OMEGA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC

Date: 11/20/2020

To: Mitchell Gayer

From: David Ekstrand
Kadeem Hill
Veronica Kero, CIH, P.E.

Re: **(NJIT NEWARK CAMPUS WASTEWATER DISCHARGE SARS-CoV-2 SAMPLING & PCR ANALYSIS) WEEKLY DATA SUMMARY FOR 11/16/2020-11/18/2020** {Omega Project #: 20-1177}

Attachment(s):

- *Prestige EnviroMicrobiology Laboratory Analysis Reports for samples collected 11/16-11/18/2020*
- *Sample Trends*

Project Overview:

In order to proactively predict potential escalation of COVID-19 cases in occupied campus dormitory buildings, 24-hour composite wastewater (WW) discharge sampling is being performed, followed by 3rd party laboratory analysis in accordance with the published method cited on the attached laboratory analysis report using the approved CDC EUA Kit.

Weekly Data Summary:

WW Discharge Sampling Location	24-hr Sampling Date Range	2019-nCoV (N1 Protein)	Cycle Threshold Value[3] (N1 Protein)	2019-nCoV (N2 Protein)	Cycle Threshold Value[3] (N2 Protein)	Conc. (Copies of RNA/mL)
Oak-13	11/16-11/17/2020	ND	ND	ND	ND	NA
Cypress-12	11/16-11/17/2020	Positive	30.30	Positive	30.29	1,300
Laurel E-10	11/16-11/17/2020	Positive	31.02	Positive	30.99	1,100
Laurel M-12	11/16-11/17/2020	ND	ND	ND	ND	NA
Redwood – 11	11/17-11/18/2020	Positive	35.31	Positive	34.48	150
GRK Honors – 13	11/17-11/18/2020	ND	ND	ND	ND	NA

Local Trending:

According to *covidactnow.org* online database for Essex County:

Active or imminent outbreak.

Essex County is either actively experiencing an outbreak or is at extreme risk. COVID cases are exponentially growing and/or Essex County's COVID preparedness is significantly below international standards.

Essex Infection Rate 11/16-11/18/2020: 1.17% (decreasing)
Essex Positivity Rate 11/11 (most recent data): 9.8% (increasing)
Essex Daily New Cases Per 100k: 48.6 (increasing and at a critical level)

Discussion of CT Score

The cycle threshold (Ct) refers to the number of cycles in an RT-PCR assay needed to amplify viral RNA to reach a detectable level. The Ct value can thus indicate the relative viral RNA level in a specimen (with lower Ct values reflective of higher viral levels).

Since the assessment of COVID-19 in sewers is an ongoing developing project the following is intended as a guideline only.

Omega Recommendations:

CT Value	RNA/L	Occupant Risk	Recommendation
>40	<2,000	None Detected – No Risk identified above normal for the surrounding area.	No Action
39.99 – 37.5	2,001 – 20,000	Low	Voluntary COVID-19 Testing for occupants
37.4 – 32.59	20,001 – 200,000	Moderate	Non-Voluntary COVID-19 testing for all dorm occupants.
32.58 - 29.11	200,001 – 1,999,999	High	Non-Voluntary COVID-19 testing for all dorm occupants. Occupant isolation until test results are received.
29.1 – <26.49	2,000,000 - >20,000,000	Very High	Occupant isolation for a minimum of a week. Non-Voluntary COVID-19 testing for all dorm occupants at the start and end of the week

Please note, there is an inverse relationship between CT values and RNA/L.

Summary

Trending:

- Cypress- decreased positive results
- Laurel Extension – decreased positive results
- Laurel Main – decreased positive results (now ND)
- Redwood – increased results (now positive)
- Oak, Greek, Honors – no change (ND)

Although results have generally decreased (lower risk) in Laurel and Cypress, positive results in Redwood is a first time event (high risk).

Depending upon NJIT policies Omega recommends:

- **Isolate all occupants of Redwood Hall.**
- **Continue additional precautions in in Laurel Extension and Cypress. If feasible, separate Laurel Extension occupants from Laurel Main occupants.**
- All occupants of Laurel Hall, Cypress Hall, and Redwood should be re-tested for COVID-19. [1]
- For confirmed cases, students should be removed from shared rooms and quarantined in single rooms
- Notify occupants of an increased risk in the building. Remind occupants of symptoms to be aware of.
- Encourage further adherence to standard precautions (mask, social distancing, and personal hygiene).
- Discourage unnecessary social interactions both in the building and elsewhere on campus until negative test results are received.
- Consider installing a temperature checking camera at residence halls entrances and requiring students to undergo a temperature check before entering the building.

[1] Current information indicates that wastewater testing may reveal the presence of Covid-19 4 or 5 days prior to clinical tests or the development of symptoms. If feasible, NJIT may want to encourage occupants to take two tests, approximately 4 days apart.

Results Summary Table

Week Ending	Cypress				Greek Village				Honors				Laurel-Extension				Laurel-Main				Oak				Redwood			
	2019-nCoV (N1)	CTV* (N1)	2019 n-CoV (N2)	CTV* (N2)	2019 n-CoV (N1)	CTV* (N1)	2019 n-CoV (N2)	CTV* (N2)	2019 n-CoV (N1)	CTV* (N1)	2019 n-CoV (N2)	CTV* (N2)	2019 n-CoV (N1)	CTV* (N1)	2019 n-CoV (N2)	CTV* (N2)	2019 n-CoV (N1)	CTV* (N1)	2019 n-CoV (N2)	CTV* (N2)	2019 n-CoV (N1)	CTV* (N1)	2019 n-CoV (N2)	CTV* (N2)	2019 n-CoV (N1)	CTV* (N1)	2019 n-CoV (N2)	CTV* (N2)
8/28/2020					ND	ND	ND	ND									ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND				
9/4/2020	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND					ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND				
9/11/2020	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND									ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
9/18/2020	Positive	35.68	Positive	35.49	ND	ND	ND	ND					ND	ND	ND	ND					ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
9/25/2020	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
10/2/2020	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
10/9/2020	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
10/16/2020	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	Positive	32.88	Positive	33.32	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
10/23/2020	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	Positive	35.62	Positive	33.78	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
10/30/2020	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	Positive	31.47	Positive	31.6	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
11/6/2020	Positive	33.74	Positive	34.02	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	Positive	37.65	Positive	36.93	Positive	37.32	Positive	38.78	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
11/13/2020	Positive	**24.68**	Positive	**24.66**	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	Positive	**28.14**	Positive	**28.29**	Positive	34.43	Positive	34.26	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
11/20/2020	Positive	30.30	Positive	30.29	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	Positive	31.02	Positive	30.99	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	Positive	35.31	34.48	150
11/27/2020																												
12/4/2020																												
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12/18/2020																												
12/25/2020																												

Note: CTV score *decreases* with *increasing* virus detected (> 40 = ND)

N1: N1 Indicator Protein N2: N2 Indicator Protein ND: None Detected CTV: Cycle Threshold Value

ATTACHMENTS

Prestige EnviroMicrobiology, Inc.

Analytical Test Report

Client: Omega Environmental Services, Inc., 280 Huyler Street, South Hackensack, NJ 07606

Client Project/Name: 20-1177

Sample date: 11-16-2020 & 11-17-2020

Submittal date: 11-17-2020

Sample received: 11-18-2020

Samples submitted by: Val Rublikov

Date analysis completed: November 18, 2020

Prestige Report number: 201118-01

RT-PCR 2019-nCoV: Analysis of Water samples for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 Genetic Markers

Prestige # Client sample ID Location	2019-nCoV (N1 Protein)	Cycle Threshold (Ct) Value[3] (N1 Protein)	2019-nCoV (N2 Protein)	Cycle Threshold Value[3] (N2 Protein)	Conc. (copies of RNA/mL)
201118-01-001 Oak-13	ND	ND	ND	ND	NA
201118-01-002 Cypress-12	Positive	30.30	Positive	30.29	1,300
201118-01-003 Laurel-M12	ND	ND	ND	ND	NA
201118-01-004 Laurel-E10	Positive	31.02	Positive	30.99	1,100

Report approved: Theresa Lehman
Theresa Lehman, MPH, Lab Director

Technical Manager:
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Chain-of-Custody and Analysis Request Form

Company Name: Omega Environmental Services

Company Address: 280 Huyler St., S. Hackensack, NJ

Client Proj. #: 20-1177

PO#:

Date Sampled: 11/16 - 11/17/2020

Contact Name: David Ekstrand Phone: 201-522-9879 E-mail: davide@omega-env.com/lab@omega-env.com

Sample ID	Location or source	Sample type	Area (inch^2)	Analysis requests code or description	Turnaround time*	Notes or special instructions
Oak	- 13	Water		**PCR for COVID19**	Same Day	
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Samples Submitted by: (print) Val Rublibov Samples Submitted by: (sign) _____ Date submitted: 11/17/2020

Received by: (sign & print) Julie Yang Date & time received: 11/18/20 10:00A Delivered by: Fedex, UPS, USPO, in person

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		Water		**PCR for COVID19**	Same Day	
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Samples Submitted by: (print) DAVID EKSTRAND Samples Submitted by: (sign) D. Ekstrand Date submitted: 11/18/20

Received by: (sign & print) J. Yang Julie Yang Date & time received: 11/19/20 9:50A Delivered by: Fedex, UPS, USPO, in person