



Covid-19 Update: Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel

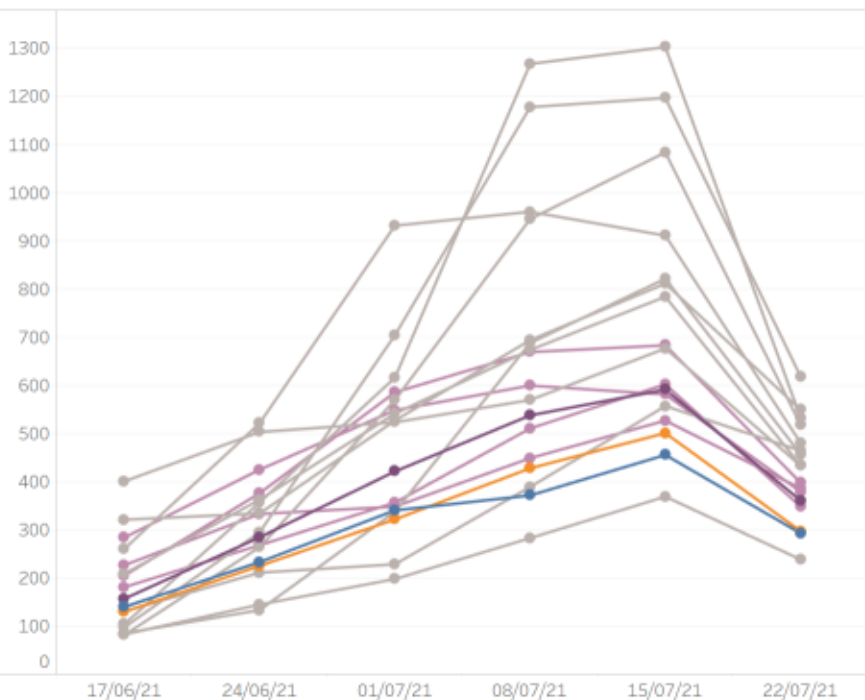
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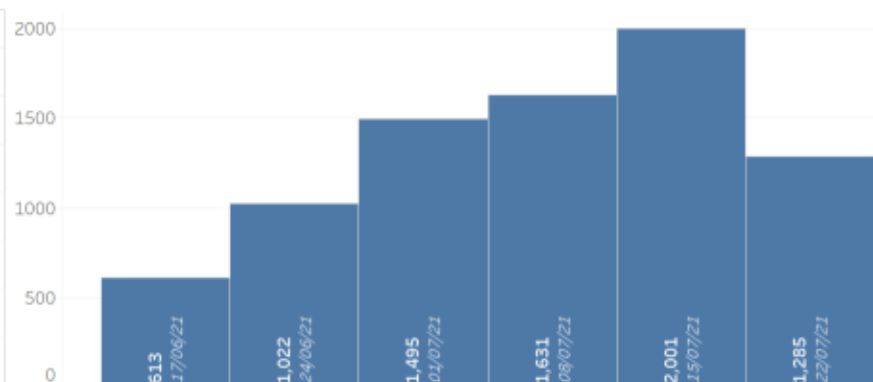
Infection rates

- Kirklees weekly cases 36% down on previous week; Kirklees ranked 78th (out of 149 Upper Tier Local Authorities) with a rate of 292 per 100,000 – close to the England average, and the lowest rate in West Yorkshire

Weekly rates per 100,000



Kirklees weekly cases



22/07/21	
1	Middlesbrough 617.8
2	Blackpool 548.6
3	Redcar and Cleveland 532.3
4	Stockton-on-Tees 517.4
5	North East Lincolnshire 480.1
6	Kingston upon Hull, Cl.. 476.6
7	Bournemouth, Christc... 463.9
8	Plymouth 456.3
9	Bristol, City of 432.9
10	Salford 432.7
17	Wakefield 397.3
21	Calderdale 385.4
26	Leeds 378.6
36	Bradford 347.6
78	Kirklees 292.2

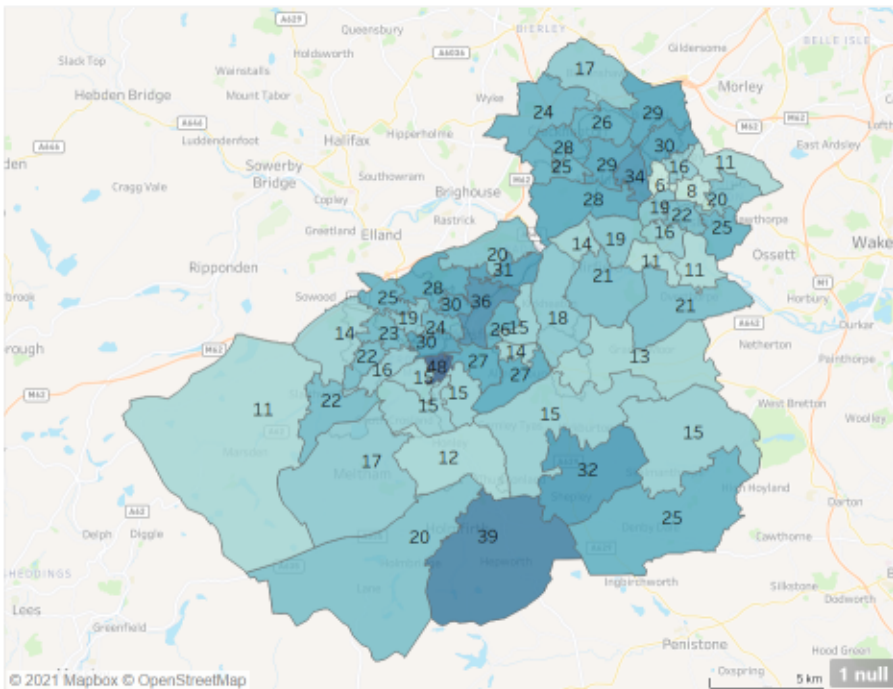
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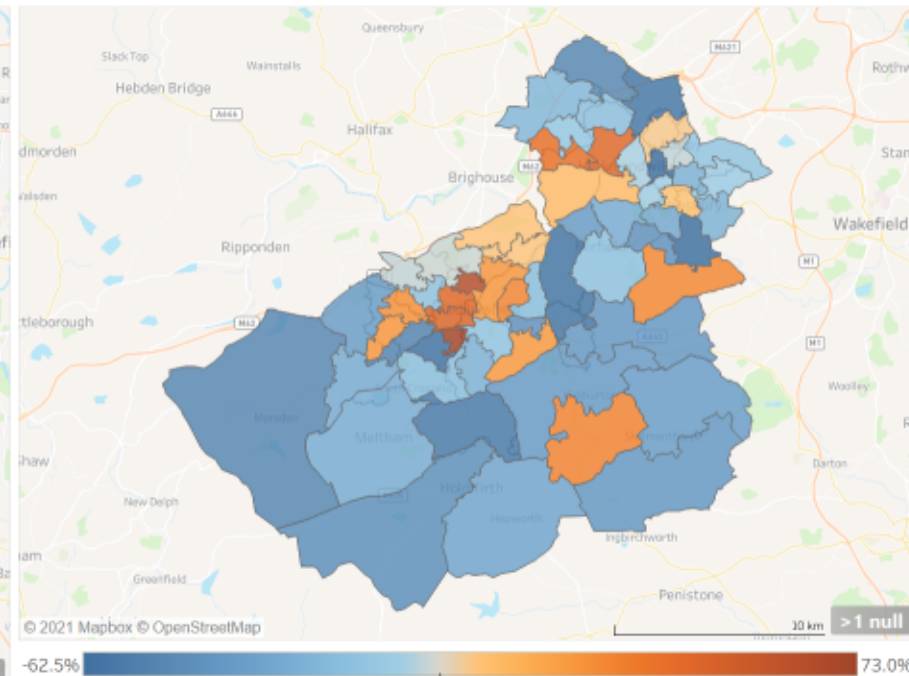
Cases by Middle Super Output Area

- Latest complete week (left) and difference to previous four weeks (right)
- Highest numbers in Lockwood (48 cases), Holmfirth/New Mill/Hepworth (39), and Huddersfield Leeds Road/Fartown (36) in latest week

Cases by MSOA, latest week

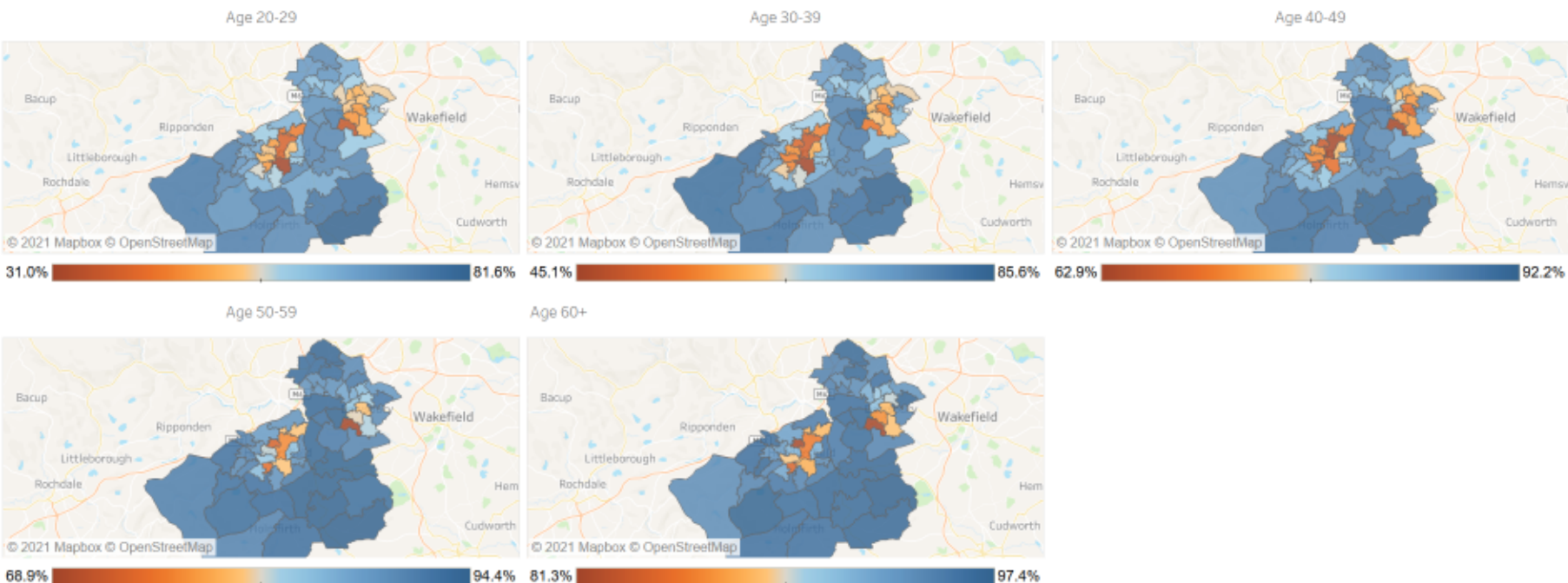


Difference to previous 4 weeks



Vaccination dose 1 uptake maps by age

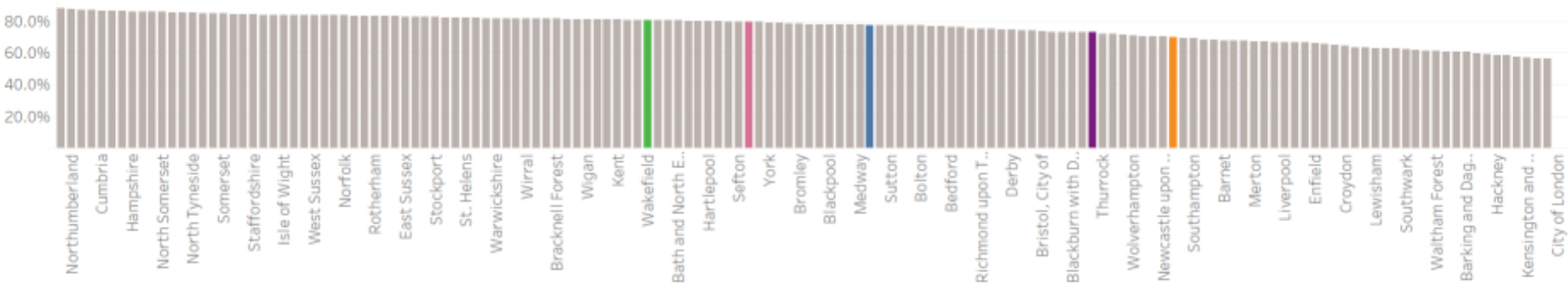
- Blue areas have highest uptake rates and orange areas have lowest rates; note uptake range varies by age group (eligible population used as denominator, data to 01/08/21)



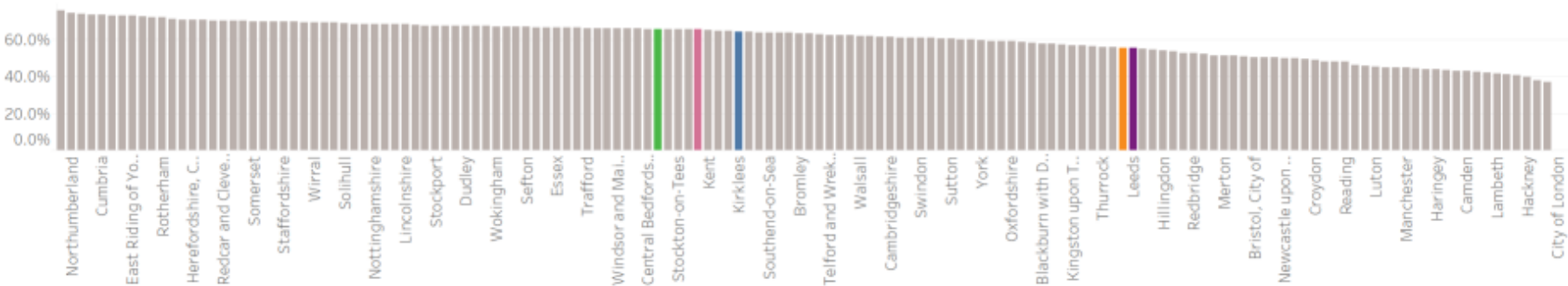
Vaccination uptake comparison, UTLAs

- West Yorkshire LAs highlighted (Wakefield green, Calderdale pink, Kirklees blue, Leeds purple, Bradford orange)

Dose 1 uptake rate (% of eligible population age 16+)

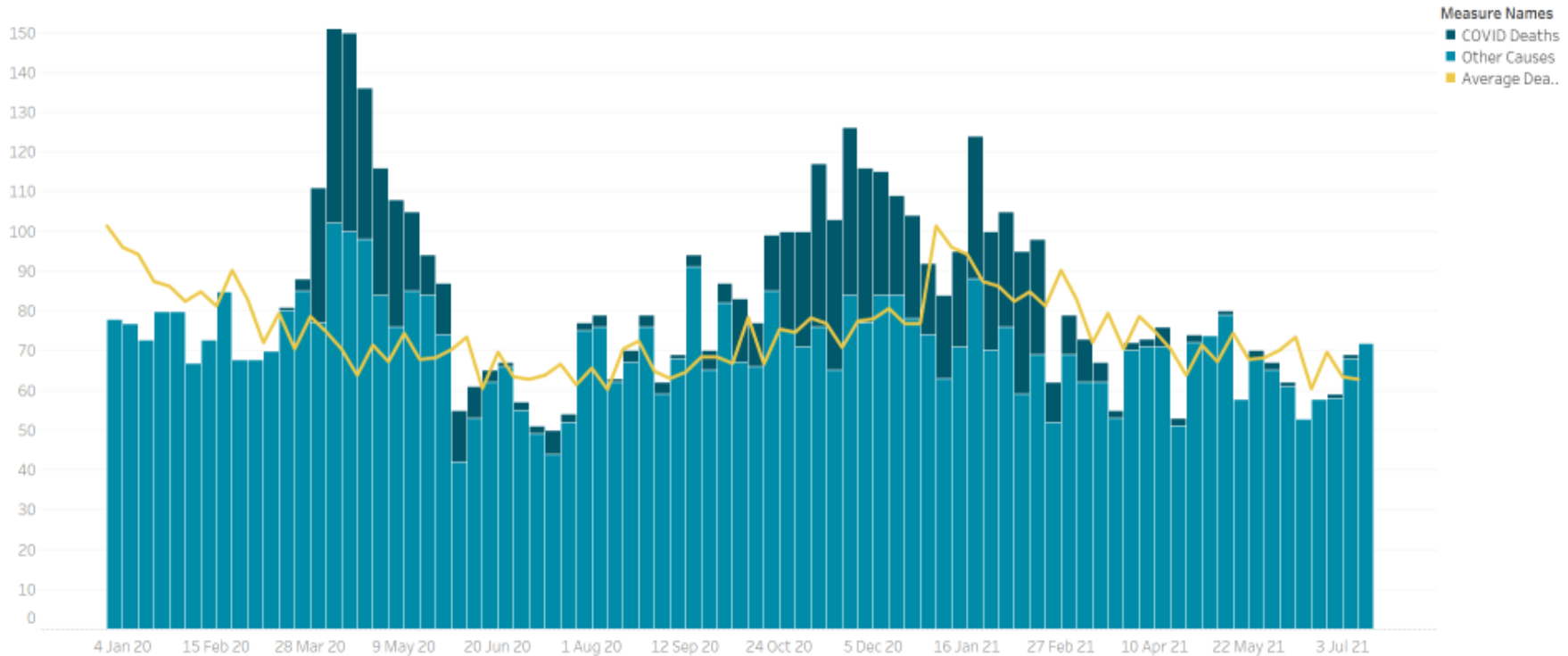


Dose 2 uptake rate (% of eligible population age 16+)



Overall and excess deaths (ONS)

- Total number of deaths above the 5-year weekly average for latest two weeks



The approach being taken by Public Protection to offering advice/guidance/information to businesses on health and safety measures

- Step 4 Letter to all Hospitality
- Working with Health and Safety Executive completing advice visits to all Manufacturing Business throughout Kirklees
- Health and Safety/Covid Compliant Business visits – Supermarkets, Restaurants, Takeaways and Public Houses
- Gyms
- Children's Soft play
- Covid 19 advice through SAG to event organisers
- Door Knocking Visits- Positive Cases/Contacts/LCTS- Average 250-300 per day
- Covid Outbreak – advice visits



The approach to dealing with local events and public spaces where there are likely to be high numbers of people

Prior to step 4 on 19 July 2021- Infection Prevention Control and Environmental Health colleagues have been heavily involved in the process of the Safety Advisory Group, ensuring that covid-19 measure were in place for example Funfairs.

Inspections by Officers have taken place to ensure compliance/support/challenge.



Local enforcement options

Need to consider :

Reason to take enforcement;

- Complaints
- Outbreaks linked to the business
- Failure to comply with advice/guidance
- Level of Risk to Employees/Members of the Public (Exposure)
- Are staff or Customers in an High Risk Group
- Have they completed a Risk Assessment

Limited Enforcement Available:

- Section 21 Health and Safety at Work Act – Improvement Notice (Min 21 days)
- The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (27th Sept 21)

Serve a Direction imposing prohibition, requirement or restriction on: An Event

Public Outdoor Space

Premises



The approach to dealing with Covid booster vaccination including Flu vaccinations

JCVI has now published their interim guidance on booster vaccinations:

“JCVI advises that any potential booster programme should begin in September 2021, in order to maximise protection in those who are most vulnerable to serious COVID-19 ahead of the winter months. Influenza vaccines are also delivered in autumn, and JCVI considers that, where possible, a synergistic approach to the delivery of COVID-19 and influenza vaccination could support delivery and maximise uptake of both vaccines”.



Stage 1:

- adults aged 16 years and over who are immunosuppressed;
- those living in residential care homes for older adults;
- all adults aged 70 years or over;
- adults aged 16 years and over who are considered clinically extremely vulnerable;
- frontline health and social care workers.

Stage 2:

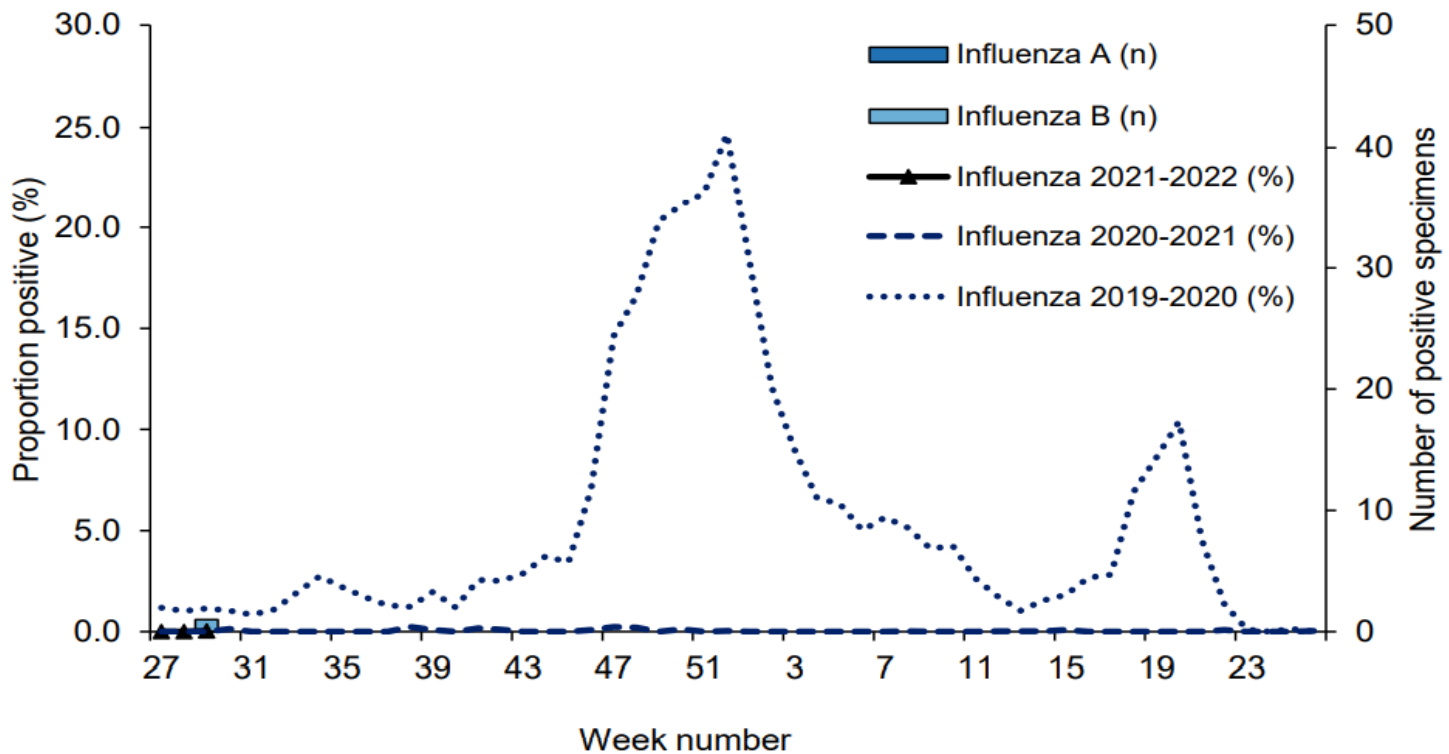
- all adults aged 50 years and over
- adults aged 16 – 49 years who are in an influenza or COVID-19 at-risk group.
- adult household contacts of immunosuppressed individuals'

No decision on the vaccination of younger adults yet, this will be provided when more information is available.



Weekly positivity (%) for Influenza in England up to Week 23 (up to 13 June 2021)

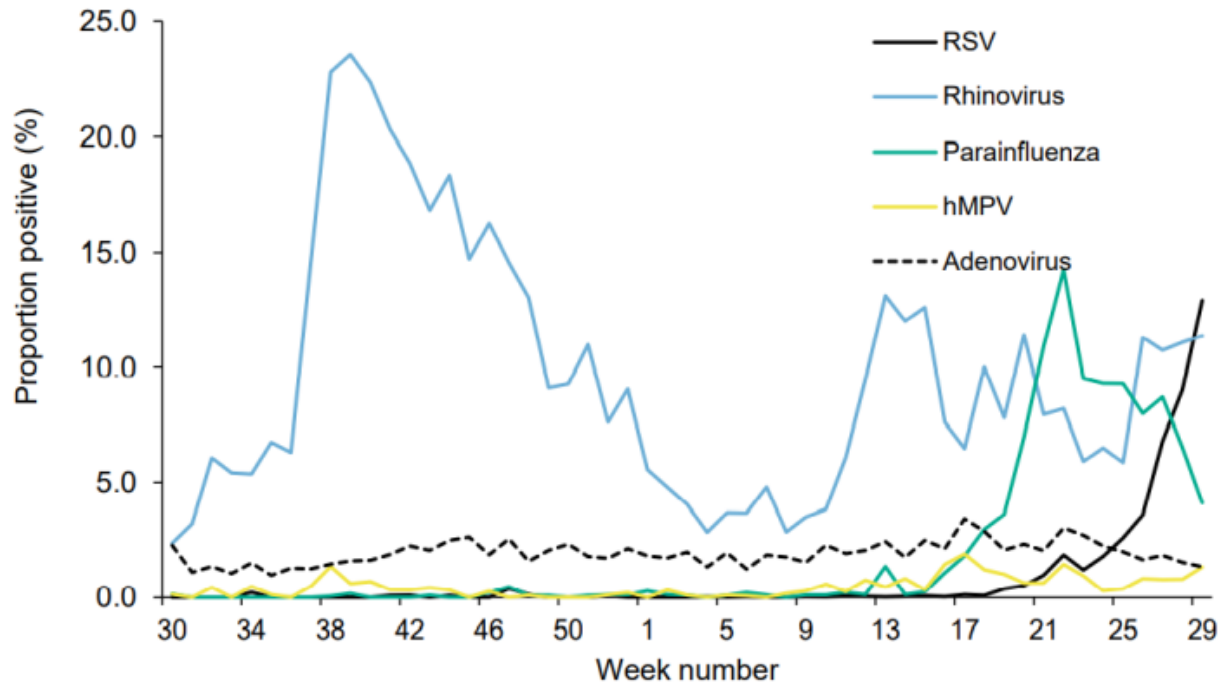
Figure 14: DataMart samples positive for influenza and weekly positivity (%) for influenza, England



Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) up to week 29 (up to 18 July 2021)

Respiratory infections in young children have begun to rise out of season, following low infection levels in response to COVID-19 restrictions and good infection control measures that have been in place.

Figure 16: DataMart weekly positivity (%) for other respiratory viruses, England



Long Covid

The 'Short report on Long Covid' from the Office of National Statistics dated 22/7/2021 states "there is no universally agreed definition of long COVID, but it covers a broad range of symptoms such as fatigue, muscle pain and difficulty concentrating".

Over the period 7 April to 13 June 2021, 6.2% of adults said they may have experienced long COVID since the start of the pandemic; this includes 3.6% who said they had experienced long COVID, and 2.6% who said they were unsure if they had experienced long COVID;

A further 10.1% reported they had at some point had a positive test for or believed they'd had coronavirus (COVID-19) but had not experienced long COVID.



Long Covid plan 2021-22

Further £100m investment Ten point plan –

1. £30m to develop locally enhanced services by GPs.
2. £70m for diagnostics, rehabilitation and assessment clinics.
3. Care co-ordination – clinical role
4. 15 long Covid paediatric hubs
5. Develop rehabilitation pathways
6. Extend use of Your Covid recovery.
7. Collect and publish data from Sept 2021.
8. Focus on equity of access to services and outcomes.
9. Promote good clinical practice through national learning network.
10. Support NHS staff suffering from long Covid by timely access to services.

