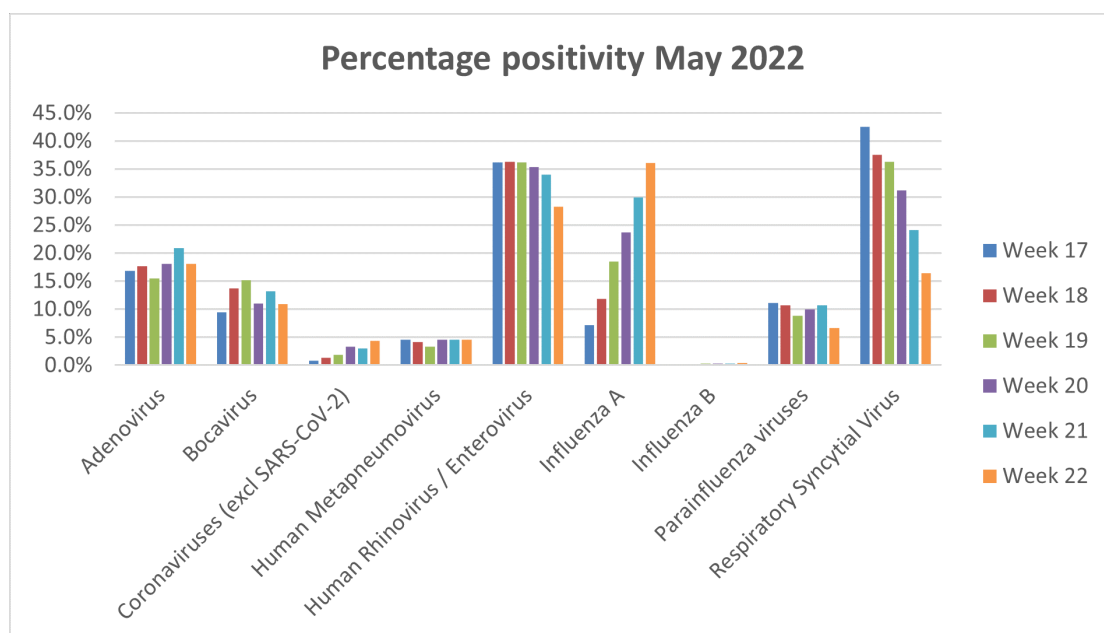
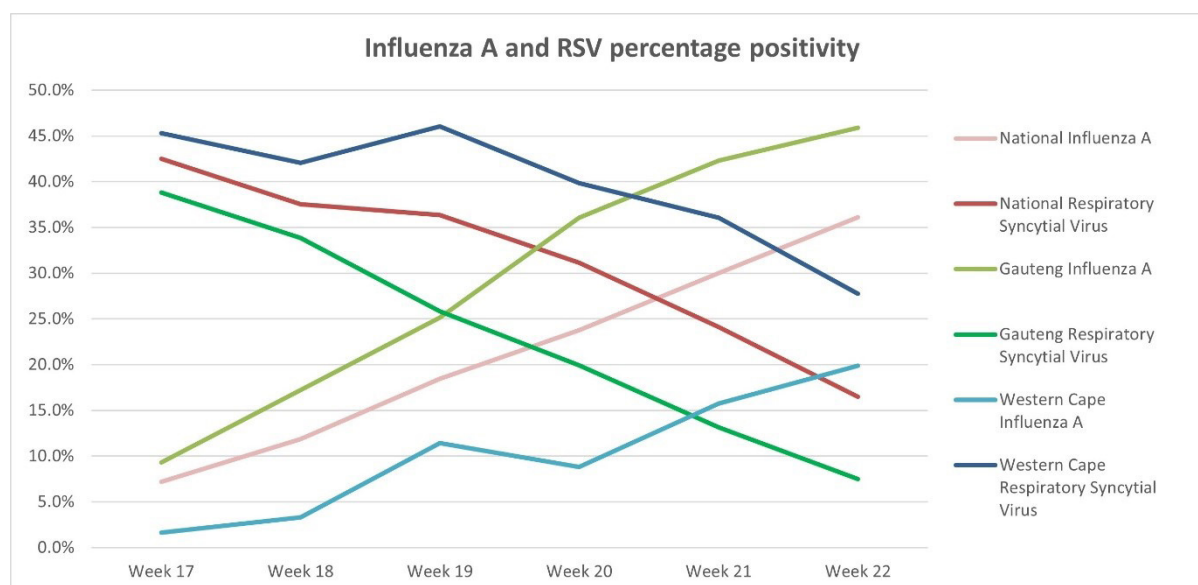


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## Respiratory Virus Statistics: May 2022



- The National Institute for Communicable Diseases declared the start of the influenza season in week 17 (week ending 1 May) and influenza A positivity rates have continued to increase during May 2021, reaching 36.1% during week 22 nationally (week ending 5 June). Influenza B detection rates remain low.
- Where available, influenza A typing identified predominantly H1N1 pdm09, however, H3N2 circulation was also noted.
- Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity continued during May but with decreasing percentage positivity, dropping from 42.5% in week 17 to 16.8% in week 22.
- Circulation of adenovirus, human rhino/enterovirus, parainfluenza viruses and bocavirus have continued throughout 2022.
- This report does not include SARS-CoV-2 positivity rates as these statistics are available in other reports.



- A pattern of increasing influenza A activity with decreasing RSV positivity was noted in all provinces, however, Gauteng showed a faster rate of change than other provinces.

### Key messages

- Influenza season has commenced, with influenza A predominating during May.
- Influenza and SARS-CoV-2 vaccination should be prioritized in high risk individuals.

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