Community Respiratory Illness Surveillance Program (CRISP) Situation Report: March 27, 2026 (Reporting Period March 8 – March 21, 2026)

In the most recent surveillance week, COVID-19 test positivity has declined, RSV remains stable and Influenza has increased. Hospitalizations have increased for Influenza, COVID-19 continues to decline, and RSV hospitalizations remain stable. The most commonly detected virus by sentinel providers was human Metapneumovirus (hMV). No deaths associated with COVID-19 or Influenza were reported, and vaccine coverage remains at 22% for Influenza and 14% for COVID-19. Saskatchewan residents may book Influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations **at 4flu.ca.**

Viral Indicators:

- COVID-19 test positivity has decreased over the past four weeks from 4.9% in the week ending February 28 to 2.2% in the week ending March 21. In the current week, half of the cases were adults aged 65 years and older (50.0%).
- Influenza test positivity has increased over the past four weeks from 4.9% in the week ending February 28 to 10.0% in the week ending March 21. This increase was largely due to an increase in influenza B detections, which have surpassed Influenza A detections. In the current reporting period, 244 Influenza detections have been reported of which 228 (93.4%) were Influenza B and 16 (6.6%) were Influenza A.
- RSV test positivity has decreased from 11.6% in the week ending February 28 to 9.7% in the week ending March 21. In the current week cases remain highest among children less than 5 years (44.9%) and adults 65 years and older (32.2%).
- From February 1 to March 14, 2026, XFG and its sublineages (denoted as XFG*) were the most commonly detected COVID-19 variants (65.2%), followed by NB.1.8.1* (32.1%) and XFY (2.1%).
- Provincial COVID-19 wastewater levels remained low during this reporting period.

Community Indicators:

- The number of respiratory-like illness calls to 811 HealthLine increased from 81.7 calls per 1,000 calls in the week ending March 14 to 94.8 calls per 1,000 calls in the week ending March 21.
- Over the past four weeks, RSV, Rhinovirus, Adenovirus, and Human Metapneumovirus were the most frequently detected viruses identified by sentinel healthcare providers.
- School absenteeism increased to 12.2% for the week ending March 21 compared to 11.5% for the week ending March 14.

Outbreaks:

- Nineteen respiratory virus associated outbreaks were reported in high-risk settings (long-term care facilities, personal care homes and group homes) in this reporting period. One outbreak was due to COVID-19, five were due to RSV and thirteen were due to other respiratory viruses.

Severe Outcomes (Hospitalizations/ICU admissions/Deaths):

- In the past two weeks, hospitalizations for influenza and RSV increased, while COVID-19 hospitalizations decreased compared to the previous two-week period. During the same time, ICU admissions for COVID-19 and influenza decreased, while RSV ICU admissions remained stable.
- No Influenza or COVID-19 -associated deaths were reported over the past two weeks.

Table 1: Viral indicators by surveillance period, February 22 – March 21, 2026

Report date	SARS-CoV-2 positive laboratory test	SARS-CoV-2 test positivity	COVID-19 outbreaks	Influenza positive laboratory test	Influenza test positivity	Influenza outbreaks	RSV positive laboratory test	RSV test positivity	RSV outbreaks	'Other'[1] positive laboratory test	'Other'[1] sample positivity	'Other'[1] outbreaks
Mar 15 – Mar 21	32	2.2%	0	141	10.0%	0	124	9.7%	0	168	34.7%	4
Mar 8 – Mar 14	52	3.5%	1	103	6.9%	0	126	9.2%	5	157	31.9%	9
Mar 1 – Mar 7	49	3.6%	1	67	5.0%	0	130	10.5%	4	159	36.3%	5
Feb 22 – Feb 28	71	4.9%	4	70	4.9%	0	156	11.6%	1	162	32.5%	5

Notes: [1]*Parainfluenza viruses 1 – 4; Adenovirus; Human Metapneumovirus, seasonal Coronavirus and Entero/Rhinovirus.*

[#]*Starting with the week of October 22-28, 2023, the method for calculating test positivity for "Other" respiratory viruses has changed to more accurately reflect the number of positive results in laboratory samples tested for "other" respiratory viruses. Samples that tested positive for more than one of the "Other" viruses are counted only once. See Technical Notes for details.*

Table 2: Lab-confirmed respiratory illness by age group, March 15 – March 21, 2026

Age group (Years)	COVID-19 case count	Influenza case count	RSV case count	'Other' virus case count[1]
0 – 4	3 (10.0%)	12 (9.0%)	53 (44.9%)	168
5 – 19	5 (16.7%)	57 (42.9%)	4 (3.4%)	
20 – 64	7 (23.3%)	58 (43.6%)	23 (19.5%)	
≥65	15 (50.0%)	6 (4.5%)	38 (32.2%)	
Total	**30 (100%)**	**133 (100%)**	**118 (100%)**	**168 (100%)**

Notes: *[1]Parainfluenza viruses 1 – 4; Adenovirus; Human Metapneumovirus, seasonal Coronavirus and Entero/Rhinovirus; age-specific data is unavailable for other respiratory pathogens. Individuals with co-infection of "Other" viruses are only counted once. Due to the rounding, total percentage may not add to 100%. See Technical Notes for further details.*

Table 3: Sentinel* indicators by surveillance period, Saskatchewan, February 22 – March 21, 2026

Report date	School illness absenteeism[1]	RLI** 811 calls per 1,000	SARS-CoV-2 Wastewater indicator[2]	Sentinel provider test positivity[3]	Most commonly detected virus: Sentinel providers[3]
Mar 15 – Mar 21	12.2%	94.8	Non-detect (n= 5), Low (n= 5), Medium (n= 0), Medium-high (n= 0), High (n= 0)	67% (n=14)	hMPV
Mar 8 – Mar 14	11.5%	81.7	Non-detect (n= 4), Low (n= 4), Medium (n= 1), Medium-high (n= 0), High (n= 0)	50% (n=8)	RSV, Adenovirus, Rhinovirus
Mar 1 – Mar 7	11.9%	89.1	Non-detect (n= 2), Low (n= 6), Medium (n= 0), Medium-high (n= 1), High (n= 0)	55% (n=11)	hMPV
Feb 22 – Feb 28	11.2%	99.1	Non-detect (n= 2), Low (n= 3), Medium (n= 3), Medium-high (n= 1), High (n= 0)	61% (n=11)	Rhinovirus

*Notes: *Sentinel surveillance are sampling programs representative of the population; [1]School absenteeism is the proportion of scheduled children who were absent from the class due to illness. The type of illness is not specified. 2Count of wastewater treatment facilities reporting low, moderate or high levels of viral load causing COVID-19 infection. See Technical Notes and appendix for details. 3Most commonly detected virus in Sentinel providers: COVID-19, Influenza A/B, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), Adenovirus, human Metapneumovirus(*hMPV*), Rhinovirus, Parainfluenza viruses (PIV) 1-4, and seasonal Coronaviruses (229E, HKU1, NL63, and OC43).*

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Table 4: Outcome, health care capacity, and immunization coverage indicators by surveillance period, Saskatchewan, February 22 – March 21, 2026[¥]

Report date	Hospital admissions – COVID-19[1]	ICU admissions – COVID-19	Hospital admissions – Influenza	ICU admissions – Influenza	Hospital admissions – RSV	ICU admissions – RSV	% of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients[2]	Deaths – COVID-19	Deaths – Influenza[3]	Proportion of population with COVID-19 vaccine administered[4]	Proportion of population immunized for Influenza vaccine[4]
Mar 15 – Mar 21	7	0	15	1	33	2	0.4%	0	0	14.0%	21.9%
Mar 8 – Mar 14	9	0	11	0	34	6	0.5%	0	0	14.0%	21.9%
Mar 1 – Mar 7	13	2	9	1	33	5	0.6%	0	0	14.0%	21.8%
Feb 22 – Feb 28	14	1	9	1	29	3	0.8%	0	0	14.0%	21.8%

*[¥]Additional information on hospital admission stratified by respiratory organism and age group is provided below in **Figure 3** and **4** respectively. Viral infection may not be the main reason for the admission.*

Cases by respiratory organisms across the age groups

- From March 8, 2026, to March 21, 2026, there were 145 respiratory illness cases hospitalized with lab-positive COVID-19 (16), Influenza (26), RSV (67) other respiratory illnesses (31), and co-infected cases (5). The COVID-19 lab positives were among the age groups of 0-19 (2), 20-59 (6) and ≥60 (8). The Influenza lab positives were in the age group of 0-19 (6), 20-59 (15) and ≥60 (5). The RSV lab positives were in the age group of 0-19 (35), 20-59 (5) and ≥60 (27). The other respiratory lab positives were in the age group of 0-19 (23), 20-59 (2) and ≥60 (6). Co-Infected lab positives were in the age group of 0-19 (2) and 20-59 (3).
- From March 8, 2026, to March 21, 2026, there were 16 respiratory illness cases admitted to the ICU with lab-positive COVID-19 (0), Influenza (1), RSV (8), other respiratory illnesses (7) and co-infected cases (0). The COVID-19 lab positives were among the age groups of 20-59 (1). The RSV lab positives were in the age group of 0-19 (4), 20-59 (3) and ≥60 (1). The other respiratory lab positives were in the age group of 0-19 (2), 20-59 (3) and ≥60 (2).

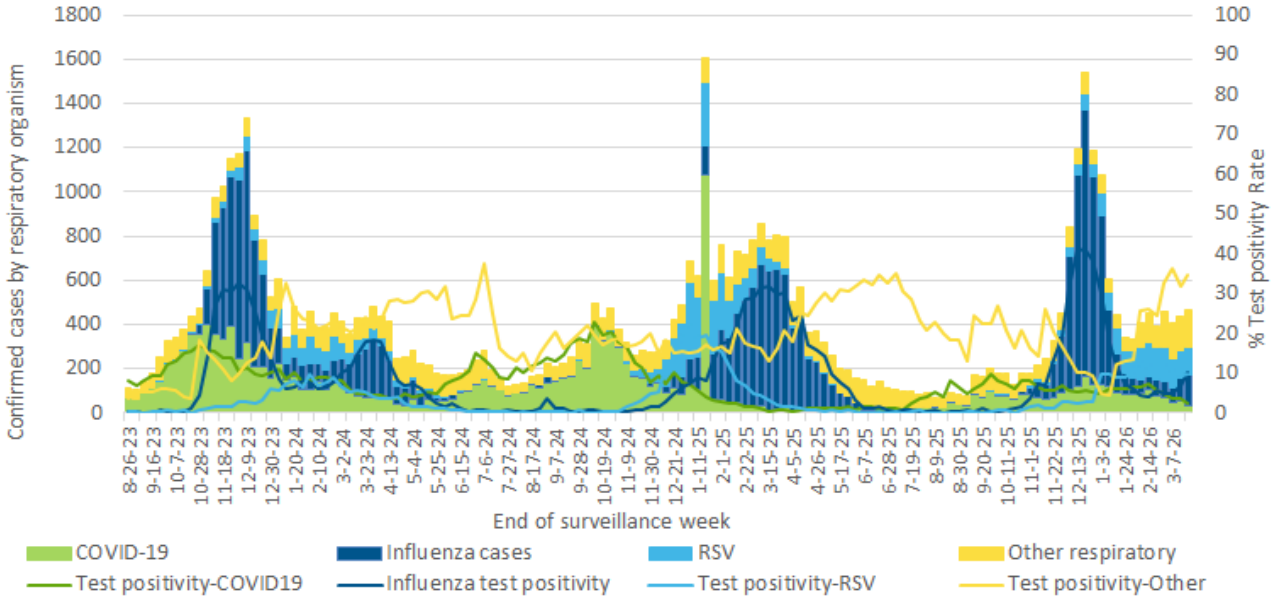
- Notes: 1 The delay in date tested result affects the total number of Influenza (A/B), RSV and other respiratory virus admissions for a particular day. This lag in data impacts mostly the last couple of days from the day the report is updated. The counts for influenza, RSV, and other respiratory virus-associated hospital and ICU admissions refer to individuals with laboratory or point of care tests positive for influenza, RSV, and other respiratory viruses, respectively, occurring within four days before the admission date AND/OR at any point during the hospital stay. The counts for COVID-19 hospital and ICU admissions refer to individuals with laboratory tests positive for COVID-19 virus, occurring within 21 days before the admission date and/or at any point during the hospital stay or 7 days from the discharge. Episodes of care consider patients total movement within the health system related to their condition. It combines 2 or more admission from 2 or more different facilities if they are transferred (No break in care). Transfer: Admission to any other hospital within 24 hours of discharge from previous hospital. Co-infected cases: positive for influenza and RSV or, positive for influenza and other respiratory virus or positive for RSV and other respiratory viruses or, positive for COVID-19 and influenza or, positive for COVID-19 and RSV or, Positive for COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses. Other includes Parainfluenza 1-4, Adenovirus, Enterovirus, Human Metapneumovirus, Rhinovirus, Seasonal Coronavirus (O43, NL63, 229E, HKU1f.)

[2]7-day average of percentage of acute inpatient beds staffed and in operation that are occupied by COVID-positive patients as of 8AM census

[3]Includes deaths entered into Panorama IOM among lab-confirmed cases. Deaths reported based on the actual date of death. Deaths reported in previous periods subject to change due death reporting data lags.

[4]The fall immunization campaign for COVID-19 and influenza started on October 14, 2025. The first doses of COVID-19 and influenza vaccines arrived in SK the week of September 21. Coverage is based on doses administered on or after September 21, 2025. Influenza vaccines were administered starting September 29, 2025, and COVID-19 vaccine doses were administered starting October 6, 2025.

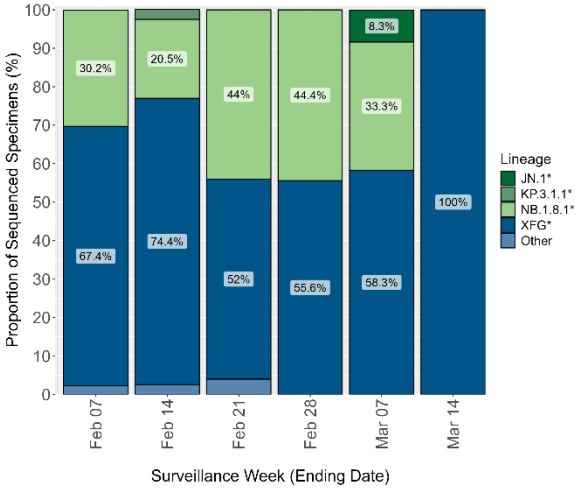
Figure 1: Epidemic curve, respiratory illness by organism and test positivity, August 20, 2023 – March 21, 2026



Data sources: Panorama IOM extracted on March 23, 2026 (COVID-19 cases)
Respiratory Virus Detections Surveillance System (influenza and other respiratory) (RRPL extracted March 23, 2026)
As of November 19, 2022, COVID-19 cases include new and reinfections.

For the two weeks of March 8, 2026, to March 21, 2026, there were:
- 30 COVID-19 cases (6 were 0 to 19 years; 7 were 20 to 64 years; and 15 were 65 years and older).
- 224 Influenza lab detections
- 250 RSV detections
- 325 other viral lab detections (parainfluenza, adenovirus, human metapneumovirus, rhinovirus, coronavirus)

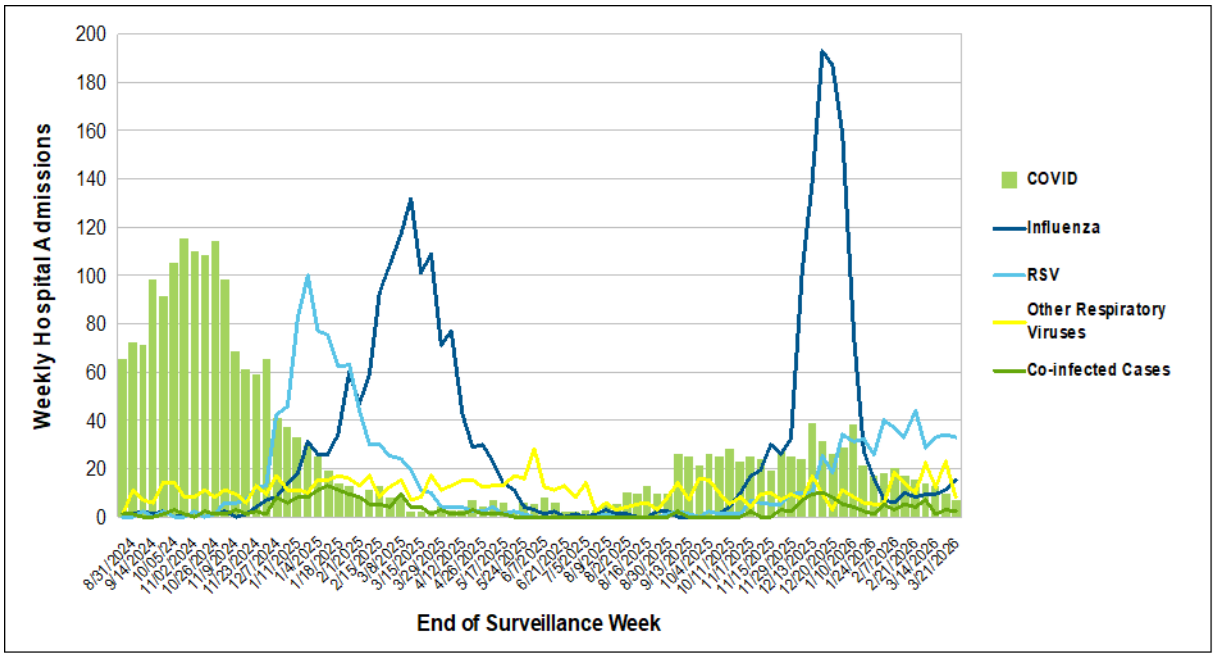
Figure 2: Percentage of SARS-CoV-2 variants, February 01, 2025 – March 14, 2026¥*

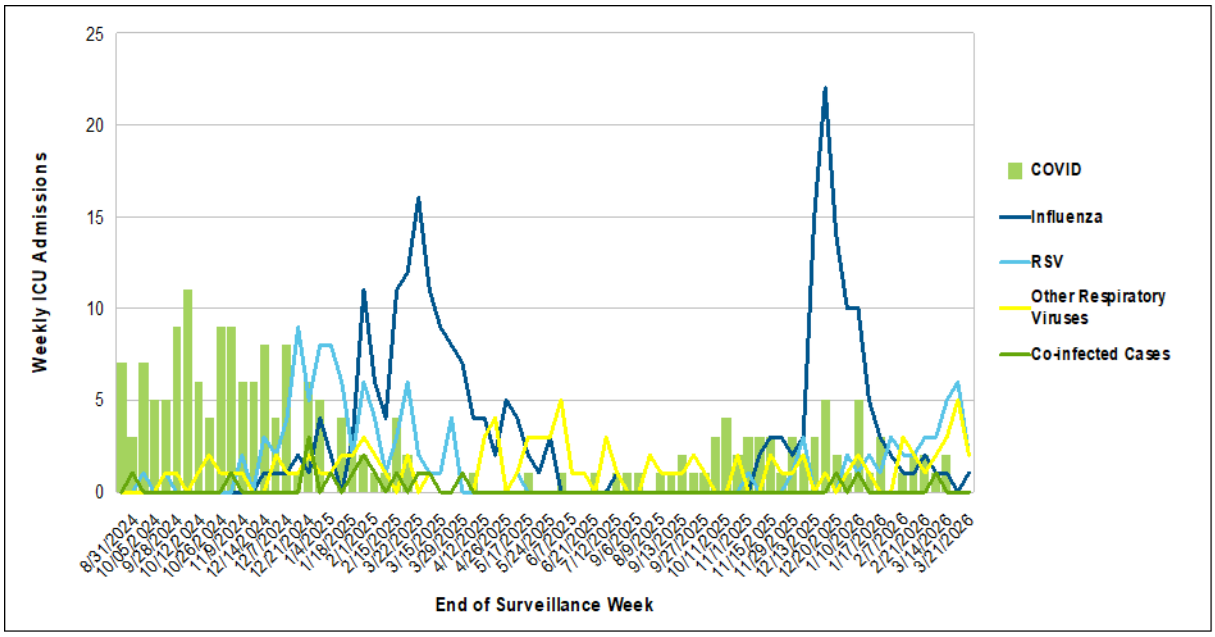


Lineage	Feb 07	Feb 14	Feb 21	Feb 28	Mar 07	Mar 14
JN.1*	0	0	0	0	1	0
KP.3.1.1*	0	1	0	0	0	0
NB.1.8.1*	13	8	11	8	4	0
XFG*	29	29	13	10	7	4
Other	1	1	1	0	0	0
Total	43	39	25	18	12	4

Data Source: *Roy Romanow Provincial Laboratory, Saskatchewan Health Authority, as of March 23, 2026*
¥ Surveillance weeks correspond to specimen collection date.
** Parent lineage reported also includes all sublineages derived from this parent lineage.*
"Other" represents non-VOC variant groups and their sublineages. For the current period, the Other category includes XFY (3 cases).

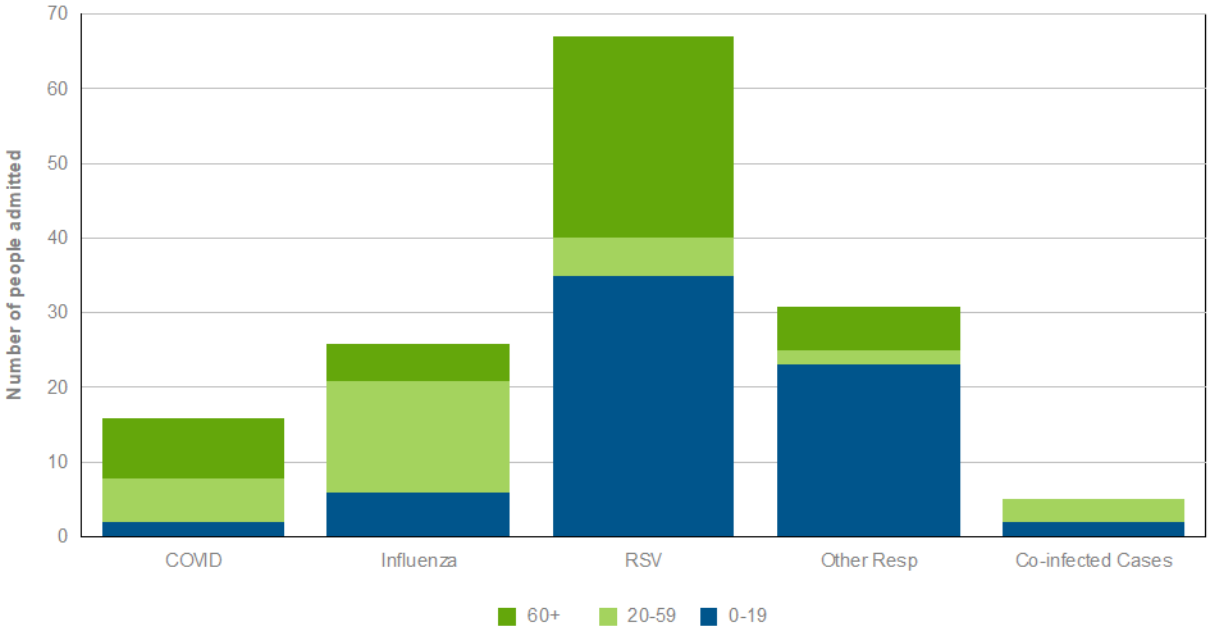
Figure 3: The number of COVID-19, Influenza, RSV, other respiratory viruses, and co-infected cases admitted to hospital and ICU by week of the admission, August 25, 2024 – March 21, 2026*





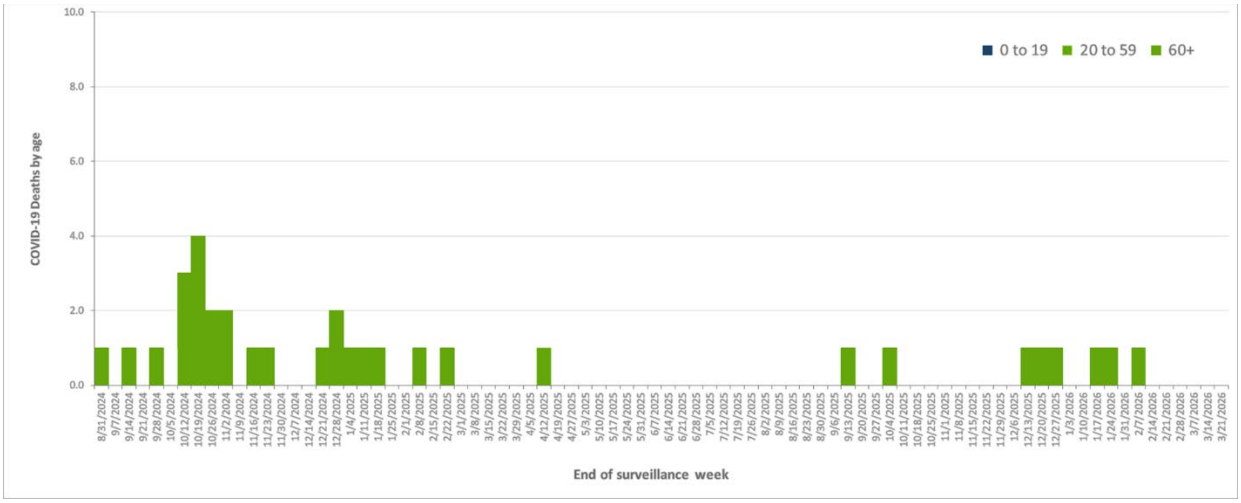
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Figure 4: The number of COVID-19, Influenza, RSV, other respiratory viruses, and co-infected cases admitted to hospital by age group, March 08 – March 21, 2026*



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Figure 5: COVID-19 deaths by age group and week, August 25, 2024 – March 21, 2026*



Source: Panorama March 23, 2026
In the past two weeks, March 8, 2026, to March 21, 2026, no deaths were reported among COVD-19 cases.
**Total COVID-19 deaths from March 2020 to date; n=2,105*

Table 5: Community Respiratory Infection Surveillance Program Indicators by zone, March 15 – March 21, 2026

Location	Test positivity – SARS-CoV-2 [1] (positive lab tests)	Test positivity – Influenza (positive lab tests)	Test positivity – RSV (positive lab tests)	RLI* 811 calls per 1,000[3]	School illness absenteeism[4]	Wastewater indicator†	Proportion of population with COVID-19 vaccine administered[5]		Proportion of population with Influenza vaccine adminstered[5]	
							<65 Yrs	≥65 Yrs	<65 Yrs	≥65 Yrs
Far North West (Meadow Lake & area)	7.4% (5)	14.1% (9)	17.2% (11)	-	8.4%	Low	2.6%	22.8%	7.9%	39.6%
Far North Central	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	-	0.0%	No Data	1.0%	7.1%	10.9%	27.7%
Far North East (La Ronge & area)	0.0% (0)	23.4% (11)	8.5% (4)	-	8.0%	Non-detect	3.8%	29.5%	11.1%	44.1%
North West (Lloydminster & area/North Battleford)	1.9% (2)	12.0% (16)	8.9% (11)	128.4	13.7%	Non-detect	4.4%	33.7%	9.9%	46.1%
North Central (Prince Albert & area)	0.0% (0)	7.8% (6)	17.3% (13)	-	13.0%	Low	6.2%	40.2%	12.4%	52.5%
North East (Melfort & area)	6.2% (4)	5.2% (3)	11.9% (7)	123.7	12.7%	No Data	6.6%	37.6%	13.2%	50.2%
Saskatoon	0.9% (3)	8.2% (25)	9.9% (30)	103.9	12.5%	Low	10.9%	48.0%	18.3%	57.4%
Central West (Kindersley & area)	2.9% (1)	11.4% (4)	6.7% (2)	-	13.1%	No Data	5.7%	40.6%	14.4%	55.6%
Central East (Yorkton/Melville & area)	3.7% (5)	3.9% (5)	10.0% (11)	-	11.6%	Low	5.9%	37.5%	12.4%	49.9%
Regina	1.2% (3)	5.2% (13)	5.7% (14)	76.6	11.4%	Non-detect	9.9%	49.5%	16.3%	59.1%
South West (Swift Current/ Maple Creek & area)	3.0% (2)	28.4% (19)	8.8% (5)	118.0	13.1%	Non-detect	6.6%	36.9%	15.2%	50.6%
South Central (Moose Jaw & area)	1.3% (1)	8.0% (6)	8.1% (6)	-	12.5%	Non-detect	6.3%	39.9%	13.3%	52.7%
South East (Weyburn/Estevan & area)	3.6% (2)	12.5% (7)	15.2% (7)	55.6	12.7%	Low	4.9%	35.8%	12.8%	52.2%
Unknown/Out of Province	3.0% (4)	16.2% (17)	7.0% (3)	-	10.7%	-	-	-	-	-
SASKATCHEWAN	**2.2% (32)**	**10.0% (141)**	**9.7% (124)**	**94.8**	**12.2%**	-	**8.1%**	**42.4%**	**15.0%**	**54.1%**

Notes: *[1]By week of lab detection; effective Oct 30, 2022, includes cases who tested positive more than once >= 90 days apart; ^ [1]For COVID-19 test positivity, all tests reported were performed within the province. [3] 811 data available at the six Integrated Service Areas geographical level. Unknown represents the number of students who were absent from the class due to illness with no known geography for the school. [4]School absenteeism is the proportion of scheduled children who were absent from the class due to illness. The type of illness is not specified. †SK overall estimate is currently unavailable as this metric tends to overestimate and underestimate WW level due to varied patterns across regions, which is difficult to synchronize with the population size of each region. [5]The fall immunization campaign for COVID-19 and Influenza started on October 14, 2025. The first doses of COVID-19 and Influenza vaccines arrived in SK the week of September 21. Coverage is based on doses administered on or after September 21, 2025.*

Technical Notes

1. Laboratory surveillance: Conducted through epidemiological analyses and positivity rate monitoring (counts and proportion of positive specimens, week of specimen collection, age category, geographical area, etiological type where applicable) of selected respiratory specimens submitted to the provincial laboratory in SK. Whole genome sequencing is conducted to detect changes (emergence of sub-lineages, variant proportion, etc) of clinical and public health importance among circulating respiratory organisms.

2. Sentinel health providers: Comprise a geographical-based network in practices across the province (n = 13 zones) who submit one to two specimens weekly to the Microbiology section of Royal University Hospital and the Molecular Diagnostics section of Roy Romanow Provincial Laboratory (RRPL), Saskatchewan Health Authority, from patients presenting with respiratory-like symptoms. Specimens are tested for a wider complement of respiratory organisms to monitor respiratory illness activity in the community. Assessment of co-infection (infected by more than one respiratory virus organism concurrently) occurs through sentinel provider submissions.

3. Wastewater data: Provided by the Roy Romanow Provincial Laboratory Wastewater Testing Team. Viral load for each zone was used to determine risk levels (Low, Medium, Medium-High, and High) based on viral copies per unit volume and weekly change percentage. Locations sampled include Saskatoon, Regina, Moose Jaw, North Battleford, Swift Current, Yorkton, Weyburn, Estevan, Meadow Lake, Melville, Town of Battleford, La Ronge, Unity, Assiniboia, Maple Creek, Lumsden, Watrous, Île-à-la-Crosse, Birch Hills, Southey, and Pasqua First Nation.

4. HealthLine 811 callers with Respiratory Symptoms (RLI): This count of response protocols collected by HealthLine nurses specific to callers reporting respiratory-like symptoms. HealthLine data is collected for a seven-day week, Monday to Sunday. Data is transformed into the rate of callers with respiratory symptoms from each Integrated Service Area (ISA) per 1000 calls from that ISA concerning any type of symptom.

5. A confirmed outbreak: Defined as two or more lab confirmed respiratory virus cases in high-risk settings where transmission is evident or there is a high level of suspicion of transmission. Outbreaks are reported by the week they were reported to the local public health office and not necessarily in the week that the outbreak began. For this report outbreaks in high-risk settings comprise long term care facilities, personal care homes and group homes.

6. COVID hospitalized admissions is the number of C-19 positive cases that during the surveillance week were admitted as an inpatient to an acute care facility. This includes patients with C-19 related illness, incidental COVID infection, and patients under investigation. COVID ICU admissions is the number of C-19 positive cases that during the surveillance week were admitted to an ICU location in SK. This includes both infectious and non-infectious cases.

7. Influenza, RSV and other respiratory virus admissions: Delays in testing results affect the total number of Influenza, RSV and other respiratory virus admissions for a particular day. This lag in data has the greatest impact on the two days prior to when the report is updated. Counts include individuals who are laboratory positive for Influenza, RSV, and other respiratory viruses, within four days prior to date of admission AND/OR at any point during the hospital stay. Episode of Care considers patients' total movement within the health system related to their condition. It combines 2 or more admissions from 2 or more different facilities, if they are transfers (i.e., no break in care). Transfer: Admission to any other hospital within 24 hours of discharge from previous hospital. Co-infected Cases = if positive for Influenza and RSV positive for Influenza and Other Respiratory viruses or, positive for RSV and Other respiratory viruses or, positive for Covid-19 and Influenza or, positive for Covid-19 and RSV or, positive for Covid-19 and Other Respiratory viruses.

8. Variant of Concern (VOC): VOCs are SARS-CoV-2 viruses that have undergone genetic modification or mutation causing altered virus infectivity, replication and pathogenicity. As a result, it can alter host immune response. The Roy Romanow Provincial Laboratory (RRPL) tests for and monitors COVID-19 variants of concern (VOCs) in Saskatchewan. Confirmation of VOC lineages is done by conducting whole genome sequencing (WGS) at RRPL or the National Microbiology Laboratory. It takes one to two weeks to complete WGS from the date a sample is collected. Data sources for VOCs analysis include testing data from the RRPL, and epidemiological information from Panorama. Where geographical zone is missing in RRPL or Panorama data, the Saskatchewan postal code file is used to identify cases' geographical information.

   Lineages JN.1, JN.1.18, LB.1, KP.2, KP.3, KP.3.1.1, XEC are all classified under the WHO label of "Omicron". Lineages that are not explicitly indicated in the analysis are aggregated under their corresponding parent lineage. Percentages are shown when a lineage or variant group constitutes 5% or more of total specimens evaluated for a given surveillance week.

9. COVID-19 cases: Effective September 4, 2022, COVID-19 cases are based on lab detection and include cases who tested positive more than once 90 days, or further, apart. Prior to this, cases include, only, first time cases reported and entered into Panorama.

10. COVID-19 Deaths: Includes deaths entered into Panorama IOM among laboratory confirmed cases. Deaths are reported based on the actual date of death. Deaths in previous periods may be adjusted from previous reports due to data lag.

11. COVID-19 Immunizations: Up to date (UTD) COVID-19 vaccination is the proportion of people, six months and older, having at least one COVID-19 dose this season divided by the eligible population found in the Saskatchewan Covered Population, 09-Sep-2024 Ministry of Health version (2024 Version 1). Vaccination for the current season officially began October 14, 2025. Some doses were administered prior to the start date..

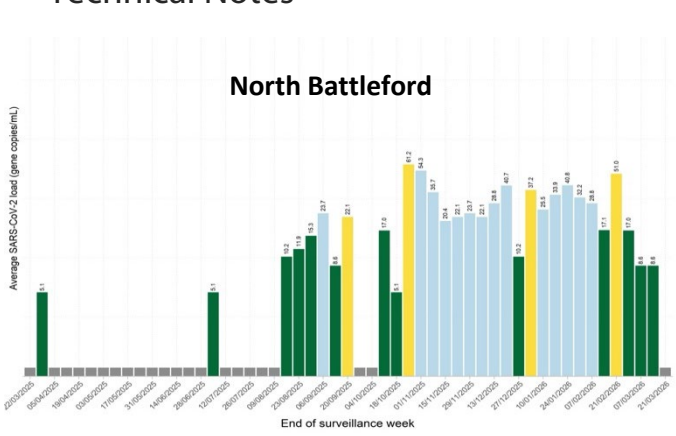
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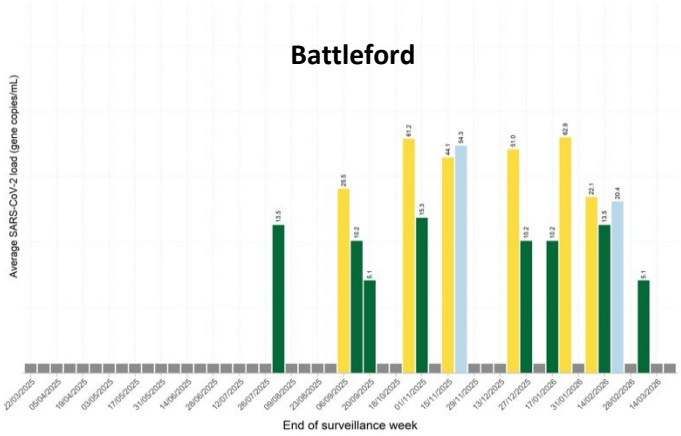
13. Staffed Inpatient beds: Weekly average COVID Occupancy is a 7-Day average percentage of acute inpatient beds staffed and in operation COVID positive patients occupy. The full calculation of this metric is: Average COVID occupance=$\sum$(8am covid census) ÷ $\sum$(8am beds staffed and in operation) × 100%. Where "bed staffed and in operation = "Planned beds" + "Surge Beds" - "Closed" and $\sum$(…) indicates summation over 7-day period from Sunday to Saturday. 8am COVID census is taken from the ADT patient registration, which is fed to the provincial data-mart and archived hourly. 8am planned bed, surge beds, and closed beds is compiled via data feeds from APF (Saskatoon & Regina) and the provincial bed edits interface (INH &IRH).

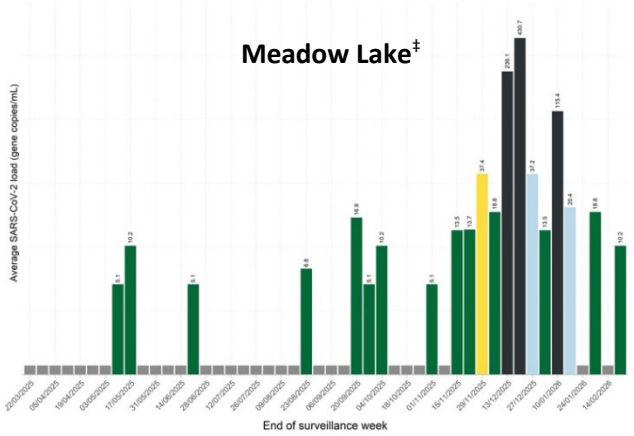
14. Rate of COVID-19 hospitalization (ICU or Death) were calculated by summing the daily number of hospitalizations (ICUs or Deaths) for the period by vaccine status (numerator) divided by the mid period population by respective vaccine status (denominator), multiplied by 100,000. This estimate is further divided by the number of days to obtain the daily rate. Denominator for individuals in the Booster in the past 6-months group are all Saskatchewan residents who have had their booster dose within the last 6 months. To eliminate bias of age all rates are adjusted by age. Direct standardization method is employed using the Saskatchewan population as the standard population. Age at first dose used in the rate calculation. Individuals with unknown age are excluded from age-specific analyses. Estimates of relative risk (i.e., rate ratios) is obtained by comparing vaccinated with 2 doses (Any Booster dose) and unvaccinated. Risk estimates may differ from other reports due to differing methodologies. Relative risk estimates methodology is described elsewhere. See Namrata Bains. *Standardization of Rates* (March 2009).

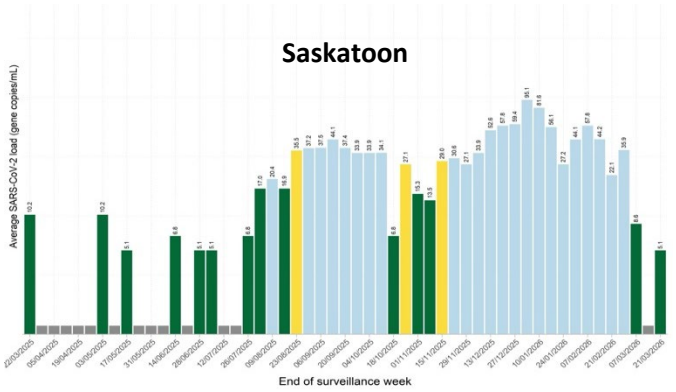
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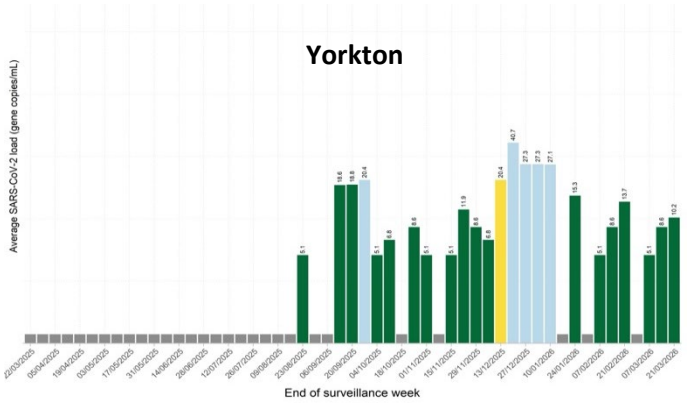
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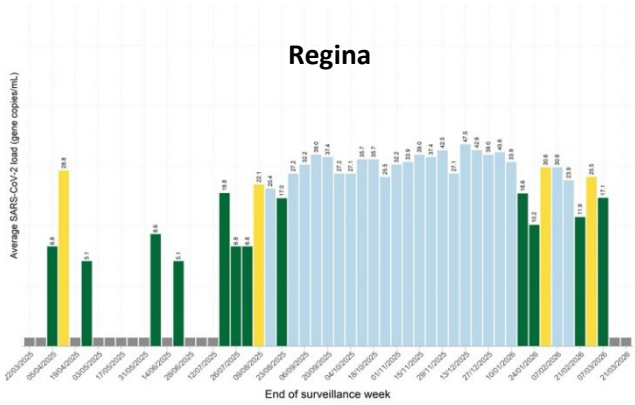


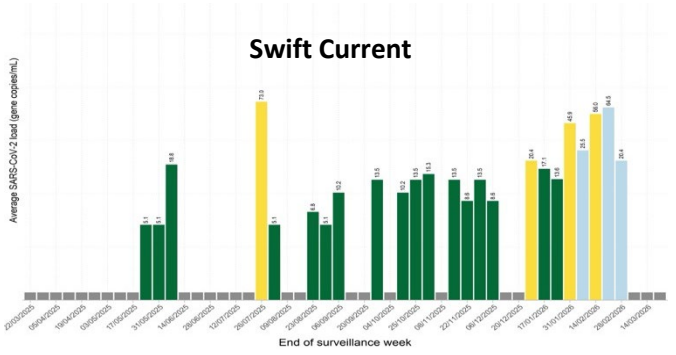


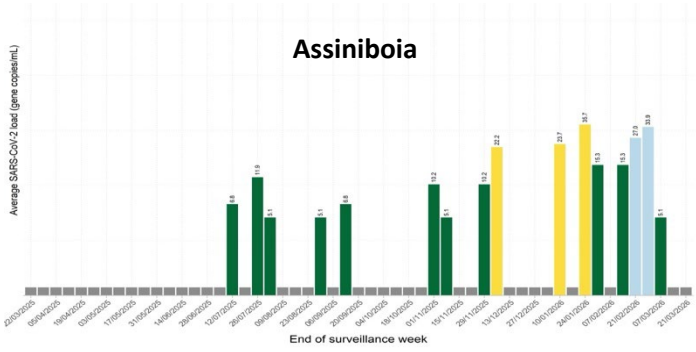


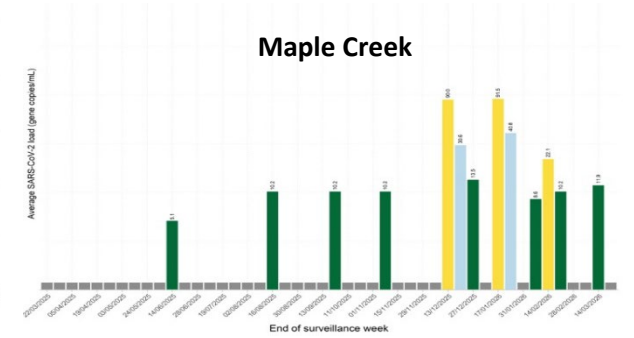










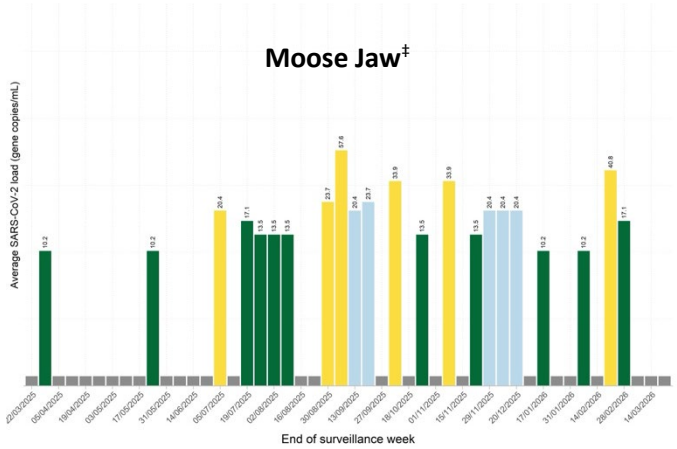


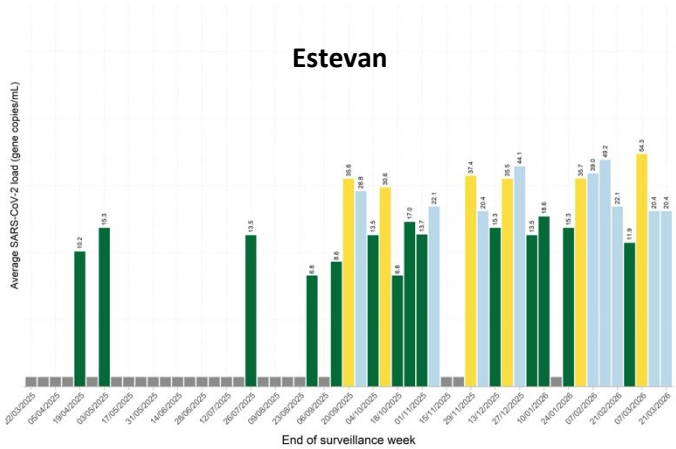
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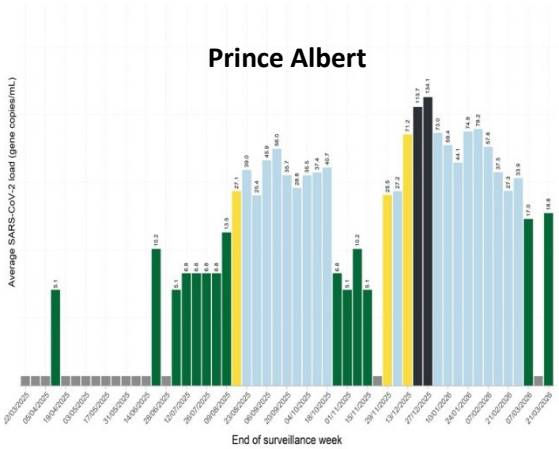
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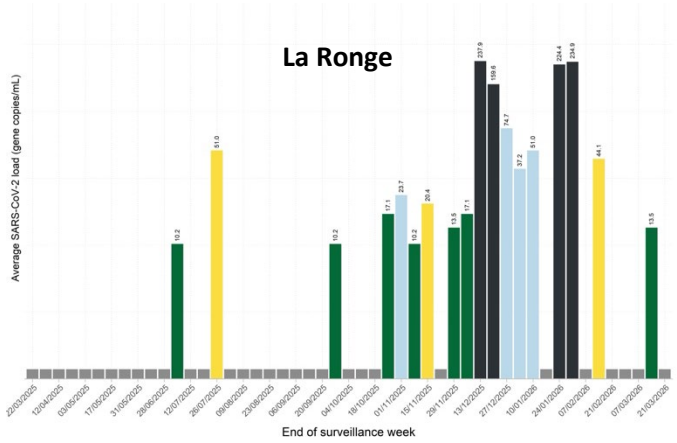
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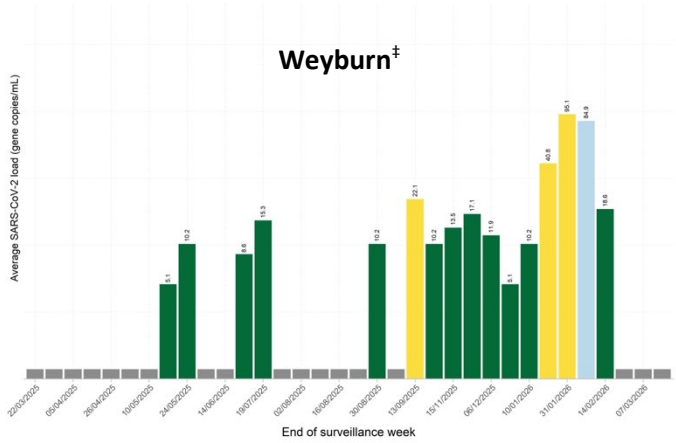
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