



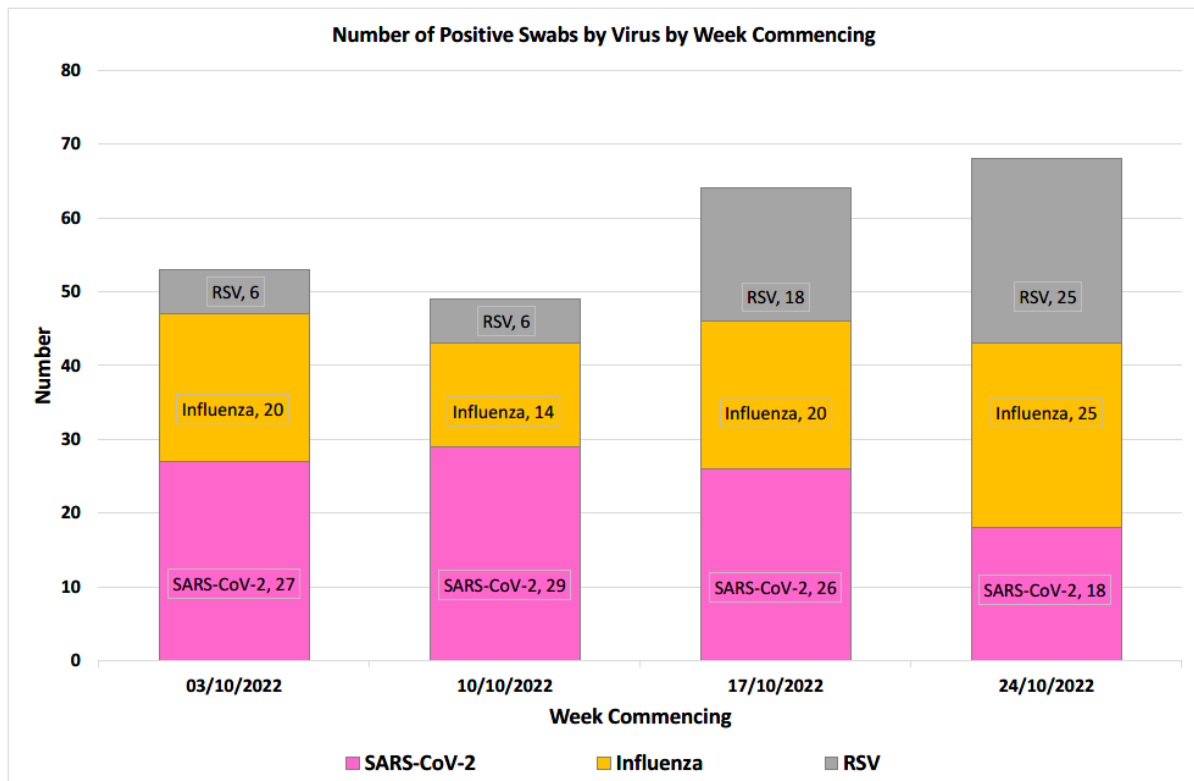
Your weekly sampling news from our GP colleagues, Dr Gavin Jamie, Dr Debasish Kar, Dr Rashmi Wimalaratna, Dr Nick Thomas, Dr Will Elson and Prof Simon de Lusignan on behalf of the Oxford RCGP RSC

SAMPLING IS INFORMING

Our Network's Samples

What your data contributed to recently

VIROLOGY

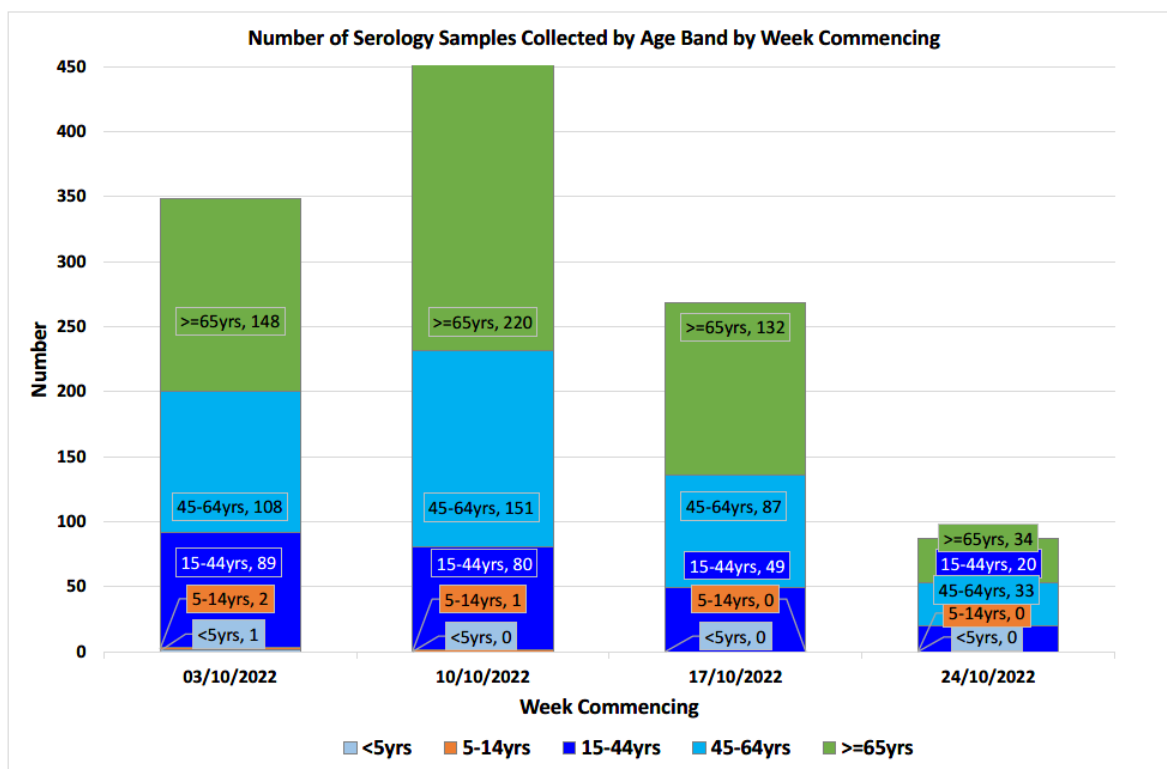


Thank you for continuing to provide virology samples from your patients.

The number of positive swabs collected from the 3rd October 2022 to 24th October 2022 suggest that the SARS-CoV-2, RSV, and Influenza viruses are the major respiratory viral infections in the community. In the week commencing on 24th October 2022, out of 68 positive swabs, 18 were positive for SARS-CoV-2 and 25 each were positive for influenza, and RSV. As the winter approaches, we can expect the number of positive swabs to creep up.

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



Thank you for continuing to provide serology samples from your patients

The number of serology samples collected from the 3rd October 2022 to 24th October 2022 suggests that the >=65 years, 45-64 years and 15-44 years are the major age bands where serology samples are being collected.

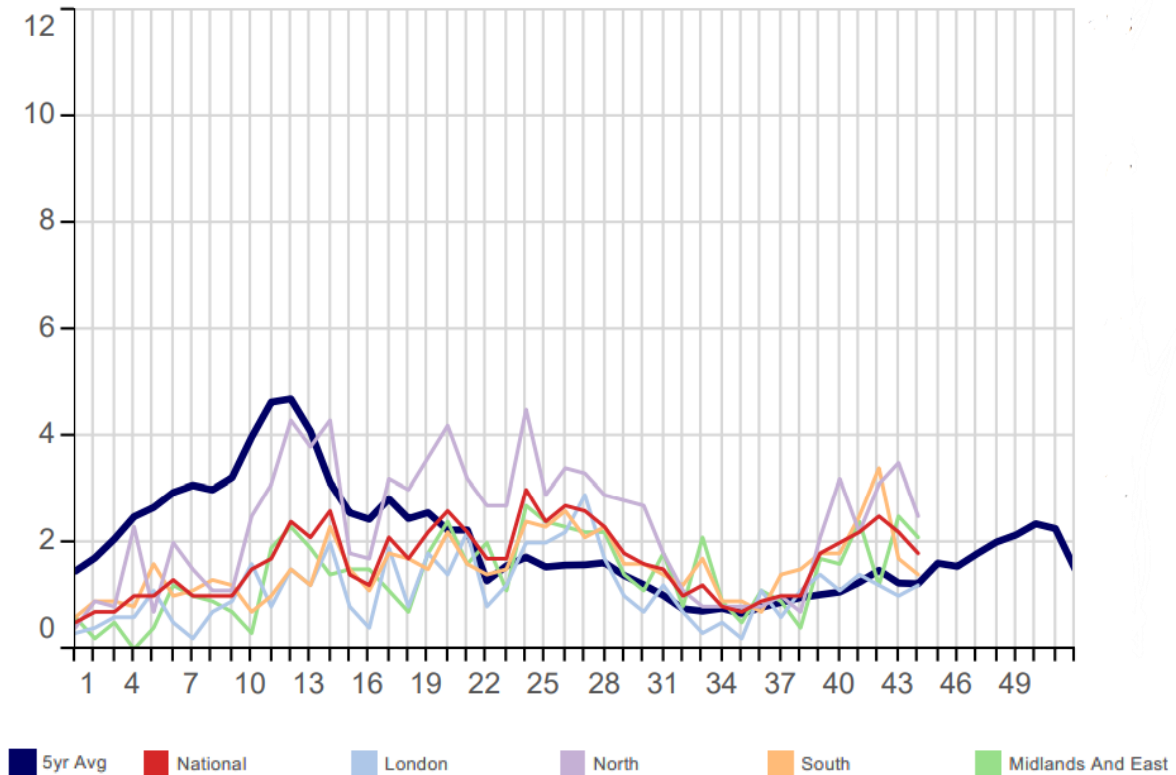
In the week commencing on 24th October 2022, out of 87 serology samples, 34 were for >=65 years, 33 for 45-64 years, and 20 for 15-44 years. Please do continue to collect serology samples from younger age bands.

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Thank you!

Strep Sore Throat

Strep Sore Throat, Scarletina and Peritonsillar Abscess (ICD10: A38,J020,J36)
Weekly incidence (per 100,000 all ages) by region
for 2022 compared with 5 year average



Although we swab for common viruses, we also monitor the incidence of other diseases. Streptococcal respiratory disease has been above the seasonal average (dark blue) since the Spring and has been even higher over the last few weeks.

These can be significant and treatable diseases and something extra to pick out from the high levels of RSV that we are also seeing.

Please keep coding all of these conditions so that their spread can be monitored.

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.