



Weekly Update from Simon de Lusignan, Director of Oxford RSC

Our opportunity to thank network members and share how we use network data

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Keep swabbing!

Last week we reported our **highest number of Flu A (H3N2) cases** this season. Please keep swabbing so that we can monitor Flu and all of the other respiratory viruses that are still circulating.

Anyone with an Influenza-like Illness (ILI), Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI), or Covid-like symptoms is eligible for a swab.

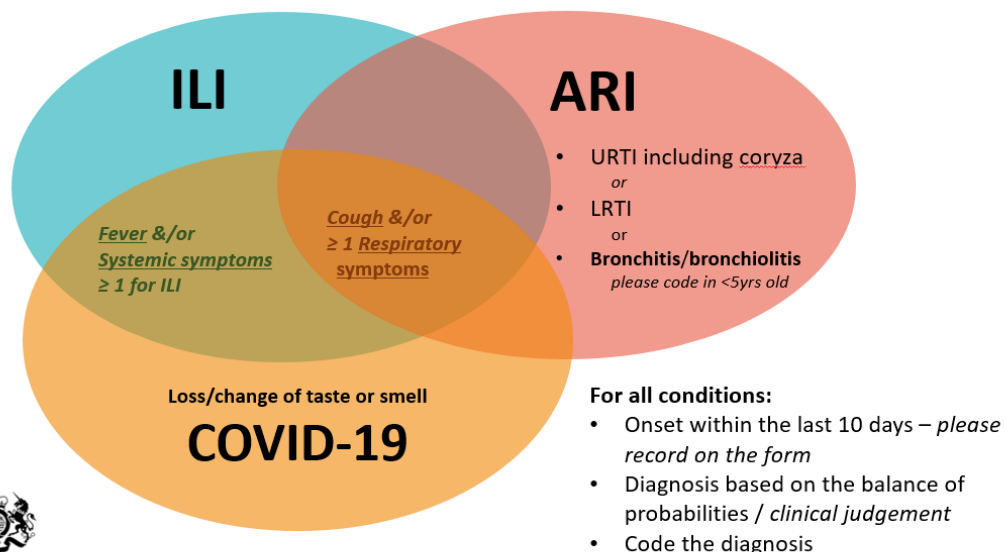
Aim for 20 swabs a week!

If you need any help or have any suggestions to make swabbing easier, please email the Practice Liaison Team (practiceenquiries@phc.ox.ac.uk).

Our New Swabbing Criteria!

We might be labouring the point, but the broadening of the swabbing criteria is critical to maintaining the sampling numbers for our surveillance work.

Thanks for your support. It's essential we keep our sampling numbers up to understand vaccine immunity levels and circulating viruses. The message is simple - Keep swabbing!



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TakeATest swabbing

Thank you to everyone who responded to last week's message about TakeATest kit deliveries to your practice. We're working through the pilot at the moment and hope to be able to roll kits out very soon. If you are interested and haven't been in contact yet, please email Alice (alice.williams@phc.ox.ac.uk).

In the meantime, keep using TakeATest voucher codes to issue swabs! We receive a substantial number of swabs through this route. The swabs are tested for all the same respiratory viruses as the in-practice kits, and the practice will still be paid £7.50 per successful swab.

Profiles - Our Sampling Stars!



We'd like to thank the team at **Compass House Medical Centre** for all of their hard work in providing virology samples, especially with the use of the TakeATestUK system.

They are a great example of how useful this option can be used in place of in-practice swabs and we greatly appreciate their dedication.

ClinT of the Week

Remember: Coding is Caring!



For the ClinT of the week please can you use:

- Refugee (person) SCTID: 446654005
- Refugee family (social concept) SCTID: 413323004
- Asylum seeker awaiting decision on refugee status (person) SCTID: 728611000000100

With your help, we may be able to provide insights into refugees seeking support in the UK at these difficult times. There is also a clinical term for:

- Ukrainian (ethnic group) SCTID: 733078003

Publication of the Week



Academic primary care: challenges and opportunities

Faraz Mughal, Helen Atherton, Joanne Reeve and Christian D Mallen, *British Journal of General Practice*

<https://bjgp.org/content/72/716/104>

"The contribution of academic primary care during COVID-19 is not to be underestimated."

In this recent editorial, Mughal et al. discuss the importance of Primary Care research and how the discipline has grown since the 60s. The RCGP-RSC has provided, and continues to provide, a key service in disease monitoring and facilitating research.