



## OXFORD-RCGP RSC Monthly Newsletter: August 2022

Monthly updates, reminders and information brought to you by the  
Oxford-RCGP RSC Practice Liaison Team

### What is happening this month?

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### Are you ready for Flu season?

As the world starts to take steps away from the pandemic, practices will be preparing for the upcoming flu season and we are here to help where we can.

First and foremost we ask that you please continue to swab as many symptomatic patients as possible throughout this period. As a reminder, our swabs test for flu as well as Covid-19 and RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus).

We would also like to remind practices to **code flu vaccinations** in their entirety, particularly batch number.

#### Do you need more kits?

See the **Requesting Kits** section below to order more if needed.

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### A look back at sampling since May 2022

For those of you who read our weekly **Sampling is Informing** newsletter you will have seen a breakdown of virology and serology samples received by participating practices in the network.

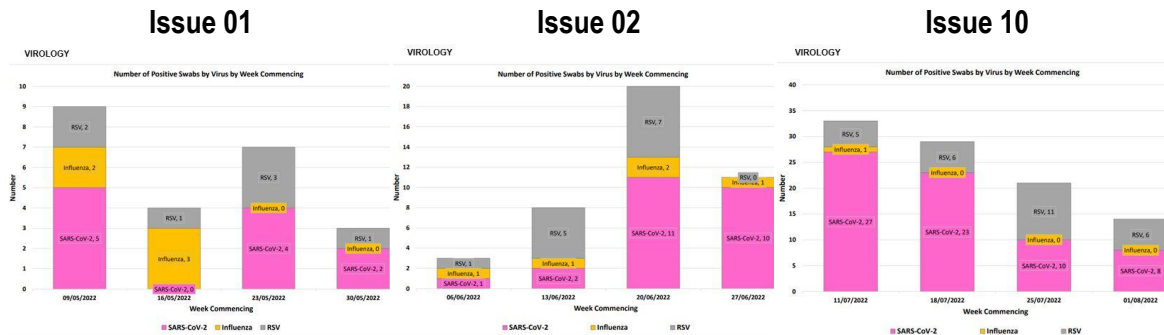
When we started providing these updates in June, we could see that SARS-COV-2, RSV and Influenza were the major infections prevalent in the community. In our most recent update on the 16th August the data showed that SARS-COV-2 and RSV were the main infections prevalent in the community with Influenza numbers taking a back seat, which has been the case for the weeks preceding.

RSV fluctuated over the weeks but SARS-COV-2 remained prevalent throughout. The graphs below are from Issues 1, 5 and 10 of the newsletters and shows, quite clearly, the decrease of positive Influenza results.

With the upcoming season we could expect to see an increase in positive Influenza results.

These figures are based off what we receive from participating practices, which we are very grateful for. In order for us to get a better picture, though, we need more samples.

For full breakdowns of the figures please have a look at our Sampling is Informing emails.



## CRUK DSS Study

We're continuing to look for participants for a fantastic new study funded by Cancer Research UK that needs your support. It's called CRUK DSS and is being organised and sponsored by Imperial College London.

It will run for a duration of 6 months and is exclusively for practices who use TPP SystemOne, but are not participating in the ERICA trial.

### Overview

This study aims to test the feasibility of a diagnostic decision support and data entry system for general practice. Participating practices will be required to deploy a DSS Data Collection Only Module (DSS-DCOM) for assisted coding and data capture during consultations, without decision support.

### Payment

Practices will be compensated for their time:

- 20 minutes training session and some admin time to support installation of the DSS DCOM: £88.20 per site
- A set-up payment of £500 per study

### Can you support this study?

If so, please fill in our Expression of Interest form and one of our Practice Liaison Officers will be in touch: [Study Expression of Interest \(EOI\) | ORCHID :: Oxford-RCGP RSC](#)  
 You can also find out more by contacting Jack in our Practice Liaison Team at: [jack.macartney@phc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:jack.macartney@phc.ox.ac.uk)

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## Requesting Kits

Kits can be requested using the following link:

[Material Requests](#)

Top tips before requesting kits:

- Check your current stock before placing an order to ensure you don't run out
- Rotate your stock as soon as new orders come in
- Set weekly reminders to check your stock numbers (and especially their expiration dates)

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## Active Research Projects

UKHSA Disease Surveillance

RSV ComNet II

RAPTOR

GP Teams

MONITORY