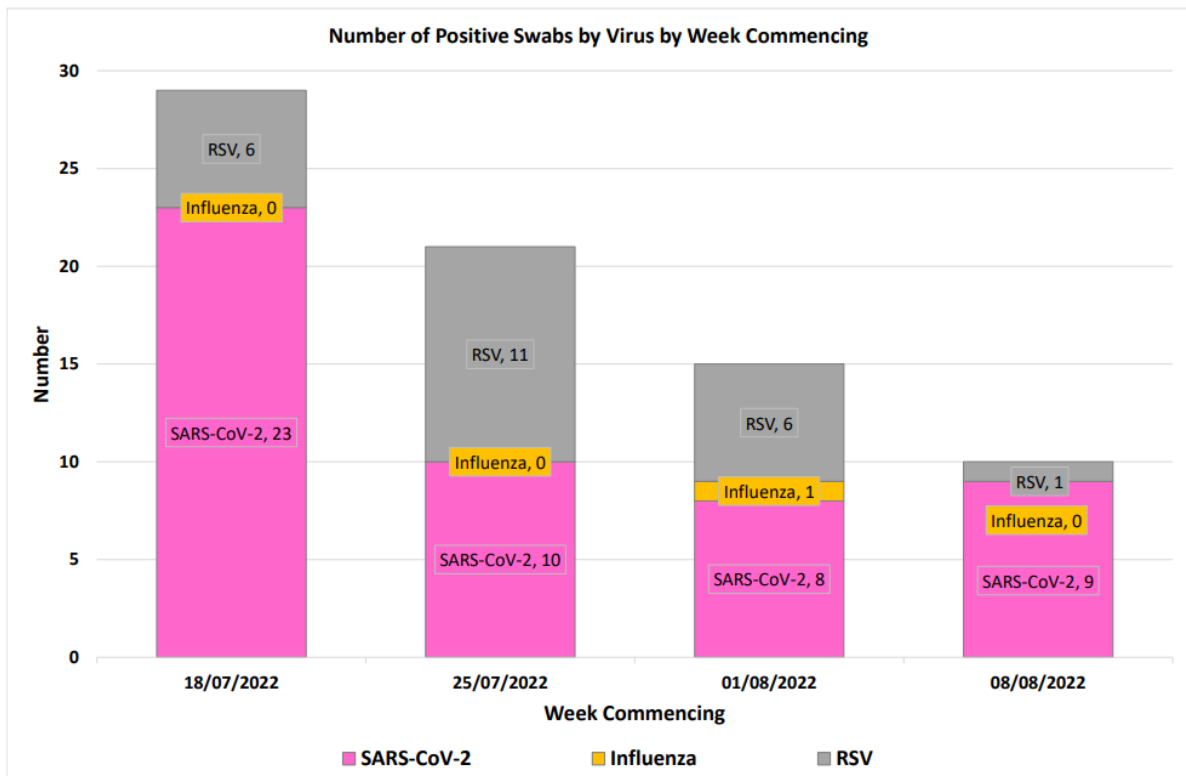


Your weekly sampling news from our GP colleagues, Dr Debabish Kar, Dr Nick Thomas, Dr Will Elson and Dr Gavin Jamie on behalf of the Oxford RCGP RSC.

SAMPLING IS INFORMING

Our Network's Samples What your data contributed to recently

VIROLOGY

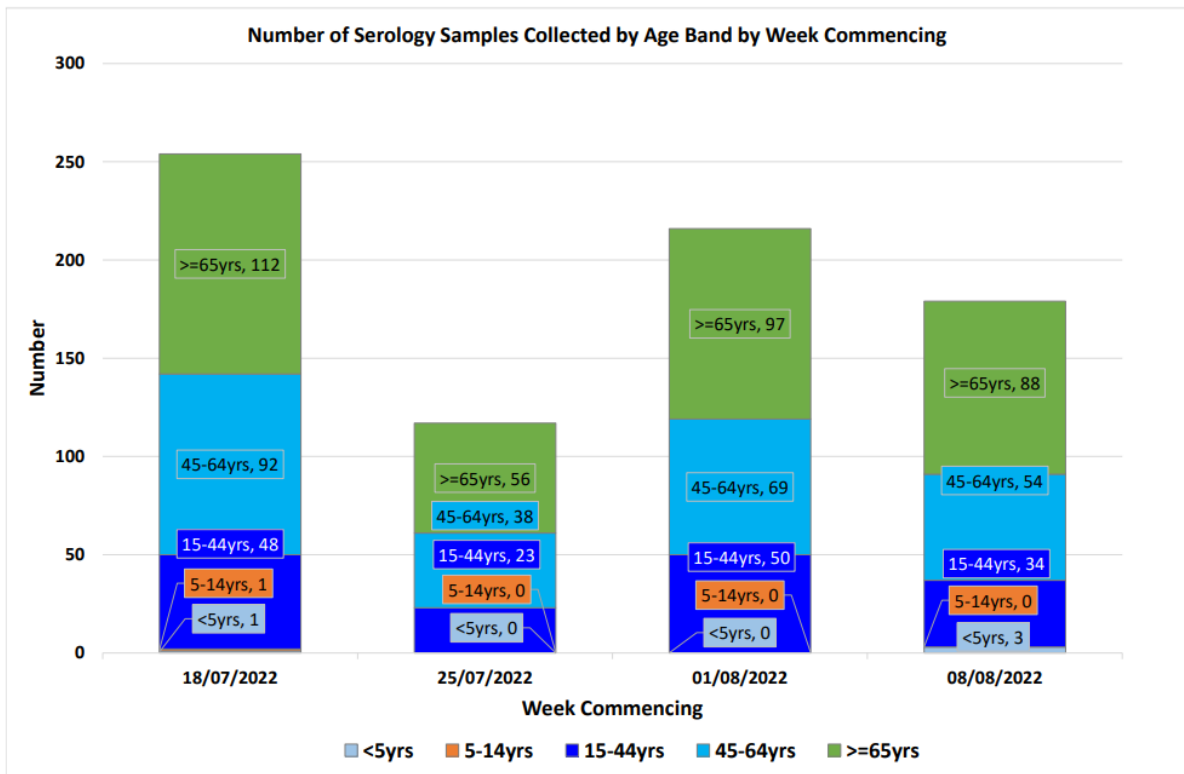


Thank you for continuing to provide virology samples from your patients.

The number of positive swabs collected in 4 weeks from w/c on 18th July 2022 suggests that the SARS-CoV-2, and RSV are the major respiratory infections prevalent in the community. However, rates of both have decreased over this period.

In the week commencing on 8th August 2022, out of 1 positive swabs, 9 were positive for SARS-CoV-2 and 1 was positive for RSV.

SEROLOGY



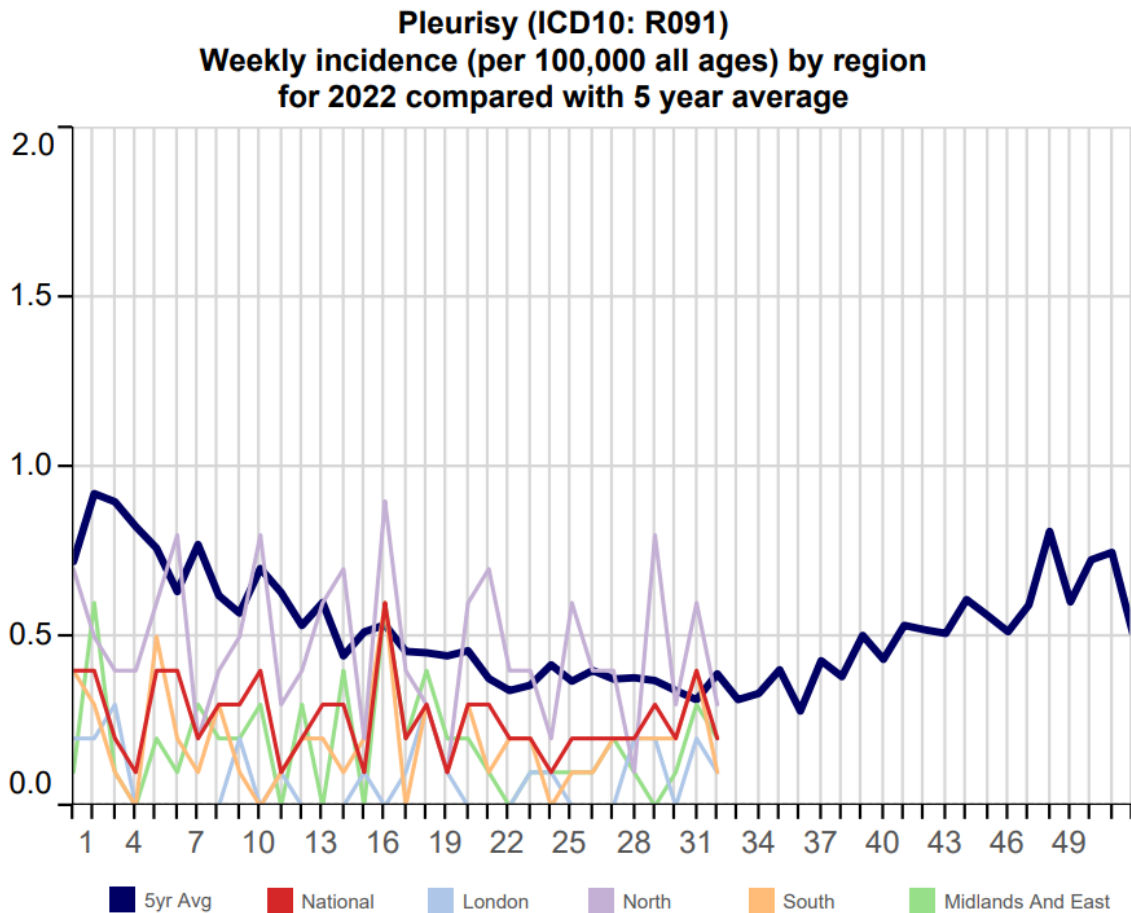
The number of serology samples collected in 4 weeks from w/c on 18th July suggests that the ≥ 65 ys, 45-64yrs, and 15-44 years age bands are the major bands where serology samples are being collected.

In the w/c on 8th August, 88 serology samples were recorded from patients ≥ 65 ys, 54 were for 45-64yrs, and 34 for 15-44yrs.

Samples recorded for those in the 5-14yrs and < 5 ys age bands remains low over the 4 weeks. However in the w/c on 8th August, there were 3 samples recorded from patients < 5 ys. Please continue to collect serology samples from younger age bands.

Our virology and serology information will guide the UKHSA to decide the immunisation programme for the coming months. We appreciate your contribution and would like to encourage you to collect more serology sampling and virology swabbing.

Pleurisy Incidence Above Average



We've seen an increase of pleurisy across all regions recently, following a period where rates have been below seasonal levels for this time of the year.

The most significant regional increase has been in the North, which has seen its numbers surpass the 5 year average.

Thanks again for continuing to provide virology samples which helps the UKHSA understand leading respiratory viruses circulating in the community. We appreciate your support!

Book A Practice Visit!

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.