

### SUMMARY

#### **Flu A is essentially gone**

*The predominant virus is rhinovirus*

*Refer to CDC webpage for specifics*

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>

#### **GWV launches on site blood culture testing**

#### **Welcome to new Microbiology leadership at GWV**

#### **Comprehensive Stool Culture (STCOM) is now the norm**

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#### **10X Essentials: Flu Season is Finally Over!**

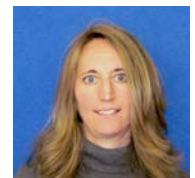
Flu A/B and RSV have finally taken leave from the GHS regions. Flu activity is low in Pennsylvania.

- **GML will stop the small viral panel ABRP (FluA/B RSV) for outpatients as on Monday May 16, 2016.**
- **Order RVPCR for all inpatient and outpatient testing.**
- **Collect a nasopharyngeal swab, NOT a nasal swab.**
- Place swab in UTM transport media.
- Store and transport UTM under refrigerated conditions



#### **NEW: Geisinger Wyoming Valley Microbiology Launches On-site Blood Cultures**

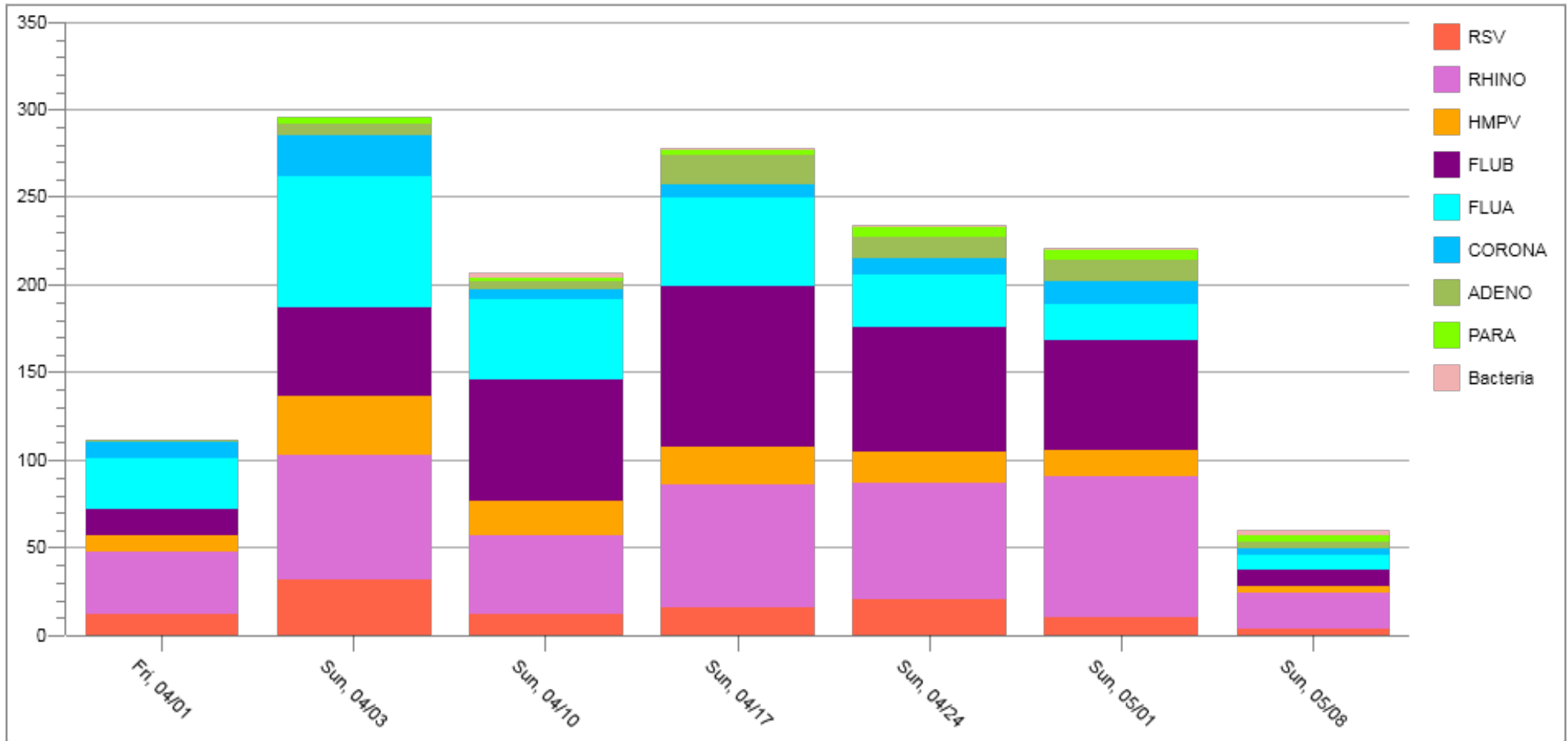
- Effective May 17th, 2016, Geisinger Wyoming Valley Laboratory will offer on-site incubation of GWV blood cultures in their brand new BACTEC FX instruments. Result delays due to previous courier transport to GMC for blood culture incubation will be eliminated, and as such, the reporting of positive Gram stains will be greatly expedited. Kudos to the GWV team for deployment of their new technology. Score one for GHS putting patients first! This deployment reflects the system commitment to *leading edge technology, close to home.*
- Meet the latest GWV Technical Specialist **Theresa Serafin, B.S., MT(ASCP)** who performed the BACTEC FX method verification with her team and is the GWV on-site resource for all things Microbiology. Theresa comes to GML from Wilkes Barre General Hospital and has over 15 years of Microbiology experience. **Please welcome Theresa to Team Microbiology!** Her contact information is 570-808-3614.
- Also please welcome GWV's new Microbiology Medical Technologist IIs, now available as local Microbiology resources on the second and third shift at GWV - **Amy Solovey, B.S. MT(ASCP)**, and **Caroline Ani B.S. MT(ASCP)**, respectively.



**Comprehensive Stool Cultures:** Effective May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 the STCUL test code (*Salmonella, Shigella, Campylobacter* only) was discontinued. In its place is STCOM, (Comprehensive Stool Culture for all bacterial stool pathogens). This change improves care for all our patients since it is impossible to clinically distinguish the bacterial cause of diarrhea prior to testing.

<https://www.geisingermedicallabs.com/catalog/details.cfm?tid=585>

## All Positive Result Breakdown



Flu and RSV are waning