



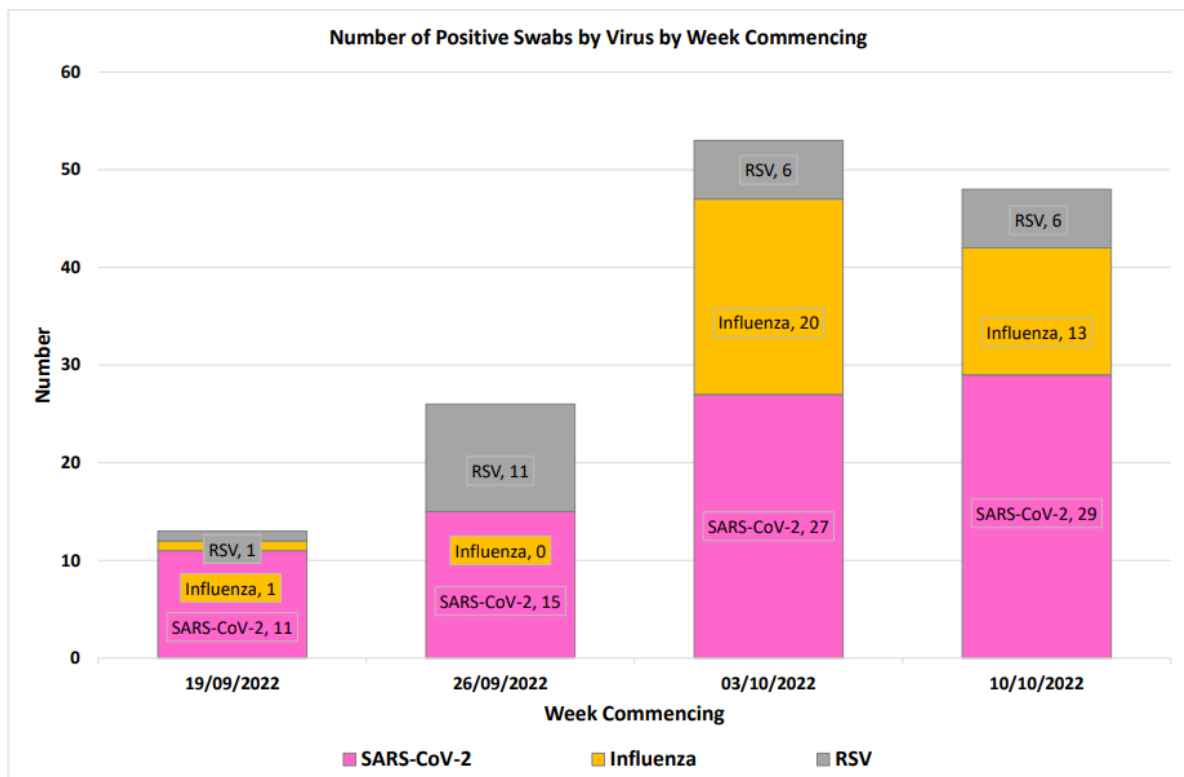
Your weekly sampling news from our GP colleagues, Dr Debabish Kar, Dr Nick Thomas, Dr Will Elson and Dr Gavin Jamie on behalf of the Oxford RCGP RSC.

SAMPLING IS INFORMING

Our Network's Samples

What your data contributed to recently

VIROLOGY



Thank you for continuing to provide samples from your patients.

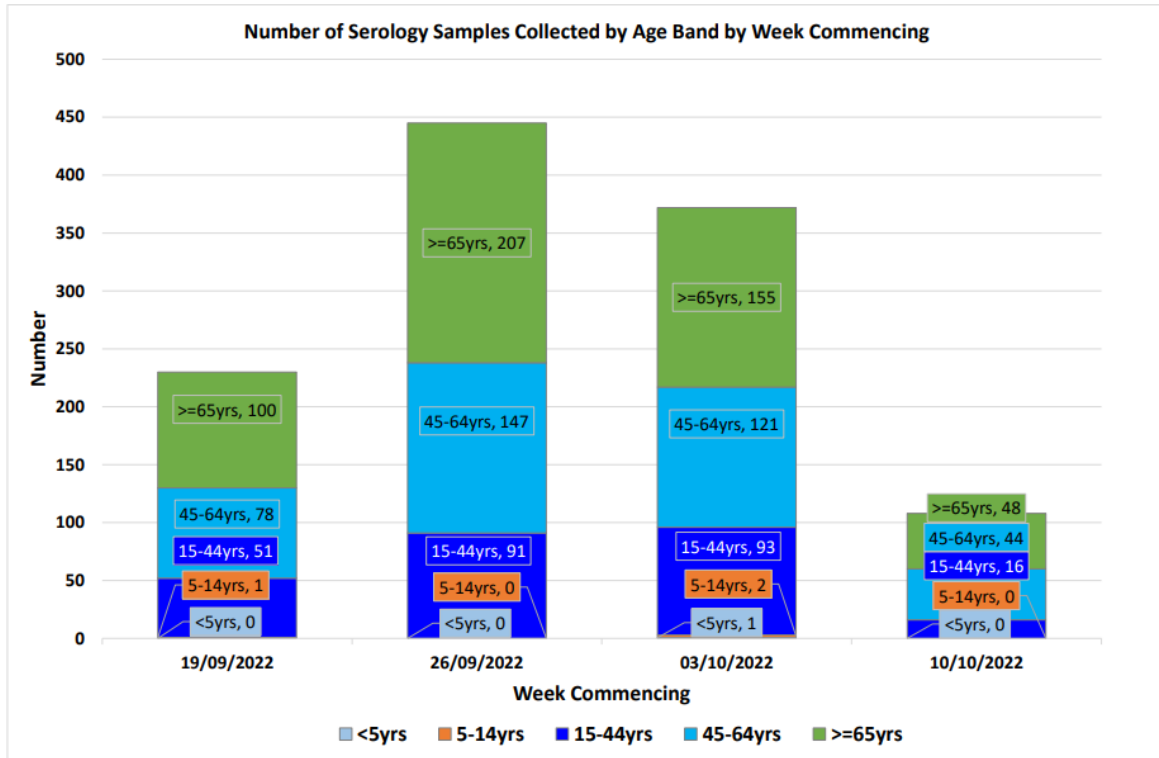
The number of positive virology swabs collected in 4 weeks from 19th September 2022 to 10th October 2022 suggests that the SARS-CoV-2, RSV, and Influenza viruses are the major infections prevalent in the community.

In the week commencing on 10th October 2022, out of 48 positive swabs, 29 were positive for SARS-CoV-2, 13 for influenza, and 6 for RSV. The number of positive swabs is increasing in recent weeks.

This 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 do more swabbing.

SEROLOGY



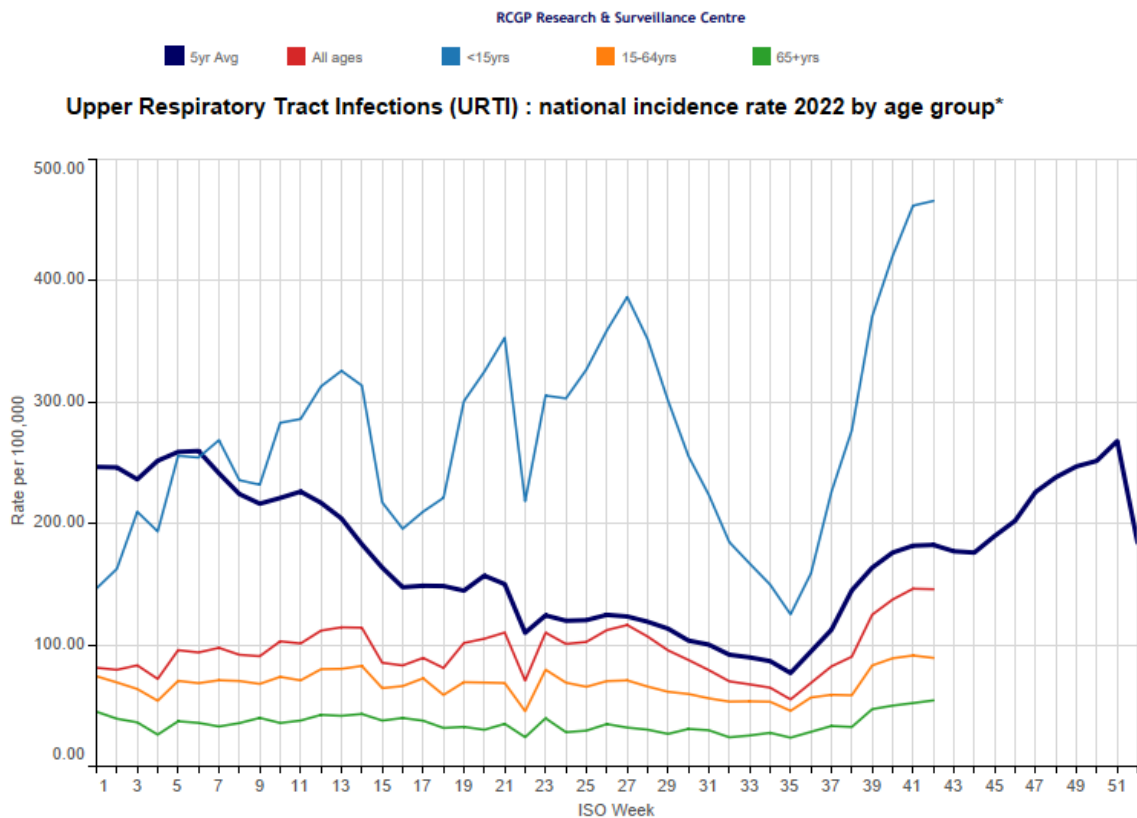
The number of serology samples collected from 19th September 2022 to 10th October 2022 suggests that the ≥ 65 years, 45-64 years and 15-44 years age bands are the major age bands where serology samples are being collected.

In the week commencing on 10th October 2022, out of 108 serology samples, 48 were for ≥ 65 years, 44 for 45-64 years, and 16 for 15-44 years. Please do continue to collect serology samples from younger age bands.

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Thank you!

URTI Increase in Under 15s



We have seen a rise in the incidence of upper respiratory tract infections recorded in recent weeks, beginning around the end of August.

Although this trend is to be expected as schools return and we enter into the flu season, it's worth noting the significant increase for those under 15 years of age.

URTI incidence for age bands over 15 years of age remain below the overall 5 year average.

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.