



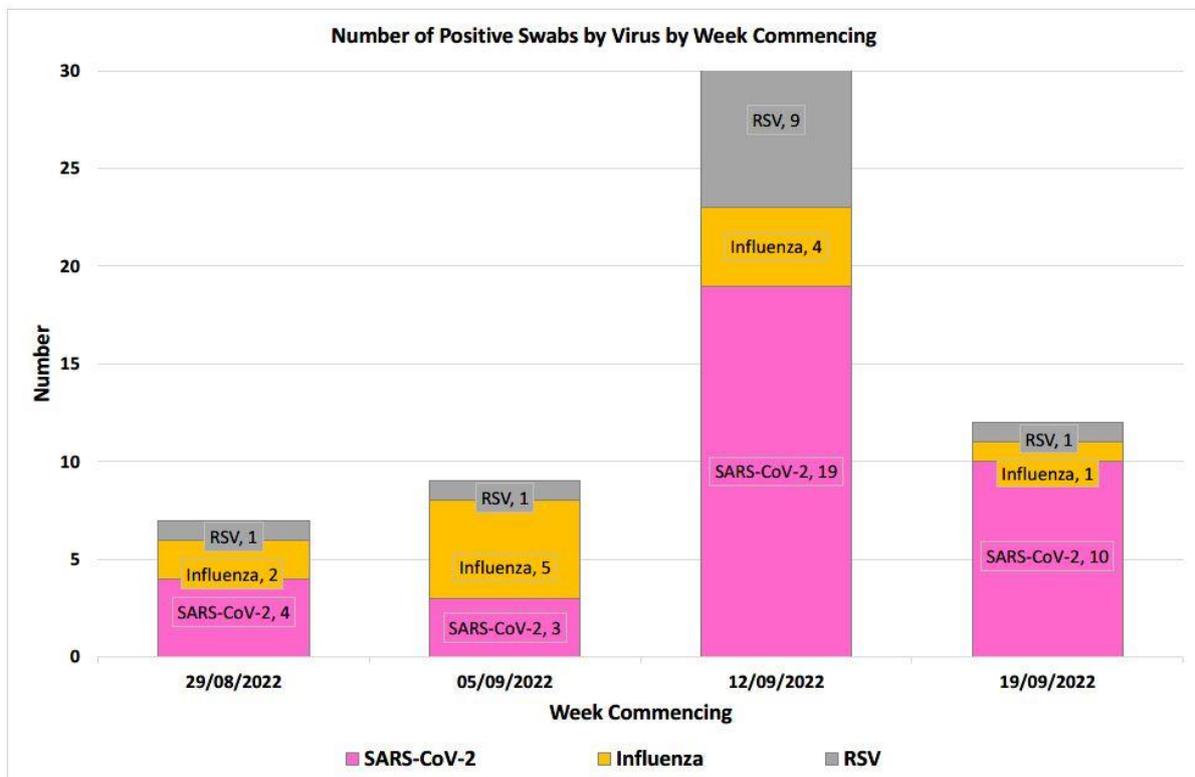
Your weekly sampling news from our GP colleagues, Dr Debabish Kar, Dr Nick Thomas, Dr Will Elson and Dr Gavin Jamie on behalf of the Oxford RCGP RSC.

SAMPLING IS INFORMING

Our Network's Samples

What your data contributed to recently

VIROLOGY

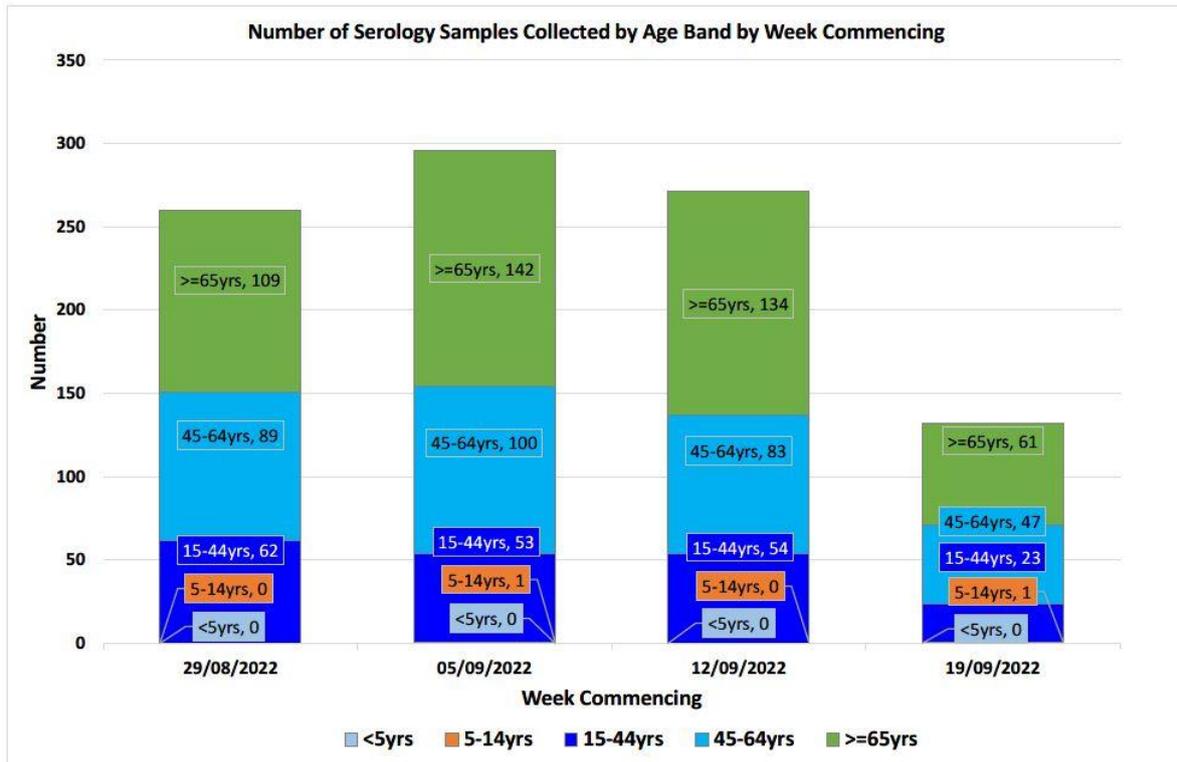


Thank you for continuing to provide virology samples from your patients.

The number of positive swabs collected in 4 weeks up to 19th September 2022 suggests that the SARS-CoV-2, RSV and Influenza viruses are the major infections prevalent in the community. In the week commencing the 19th September 2022, out of 12 positive swabs, 10 were positive for SARS-CoV-2 and one each for Influenza and RSV.

This 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 do more swabbing.

SEROLOGY



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

The number of serology samples collected in the last 4 weeks suggests that the ≥ 65 yrs, 45-64 yrs and 15-44 yrs age bands are the major age bands where serology samples are being collected.

In the week commencing the 19th September 2022, out of 132 serology samples, 61 were for ≥ 65 yrs, 47 for 45-64 yrs, 23 for 15-44 yrs and 1 was from 5-14 yrs. Please do continue to collect serology samples from younger age bands.

This 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 serology samples.

Weekly Incidence Report

Overall presentations of respiratory system diseases have decreased a little this week and they remain below seasonal levels for this time of year with the exception of strep sore throat.

COVID-19 rates have increased in all regions and age bands with the exception of the London region and the population aged under 15 years. We have detected an additional 6 cases of monkeypox across the RSC network, the total number of cases detected since the 19th of May 2022 is 307 (cases across the wider RSC population of 19 million).

Webinar Survey

We previously ran monthly webinars in which we, and guest speakers, covered topics such as:

- **The Value of GP Surveillance**

- **Monitoring Contagious Diseases**
- **The Importance of Virology in a Year of Respiratory Illness Reset**

We are considering resuming our webinars but would love to know what you think and would appreciate it if you could take a few moments to complete our [Webinar Survey](#).

Why not take a look back at our webinars: [RCGP Research - YouTube](#).

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.