Since January 2021, the BIG Core has helped weekly on SARS-CoV-2 surveillance of dormitory wastewater and daily on SARS-CoV-2 surveillance.

As of August 3, 2021, the BIG Core lab has:
- Sequenced 3,482 COVID-19 specimens
- Obtained 2,909 (83.5%) SARS-CoV-2 genomes
- Identified 1,390 (47.8%) variants of concern (VOC)
- Identified 369 (12.7%) variants of interest (VOI)
- Observed the rising of Delta virus in the eastern North Carolina regions.

Per Brian Floyd, President of VMC...
As a reminder, the deadline for managers and above, physicians and credentialed providers to receive their full dose of vaccine is October 1, 2021. Exemption forms for this group are due September 1, so please get your vaccine or submit your forms as soon as possible.

Getting as many people vaccinated as quickly as possible continues to be of utmost importance as we see the rise and spread of the highly transmissible Delta variant. More than 99% of all samples sequenced by ECU’s research lab in August have been the Delta variant. Getting vaccinated, and doing so quickly, is our best tool in slowing this spread; please get yours as soon as possible.

Pathology’s Online Suggestion Box

This online form provides each person with an opportunity to privately and anonymously submit suggestions, feedback, ideas, or even concerns. In turn, each submission is reviewed by a Departmental Quality Assurance Committee to evaluate opportunities for growth and improvement based on your suggestions. You may also expect a periodic reporting of how these suggestions have resulted in policy, procedural, and other improvements throughout the department.

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