

# Weekly Influenza and COVID-19 Surveillance graphs

UKHSA publishes a weekly national influenza and COVID-19 surveillance report which summaries the information from the surveillance systems which are used to monitor influenza, COVID-19 and other seasonal respiratory viruses in England.

Additional figures based on these surveillance systems are included in this slide set.

The figures presented in this slide set are based on data from week 11 (between 13 March and 19 March 2023).



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# Confirmed COVID-19 episodes in England



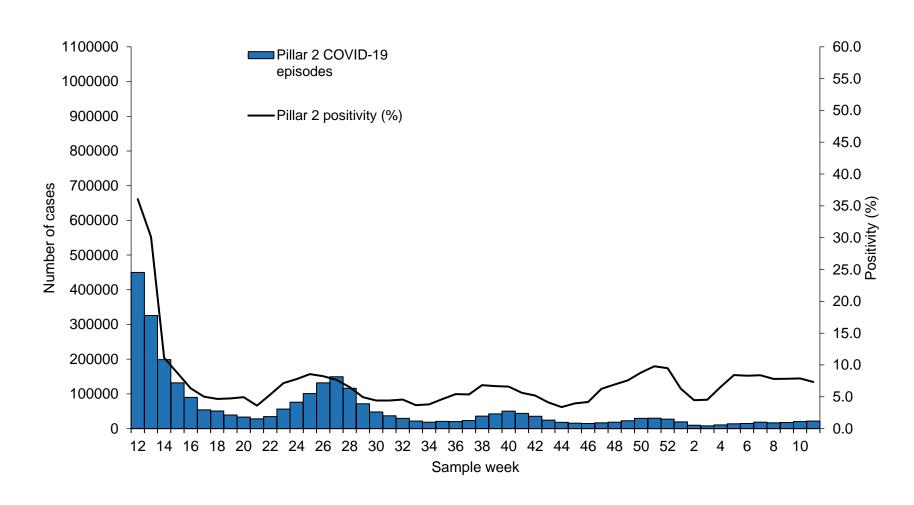
#### Confirmed COVID-19 episodes in England

#### **Data Information**

- From the week 32 report onwards, case rates have been updated to use the latest ONS population estimates for mid-2020. Previously case rates were calculated using the mid-2019 population estimates
- From 11 January 2022 the requirement for <u>confirmatory PCR testing in individuals who test positive using a lateral flow device was temporarily removed</u>.
- Rates by ethnicity and IMD quantile will continue to be presented using the mid-2019 estimates, until the mid-2020 estimates become available.
- From 31 January 2022, UKHSA moved all COVID-19 case reporting in England to use a new episode-based definition which includes
  possible reinfections. Each infection episode is counted separately if there are at least 91 days between positive test results (PCR or
  LFD). Each infection episode begins with the earliest positive specimen date. Further information can be found on the <a href="UK COVID-19">UK COVID-19</a>
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- Since 1 April 2022, free universal symptomatic and asymptomatic testing for the general public in England is no longer available, as outlined in the plan for <a href="living with COVID-19">living with COVID-19</a>. As such, there will be a reduction in the reporting of data obtained through Pillar 2 from April 2022 onwards. Data in this report should be interpreted in the context of this change to testing. <a href="Public health guidance">Public health guidance</a> remains in place for cases and their close contacts



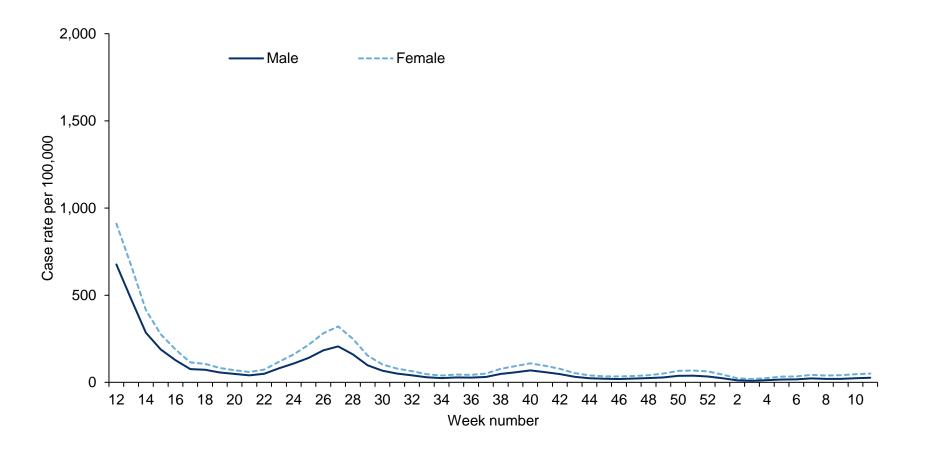
Confirmed COVID-19 episodes tested under Pillar 2, based on sample week with overall weekly PCR positivity for Pillar 2 (%)



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Weekly confirmed COVID-19 case rates per 100,000, by episode, tested under Pillar 2, by sex

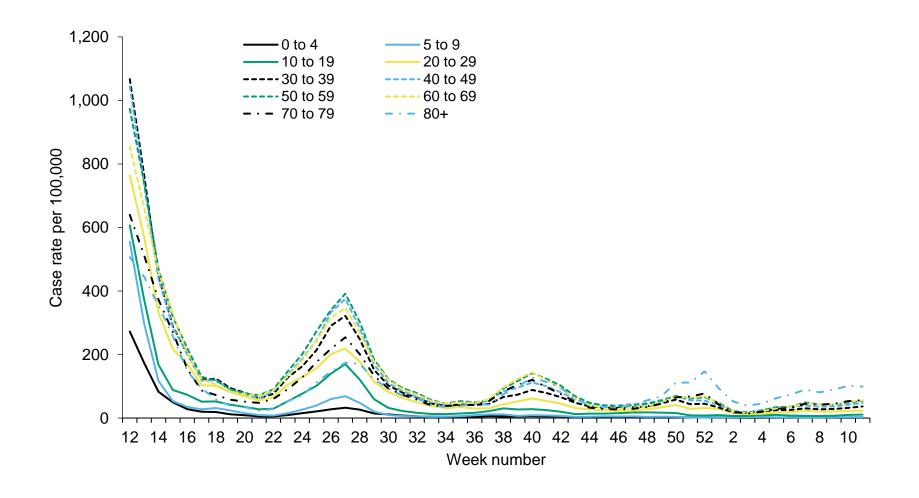


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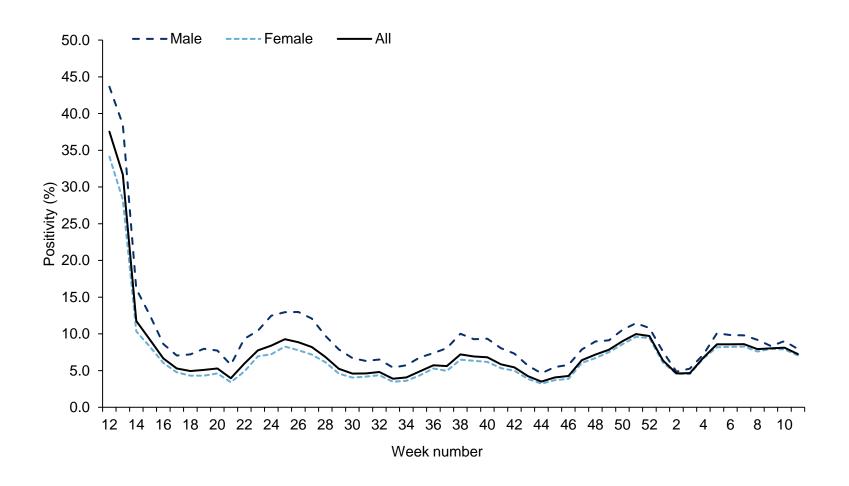
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UK Health Weekly confirmed COVID-19 case rates per 100,000, by episode, tested under Pillar 2, by age group





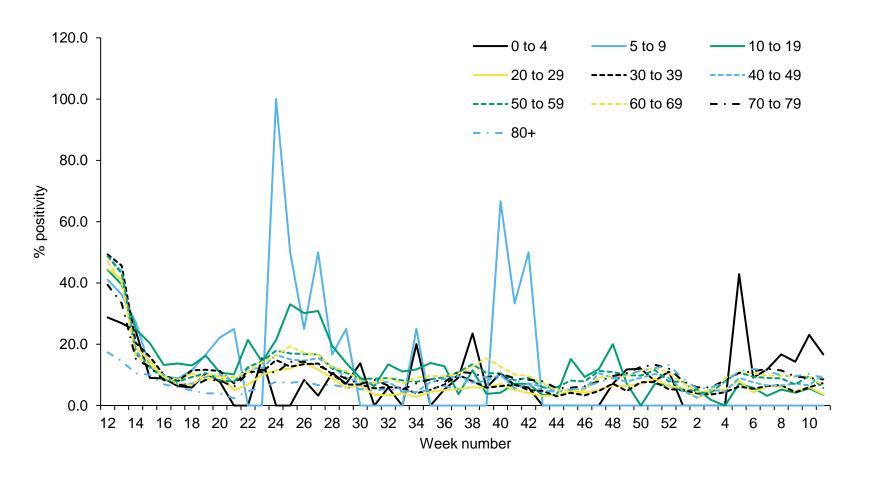
Weekly PCR positivity (%) of confirmed COVID-19 cases tested overall and by sex under Pillar 2



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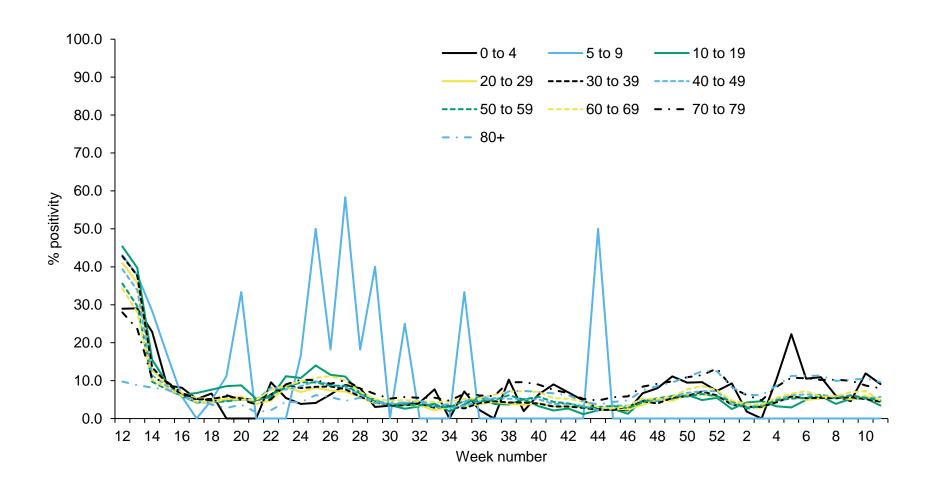


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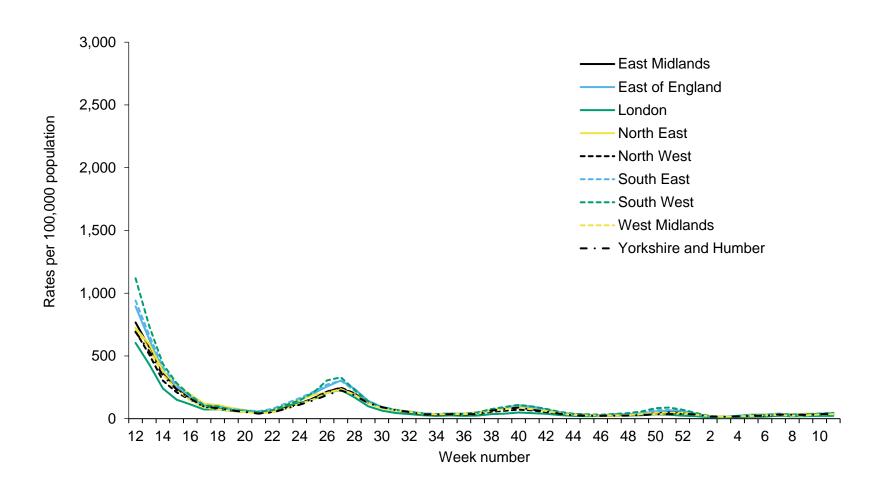


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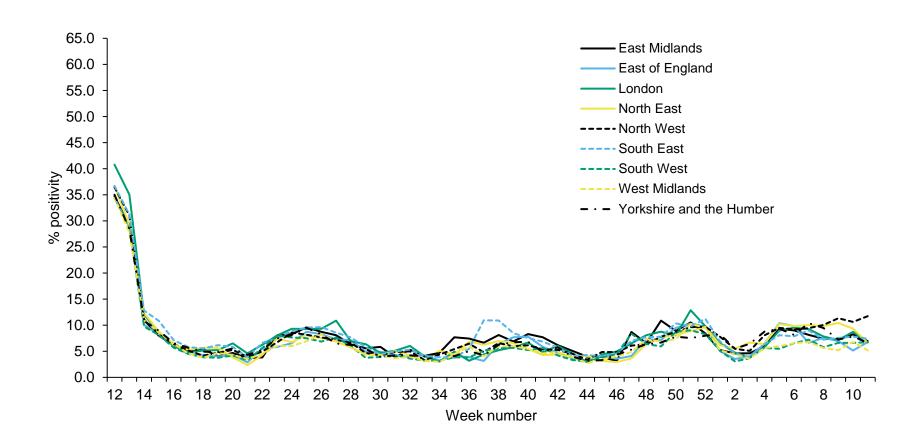


Weekly confirmed COVID-19 case rates by episode, per 100,000 population (Pillar 2), by UKHSA centres and sample week



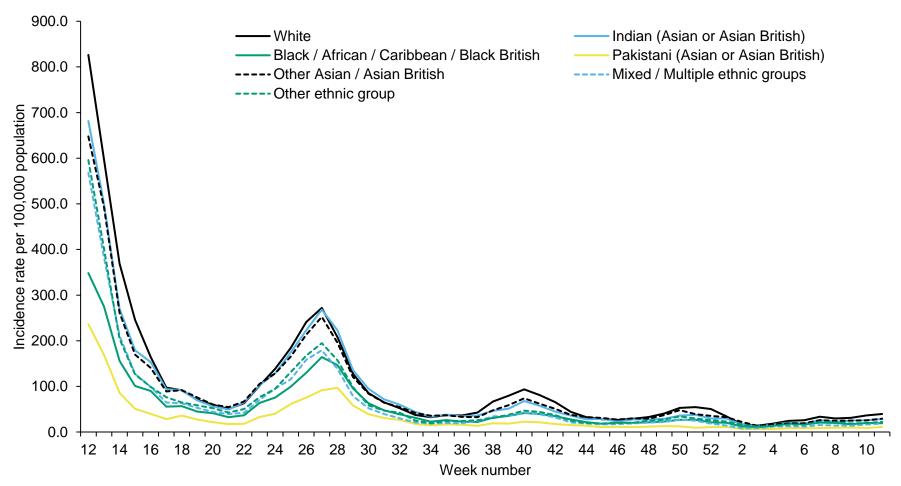


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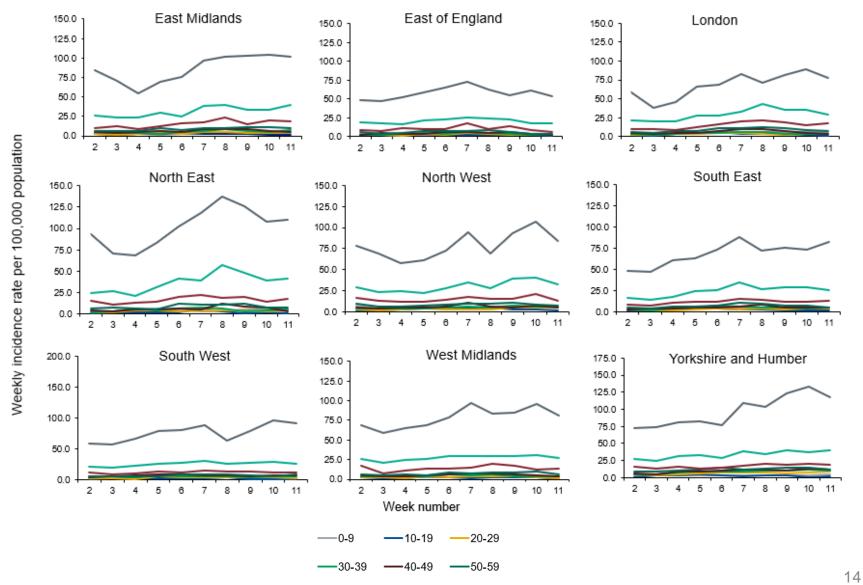


#### Weekly incidence per 100,000 population by ethnicity (Pillar 2), England





Weekly COVID-19 episodes tested under Pillar 1, per 100,000 population by age group and region, weeks 2 to 11



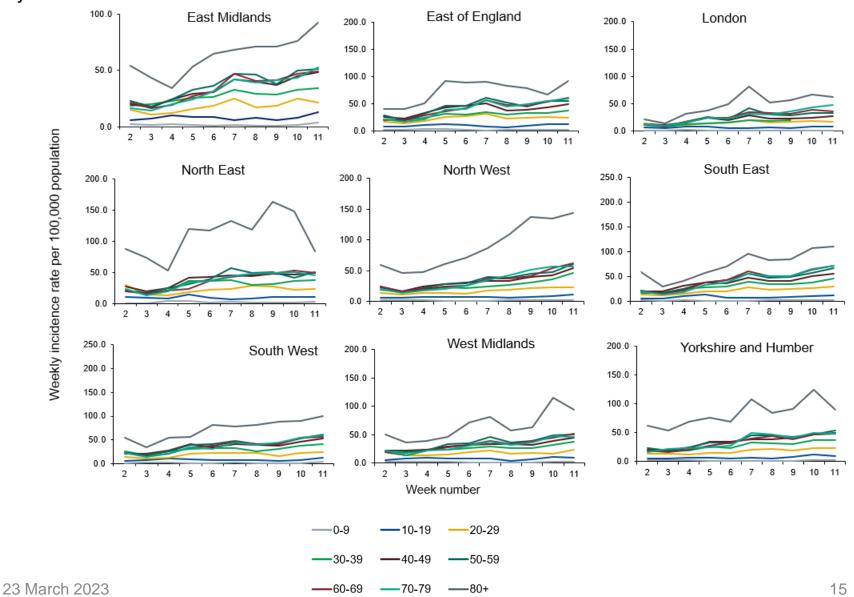
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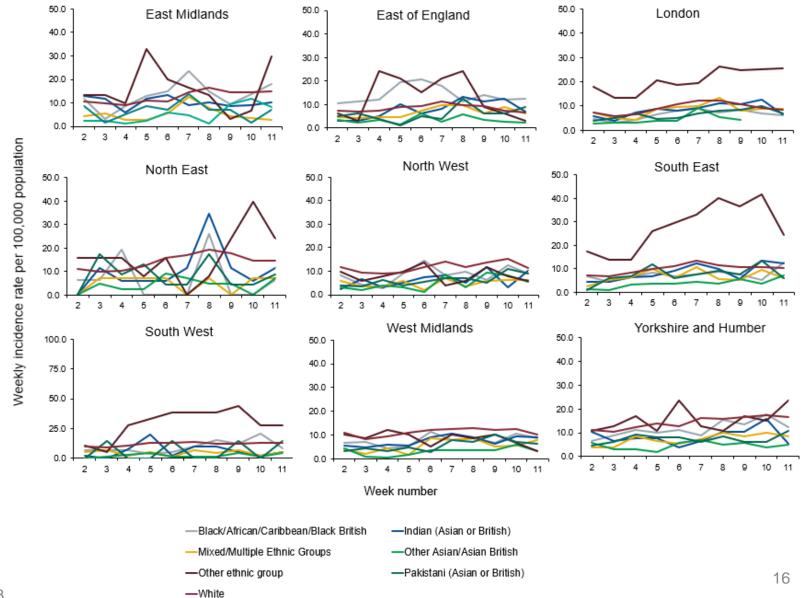


Weekly COVID-19 episodes tested under Pillar 2, per 100,000 population by age group and region, weeks 2 to 11



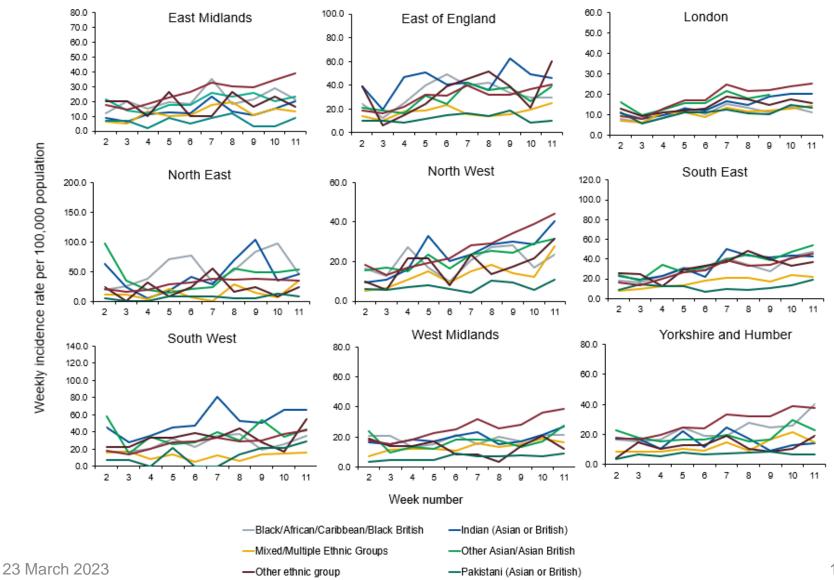


Weekly COVID-19 episodes tested under Pillar 1, per 100,000 population by ethnicity and region, weeks 2 to 11





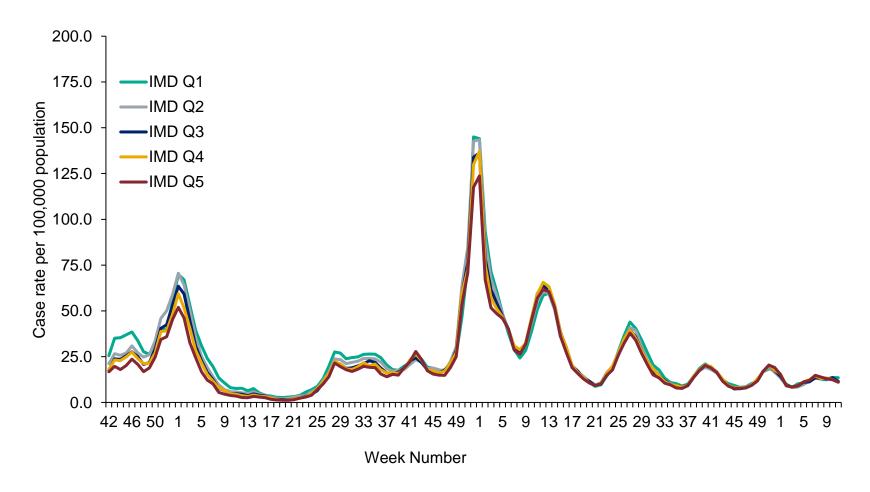
Weekly COVID-19 episodes tested under Pillar 2 per 100,000 population by ethnicity and region, weeks 2 to 11



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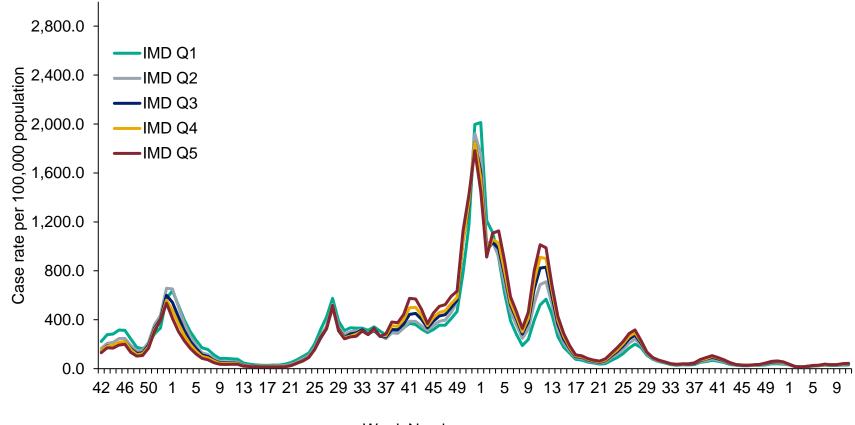


Weekly COVID-19 rate tested under Pillar 1, per 100,000 population by IMD quintile (1 being the most deprived and 5 being the least deprived)





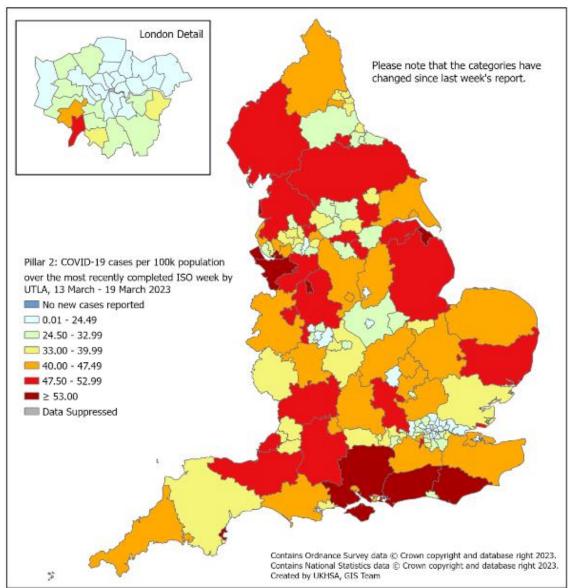
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Week Number



Weekly rate of COVID-19 episodes per 100,000 population (Pillar 2), by upper-tier local authority, England (box shows enlarged map of London area)



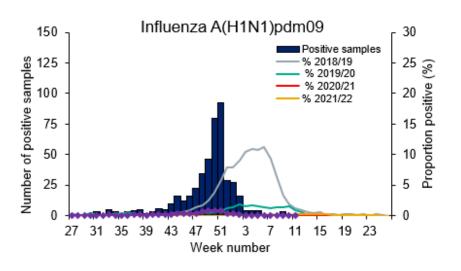
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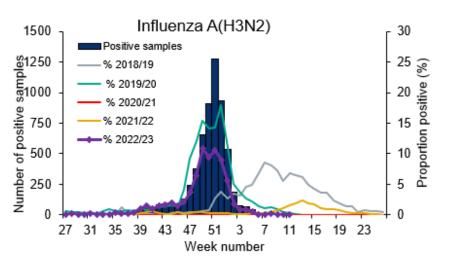


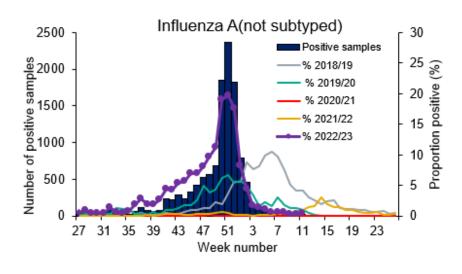
### Respiratory Datamart system (England)

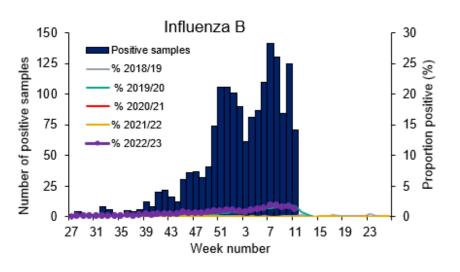


#### Respiratory DataMart – Influenza subtypes



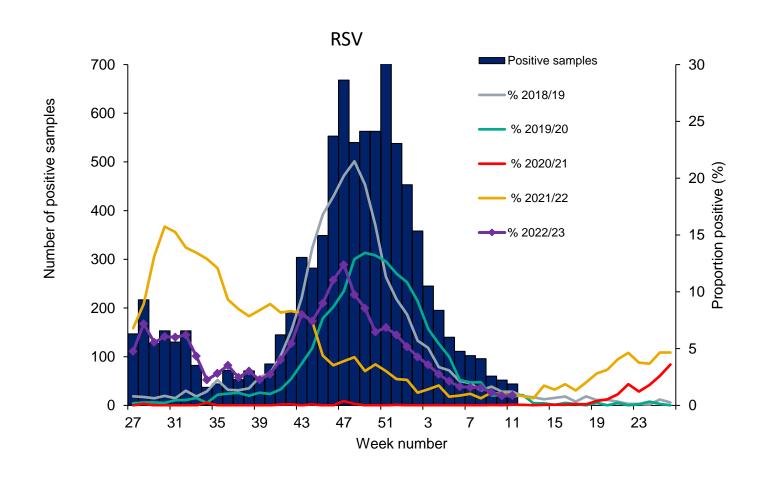






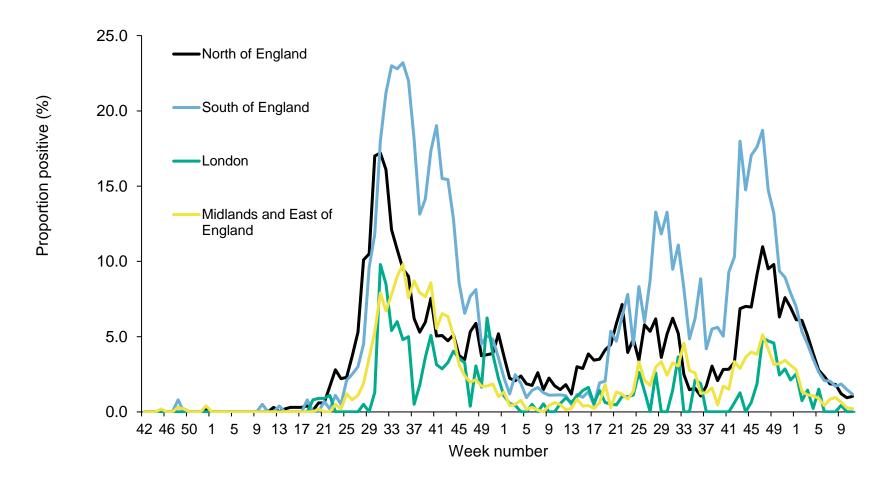


#### Respiratory DataMart – Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)



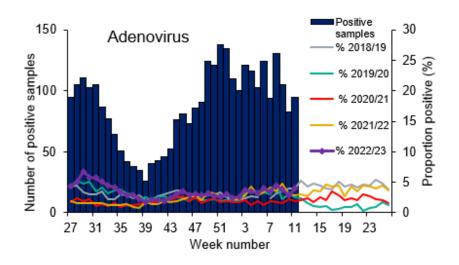


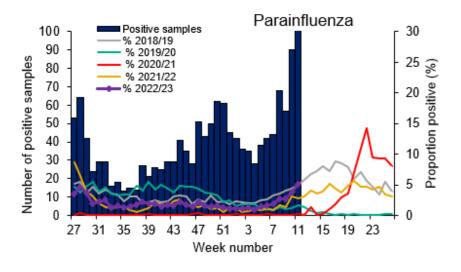
## Respiratory DataMart – Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) weekly positivity by UKHSA region

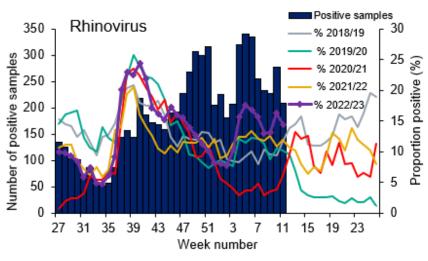


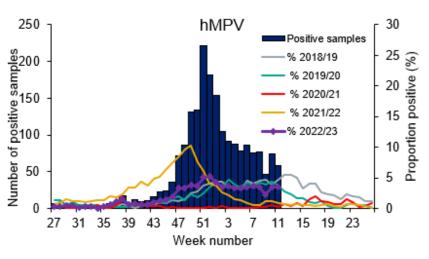


#### Respiratory DataMart – other respiratory viruses





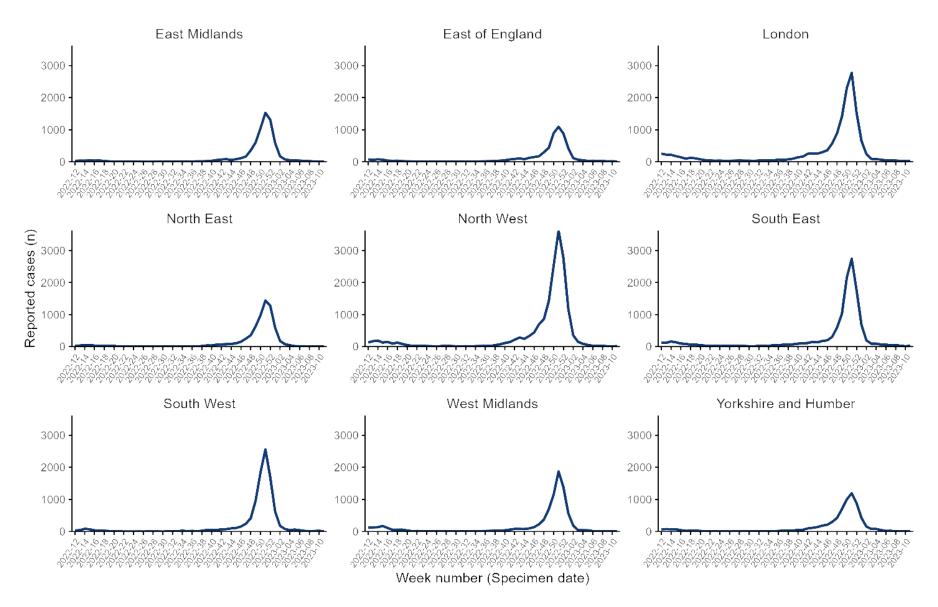






## Second generation surveillance system (SGSS)

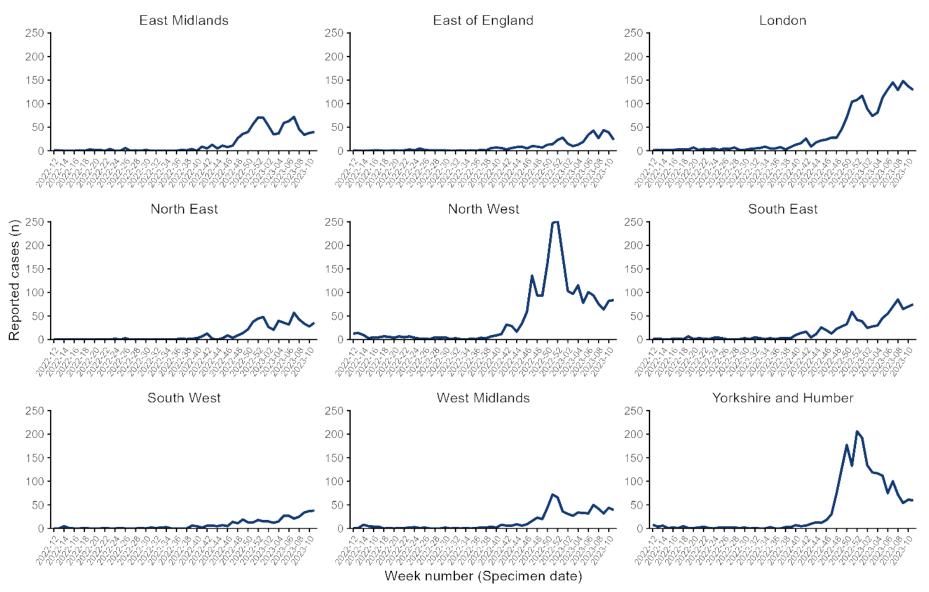
### SGSS reported Influenza A cases by region (all ages)



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#### SGSS reported Influenza B cases by region (all ages)

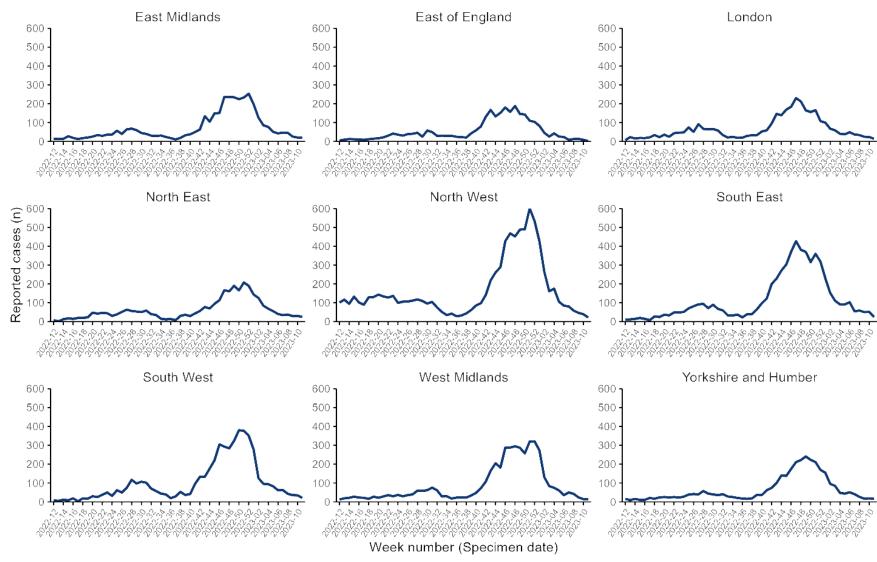


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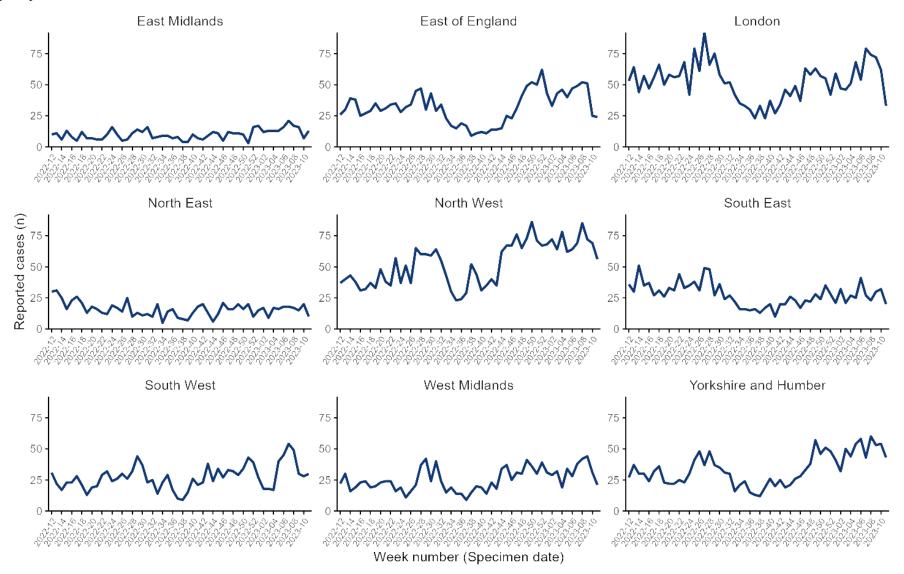
#### SGSS reported RSV cases by region (all ages)



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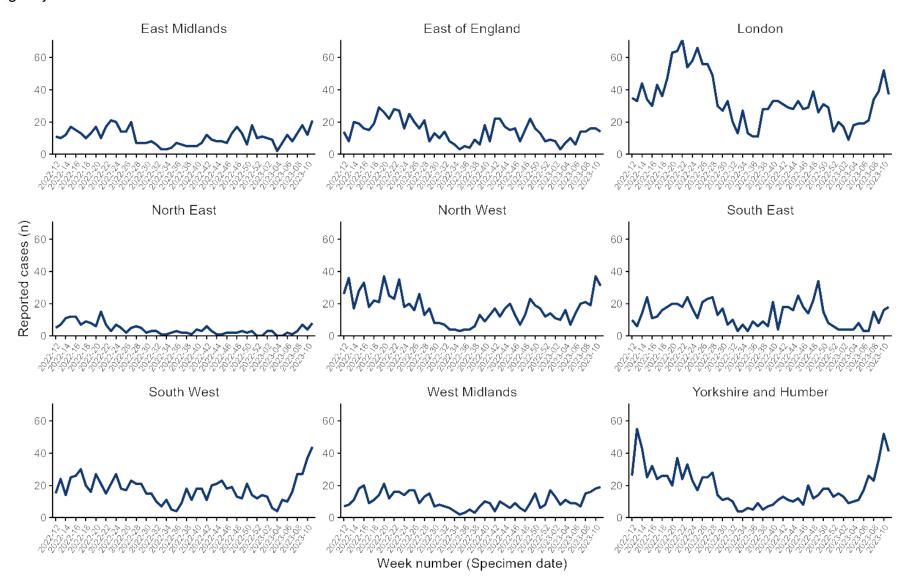
#### SGSS reported Adenovirus cases by region (all ages)



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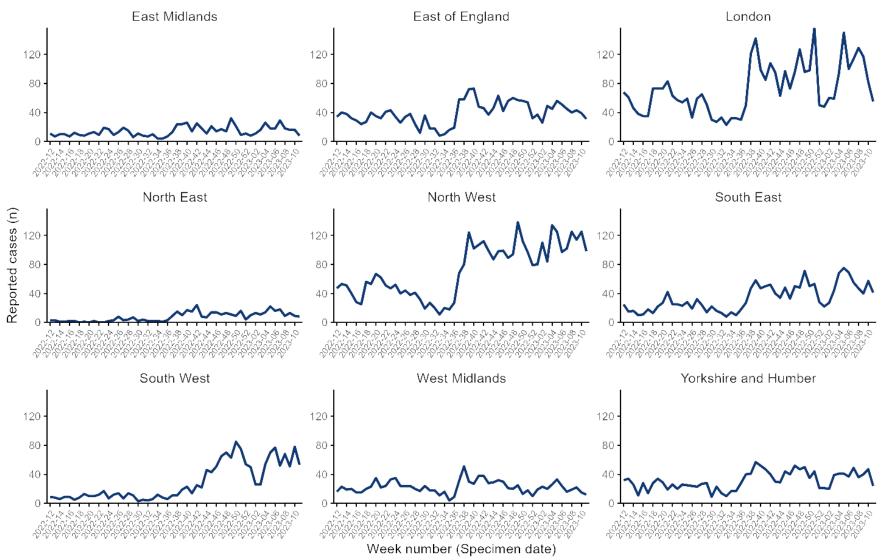
#### SGSS reported Parainfluenza cases by region (all ages)



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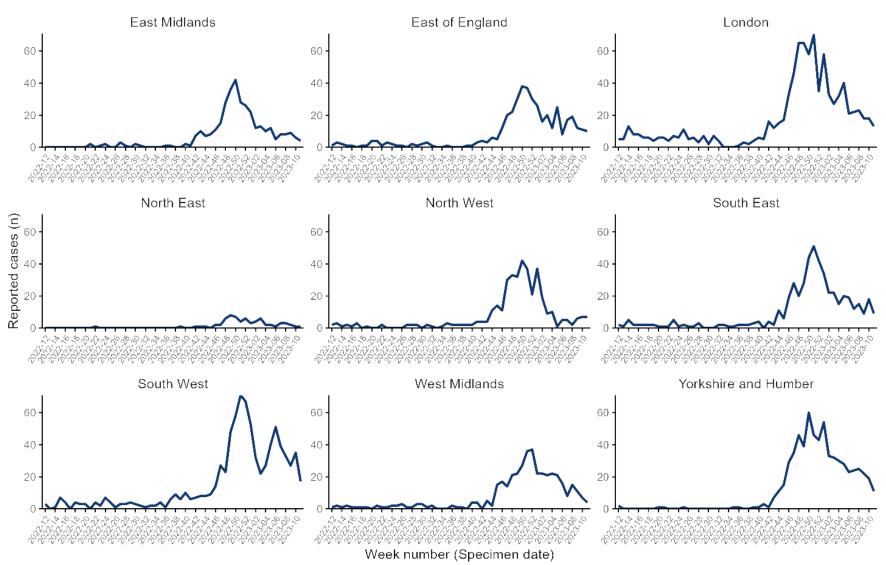
#### SGSS reported Rhinovirus cases by region (all ages)



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#### SGSS reported hMPV cases by region (all ages)



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## Community surveillance



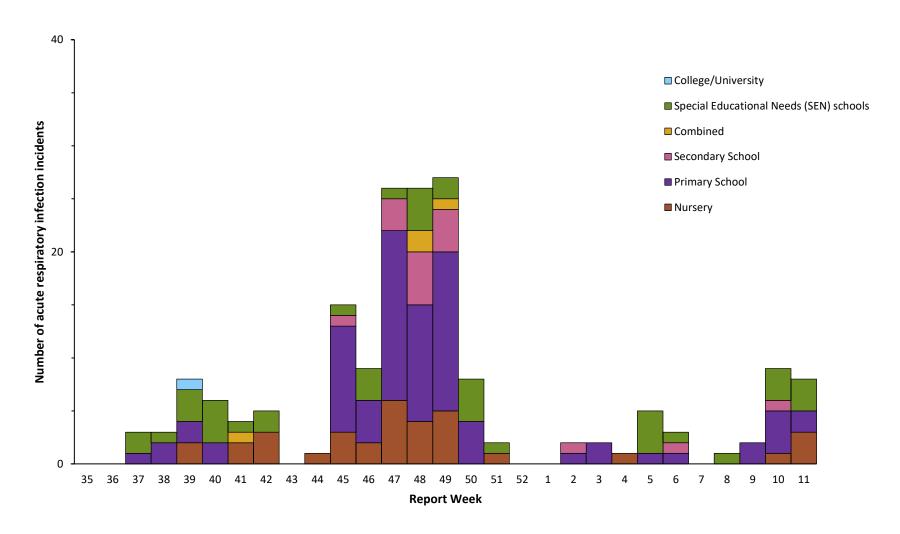
#### Acute respiratory infection (ARI) outbreaks linked to educational settings

#### **Data Information**

- We report on new acute respiratory infection (ARI) incidents reported to UKHSA Health Protection Teams (HPTs) and entered on HPZone in the previous reporting week by setting and locality.
- Daily and weekly aggregated surveillance reports are extracted from HPZone to generate the line listing.
- The weekly extracts include incidents reported in the previous epidemiological week (Monday to Sunday) by locality and context (setting e.g. school)
- The ARI incidents captured on HPZone represent a subset of all ongoing clusters and outbreaks in England rather than an exhaustive listing.
- SARS-CoV2 testing policies and public health guidance for different settings changed over time. This means that any interpretation of seasonal and temporal trends since March 2020 should take this into account.
- From week 14 2022 all reported outbreaks are considered suspected, in line with changes in reporting and the implementation of the living with COVID-19 plan. (Prior to this, individual cases notes for situations associated with educational settings were reviewed by an epidemiologist and an assessment made about whether the criteria for a confirmed COVID-19 cluster or outbreak were met).
- The ARI definition includes presentations of both of influenza-like illness (ILI) and other acute viral respiratory infections (AVRI). Causal pathogens can include Influenza A and B, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), adenovirus, rhinovirus, parainfluenza, human metapneumovirus (hMPV) and SARS-CoV-2.
- For further info please contact: respscidsc@ukhsa.gov.uk



Number of acute respiratory infection outbreaks reported to UKHSA by type of educational setting, England





### Number of acute respiratory infection outbreaks by type of educational setting, England

End of academic year total Week 35 2021- 34 2022

	Cumulative number of suspected acute respiratory infection outbreaks by type of educational setting for the 2021/22 academic year Week 35 2021- 35 2022									
UKHSA Centres	Nursery	Primary School	Secondary School	Combined	Special Educational Needs (SEN) schools	Total				
Total	540	1761	596	161	1306	59	4423			

#### Week 11 2023 Main table

UKHSA Centres		Cumulative number of su	spected acute respiratory infec	tion incidents by type of e	educational setting for the 2022/23 academic year fr	om Week 35 2022	
	Nursery	Primary School	Secondary School	Combined	Special Educational Needs (SEN) schools	College University	Total
East Midlands Centre	3 (0)	2 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	6 (0)
East of England Centre	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0)
London Centre	21 (3)	30 (1)	5 (0)	2 (0)	20 (2)	1 (0)	79 (6)
North East Centre	3 (0)	3 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	7 (0)
North West Center	0 (0)	5 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	5 (0)	0 (0)	10 (0)
South East Centre	0 (0)	1 (0)	2 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	4 (1)
South West Centre	1 (0)	3 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	4 (0)	0 (0)	9 (0)
West Midlands Centre	5 (0)	23 (1)	4 (0)	1 (0)	2 (0)	0 (0)	35 (1)
orkshire & the Humber	1 (0)	13 (0)	3 (0)	1 (0)	6 (0)	0 (0)	24 (0)
Total	34 (3)	80 (2)	16 (0)	4 (0)	41 (3)	1 (0)	176 (8)

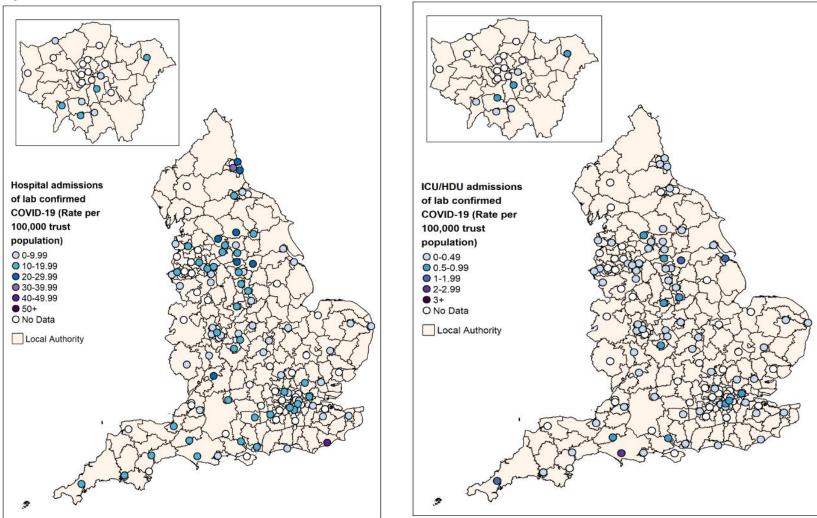
<sup>\*</sup> Number of acute respiratory infection for the most recent week in brackets



### Secondary Care surveillance



### Weekly admission rates for hospital and ICU/HDU laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases reported through SARI Watch, week 11

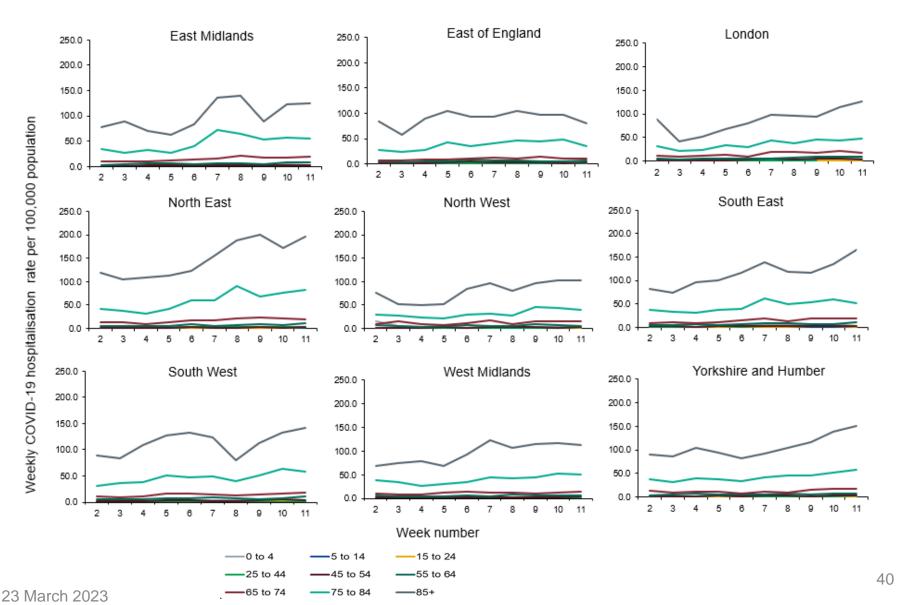


Source: UKHSA SARI-Watch (Severe Acute Respiratory Infection-Watch, formerly CHESS).

<sup>\*</sup>Only NHS Acute trusts that have reported ≥1\_day in the past week; excludes Specialist trusts. Acute NHS trusts (including Specialist trusts) reporting into SARI-Watch COVID-19 hospitalisation surveillance are typically around 100 per week. This was 88 for the hospitalisation (all levels of care) indicator in week 13 March 2023 to 19 March inclusive and 80 trusts for the ICU/HDU indicator. For the maps, as Specialist trusts are excluded, the number of trusts providing data on COVID-19 hospitalisations in week ending 19 March 2023 was 80 and 74 for ICU/HDU admissions for COVID-19.



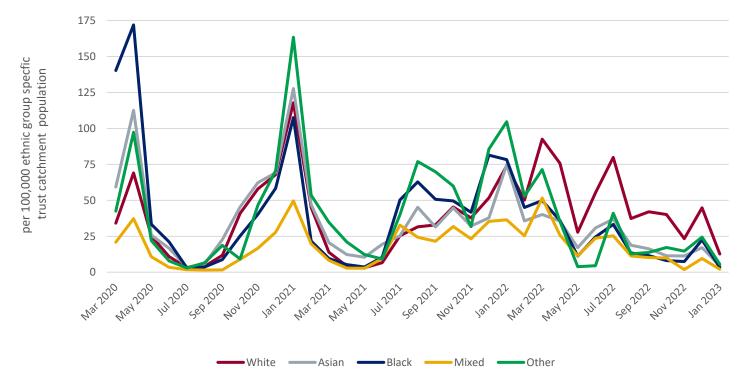
Weekly COVID-19 hospitalisation rate per 100,000 trust catchment population by age group and region, weeks 02 to 11





Rate of hospitalisation (to all levels of care including ICU-HDU) by ethnic group, per 100,000 ethnic group specific trust catchment population, England

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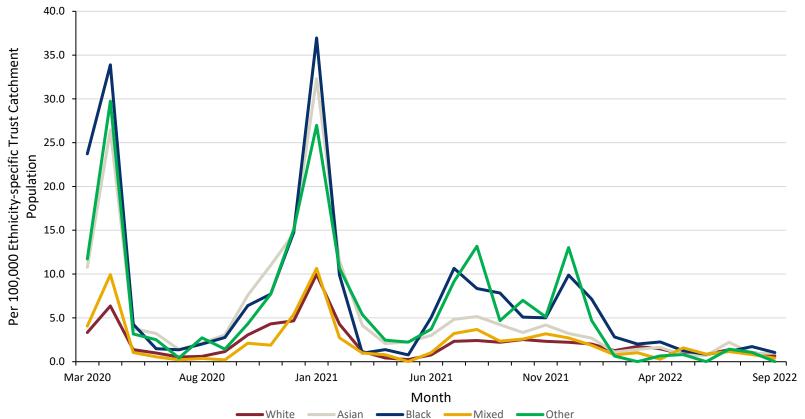


#### Notes:

- This is based on data from the sentinel surveillance involving a network of spotter trusts submitting enhanced data on laboratory confirmed cases admitted to any level of care including ICU-HDU.
- From week (24 2021) the ethnicity analysis is based on a new method for assigning ethnicity, developed by UKHSA. The previous method used the most <u>recent</u> ethnicity recorded through linkage to Hospital Episode Statistics. However, this method led to unfeasibly high rates in the 'Other' ethnic group when applied to COVID-19 cases, hospitalisation or mortality. The new method uses the most <u>frequent</u> ethnicity recorded through linkage to Hospital Episode Statistics, unless the most frequent was 'Other' when the second most frequent was chosen.
- A caveat is that more recent data has under representations from London trusts, so trusts from that region are encourage to participate to strength this surveillance

Rate of admission to ICU/HDU by ethnicity, per 100,000 trust catchment population, by month, England

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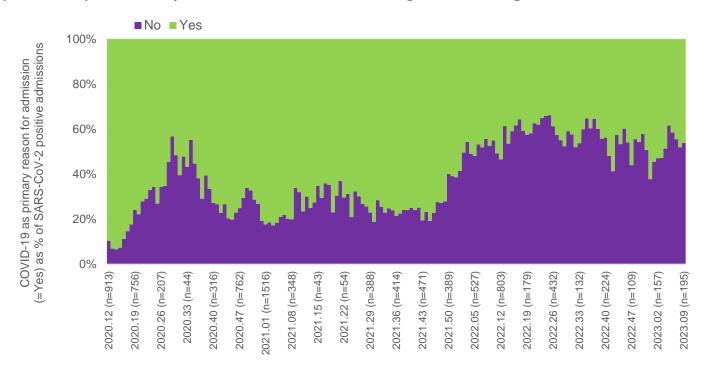


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- The ICU-HDU rates prior to October 2022 were based on mandatory data i.e. acute NHS trusts were required to submit enhanced data on all cases of COVID-19 admitted to ICU-HDU ward. The mandatory requirement to submit data on COVID-19 cases admitted to ICU-HDU was discontinued in October 2022.
- From October 2022, enhanced surveillance is based on sentinel data (data reported by a network of spotter trusts). Sentinel surveillance involves reporting cases of COVID-19 admitted to all levels of care. ICU-HDU cases from sentinel surveillance data maybe too small to stratify by time and ethnicity, this is due to a smaller number of reported trusts from the sentinel scheme.



### COVID-19 as primary reason for admission (Yes/No) among SARS-CoV-2 positive patient by week of admission, England, All ages



ISO Week of admission

#### Notes

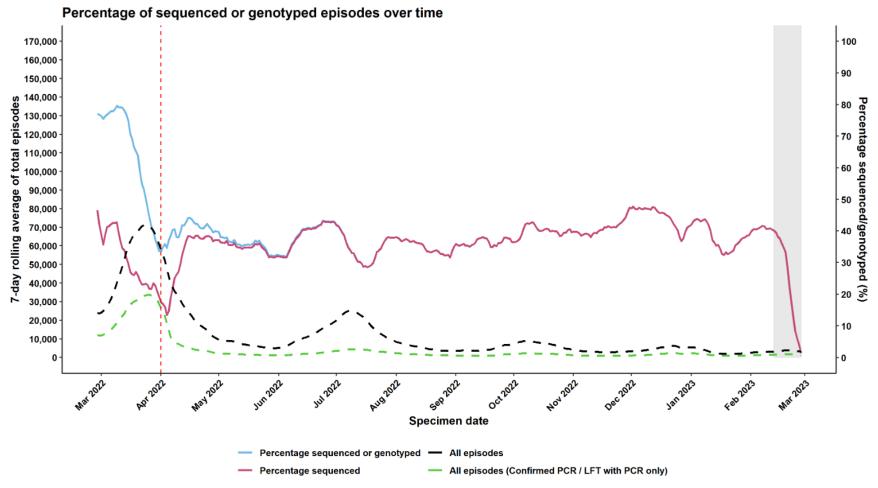
- 1) Case-level sentinel surveillance data from SARI-Watch, from week 12 2020 (commencing 16 March 2020) to week 09 2023 (ending 5 March 2023) inclusive
- 2) Total 79,297 records in period of analysis, of which 43% (n=33,811) had COVID-19 as primary reason for admission ('Yes').
- 3) SARS-CoV-2 patients with evidence of COVID-19 treatment (antivirals or respiratory support) or COVID-19 death but have 'No' or 'Unknown' for COVID-19 as primary reason for admission (n=9,167) are reassigned to COVID-19 as primary reason of admission ('Yes').
- 4) Reassignment increases COVID-19 as primary reason for admission ('Yes') from 33,811 to 42,978
- 5) 21% (16,688/79,297) of total records in this period have missing data on the 'Admission due to COVID-19' indicator these are excluded from analysis
- 6) Caveats: 1) London trusts under-represented since January 2021. 2) The most recent weeks are subject to retrospective updates 3) Admissions recorded as not primarily due to COVID-19 should not be interpret as all true incidental as there will be some with non ARI presentation due to exacerbation after recent SARS-CoV-2 infection.



# SARS-CoV-2 Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) coverage, England



### Coverage of sequencing with a valid result and genotyping over time (27 February 2022 to 27 February 2023)



Data extract from 28 February 2023; data from 27 February 2022 to 27 February 2023.

Grey shading was applied to the previous 14 days to account for reporting delays in sequencing data.

Episodes where the individual only tested using a lateral flow device are not included in the percentage denominator.



# Preceding, co- and secondary infections in persons with COVID-19 and influenza in England, Jul 2022 – Mar 2023

HCAI, Fungal, AMR, AMU & Sepsis Division

#### Preceding/co-/secondary infections with COVID-19

#### **Background**

- Numbers of preceding/co-/secondary infection remain low across UKHSA surveillance systems.
- Free community testing ended 31 March 2022 as part of the government's Living with COVID-19 plan, with asymptomatic testing continuing in some settings. As of 31 August 2022, asymptomatic testing in all settings, including hospitals, has been paused. Please use caution when comparing incidence of bacterial, fungal and viral preceding/co-/secondary infections with COVID-19 over time due to these differences in testing strategies.
- Published data analyses from pandemic wave 1 indicates increased mortality associated with COVID-19 and influenza, key bacterial and fungal infections and invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD) in comparison to persons without co/secondary infection.
- <u>Data analysis</u> from wave 1 indicates that *Aspergillus* and *candidemia* cases had increased risk of mortality in comparison to patients without co/secondary infection.
- For patients with severe respiratory failure requiring Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO), analysis of data from six adult ECMO centres in England indicates that among patients with severe respiratory failure due to COVID-19, clinically significant co/secondary infections were detected in 33% initially, rising to 40% in the 2021-22 season. In the current season (2022-23), influenza is now the predominant cause of severe respiratory failure, with almost two thirds having co/secondary infections detected. There has been one report of COVID-19 admission requiring ECMO since the start of the current season 2022-23.

### Surveillance of bacterial, fungal and respiratory viral infections in persons with COVID-19 and influenza in England

#### **Data information**

- Data are provisional and subject to change due to possible delayed reporting of microbiological samples
- Relative undertesting for other pathogens may result in an underestimate of preceding/co-/secondary infection cases. In addition, testing varies between pathogens therefore caution should be used in comparing preceding/co-/secondary infection rates between different pathogens
- Preceding/co-/secondary infections refers to when a person has a COVID-19 or influenza infection with one or more other pathogen (Please see Appendix 1 – Preceding/co-/secondary infection definitions.)
  - Preceding infection: SARS-CoV-2 or influenza detected after another pathogen
  - Co-infection: SARS-CoV-2 or influenza and other pathogen detected at the same time
  - Secondary infection: SARS-CoV-2 or influenza detected before another pathogen
- The following outputs included in this section have been produced via the Unified Infection Dataset (UID)
- Bacterial, fungal and respiratory viral infection data sources:
  - Fungal, bacterial and respiratory viral data (excluding Clostridioides difficile, Invasive pneumococcal disease & Haemophilus influenzae): Second Generation Surveillance System (SGSS)
  - Respiratory viral data: Respiratory Datamart
  - Clostridioides difficile: HCAI Data Capture System
  - Invasive pneumococcal disease: reference lab
  - Haemophilus influenzae: reference lab

### Co/secondary infections among patients with severe respiratory failure requiring Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO)

Analysis is based on cumulative data from six adult ECMO centres in England. Surveillance is all year round. Each season commences around October (ISO week 40) ending in September (ISO week 39) in the following year.

#### Current season 2022-23

- Data is from 3 October 2022 to 12 March 2023 inclusive (week 40 2022 to 10 2023). In this period there was a total of 85 admissions across SRFs requiring ECMO.
- Of the 85 admissions, 55 were for laboratory confirmed acute respiratory infection (ARI) including n=34 influenza, n=5 *S. pneumoniae*, n=4 *S. pyogenes* (Group A streptococcus), n=3 RSV, n=1 COVID-19, the remaining n=8 due to other infection aetiologies. Influenza accounted for 62% (34/55) of confirmed ARI.
- Of 55 lab confirmed ARI, 51% (n=28) had clinically significant co/secondary infections reported:
  - Of 34 influenza cases, 62% (n=21) had co/secondary infections including n=9 GAS and n=4 S. aureus.
  - As comparison: co/secondary infections accounted for 43% of influenza cases in 2019-20 and 49% in both 2018-19 and 2017-18 seasons
  - In total this season, 10 GAS co/secondary infections were detected among 55 lab confirmed ARI.

#### Prior season 2021-22

Data is from 4 October 2021 to 2 October 2022. 34% (33/96) of all laboratory confirmed ARI admitted to SRFs requiring ECMO had clinically significant co/secondary infections. 80% (77/96) of laboratory confirmed ARI were due to COVID-19. Among COVID-19 admitted cases, 40% (31/77) had clinically significant co/secondary infections reported.

# Number of COVID-19 infection-episodes with bacterial, fungal or respiratory viral infections in persons with COVID-19 in England from ISO week 27 of 2022\*, by infection type and timing of diagnosis

	COVID-19 infection-		Timing of bacterial/fungal/viral diagnosis in relation to COVID-19 diagnosis								
Bacterial/ fungal/ viral infection by specimen type	episode bacte fungal infec	rial/ / viral	Preceding infection			Coinfection			Secondary infection		
	n	% of COVID cases	n	% infections by site	% of COVID cases		% infections by site	% of COVID cases	n	% infections by site	% of COVID cases
Bacterial/fungal bloodstream & lower respiratory infection	76	0.01	19	25.00	<0.01	17	22.37	<0.01	40	52.63	<0.01
Bacterial/fungal bloodstream infection	5,960	0.45	2,953	49.55	0.22	1,443	24.21	0.11	1,564	26.24	0.12
Bacterial/fungal lower respiratory infection	1,190	0.09	423	35.55	0.03	230	19.33	0.02	537	45.13	0.04
Clostridioides difficile infection	807	0.06	332	41.14	0.03	102	12.64	0.01	373	46.22	0.03
Other respiratory virus infection	5,481	0.41	938	17.11	0.07	3,663	66.83	0.28	880	16.06	0.07
Any site†	13,546	1.02	4,683	34.57	0.35	5,456	40.28	0.41	3,407	25.15	0.26

#### **Key findings:**

- 1.02% of COVID-19 infectionepisodes had a bacterial, fungal or other respiratory viral infection detected in either the 28 days prior or following their COVID-19 diagnosis.
- Most infections with key organisms were categorised as co-infections (40.28%).

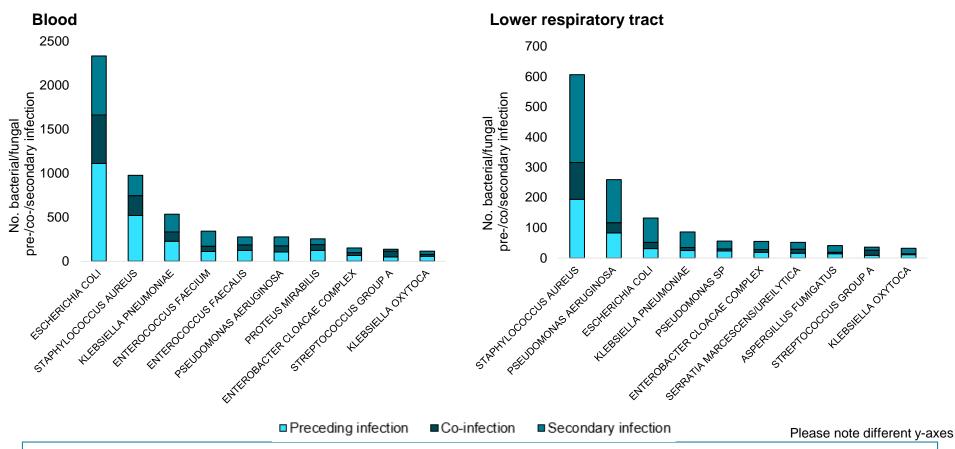
Please see appendix 1 for pre-/co-/secondary infection definitions with SARS-CoV-2

Please note persons can have multiple COVID-19 infection-episodes, numbers here do not reflect the number of persons. Numbers reflect the first episode of pre-/co-/secondary infection.

<sup>\*</sup>SARS-CoV2 specimen dates from 4 July 2022 to 05 Feb 2023 (N=1,324,317). Last updated 10 Mar 2023.

<sup>†</sup> other sites not listed in table but included in total: Bacterial/fungal bloodstream & Clostridioides difficile infection (16 preceding, 1 coinfection & 9 secondary), and Bacterial/fungal lower respiratory & Clostridioides difficile infection (2 preceding & 4 secondary)

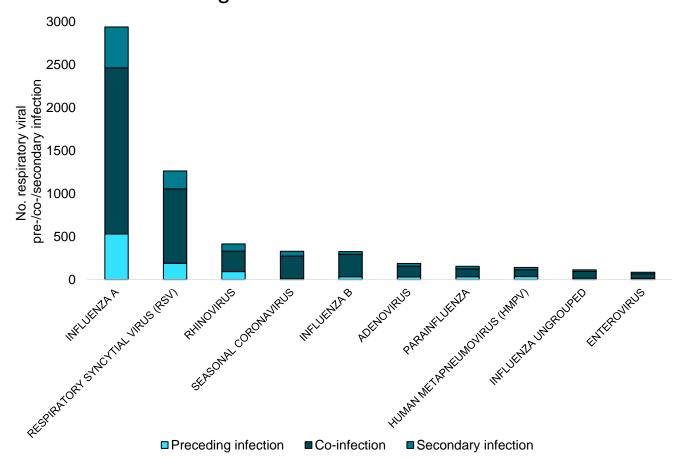
## Most frequent bacterial/fungal species in blood or lower respiratory tract specimens, by timing of diagnosis, in persons with COVID-19 in England from ISO week 27 of 2022



#### **Key findings:**

From ISO week 27 of 2022, the most frequent bacterial/fungal organisms identified from blood specimens were *Escherichia coli*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and from respiratory specimens were *S. aureus*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *E. coli*.

#### Most frequent viral specimens, by timing of diagnosis, in persons with COVID-19 in England from ISO week 27 of 2022



#### **Key findings:**

From ISO week 27 of 2022, the most frequent viral organisms identified from respiratory specimens were influenza A, RSV and rhinovirus.

# Number of influenza infection-episodes with bacterial, fungal or respiratory viral infections in persons with influenza in England from ISO week 27 of 2022\*, by infection type and timing of diagnosis

	Influenza infection- episodes with bacterial/ fungal/ viral infection		Timing of bacterial/fungal/viral diagnosis in relation to influenza diagnosis								
Bacterial/ fungal/ viral infection by specimen type**			Preceding infection			Coinfection			Secondary infection		
	n	% of Influenza cases	n	% infections by site	% of Influenza cases	n	% infections by site	% of Influenza cases	n	% infections by site	% of Influenza cases
Bacterial/fungal bloodstream infection	1,287	1.41	372	28.90	0.41	568	44.13	0.62	347	26.96	0.38
Bacterial/fungal lower respiratory infection	535	0.59	93	17.38	0.10	192	35.89	0.21	250	46.73	0.27
SARS-CoV-2 infection	3,830	4.20	689	17.99	0.76	2,405	62.79	2.64	736	19.22	0.81
Clostridioides difficile infection	172	0.19	43	25.00	0.05	27	15.70	0.03	102	59.30	0.11
Respiratory virus infection***	4,272	4.68	649	15.19	0.71	3,102	72.61	3.40	521	12.20	0.57
Invasive pneumococcal disease	209	0.23	20	9.57	0.02	156	74.64	0.17	33	15.79	0.04
Haemophilus influenzae infection	22	0.02	6	27.27	0.01	14	63.64	0.02	2	9.09	<0.01
Any site	10,327		-				62.59	7.09	1,991	19.28	2.18

#### **Key findings:**

- 11.32% of influenza infection-episodes had a bacterial, fungal or other respiratory viral infection detected in either the 28 days prior or following their influenza diagnosis.
- Majority of infections with key organisms were categorised as co-infections (62.59%).
- Most influenza persons with a preceding, coor secondary infection with key organisms were categorised as 0 to 9 years old (25.21%).

Please see appendix 1 for pre-/co-/secondary infection definitions with Influenza

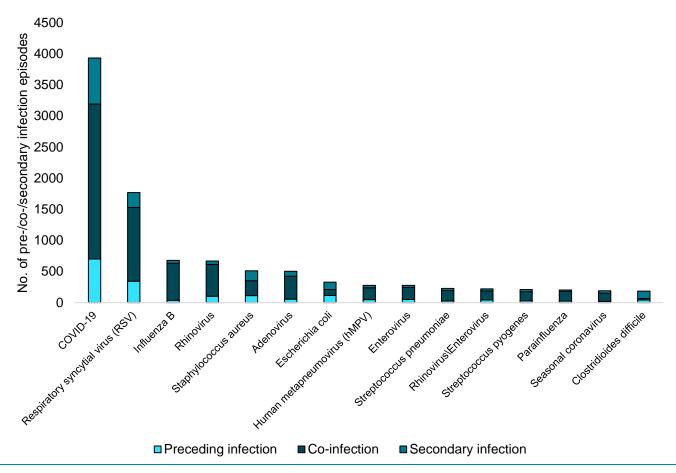
Please note persons can have multiple influenza infection-episodes, numbers here do not reflect the number of persons. Numbers reflect the first episode of pre-/co-/secondary infection.

<sup>\*</sup>Influenza specimen dates from 4 July 2022 to 5 Feb 2022 (N= 91,223). Last updated 13 Mar 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The baseline infection is any type of influenza (influenza A or B or both) for all bacterial/fungal/respiratory viral preceding/co-/secondary infections except for influenza B where the baseline infection is influenza A

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Respiratory virus infection includes influenza B (where the baseline infection is influenza A)

Most frequent bacterial/fungal/respiratory viral infections, by timing of diagnosis, in persons with influenza in England from ISO week 27 of 2022



#### **Key findings:**

From ISO week 27 of 2022, the most frequent organisms identified were COVID-19, RSV and influenza B.

<sup>\*</sup>The baseline infection is any type of influenza (influenza A or B or both) for all bacterial/fungal/respiratory viral preceding/co-/secondary infections except for influenza B where the baseline infection is influenza A

#### **Appendix 1: Pre-/co-/secondary infection definitions**

The day pertains to the date of the sample collection that yielded a positive result. These definitions do not apply to persistent COVID-19 patients. Patients with persistent COVID-19 require independent clinical assessment.

organism †	inition co-infection with SARS-CoV-2/influenza	infection) or Definition of post SARS-CoV-2/influenza secondary infection (SARS-CoV-2/influenza is primary infection)
nfluenza A +/- 1	1d	2-28d^
nfluenza B +/- 1	1d	2-28d^
SV +/- 1	1d	2-28d
denovirus +/- 1	1d	2-28d
interovirus +/- 1	1d	2-28d
luman metapneumovirus +/- 1	1d	2-28d
arainfluenza (any subtype) +/- 1	1d	2-28d
easonal coronavirus +/- 1	1d *	2-28d
thinovirus +/- 1	1d	2-28d
co-infections in ECMO patient (patients with mo	ost severe clinical respiratory signs)	
CMO patients Indiv	ividual case review	Individual case review
lood stream and respiratory infections (bacteria	al and fungal)	
chromobacter xylosoxidans +/- 1	1d	2-28d
cinetobacter spp., +/- 1	1d	2-28d
spergillus +/- 1	1d	2-28d (pre) 2-60d (post, continually hospitalised patients only)
date +/- 2 (bas case	e) 28 Serology/Oral fluid (anti-pertussis toxin Ig) sed on pertussis symptom onset date, excluding es without onset date)	N/A (Pertussis presentation is often delayed)
Burkholderia cepacia +/- 1	1d	2-28d
Candida spp +/- 1	-	2-28d (pre) 2-60d (post, continually hospitalised patients only)
. ,	d PCR	PCR within 14-28 d (8-13d PCR*)
Enterobacter spp., +/- 1	1d	2-28d
Interococcus spp. +/- 1	1d	2-28d
E. coli +/- 1	1d	2-28d
laemophilus influenzae +/- 2	2d	3-28d

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#### **Appendix 1 continued: Pre-/co-/secondary infection definitions**

Organism	Definition co-infection with SARS-CoV-2/influenza	Definition of infection pre-SARS-CoV-2/influenza infection (other pathogen is primary infection) or Definition of post SARS-CoV-2/influenza secondary infection (SARS-CoV-2/influenza is primary infection)					
Blood stream and respiratory infections (ba							
Klebsiella spp.	+/- 1d	2-28d					
Legionella pneumophila/species	Individual case review	Individual case review					
Mycoplasma pneumoniae	0-7d PCR, IgM serology 0-21d <16y	PCR within 14-28 d (8-13d PCR*)					
Neisseria meningitidis	+/- 2d	3-28d					
Pseudomonas spp.,	+/- 1d	2-28d					
Serratia spp.,	+/- 1d	2-28d					
Staphylococcus aureus	+/- 1d	2-28d					
Coag-neg Staphylococcus (S. haemolyticus)	+/- 1d	2-28d					
Stenotrophomonas spp., (S. maltophilia)	+/- 1d	2-28d					
Streptococcus spp. ‡	+/- 1d	2-28d					
Streptococcus pneumoniae	+/- 2d	3-28d					
Tuberculosis							
Mycobacterium tuberculosis	Individual case review	Individual case review					
Pathogens of the immunocompromised (eg	; HIV)						
HIV	Individual case review	Individual case review					
Gastrointestinal infections							
Listeria	0-5d *	Individual case review					
Campylobacter	0-5d *	Individual case review					
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC)	0-5d *	Individual case review					
Norovirus	0-5d *	Individual case review					
Salmonella	0-5d *	Individual case review					
Shigella	0-5d *	Individual case review					
Anaerobes							
C. difficile	+/- 1d	2-28d					
Bacteroides sp. ( <i>B. fragilis</i> and non-fragilis Bacteroides)	+/- 1d	2-28d					

See next slides for notes

#### **Appendix 1 continued: Pre-/co-/secondary infection definitions**

#### Notes

- † From the first specimen date of a SARS-CoV-2/influenza infection episode.
- \* Additional data check required. (Resistance is not detailed, data for MERS is not currently available).
- ^ Definition post- SARS-CoV-2 secondary infection (SARS-CoV-2 is primary infection). This has been extended from prior 14d secondary infection definition for influenza used by UKHSA to account for disparities in testing throughout the 28d period after SARS-CoV-2 detection.
- ‡ Streptococcus species includes the following groups and species:

Group	Species/other names
Anginosus Group	Streptococcus anginosus; Streptococcus constellatus (Streptococcus constellatus subspecies constellatus Streptococcus
	constellatus subspecies pharynges); Streptococcus Group F; Streptococcus intermedius; Streptococcus milleri group;
	Streptococcus sinensis
Bovis Group	Streptococcus alactolyticus; Streptococcus bovis untyped; Streptococcus equinus; Streptococcus gallolyticus subspecies
	gallolyticus (Streptococcus bovis biotype I); Streptococcus infantarius (Streptococcus infantarius sp infantarius; Streptococcus
	bovis biotype II); Streptococcus lutetiensis; Streptococcus infantarius subspecies coli (Streptococcus bovis biotype II);
	Streptococcus pasteurianus (Streptococcus bovis biotype II)
Closely Related Genera	Abiotrophia spp.; Aerococcus spp.; Faklamia spp.; Gemella spp.; Globicatella sanguinis; Granulicatella spp.; Leuconostoc
	spp.; Pedicoccus spp.; Peptostreptococcus spp.
Mitis Group	Streptococcus cristatus; Streptococcus mitior; Streptococcus mitis; Streptococcus oralis; Streptococcus pseudopneumoniae;
	Streptococcus infantis; Streptococcus peroris
Mutans Group	Streptococcus mutans; Streptococcus sobrinus
Other streptococci (including but not	Anaerobic streptococcus; Streptococcus acidominimus; Streptococcus spp., other named/not fully identified; Streptococcus
limited to)	suis; Streptococcus uberis
Salivarius Group	Streptococcus vestibularis; Streptococcus thermophilus
Sanguinis Group	Streptococcus gordonii; Streptococcus massiliensis; Streptococcus parasanguinis; Streptococcus sanguinis
Streptococcus Group A	Group A; Streptococcus pyogenes; Streptococcus dysgalactiae subspecies equisimilis
Streptococcus Group B	Group B; Streptococcus agalactiae
Streptococcus Group C	Group C; Streptococcus dysgalactiae subspecies equisimilis; Streptococcus equi subspecies zooepidemicus
Streptococcus Group G	Group G; Streptococcus canis; Streptococcus dysgalactiae subspecies equisimilis