



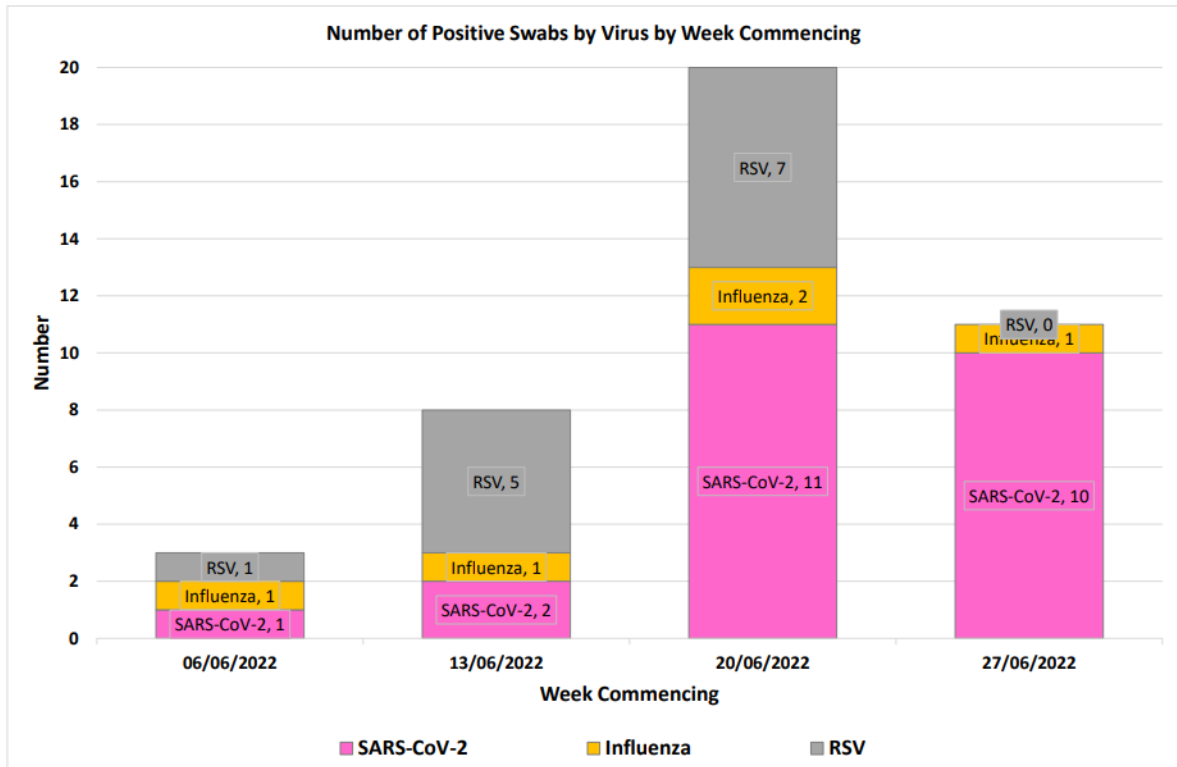
Your weekly sampling news from our GP colleagues, Dr Debabish Kar, Dr Nick Thomas, Dr Will Elson and Dr Gavin Jamie on behalf of the Oxford RCGP RSC.

SAMPLING IS INFORMING

Our Network's Samples

What your data contributed to recently

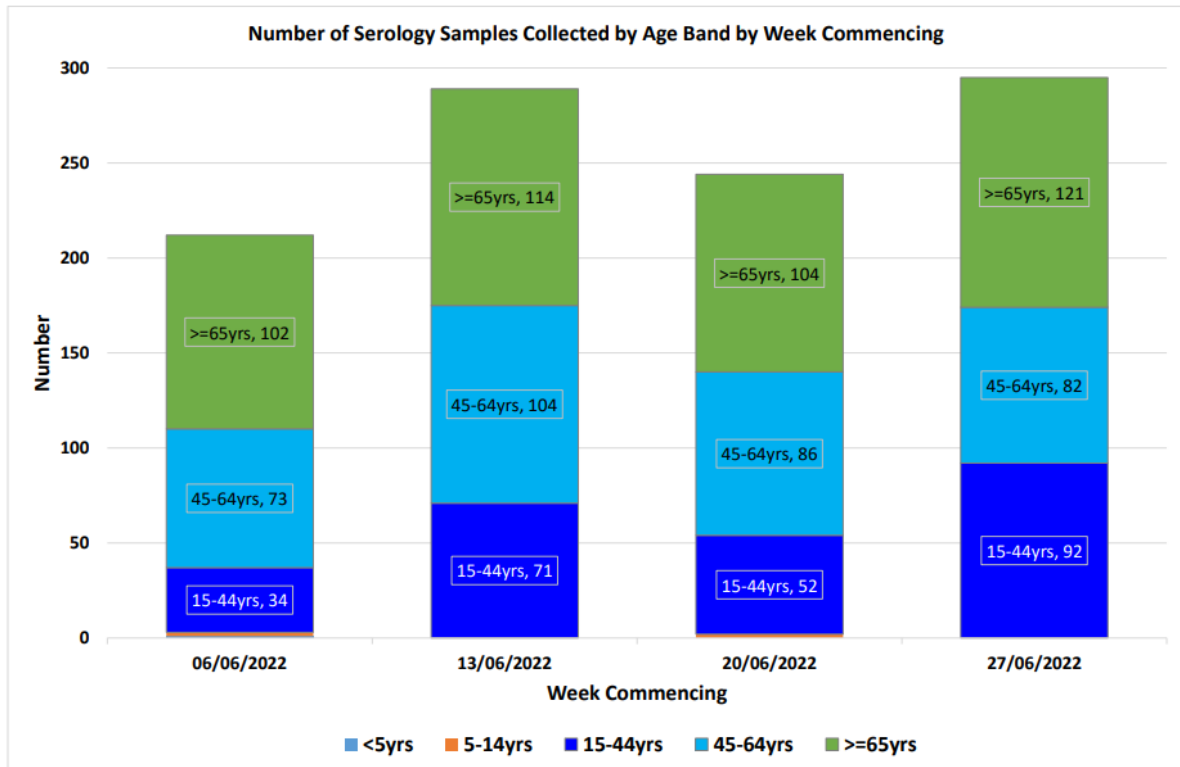
VIROLOGY



Thank you for continuing to provide samples from your patients – your contribution makes a real difference.

Positive swab results collected from the w/c on 6th June 2022 to 27th June 2022 suggests that SARS-CoV-2 is the predominant respiratory virus in the community. In the w/c on 27th June 2022, out of a total of 11 positive swabs, 10 were SARS-CoV-2, and 1 was influenza.

SEROLOGY



In the 4 weeks from the w/c on 6th June 2022 to 27th June 2022 suggests that the serology sample collection has increased for all age bands.

In the w/c on 27th June 2022, out of 295 serology samples, 121 were ≥ 65 years, 82 were 45 – 64 years, and 92 were for 15-44 years. Please collect serology samples from the younger age groups.

The serology and virology information will guide the UKHSA to decide the immunization programme for the coming months. We appreciate your contribution and would like to encourage you to collect more samples.

The Team Behind the Data

Meet Cecilia!

She's a Data Scientist and SQL Developer who joined us in November 2019 before the pandemic and is responsible for creating the graphs included in this newsletter.

Her work on communicable and respiratory disease surveillance, dashboard development and the provision of analysis-ready healthcare datasets for research, has proven her to be a great asset to the team!

We asked Cecilia what she enjoys about the technical side of supporting the sentinel surveillance system.



"Since graduating with a BSc (Hons) degree in Biochemistry and an MRes in Translational Clinical Science from UCL, I've worked as a Statistician at the NHS Business Services Authority. I have eleven years of experience in health data management, data visualisation and analysis in the academic, NHS and commercial health and technology sectors.

"I thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to apply my scientific background in microbiology and virology to support the wider team. Especially in the presentation of data to non-technical audiences to support scientific literacy."

This Week's Sampling Stars!



This week we'd like to recognise Nightingale Valley Practice for all the hard work they've been putting into encouraging sampling.

Not only are Zoe and the team top contributors to the network, but Jess is now expanding their text notifications so that sampling can be offered to more patients.

Kathryn, Rachel, Julie and Julie-Ann have also made fantastic strides at increasing their sample taking - Thank you for all your efforts!

Tuesday's Top Tips

"Use swabbing as a diagnostic aid.

Not only is this reassuring to patients, but it could help support the practice with decisions around antibiotic prescribing."

- Remember to code during a consultation. The more coded data we can extract, the more accurate our disease monitoring will be.
- Consider adding surveillance to the agenda at a Patient Participation Group meeting.

We'd Love to Visit Your Practice

We're always available for a Teams or Zoom chat, but we're also really keen to get out and meet our members in person!

Some practices have found this really helpful, so if you would like us to visit, use the button below and select a time and date - we'll do our best to meet your requirements.