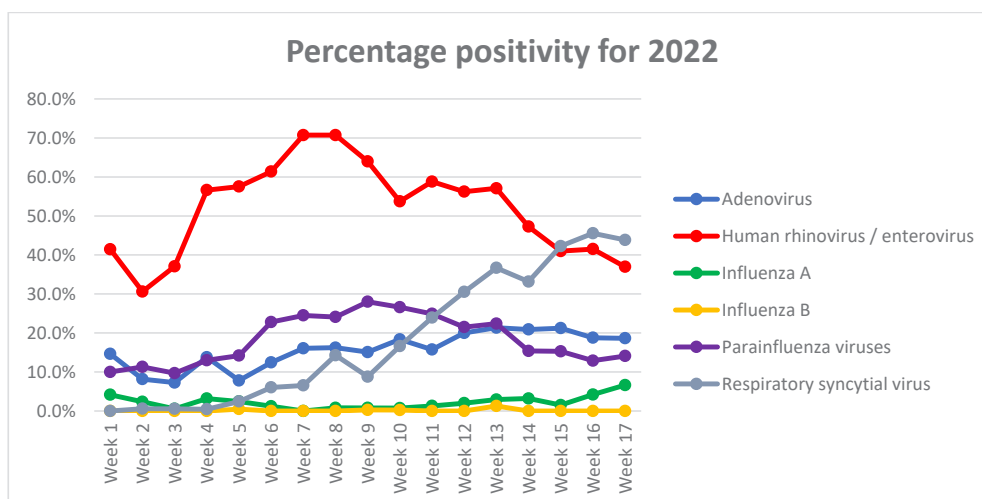
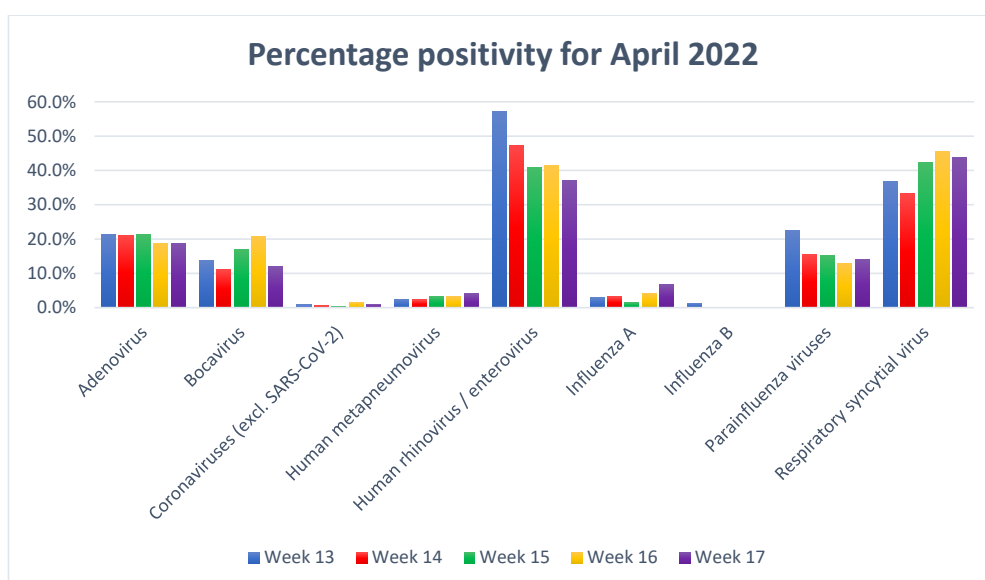


# THE PATHCARE NEWS

## RESPIRATORY VIRUS STATISTICS: JANUARY – APRIL 2022



- The National Institute for Communicable Diseases declared the start of the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) season in week 7 (week ending 20 February) and the positivity rate has continued to increase through March and April.
- Circulation of adenovirus, parainfluenza viruses and human rhino/enterovirus remain high throughout 2022.
- Low numbers of influenza A have been detected but circulation remains below the threshold for the start of the annual influenza season.
- This report does not include SARS-CoV-2 positivity rates as these statistics are available in other reports.



- The most frequently detected respiratory viruses during April 2022 were RSV, human rhino/enteroviruses, adenovirus, parainfluenza viruses and bocavirus.
- RSV circulation increased further during April with positivity rates above 40% in weeks 15-17.
- A similar pattern was noted in all provinces.

### Key messages

- RSV season is ongoing and appears to have returned to the pre-pandemic pattern of seasonality, following atypical patterns in 2020 and 2021.
- Influenza vaccination for high risk individuals remains important, preferably prior to the onset of the influenza season.