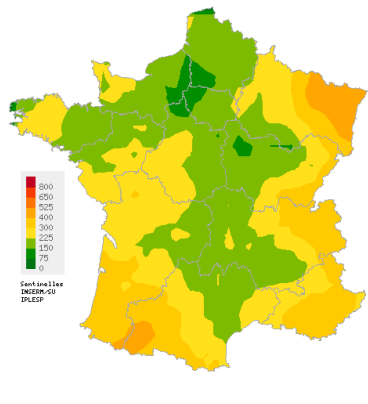


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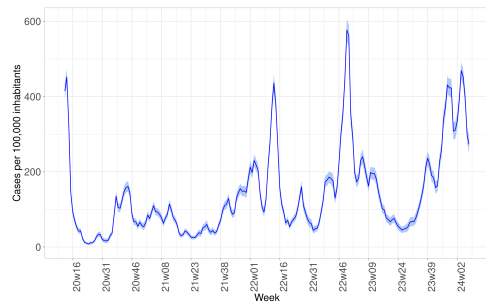
Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI)

Covid-19, Influenza and other respiratory viruses

Moderate activity in general practice



Spatial interpolation map of incidence rates at department level



Incidence rates by week

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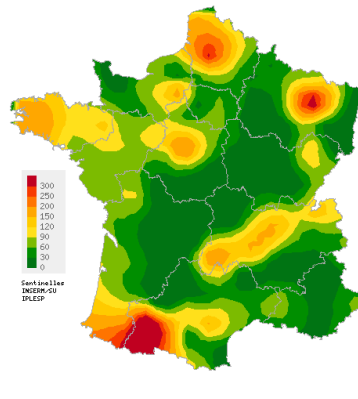
You will find more detailed information on ARI on page 2, influenza on page 3, Covid-19 on page 4 and RSV on page 5.

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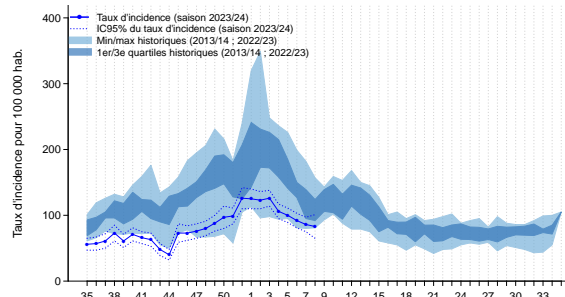
ARI are caused by a variety of respiratory viruses including SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19), influenza viruses, and other respiratory viruses such as RSV, rhinovirus and metapneumovirus. The purpose of ARI surveillance is to monitor outbreaks of these viruses.

Acute diarrhea

Low activity in general practice



Spatial interpolation map of incidence rates at department level



Incidence rates and comparison with historical data (*)

In mainland France, last week (2024w08), the incidence rate of acute diarrhea cases seen in general practice was estimated at **83 cases per 100,000 population (95% CI [65; 101])**.

Subject to future consolidation of data, this rate is **slightly decreasing** compared to the previous weeks (consolidated data for 2024w07: 86 [75; 97]) and is among the lowest rates usually observed at this time of the year.

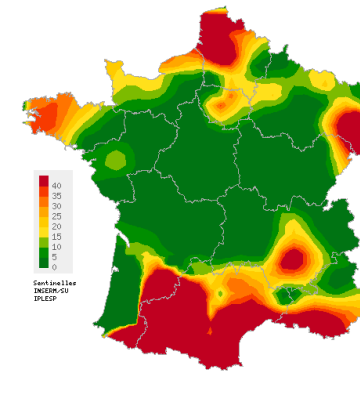
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The purpose of acute diarrhea surveillance is to monitor gastroenteritis outbreaks.

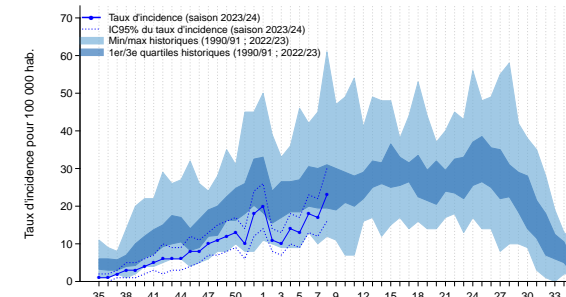
(*) Incidences of acute diarrhea were greatly reduced in March 2020 and August 2021 by containment and sanitary measures to control the Covid-19 pandemic. They are not included in historical comparisons.

Chickenpox

Moderate activity in general practice



Spatial interpolation map of incidence rates at department level



Incidence rates and comparison with historical data (*)

In mainland France, last week (2024w08), the incidence rate of Chickenpox cases seen in general practice was estimated at **23 cases per 100,000 population (95% CI [16; 30])**.

Subject to future consolidation of data, this rate is **slightly increasing** compared to the previous week (consolidated data for 2024w07: 17 [12; 22]) and is at a **similar activity level** compared to those usually observed at this time of the year.

(*) Incidences of Chickenpox cases during the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 seasons were greatly reduced by the Covid-19 pandemic containment and health measures. They are not included in historical comparisons.

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Acute respiratory infection (ARI) - Additional data

Modalities of ARI monitoring by the Sentinelles Network

Every year, viruses with respiratory tropism circulate in mainland France causing acute respiratory infections (ARI). These viruses are mainly **SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)**, **respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)**, **influenza viruses**, **rhinovirus** and **metapneumovirus**.

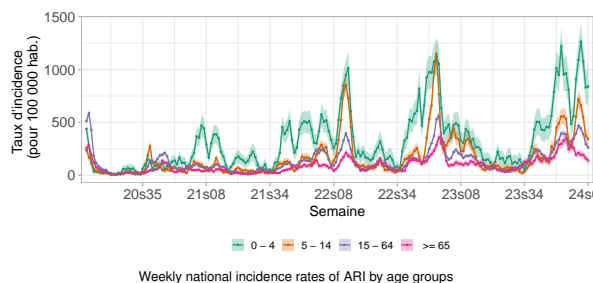
In order to carry out this surveillance, Sentinel general practitioners have been reporting the number of cases of acute respiratory infection (ARI) seen in consultation (or teleconsultation), according to the following definition: **sudden onset of fever (or feeling of fever) and respiratory signs**.

Descriptive data are also collected for each patient, including the results of diagnostic tests for Covid-19 (RT-PCR or antigenic test).

Virological surveillance is also carried out by Sentinel general practitioners and pediatricians, who take weekly samples from patients consulting for an ARI, in order to identify different respiratory viruses and monitor their circulation.

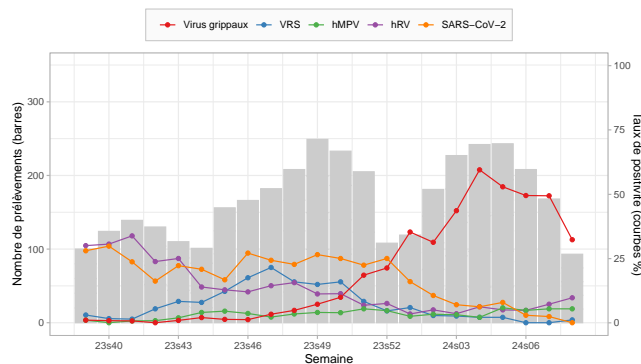
From this clinical and virological information, it is possible to estimate the number of cases of **Covid-19**, **influenza virus** and **VRS** among ARI cases seen in general medical consultations.

ARI incidence rates by age groups



Last week (2024w08), subject to future data consolidation, incidence rates were **stable in the 0-4 age group** and **slightly decreasing in the other age groups** compared to the ones of the previous week.

Circulation of respiratory viruses in general practice and pediatric



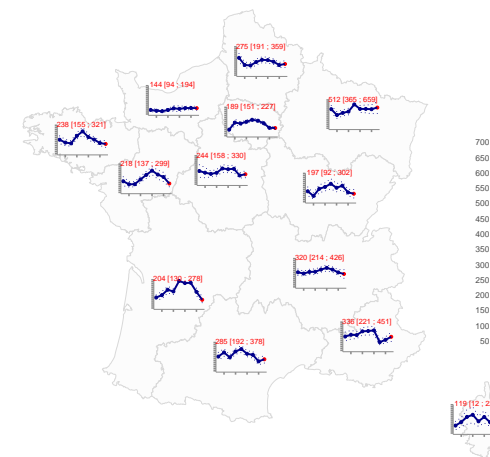
Number of swabs and positivity rate of the tested respiratory viruses among ARI cases swabbed by Sentinelles physicians (GPs and pediatricians) since week 2023w39

This season, **292** general practitioners and pediatricians are taking part in the ARI virological surveillance.

Last week (2024w08), **93 patients** presenting an ARI and seen in general practice or pediatric consultations were tested. The rates of positivity of samples for the various viruses tested were as follows:

- **Influenza viruses: 32%** (30/93) (consolidated data for 2024w07: 50% (84/168));
- **SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19): 0%** (0/93) (consolidated data for 2024w07: 2% (4/166));
- **Rhinovirus: 10%** (9/93) (consolidated data for 2024w07: 7% (12/166));
- **Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV): 1%** (1/93) (consolidated data for 2024w07: 0% (0/166));
- **Metapneumovirus: 5%** (5/93) (consolidated data for 2024w07: 5% (9/166)).

ARI incidence rates by regions



Weekly ARI incidence rates by regions over the last nine weeks

In conclusion

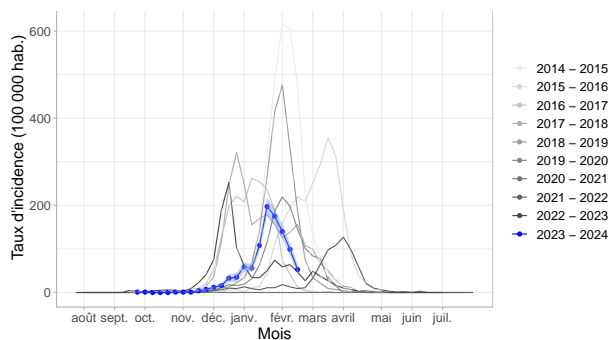
Last week (2024w08), subject to future data consolidation, the incidence of ARI cases seen in general practice **continued the decline observed since the end of January (2024w04)** (see graph opposite).

The ARI cases observed the past week (2024w08) in general practice were mainly linked to the circulation of the **influenza viruses** (see graph opposite).

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INFLUENZA

Estimating the incidence of influenza in general practice



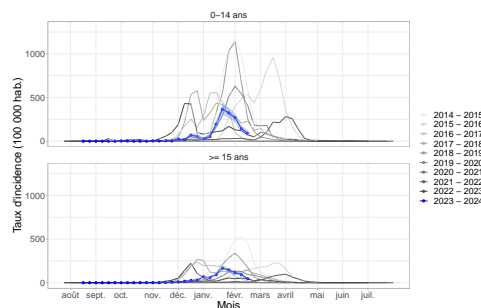
Incidence rate of influenza cases observed in general practice since 2023w39 (blue) compared to previous seasons (grey) (*)

Last week (2024w08), the incidence rate of **influenza** cases seen in general practice for acute respiratory infection was estimated at **87 cases per 100,000 population** (95% CI [68; 105]), corresponding to 58,000 [45,662; 70,338] new cases.

Subject to future data consolidation, this rate is **clearly decreasing** compared to the previous week (consolidated data for 2024w07: 143 [124; 163], corresponding to 95,611 [82,657; 108,565] new cases).

(*) In order to compare current activity with past influenza epidemics, the incidences presented in this graph are taken from the influenza-like illness indicator. These data have been estimated secondarily from the ARI indicator since 2020.

Estimated incidence of influenza cases by age groups



Incidence rate of influenza cases seen in general practice by age group since 2023s39 (blue) and comparison with historical data (grey) *

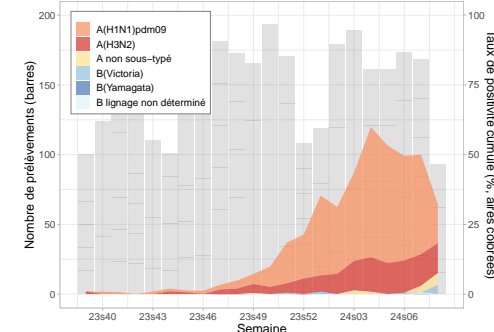
Last week (2024w08), subject to future data consolidation, the incidence rates of influenza cases seen in general practice for ARI were **decreasing in the 0-14 and 15 and above age groups** compared to the previous week.

Description of confirmed influenza cases

Since the beginning of virological surveillance in week 2023w39 (25th September), the **813** confirmed influenza cases have been swabbed by Sentinel general practitioners and pediatricians. They presented the characteristics below:

- **Median age:** 35 years (from 1 month to 89 years old);
- **Male/female sex-ratio:** 0.90 (382/424) ;
- **Vaccination:** 91% (688/758) were not vaccinated against influenza;
- **Risk factors:** 17% (129/762) had risk factors for complications;
- **Hospitalization:** one patient was hospitalized at the end of the consultation (1/707).

Identification of influenza viruses



Cumulative influenza positivity rate by circulating influenza subtypes from ARI cases swabbed by Sentinel physicians since 2023w39

Since the beginning of the surveillance (2023w39), influenza viruses identified have been **predominantly of type A**, with **74% A(H1N1)pdm09**, **24% A(H3N2)**, **2%** untyped A, **0.7%** B Victoria and **0.1%** with undetermined B lineage.

In conclusion

Last week (2024w08), subject to future data consolidation, the incidence of **influenza** cases seen in general practice among patients consulting for ARI **continued the decline observed since the end of January (2024w05)** and was at a **moderate level of activity**.

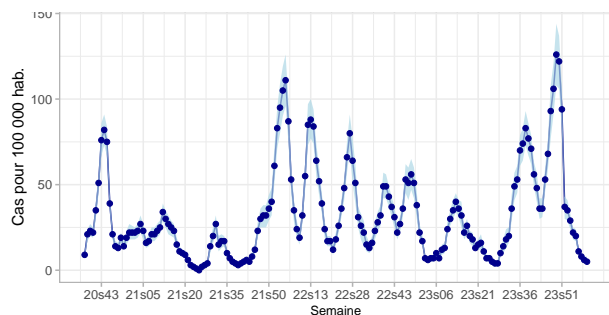
As part of the European [VEBIS](#) project, which includes virological data from samples taken by Sentinel physicians, the **influenza vaccine effectiveness for the 2023-2024 season** has been estimated at 53% (95% CI [41; 63]) against the A(H1N1)pdm09 virus and 30% [-3; 54] against the A(H3N2) virus among patients of all ages consulting a general practitioner. [These estimates are preliminary](#) and are based on data collected between September 2023 and January 2024. Consolidated data will be available at the end of the season.

You can find the epidemiological bulletin of Santé publique France with all the surveillance data (ambulatory and hospital) on influenza by clicking [here](#).

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Covid-19

Estimated incidence of Covid-19 cases seen in general practice

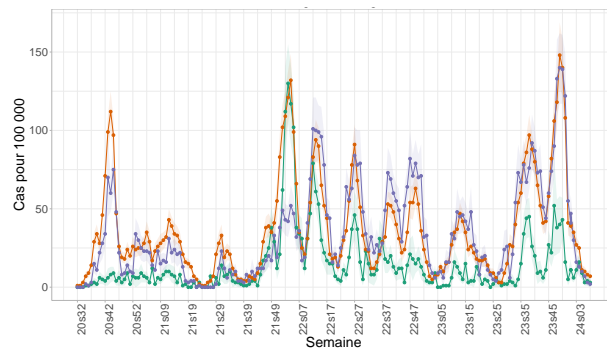


Incidence rate of Covid-19 cases with respiratory signs observed in general practice since 2020w37

Last week (2024w08), the incidence rate of **Covid-19** cases seen in general practice for acute respiratory infection was estimated at **5 cases per 100,000 population** (95% CI [3; 8]), corresponding to 3,646 [2,253; 5,039] new cases.

Subject to future data consolidation, this rate is **stable** compared to the previous week (consolidated data for 2024w07: 6 [4; 8], corresponding to 4,073 [2,840; 5,306] new cases).

Estimated incidence of Covid-19 cases by age group



Incidence rate of Covid-19 cases presenting respiratory signs seen in general practice by age group since 2020w37

Last week (2024w08), the incidence rates of **Covid-19** cases seen in general practice for acute respiratory infection were estimated at:

- **0-14 years:** 3 cases per 100,000 population (95% CI [0; 7]), corresponding to 388 [36; 740] new cases;
- **15-64 years:** 7 cases per 100,000 population (95% CI [4; 11]), corresponding to 2,998 [1,682; 4,314] new cases;
- **65 years and above:** 2 cases per 100,000 population (95% CI [0; 5]), corresponding to 312 [0; 743] new cases.

Subject to future data consolidation, these rates were **stable in all age groups** compared to the previous week.

Description of Covid-19 cases with respiratory signs

Since week 2023w39 (25th September, date of the beginning of the virological surveillance), the **621 Covid-19 confirmed cases** with an acute respiratory infection and sampled by the Sentinel general practitioners and paediatricians had the following characteristics:

- **Median age:** 49 years (range from 2 months to 99 years);
- **Male/female sex-ratio:** 0.66 (244/369);
- **Vaccination:** 21% (123/592) of cases aged 12 years and older were not vaccinated against Covid-19 (no vaccine dose received);
- **Risk factors:** 35% (206/588) had risk factors for complications;
- **Hospitalization:** 0.4% (2/553) of patients were hospitalized after the consultation.

In conclusion

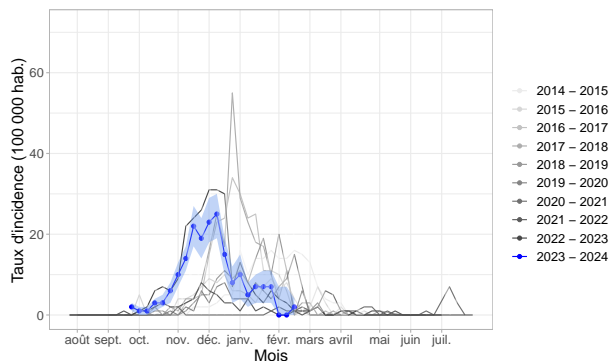
Last week (2024w08), subject to future data consolidation, the incidence of **Covid-19** cases seen in general practice among patients consulting for acute respiratory infection was **stable** compared to the previous week and was at a **low level of activity** (see graph opposite).

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RSV

Estimated incidence of RSV cases in general practice



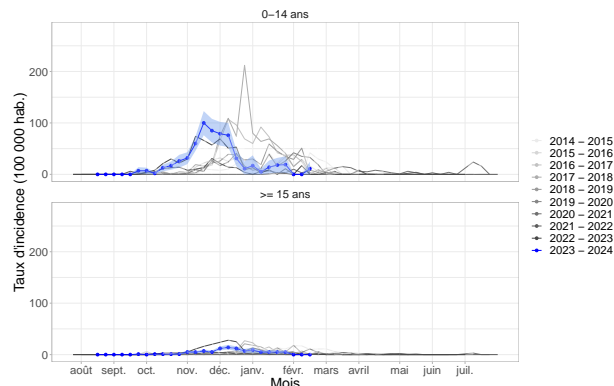
Incidence rate of RSV cases in general practice since 2023w39 (blue) compared to historical data (grey) (*)

Last week (2024w08), the incidence rate of **RSV** cases seen in general practice for acute respiratory infection was estimated at **3 cases per 100,000 population** (95% CI [0; 7]), corresponding to 2,083 [0; 4,679] new cases.

Subject to future data consolidation, this rate is **stable** compared to the previous week (consolidated data for 2024w07: 0 [0; 7]).

(*) In order to compare current activity with past RSV epidemics, the incidences presented in this graph are taken from the influenza-like illness indicator. These data are estimated secondarily from the ARI indicator since 2020.

Estimated incidence of RSV cases by age group



Incidence rate of RSV cases in general practice since 2023w39 (blue) compared to historical data (grey) (*)

Last week (2024w08), incidence rates of **RSV** cases seen in general practice for acute respiratory were estimated at:

- **0-14 years**: 19 cases per 100,000 population [0; 42], corresponding to 2,083 [0; 4,679] new cases;
- **15 years and above**: 0 cases per 100,000 population.

Subject to future data consolidation, these rates were **stable in both age groups** compared to the previous week.

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Description of RSV cases

Since the beginning of virological surveillance in week 2023w39 (25th September), the **276 confirmed RSV cases** swabbed by Sentinel general practitioners and pediatricians had the following characteristics:

- **Median age**: 4 years (from 1 month to 96 years);
- **Male/female sex ratio**: 0.93 (131/141);
- **Risk factors**: 20% (51/251) had risk factors for complications;
- **Hospitalization**: 0.8% (2/246) were hospitalized at the end of the consultation.

These characteristics are **similar** to those of positive RSV cases observed in past seasons in general practice (historical data : median age: 4 years; 53% women; 17% with risk factors; 0.6% hospitalized patients).

In conclusion

Last week (2024w08), subject to future data consolidation, the incidence of **RSV** cases seen in general practice among patients consulting for ARI was **stable** compared to the previous week and was at a **low level of activity**.

You can find all the bronchiolitis epidemiological data (outpatient and inpatient) in the Public Health France weekly bulletin by clicking [here](#).

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National incidence rates over the last 3 weeks (per 100,000 inhabitants)	2024w08 (unconsolidated)	2024w07	2024w06
	Incidence rate estimations [95% confidence interval]	Incidence rate estimations [95% confidence interval]	Incidence rate estimations [95% confidence interval]
Acute Respiratory Infection	273 [249 ; 297]	297 [277 ; 317]	396 [375 ; 417]
Acute diarrhea	83 [65 ; 101]	86 [75 ; 97]	92 [81 ; 103]
Chickenpox	23 [16 ; 30]	17 [12 ; 22]	18 [13 ; 23]

Regional incidence rates for the week 2024w08 (per 100,000 inhabitants)	Acute Respiratory Infection	Acute diarrhea	Chickenpox
	Incidence rate estimations [95% confidence interval]	Incidence rate estimations [95% confidence interval]	Incidence rate estimations [95% confidence interval]
Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	320 [214 ; 426]	92 [44 ; 140]	13 [1 ; 25]
Bourgogne-Franche-Comté	197 [92 ; 302]	46 [5 ; 87]	0 [0 ; 0]
Bretagne	238 [155 ; 321]	132 [72 ; 192]	15 [0 ; 30]
Centre-Val de Loire	244 [158 ; 330]	78 [28 ; 128]	0 [0 ; 0]
Corse	119 [12 ; 226]	106 [0 ; 270]	6 [0 ; 19]
Grand Est	512 [365 ; 659]	83 [48 ; 118]	21 [1 ; 41]
Hauts-de-France	275 [191 ; 359]	127 [71 ; 183]	35 [5 ; 65]
Ile-de-France	189 [151 ; 227]	52 [31 ; 73]	23 [9 ; 37]
Normandie	144 [94 ; 194]	57 [0 ; 131]	7 [0 ; 18]
Nouvelle-Aquitaine	204 [130 ; 278]	59 [17 ; 101]	4 [0 ; 13]
Occitanie	285 [192 ; 378]	89 [31 ; 147]	98 [26 ; 170]
Pays de la Loire	218 [137 ; 299]	87 [36 ; 138]	7 [0 ; 17]
Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	336 [221 ; 451]	42 [4 ; 80]	33 [0 ; 72]

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