

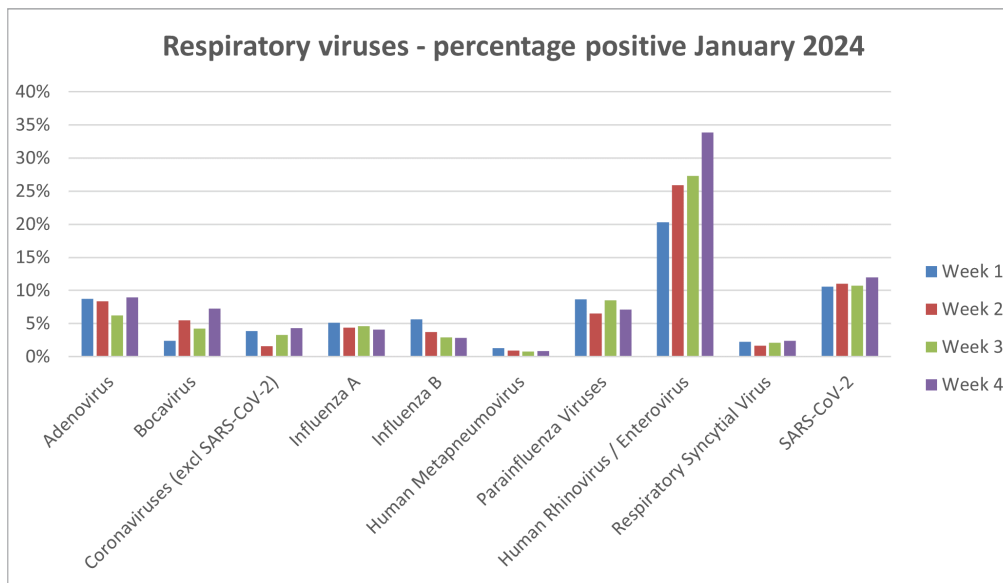
THE PATHCARE NEWS

RESPIRATORY PATHOGEN STATISTICS: JANUARY 2024



RESPIRATORY VIRUSES

- Human rhino/enteroviruses were the most commonly detected respiratory viruses during January 2024.
- Similar to December 2023, SARS-CoV-2 detection rates were in the range of 10-12%.
- Percentage positivity for the other respiratory viruses remained below 10% throughout the month. In particular, RSV detection rates were $\leq 2\%$ and showed no increase indicative of the onset of RSV season as yet. In 2023, RSV season started in week 6 (week starting 6 February) and continued until week 21 (week starting 22 May) according to NICD surveillance programmes.



ATYPICAL BACTERIA

- Mycoplasma pneumoniae* detection rates appear to be decreasing compared to previous months (2 – 4%).
- Bordetella pertussis* detection rates remained $\leq 2\%$.
- No cases of *Bordetella parapertussis* or *Legionella pneumophila* were detected during January.
- Chlamydomphila pneumoniae* rates continued to be very low (1 – 2 %).

