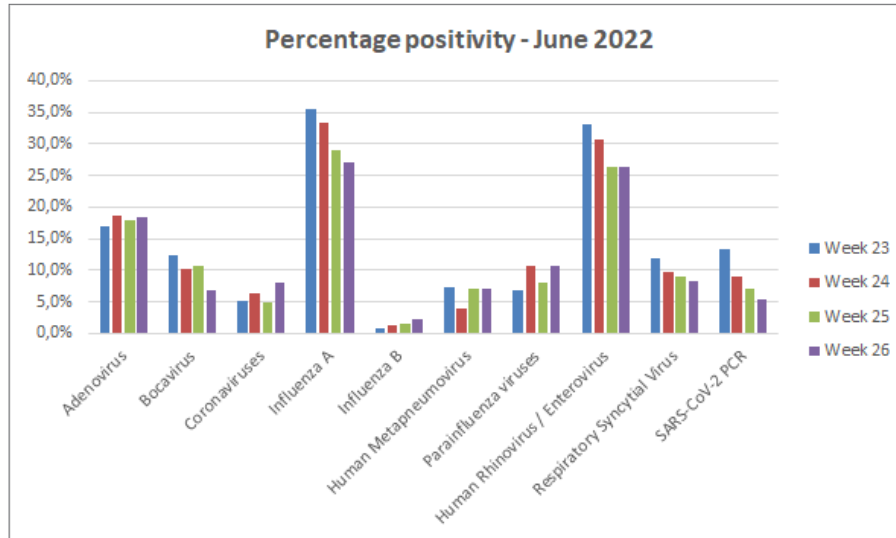
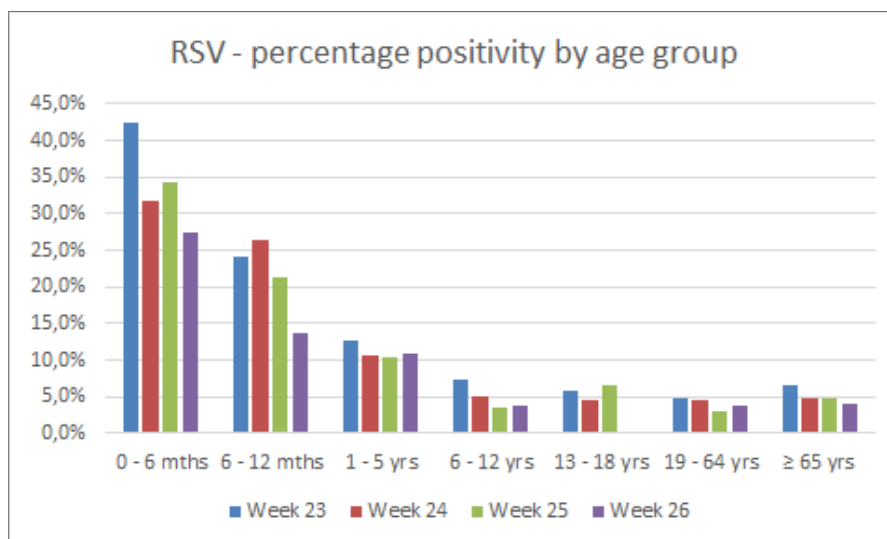


THE PATHCARE NEWS

RESPIRATORY VIRUS STATISTICS: JUNE 2022



- The influenza season continued during June, with influenza A positivity rates remaining above 25% throughout the month despite a gradual weekly decline. Influenza B detection rates remained below 5%. Influenza A positive samples were mostly H1N1 strains, although H3N2 positivity increased gradually towards the end of June.
- Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity continued to decline, dropping to 8.3% in week 26.
- Adenovirus and human rhino/enterovirus circulation continued with positivity rates above 15%, with some detection of bocavirus, coronaviruses, human metapneumovirus and parainfluenza viruses.
- SARS-CoV-2 rates continued to decline nationally, dropping to 5.3% in week 26.



- While RSV positivity rates dropped overall, circulation remained high in children younger than one year of age.

Key messages

- Influenza season continued in June, with influenza A predominating thus far in 2022.
- RSV circulation continued in infants.

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