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Anticipating the Spread of COVID-19 and Its Variants through Wastewater Analysis

As we face a gradual easing of public health measures and a return to some semblance of normalcy, we must not forget that the COVID-19 virus is still with us and that communities need to remain vigilant to protect everyone's health and safety.
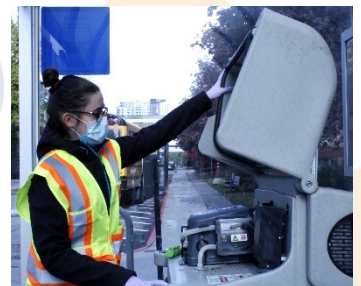
Currently, people tend to rely on rapid tests or do not get tested unless they have symptoms or have had a close contact—which does not enable truly quantifying the virus's spread in our society.

Analysis of SRAS-CoV-2 and its variants in wastewater can fill in this data gap and anticipate future outbreaks.

Why monitor COVID-19 in wastewater?

➡ Gain an **overview** of the virus's **spread in the population**

➡ Verification tool **to anticipate outbreaks**

➡ Quickly implement **public health measures** when an outbreak is anticipated

➡ A method that has proven itself in many communities around the world

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