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Attachment #9- Messages to be Tested (NWSS Focus Groups)

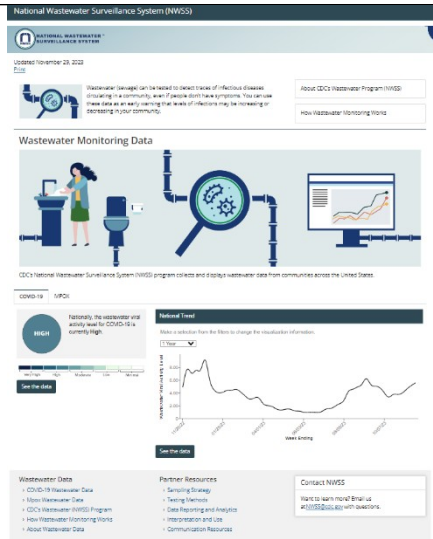
Population	Segmentation	Number of Focus groups	Number of Participants
Caregivers (of children and elderly individuals)	Caregivers of children under 5 years old	1	8-10
	Caregivers of elderly individuals	1	8-10
Business Leaders	General population (not including low education individuals)	1	8-10
	Low education (less than high school diploma)	1	8-10
Individuals at high risk of viral diseases	N/A	1	8-10
Rural populations	N/A	1	8-10
<b>Total</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>48-60</b>

Messages/Materials for Testing

Audience	Message/Content (Please specify content type: webpage, social media graphic, social media text copy, video, etc.)	Testing Presentation
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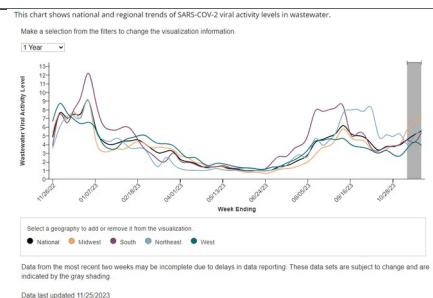
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<https://www.cdc.gov/nwss/index.html>

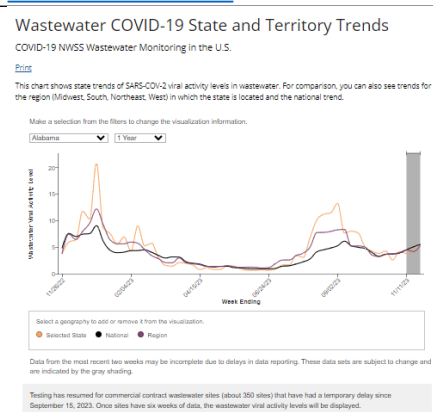
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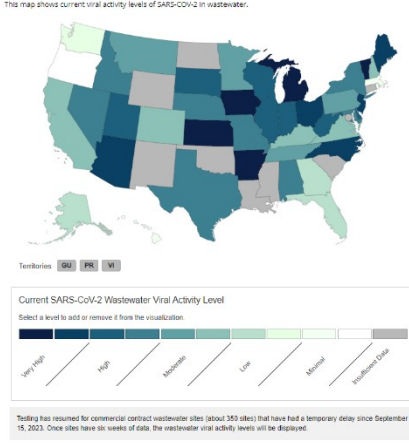

COVID-19 National/regional trend graph:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/nwss/rv/COVID19-nationaltrend.html>

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COVID-19 State-level trend graph:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/nwss/rv/COVID19-statetrend.html>

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Low-education business  
leaders

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Wastewater monitoring is an early detection tool that can help communities prepare for and take action to address increasing cases of infectious diseases.

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1. People with certain infections (such as COVID-19) can shed pieces of the virus or bacteria when they use the bathroom, shower, wash hands, or launder clothing, even if they don't have symptoms.



2. These pieces of virus or bacteria travel from the toilet, sink, shower, or other drain through the sewage system.



3. Before wastewater is treated, wastewater operators take samples to send to the laboratory.



4. Laboratories test the wastewater sample to detect and report on the different types of infections that are circulating in a community. This information is available in as little as 5 to 7 days after waste enters the sewer.



5. Public health officials use wastewater data to better understand disease trends in communities and make decisions, such as providing guidance on how to prevent infections or increasing testing or vaccination options.

NWSS Website Page- How wastewater monitoring  
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