Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Report



Public Health Intelligence

Subject: Epidemiological Report for Respiratory Illnesses

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Introduction

This report provides a summary of the available epidemiological data on the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), as well as influenza and RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) activity in Jersey.

The report includes information on COVID-19 PCR testing rates (Figure 1) and shows the volume of positive COVID-19 cases over the last 12 months (Figure 2). Please note that the de-escalation of elements of COVID-19 testing and reporting from the end of January 2023 have affected the COVID-19 surveillance data available, and information should be interpreted with this in mind.

The report also includes the volume of Influenza like-illness (Figure 3), number of positive Influenza cases (Flu A & B, Table 1), and number of positive RSV cases (Table 2) in Jersey to date this season, with comparisons to historic seasons.

Key Points

COVID-19

The number of PCR tests carried out in Jersey in the most recent week was 20 (Figure 1). The number of monthly positive PCR tests of COVID-19 cases from 1st June 2025 to 30th June 2025 was <5 (Figure 2).

In comparison, the most recent data for England shows that COVID-19 activity has increased slightly across most indicators and was at baseline levels.¹

Influenza

Influenza activity in Jersey has remained stable in recent weeks, with the total confirmed influenza A and B positives for the season-to-date at 124 (Table 1). Flu-like illness activity has slightly increased but remains within the normal activity levels for this time of year (Figure 3).

In comparison, the most recent data shows that influenza activity was low and circulated at baseline levels in England.¹

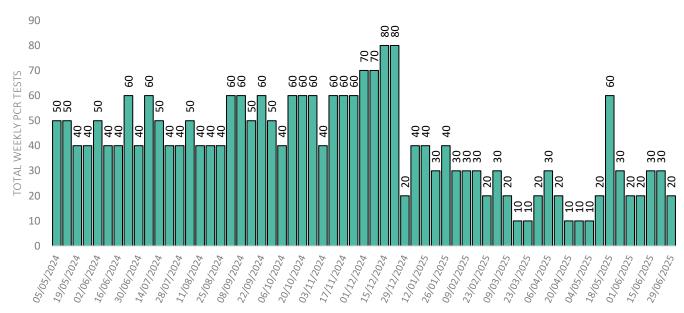
RSV

The total confirmed positive RSV cases this season to date is 106 (Table 2). This season-to-date cumulative number is significantly lower than what has been observed in the previous 3 years.

The most recent data for England shows that RSV activity is decreasing across all indicators and was circulating at baseline levels.¹

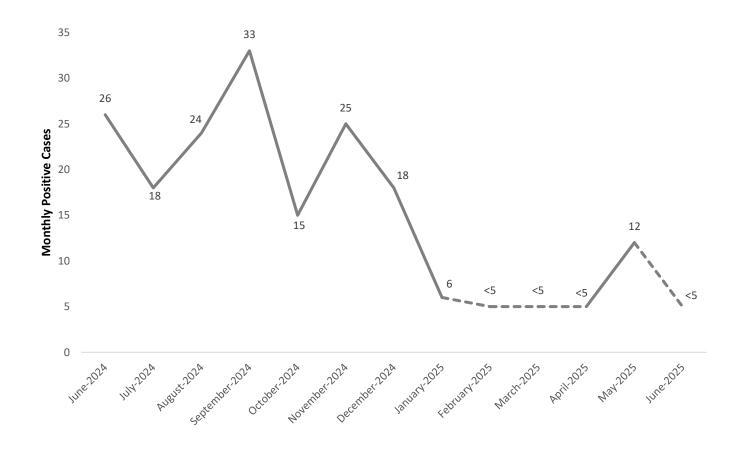
¹ National Influenza and COVID-19 surveillance report - Week 25

Figure 1: Weekly PCR tests* in Jersey over the last 12-month period. Numbers rounded to the nearest 10²



*PCR testing for the general population ceased at the end of January 2023. From 1st April 2023, pre-admission screening for healthcare settings moved from PCR to LFT, and all other asymptomatic screening ceased. PCR (4 in 1) tests are now undertaken only when clinically required.

Figure 2: Confirmed positive COVID-19 cases by month³



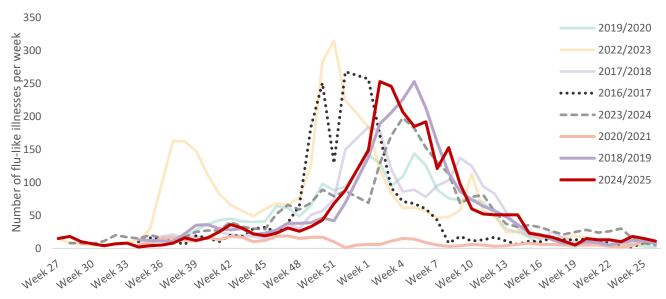
² The methodology to calculate weekly PCR tests has been updated from previous reports to ensure greater accuracy. Please note that any discrepancies between the figures shown and those previously reported are solely due to data quality improvements.

³ Counts <5 have been suppressed to avoid the disclosure of identifiable information. A dashed line has been used in Figure 2 where suppression has been applied.

Figure 3 shows the numbers recorded per week as presenting to their GP with 'flu-like' symptoms over each flu season between 2017/2018 and 2024/2025. Each flu season is measured from the beginning of July (week 27) to the end of June the following year (week 26). The individual flu-season profiles vary, in terms of the peak number of cases seen, the timing of the increase and decrease in the number of cases, and shape of profile.

For further analysis of historic flu seasons please see the Seasonal Influenza Report.

Figure 3: Weekly flu like-illness across influenza seasons, 2017/2018 to 2024/2025



Patients with confirmed Influenza and RSV

The cumulative number of confirmed positive cases of Flu A & B and RSV for the season so far (i.e. up to week 26) are shown in Tables 1 and 2.

Note that the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has affected influenza testing protocols, due to the need to clinically distinguish between the different respiratory illnesses. This means comparisons of years before and after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic should be done with caution. More information can be found in the <u>Seasonal Influenza</u> Report.

Table 1: Cumulative positive influenza A & B for the season to date

Season	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Cumulative number of Flu A & B positives up to Week 26	283	126	89	0	130	612	263	124

Table 2: Cumulative positive RSV for the season to date

Season	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Cumulative Number of RSV positives up to Week 26	120	95	136	0	207	311	279	106