

Your Weekly Update from Simon de Lusignan, Director of RCGP RSC

Virology Kit:



Serology Kit:



Sample Kits: Do You Have An 'Order & Use' Plan?

If you have ordered any virology or serology kits recently, thank you. With the flu season approaching, it's a good time to take stock... and order stock!

Kits are available in boxes of 25 or 50 and you can order up to 4 boxes at a time. Orders can be placed online here: [Material Request Form | ORCHID :: Oxford-RCGP RSC](#)

One thing to bear in mind is that kits can expire. Everyone's trying to avoid wastage, but we also don't want to reduce any practices' sampling efforts. So we would ask that you consider an 'Order & Use' plan.

It's easy to order kits but sometimes hard to find opportunities to use them! Boxes end up unopened in a store cupboard. Setting a sampling target and matching that to a regular kit order can really make a difference.

Our Practice Liaison Team are here to help! They'll be making some calls next week to those practices who have ordered kits but have not had the opportunity to sample. If you think your practice would benefit from some sample support, let them know at practiceenquiries@phc.ox.ac.uk.

Posters For Your Practice!



Did you know we have a selection of posters for your practice? Some of them now include a QR code like this one, which links to our Disease Surveillance Patient Information Sheet.

We're currently developing online and versions applicable for your practice website and social media too, so watch this space!

If you would like to order any, please contact us at practiceenquiries@phc.ox.ac.uk.

ClinT Of The Week

Remember, coding is caring! Please code a disease as a problem.



Prickly heat (disorder)
SCTID: 72658003

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Prickly heat
Heat rash
Miliaria rubra
Miliaria tropicalis
Prickly heat (disorder)

Publication Of The Week



[Eurosurveillance | Rapidly adapting primary care sentinel surveillance across seven countries in Europe for COVID-19 in the first half of 2020: strengths, challenges, and lessons learned](#)

As the COVID-19 pandemic began in early 2020, primary care influenza sentinel surveillance networks within the Influenza - Monitoring Vaccine Effectiveness in Europe (I-MOVE) consortium rapidly adapted to COVID-19 surveillance.

This study maps system adaptations and lessons learned about aligning influenza and COVID-19 surveillance following ECDC / WHO/Europe recommendations and preparing for other diseases possibly emerging in the future.

Using a qualitative approach, we describe the adaptations of seven sentinel sites in five European Union countries and the United Kingdom during the first pandemic phase (March–September 2020).

To read the full publication, please click on the link above.