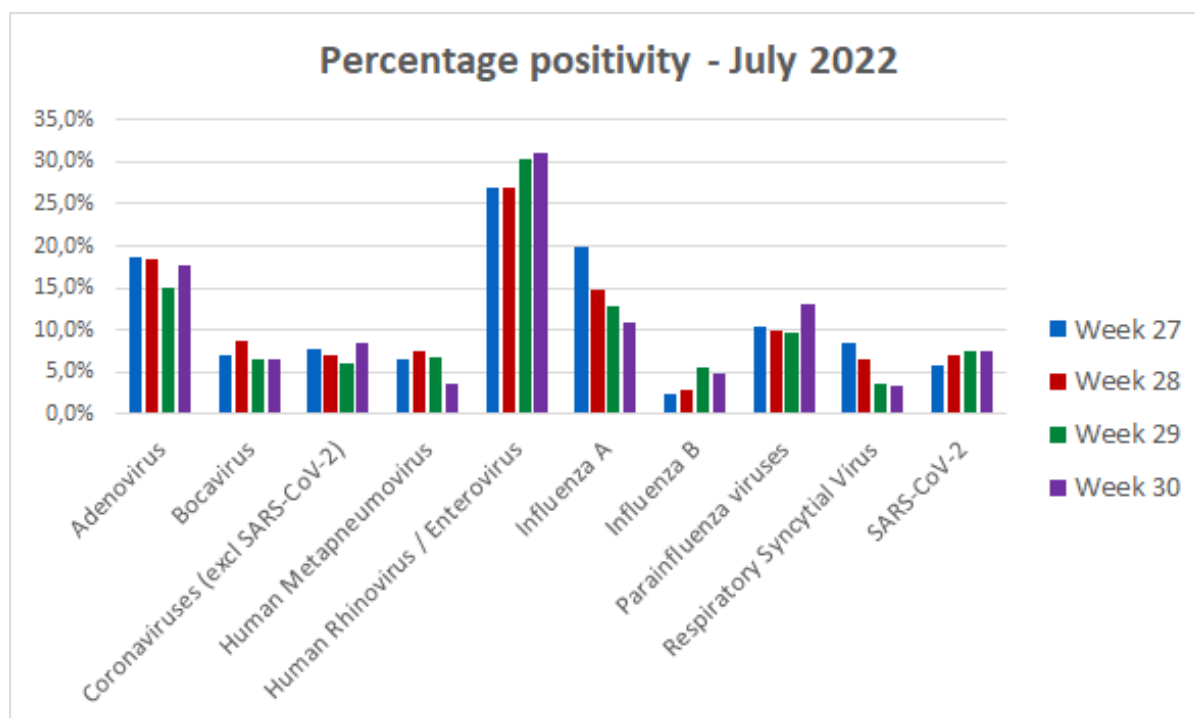
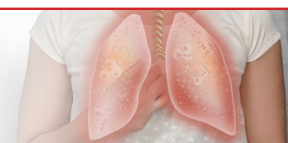


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RESPIRATORY VIRUS STATISTICS: JULY 2022



- Influenza A positivity rates declined steadily during July but remained above 10% throughout the month. A shift in the proportion of influenza A subtypes was noted, with increased circulation of H3N2 as compared to May/June. Influenza B detection increased slightly but did not reach the levels seen for influenza A.
- A further decrease in respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity was noted, with percentage positivity falling below 5% in the second half of July.
- Positivity rates were similar to June for the other respiratory viruses. Human rhino/enterovirus was the most prevalent virus detected in July, followed by adenovirus.

Key messages

- Influenza A activity peaked in weeks 22-23 (weeks ending 5 June and 12 June) and the percentage positivity decreased to approximately 10% in week 30.

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