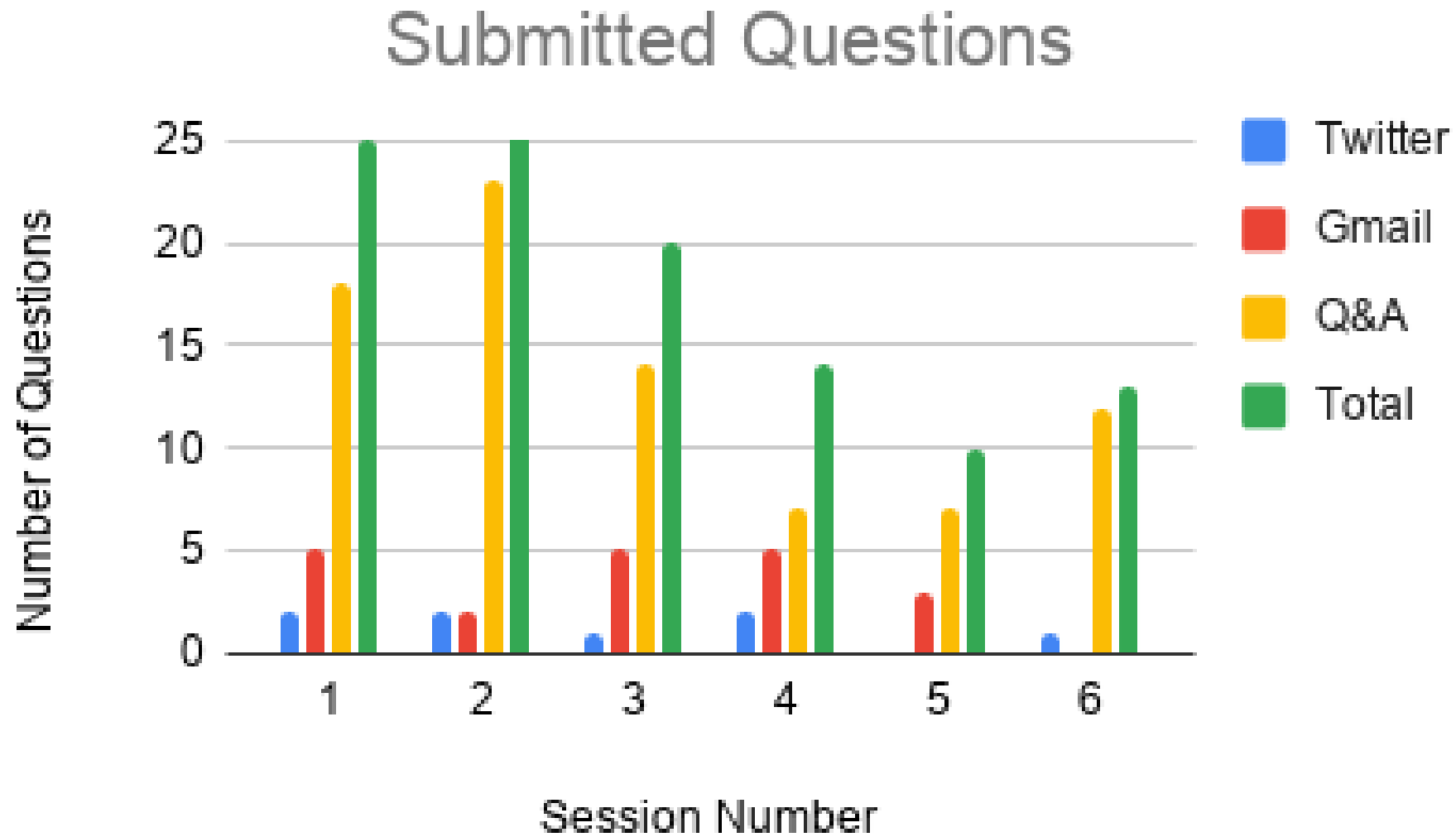
Results



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2	208	7	0
3	126	0	0
4	113	3	0
5	131	1	0
6	117	0	0

Results





Brooklyn James

Presenting on:
Converging COVID-19 series
Youth Moving Forward Session

Related to the theme of convergence and others on this panel, after hearing their presentations, how can we make our research more convergent?

1

Recognition of the importance of community outreach, asking those in need for what will benefit them the most

2

Pandemic has caused an increase in awareness of convergence research

What role does equity play in your research and teaching? How do you incorporate equity in your research and teaching?

1

Addressing a variety of cultural perspectives in one's teaching is essential, remaining humble in one's knowledge while truly learning from students' unique cultural perspectives.

2

A key aspect of classroom equity is taking time to make connections with students: more listening, empathy, and understanding

Recommendations

1. Create more opportunities for sub-disciplinary discussions and collaboration within environmental engineering and sciences
 - Also, seek interdisciplinary opportunities, e.g. “Predictive Intelligence for Pandemic Prevention Phase I: Development Grants (PIPP Phase I)”
<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2021/nsf21590/nsf21590.htm>)
2. Broaden participation, paying attention to various forms of underrepresentation of speakers and institutions/organizations
 - Continue providing accessible meeting spaces (virtually, closed captioning, sign language, etc.)
3. Engage students, especially through formal course requirements for participation in online conference components

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Education



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Youth Health



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Vaccination



Jill Roberts, Ph.D.

Environment



Colleen Naughton, Ph.D.



Brooklyn James



Ashley Olser



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Goals and Motivation

Provide a platform for the younger generation to discuss the impact of COVID-19 and youth health, the environment, education, and vaccines.

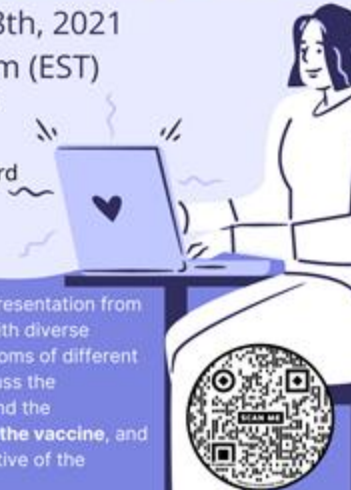


**Converging COVID-19:
Youth Moving Forward**

Thursday, April 8th, 2021
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm (EST)
10:30 am - 12:00 pm (PST)

Register Now:
<http://bit.ly/YouthForwardCOVID19>

This webinar will include a presentation from four esteemed professors with diverse backgrounds. In breakout rooms of different topics, participants will discuss the convergence of COVID-19 and the **environment, youth health, the vaccine, and education** from the perspective of the younger generations.



Spread awareness to students about convergence research and the importance of equity regarding COVID-19

YOUTH HEALTH

What other aspects of health have been/will be affected by COVID-19?

peer pressure, not fashionable, FOMO (benefits have to outweigh risk, what has value to them)

fatigue has probably increased more since September - affects every aspect of social life/identity

social marketing with philanthropic cause idea (buy a mask, support a charity)

How does wearing a mask or social distancing relate to equity?

social boundaries are large - if you see people in your community doing it, it can become "cool"

Notes on incentives: scholarships, letters of recommendation,

In what ways can young people be leaders during and after the COVID-19 pandemic?

students were not involved in process of creating protocols and imposing rules - citing no time

Going forward: engage students on social media

Altura Centers for Health in CA has Wellness Wednesday idea to engage high school students: gives information to students and they creatively present to peers (topics like COVID, vaping, tobacco)

VACCINE

Questions to consider

Can you see the role that these issues will play in vaccination and how do we address them?

-There has been a supply surplus in vaccine in the US.

-If people continue to get vaccinated, the pandemic could come under control in the US in July. However, in Spain it is not predicted to end until 2024.

What data could help us determine if the current rate of vaccinations is appropriate?

-Statistics can be misinterpreted. Equity vs. Equal when vaccinating different demographic groups.

How does vaccine hesitancy relate to equity? How do we address this to build confidence?

-Younger people can experience more side effects (adenovirus in J&J)

"Do I need the vaccine if I had COVID"

-Immunity will not last and the virus can mutate.

How to address COVID hesitancy?

-Address misinformation. Learn what is in each vaccine (Pfizer is different from Modern and J&J)... Explain what is happening in the vaccine and what people can do.

How to respond to "I don't want to get the vaccine because it won't make me feel good" -It can be a better alternative than getting COVID or the long term effects of COVID

How to respond to: "This is just a big experiment" -reach people in their own communities, churches and schools have been helpful with increasing vaccinations in communities

ENVIRONMENT

Room For Growth

Setbacks

Increased Waste

Early Progress with airquality, due to lack of mobility

Increased use of disinfectants discharge to the environment

WFH =Less transportation

using the quick Covid 19 response as motivation for a quick climate change implementation

Technology for new materials for masks

Continued Collaboration with other professional

How to Protect yourself

Plexi Glass

Air filters

Facemasks

EDUCATION

What are some accommodations you would like to see the professors incorporate during the transition back to "normal"?

Professors to be more understanding, and compassionate. This encourages students to engage and really learn the material.

Not adding more work load just because it is virtual. Professors assume students have more time, being at home.

Continue using participation questions to engage with students, can be anonymous with polling, makes students feel like their opinions are truly heard.

What will returning to in person education look like?

Anonymous mid-semester feedback assessments. Allowing students to provide feedback, without hesitation.

Students might struggle with focus and paying attention during live lectures. Adding more 5-minute breaks to longer lectures.

How to still engage students with participation questions in person, without having students glued to their phones

Pre-recorded lectures have pros and cons. It is hard to keep the self motivation to watch lecture on schedule, but also very nice to have the time to go deeper in discussion with peers

What are the main contributors to the continuous inequities that are taking place in education during the pandemic?

Not an equal access to technology (smartphones/laptops). Colleges need to continue to provide resources to students, reach out more for those who don't know about them.

EDUCATION

Registrants

84

Attendees

44

Breakout Rooms

Youth Health
Vaccine
Environmental
Education

11

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Recommendations

1. Wider outreach
2. Higher attendance → greater participation
3. Youth inclusion creates diverse perspectives and is needed earlier



Ana Grace Alvarado

Presenting on:
COVID-19 Impacts on food
supply system

COVID-19 FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTIONS

- Phantom Demand
- Dumping of dairy products, tiling under fruits, vegetables, tubers, etc.
 - Food Box Program and Paycheck Protection Program
- Meat – Euthanization
 - Bottleneck effect
 - More than an economic loss



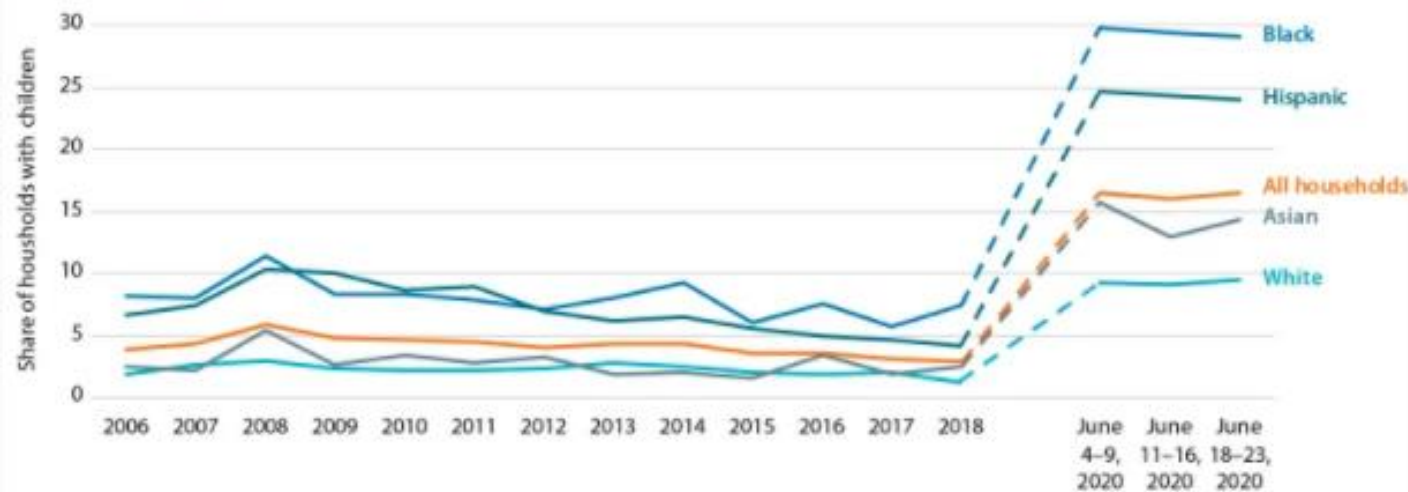
FOOD INSECURITY

- Increased usage of food assistance programs
- May 2020: 43 million people
Great Recession: 50 million people
- Aid and a side of shame
- “There is not a lack of food but a lack of connections in the supply chain”- Tom Vilsack



FIGURE 1.

Share of Households with Children in which the Children Are Food Insecure by Race/Ethnicity, 2006–20



Source: Census Household Pulse Survey 2020 (Waves 6-8); Current Population Survey Food Security Supplement 2006-18; author's calculations.
Note: Surveys have been weighted to be representative of households with children, overall and by race/ethnicity. In the CH-IPS (2020 datapoint), respondents were asked "Please indicate whether the next statement was often true, sometimes true, or never true in the last 7 days for the children living in your household."



SHEDDING LIGHT ON OUR FOOD SYSTEM FLAWS

- Workers and worker safety
- 70% of global meat companies are “high risk” for pandemics-CEPR
- Meat Processing Plants
 - COVID-19 outbreaks
 - Safety
- Policy – PRIME Act

SHIFTING TO SHORT-LOCALIZED RESILIENT SUPPLY CHAINS

- Prioritizes long life and shorter feedback loops
- Circle of production and consumption
- Preservation of natural environment – shift from industrialized agriculture



Source: Malik, S., Kanhere, S., Jurdak, R. (2018).

POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS

- As a consumer
 - Awareness and appreciation
 - Purchasing locally, planning
- As a voter
 - Support localized supply chains
 - Co-management advisory teams
- Systematic changes
 - Shift to short-localized supply chains
 - Diversify – crops grown, chains, etc.
 - Co-management involving multidisciplinary advisory teams – underrepresented groups



Source: Sustainability X

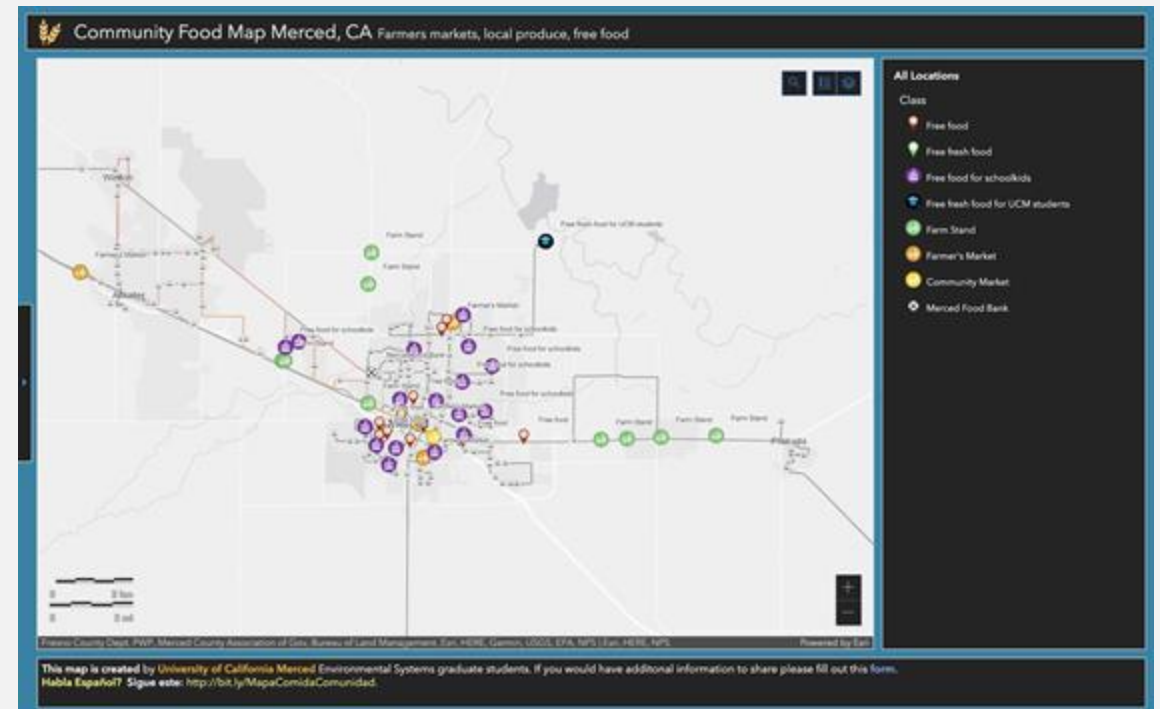
FIRST STEPS/OUTREACH

UC MERCED'S "BUILDING THE FUTURE" DOCUSERIES



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COMMUNITY FOOD MAP MERCED, CA



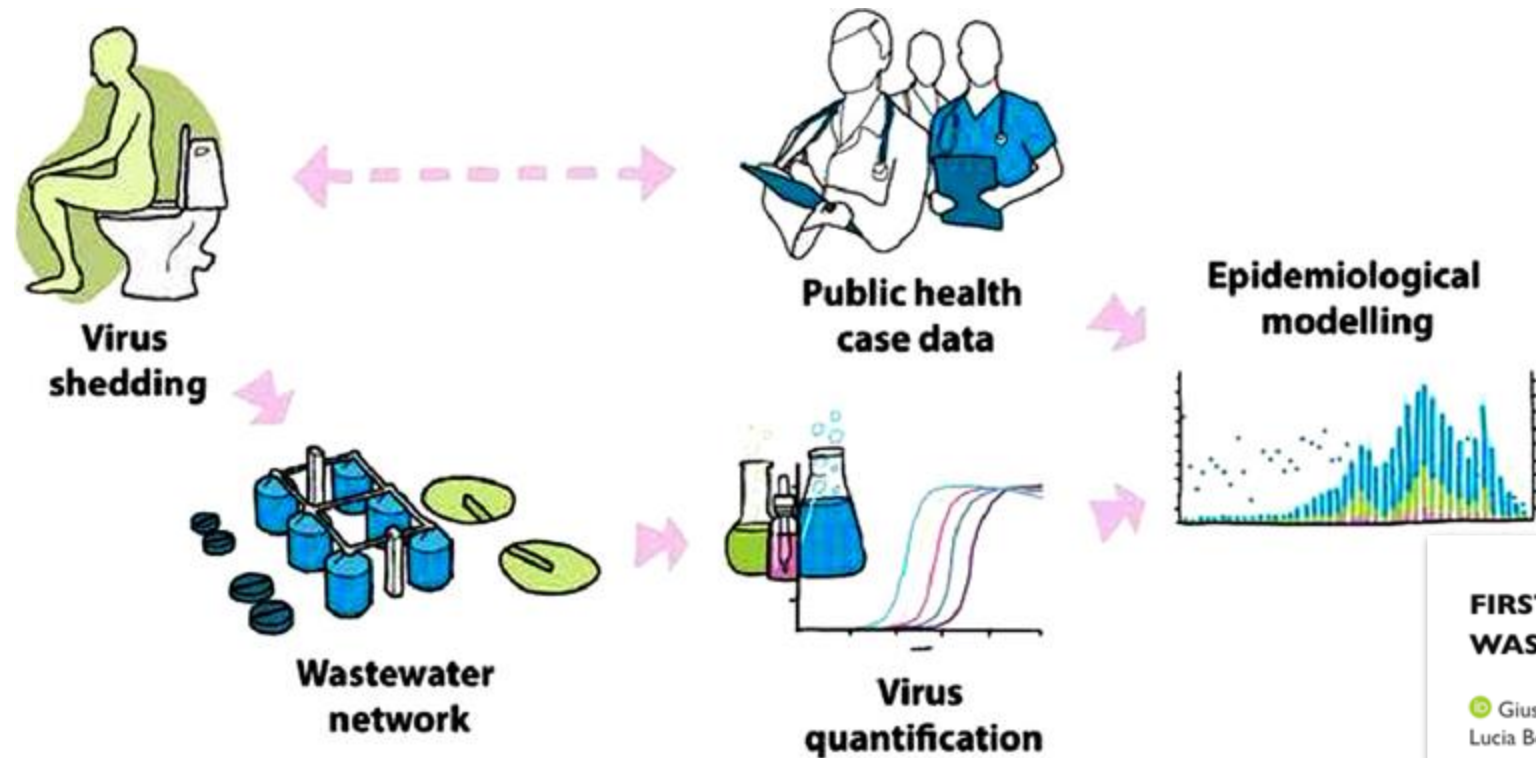
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Presenting on:
COVIDPoops19 Dashboard

Wastewater Based Epidemiology



(Peccia et al., 2020, website:
<https://covidtrackerct.com/wastewater-current/>)

Risk Analysis
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Poliovirus Surveillance by Examining Sewage Water Specimens: Studies on Detection Probability Using Simulation Models

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FIRST DETECTION OF SARS-COV-2 IN UNTREATED WASTEWATERS IN ITALY

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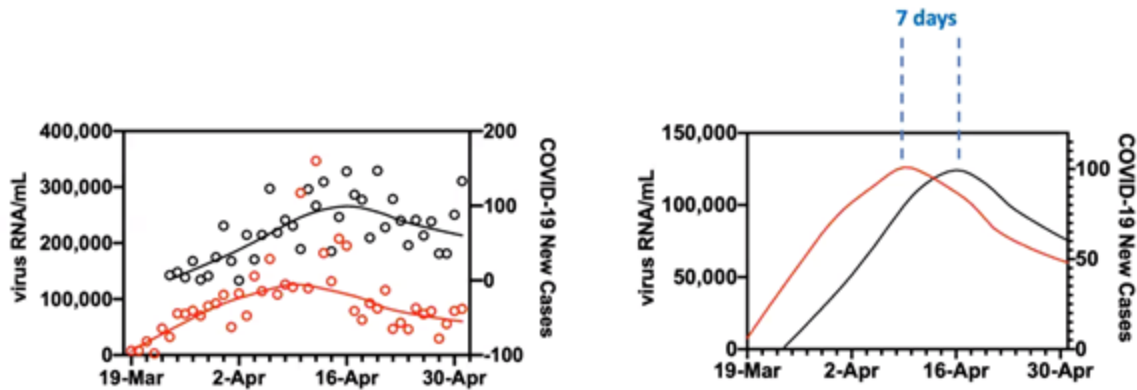
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Fostering Informed Decisions and Actions through Wastewater

SARS-CoV-2 (can be) A LEADING INDICATOR OVER TESTING



(Peccia et al., 2020, website:
<https://covidtrackerct.com/wastewater-current/>)

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Democracy Dies in Darkness ccnaught

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Morning Mix

The University of Arizona says it caught a dorm's covid-19 outbreak before it started. Its secret weapon: Poop.



Toronto Star @TorontoStar

October 14, 2020

Ottawa sewage shows 'alarming' spike in COVID-19 virus



COVIDPoops19 Global Wastewater Dashboard



<https://arcg.is/1aummW>

<https://www.covid19wbec.org/>

Dashboard Data Flow



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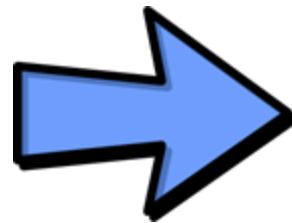
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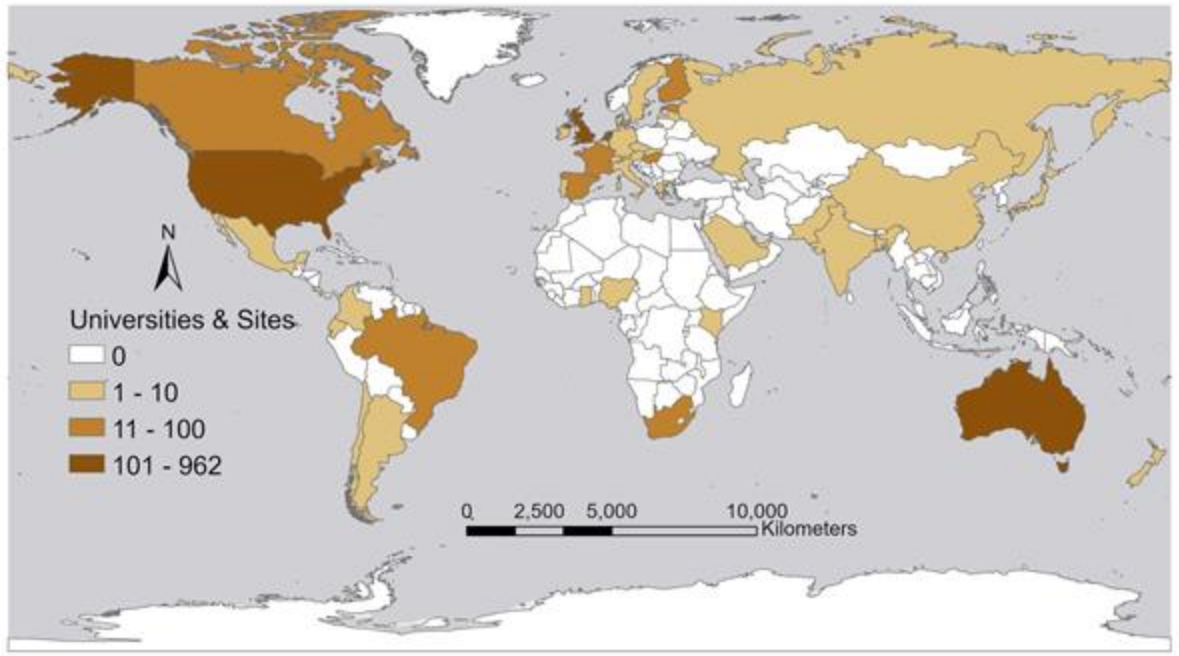
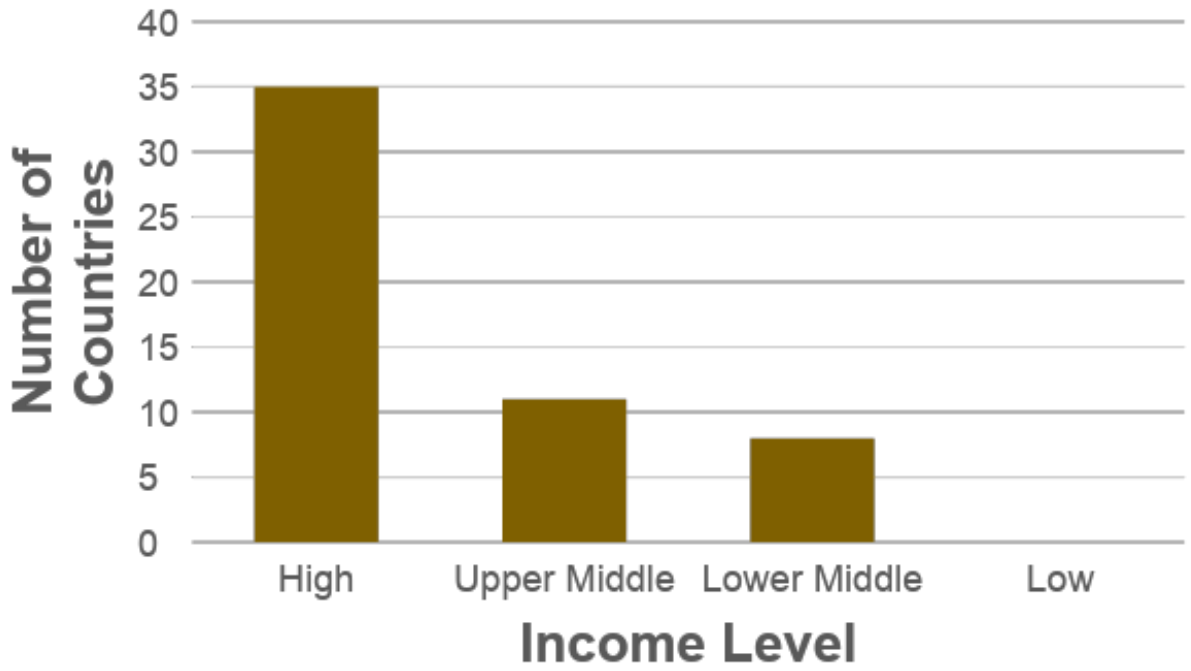


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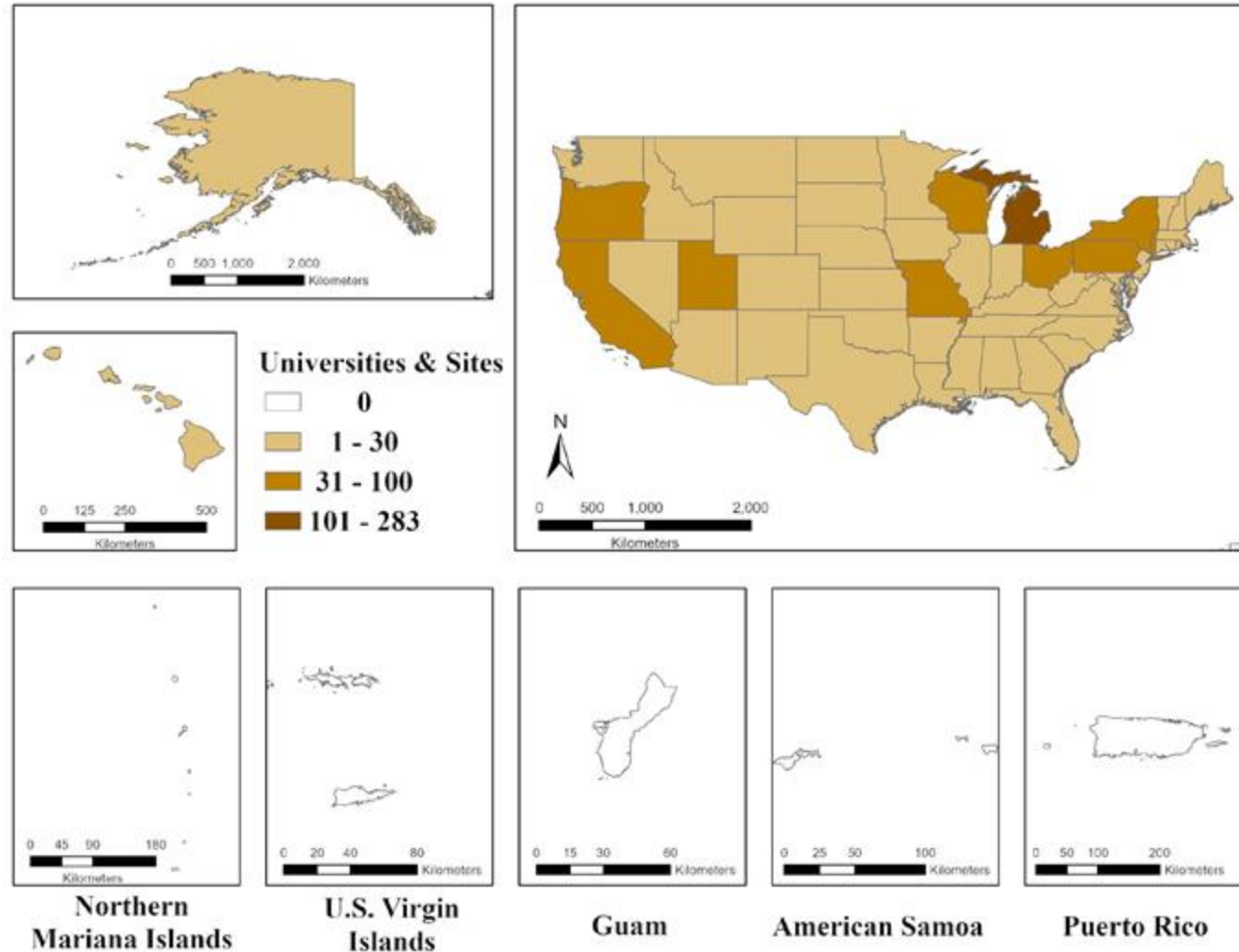
Countries using WBE for COVID-19



Income level classifications from the World Bank (2020): <https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups>



WBE for COVID-19 in the United States

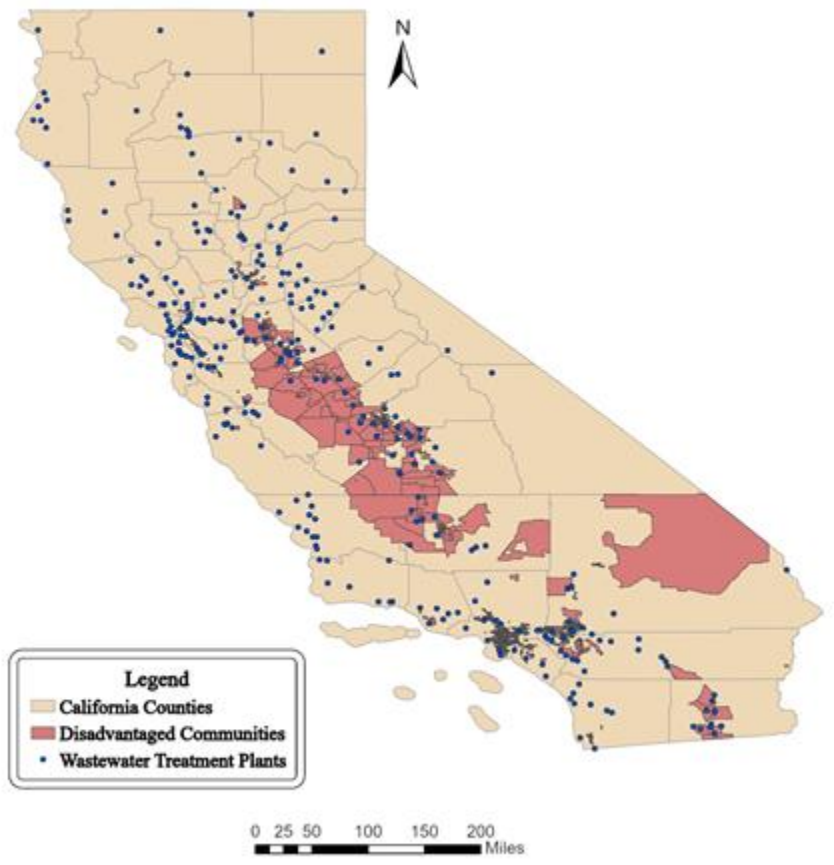


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Disparities in WBE Testing Locations

California Wastewater Treatment Plants over Disadvantaged Communities

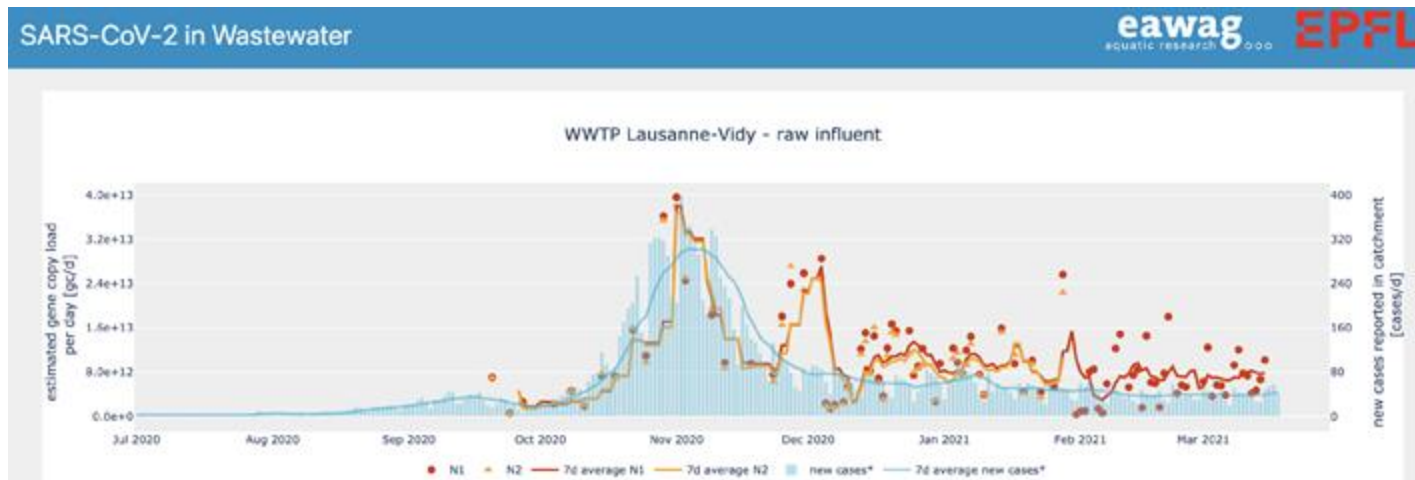


Sewage Monitoring in Rural Communities: A Powerful Strategy for COVID-19 Surveillance

<https://www.neha.org/node/61667>

Dashboard Review and Best Practices

- 88+ Dashboards
- Only a few with downloadable data
- Lots of Variation
- Tips: Include videos, non-technical language, and downloadable data



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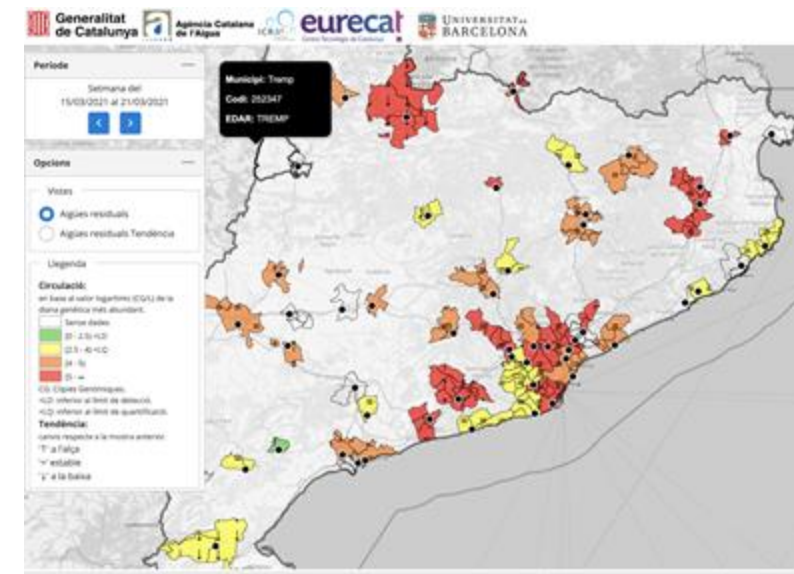
Early Signals

Sewage measurement

Average number of virus particles per 100,000 inhabitants

230.9 ↑ Value of Mar 8 - Mar 14

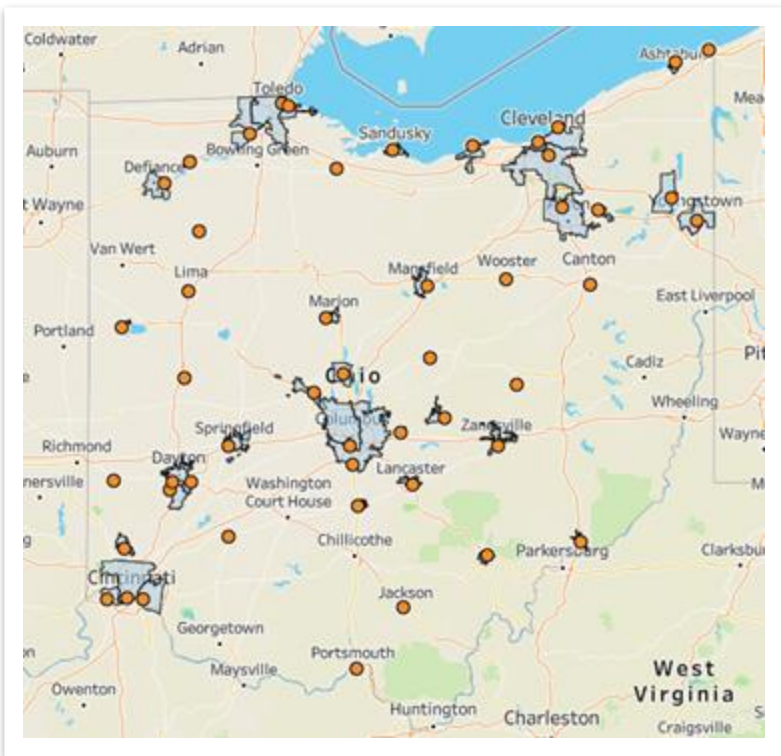
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Ohio-Example of Wastewater SARS-CoV-2 Dashboards

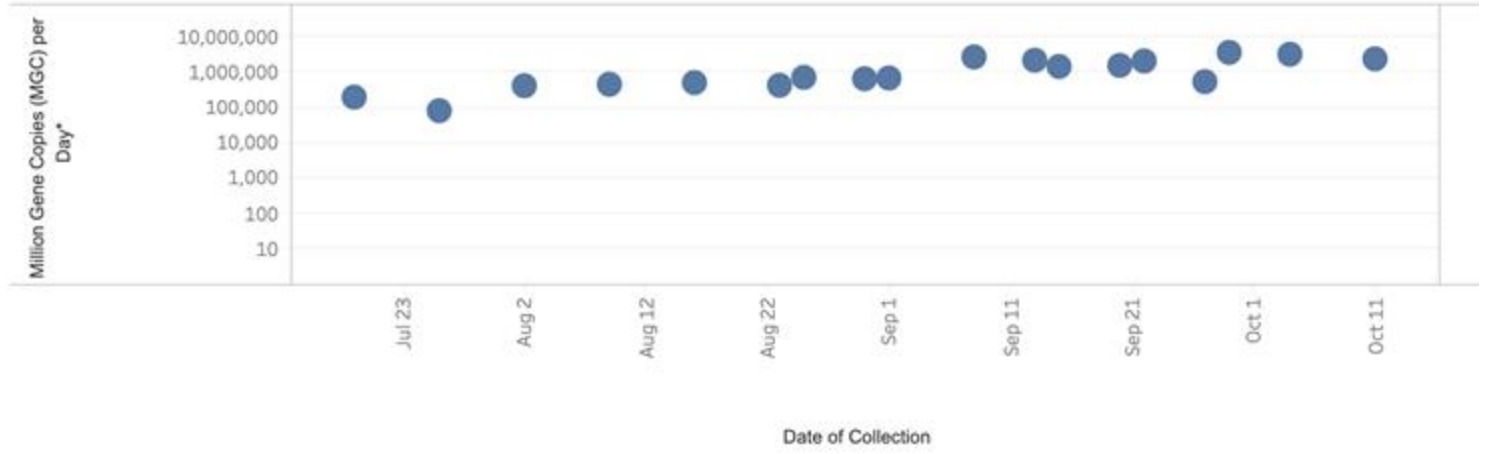
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Facility Name = Jackson Pike WRRF

Viral Gene Copy Trends



<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/dashboards/wastewater>

Scotland-Example of Wastewater SARS-CoV-2 Dashboards

Current National Overview



Use these buttons to navigate between pages.

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- Site Level Analysis
- National Level Results
- Data Export Page

Area covered by sewer network. The coloured icon represents the sewage works location.



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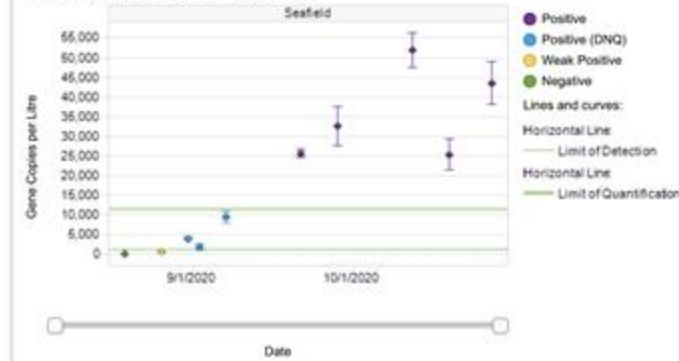
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Health Area	Site	Population Served	Date	N1 Gene Copies per Litre	Result Description
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			8/26/2020	658	Weak Positive
			8/31/2020	3866	Positive (DNQ)
			9/2/2020	1691	Positive (DNQ)
			9/7/2020	9357	Positive (DNQ)
			9/21/2020	25637	Positive
			9/28/2020	32581	Positive
			10/12/2020	51873	Positive
			10/19/2020	25334	Positive
			10/27/2020	43502	Positive

The results shown here are for the readings directly obtained from the laboratory equipment. They do not account for external factors such as population served by the sewage works or the weather conditions immediately preceding the sample being taken.






Arianna Quinn Tariqi


Presenting on:
W-SPHERE

Wastewater SARS Public Health Environmental REsponse



The Global Water Pathogens Project (GWPP) is a knowledge resource on pathogens supporting sanitation and safe water and promoting quantitative information via monitoring of sewage, fecal sludges and freshwaters to inform public health measures.
[Read more...](#)

BOOK **TOOLS** **COVID19**

 **Wastewater SPHERE**
The mission of Wastewater SPHERE is to advance environmental surveillance of sewage to inform local and global efforts for monitoring and supporting public health measures to combat COVID19.

[Learn More](#) [Visit the Data Center](#)

[Learn more about our work on mapping global efforts on SARS Environmental Surveillance >](#)

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W-SPHERE

Mission: advance environmental surveillance of sewage to inform local and global efforts for monitoring and supporting public health measures to combat disease

PATH, Michigan State University, KWR Water Research Institute, University of California Merced and Venthic are collaborating to develop a repository of databases (geospatial and tabular) for organizations and individuals testing for SARS-CoV-2 in wastewater and other waterways.

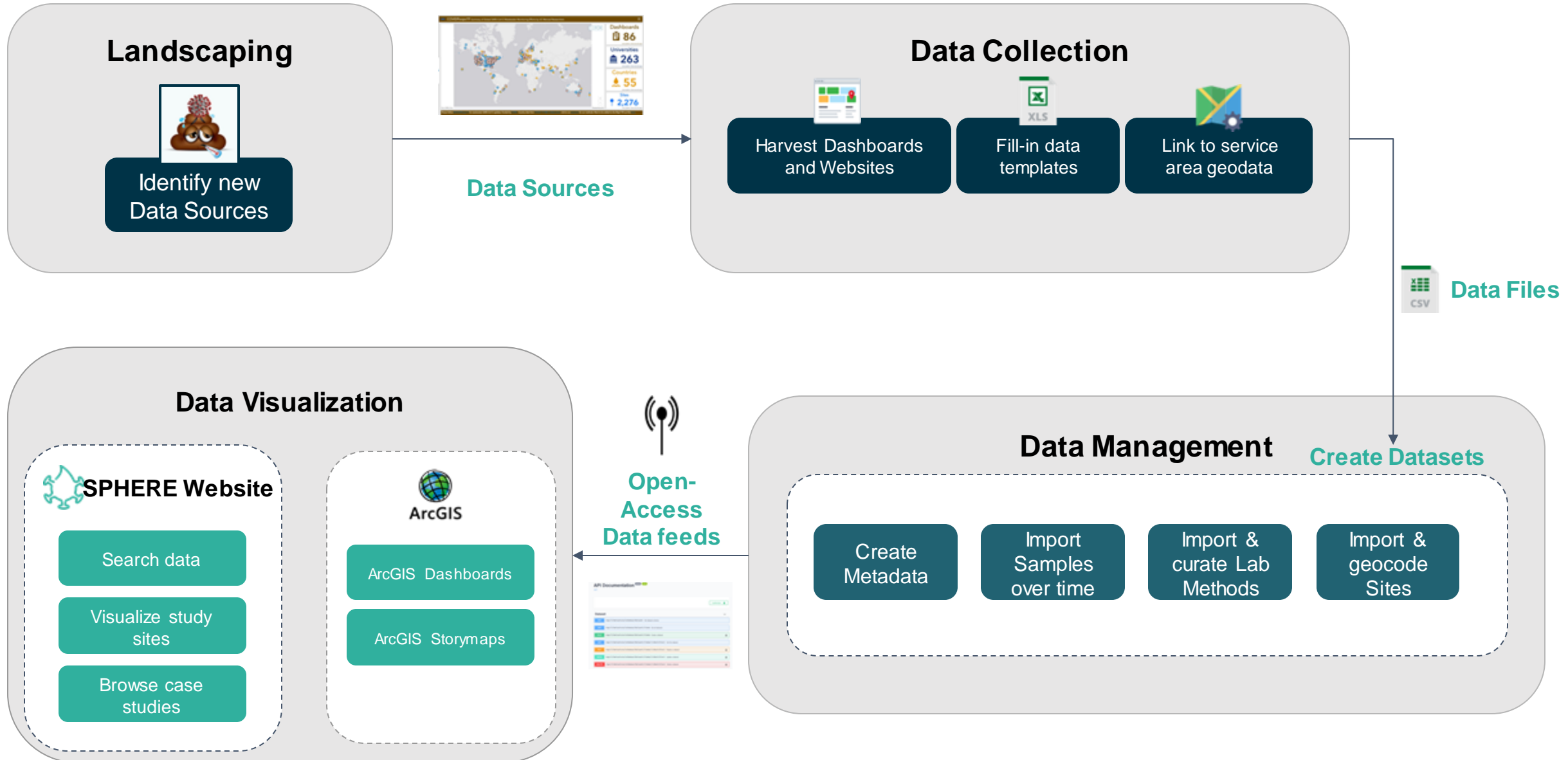


WASTEWATERSPHERE

The Data Center will:

- Integrate data generated through the field deployments
- Integrate data produced from high-income countries Dashboards
- Develop approaches for visualizing and presenting global data sets on the virus in sewage.
- Provide access to global data for scientific advancements
- Provide Use-Case Studies addressing the role of wastewater surveillance in the global COVID-19 response.

Data Flow



Our database currently

97
data
points

24
countries

622
sampling
sites

>15000
samples



13 datasets from open data sources
more to come

A global data center by the Global Water Pathogens Project

Advancing environmental surveillance of sewage to inform local and global efforts for monitoring and supporting public health measures to combat disease.

[Read more](#)

[See global map](#)



Contribute to the Wastewater SPHERE data center

Contributing data to SPHERE can help you get started with standardized data reporting and licensing, while creating your own space for visualizations and analysis.

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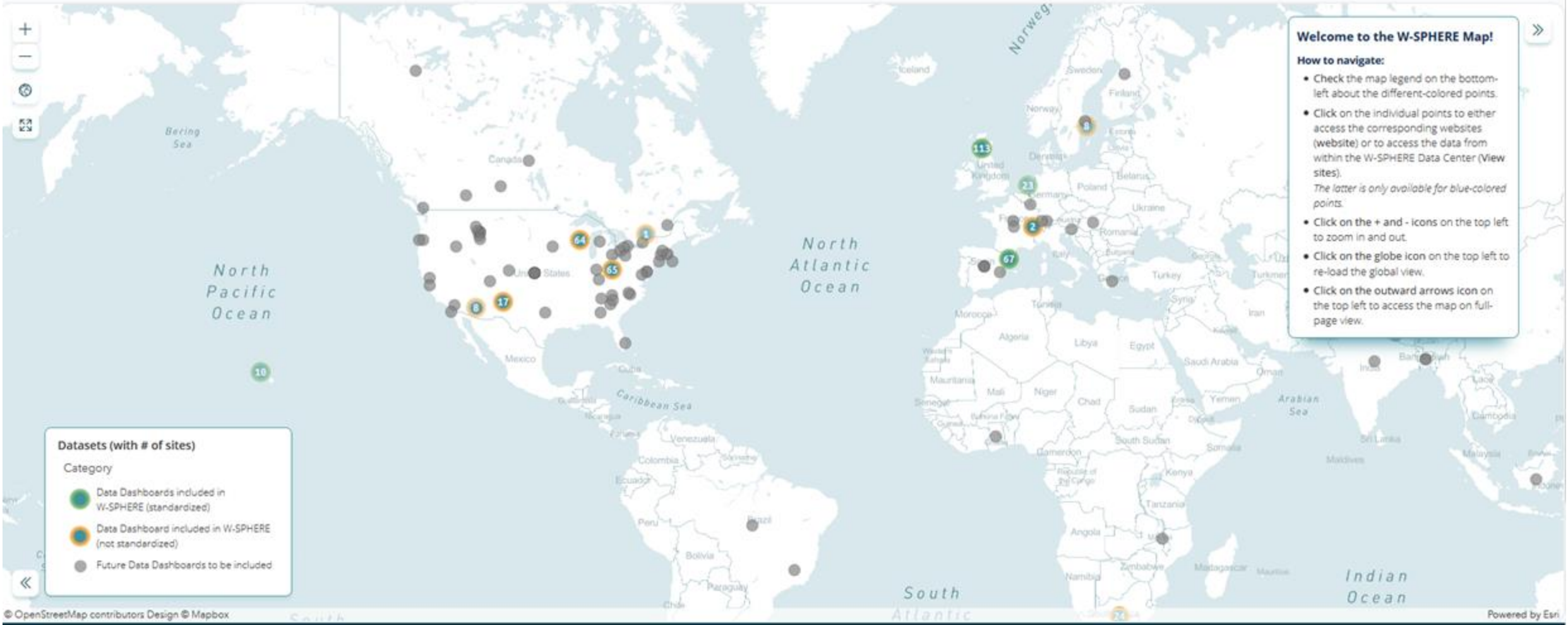
13 Datasets



622 Sites



24 Countries



Welcome to the W-SPHERE Map!

How to navigate:

- Check the map legend on the bottom-left about the different-colored points.
- Click on the individual points to either access the corresponding websites (website) or to access the data from within the W-SPHERE Data Center (View sites). The latter is only available for blue-colored points.
- Click on the + and - icons on the top left to zoom in and out.
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Datasets (with # of sites)

Category

-  Data Dashboards included in W-SPHERE (standardized)
-  Data Dashboard included in W-SPHERE (not standardized)
-  Future Data Dashboards to be included






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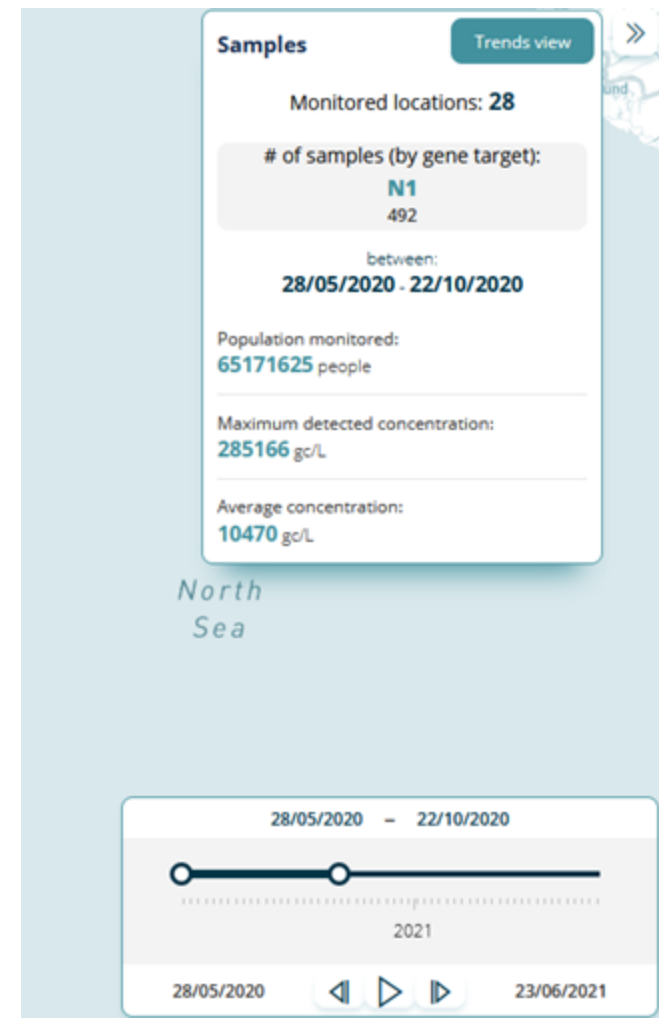
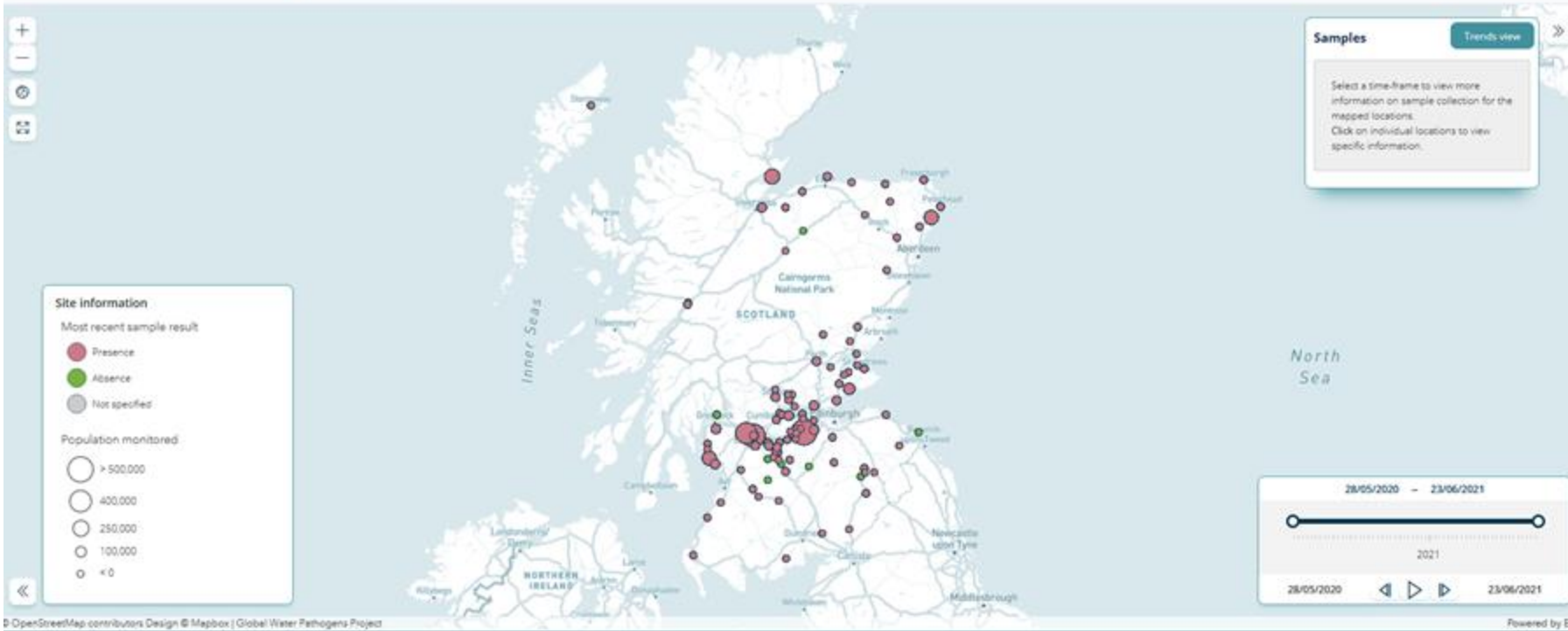
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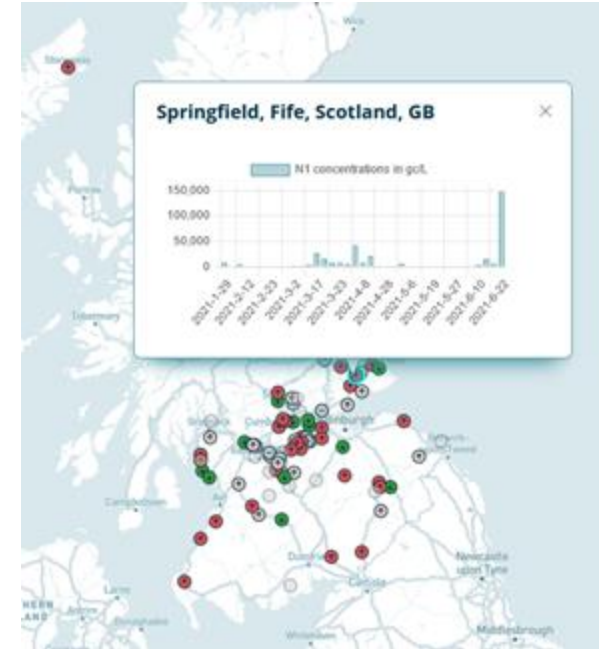
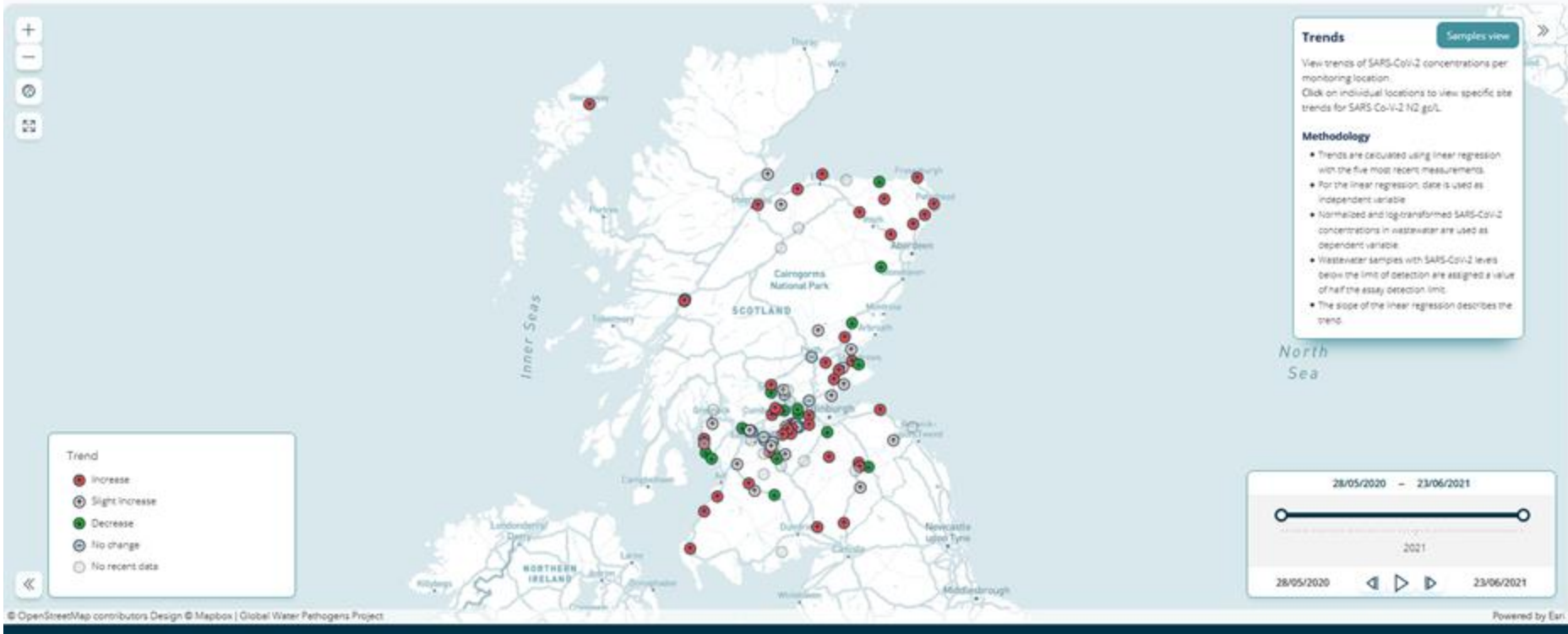
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Datasets

Sort by: Alphabetical 

13 datasets found

Arizona - City of Tempe Dashboard

Urban

City of Tempe, Arizona

Tempe is in a unique position for an innovative response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic due to the Wastewater Data Analytics - Opioids program supported by the Tempe City Council's Innovation Fund in 2018 and the...

2x csv

1x geojson

Australia - Victoria State Government - DHHS

Regional

Department of Health and Human Services Victoria

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1x geojson

Resolution

 Regional (7) National (4) Urban (2)

Data Sources

 Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (1) KWR Water Research Institute (0) Ohio Department of Health (1) Ottawa Public Health (1) KWR Watercycle Research Institute (1)

Australia - Victoria State Government - DHHS

[View on Map](#)

Department of Health and Human Services Victoria - 🔍 Regional

 **140****monitored sites** **3507****collected samples** **256****dates sampled**

The information on this page is also available via the [API](#).

Description

The Department of Health is overseeing the Victorian wastewater surveillance program with support from Victorian water utilities which collect the samples, and our laboratory partners (Australian Laboratory Services, Monash University and the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute) which analyse the samples. Victoria is a member of the collaboration for sewage surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 (ColoSSoS). Coordinated by Water Research Australia, the ColoSSoS project brings together health departments, water utilities, laboratories and researchers from Australia and New Zealand to share advances in this rapidly evolving field.

Files



DHHS - Samples CSV



DHHS - Samples GeoJSON



DHHS - Sites CSV

W-SPHERE Case studies



GLOBAL MAP DATA CASE STUDIES ABOUT

Health actions:

- Confirmed absence of virus in city areas: no action
- Identify city areas where virus resurges and call public to get tested
- Mobilize testing facilities to identified city area

Added value of sewage surveillance:

- Added layer of surveillance
- Early warning and localization of resurgence
- Inclusion of asymptomatic cases

Success and limiting factors:

- Collaboration between health and water authorities
- High spatial and temporal resolution and rapid assessment needed for early warning
- Normalization of sewer signal needed

Stakeholder participation

- Health authority
- Water/wastewater utility
- Laboratory

Contact and links to dedicated website(s)

- Link to local dashboards
- Link to news, articles etc.
- Link to publications
- Contact details

171 Sites

6 Countries

CONTRIBUTE

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We are calling on utility, laboratory and public health communities who are interested in submitting their data or accessing these global datasets to join the W-SPHERE Collaboration!

**Use the contact form on:
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Conclusions

- ❖ Important to get the youth involved early
- ❖ Support and advocate for essential workers
- ❖ Data is an important resource in fostering informed decisions and actions for communities

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<https://aeespconvergingcovid19.org/>

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Tweeting/retweeting all things wastewater & SARS-CoV-2/#COVID19. Global dashboard. Aligned w/ @naughtoncc lab @citris_ucmerced & @water_pathogens Tweets=my own.

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Dashboards 88
Universities 263
Countries 55
Sites 2,302

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