









Observed situation for the week 38 of the year 2020, from 09/14/2020 to 09/20/2020



In metropolitan France, last week (2020w38), the incidence rate of ARI consultating (or teleconsulting) in general practice was estimated at 144 cases per 100,000 inhabitants (95% CI [128; 160]. This estimate is increasing compared to week 2020w37 (consolidated data : 85 [75; 95]).

Complete national and regional data are available on the last page of this bulletin.

In metropolitan France, last week (2020w38), the incidence rate of acute diarrhea seen in general practice was estimated at 55 cases per 100,000 inhabitants (95% CI [45; 65]. This estimate is stable compared to week 2020w37 (consolidated data : 50 [42; 58]).

Complete national and regional data are available on the last page of this bulletin.

In metropolitan France, last week (2020w38), the incidence rate of Chickenpox seen in general practice was estimated at 4 cases per 100,000 inhabitants (95% CI [1; 7]. This estimate is stable compared to week 2020w37 (consolidated data : 2 [0; 4]). *Complete national and regional data are available on the last page of this bulletin.*











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Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) - Additional Clinical and Virological Data

ARI virological surveillance

Information about

the monitoring of respiratory infections

Since March 17th 2020, the surveillance of respiratory infections has been extended from the syndromic and virological monitoring of "influenza-like illness" to that of "acute respiratory infections (ARI)". This new indicator allows the joint monitoring of seasonal respiratory viruses (influenza, RSV, rhinovirus, metapneumovirus) and SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19).

Sentinelles GPs report the number of ARI patients seen in consultation (or teleconsultation), according to the following definition : sudden onset of fever (or feeling of fever), and respiratory signs. Virological surveillance is conducted by a sample of Sentinel GPs and paediatricians, in complement to the ARI syndromic surveillance.

This surveillance is implemented in collaboration with Santé Publique France, the National Reference Center (CNR) for respiratory infections (including influenza) (Pasteur Institute, Paris; Associated Center : Hospices Civils de Lyon), and the virology laboratory of the University of Corsica.

ARI incidence rates by age groups Increasing activity



In week 2020w38, incidence rates are increasing in all age groups, and particularly among the 0-14, 15-44 and 45-64 age groups.

Major circulation of the rhinovirus

2 20s37 20s40 20s43 20s46 20s49 20s52 21s02 21s05 21s08 21s11 21s14 Semaine

Positive swabs and positivity rate of the tested respiratory viruses among ARI cases swabbed by Sentinelles physicians (GPs and pediatricians) since week 2020s37

Since week 2020w37, among the ARI cases seen in consultation, 59 patients have had a nasopharyngeal swab tested for the following respiratory viruses : SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), influenza viruses, rhinoviruses (hRV), respiratory syncitial virus (RSV) and metapneumovirus (hMPV). Of these, 42 (71.2%) were positive for rhinovirus, 4 (6.8%) were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) and none was positive for influenza viruses.

In week 2020w38, 29 patients had a nasopharyngeal swab tested for the various respiratory viruses.

Of these :

- 18 (62.1%) were positive for hRV (consolidated data in 2020w37 : n=24 (80.0%)).

- 3 (10.3%) were positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) (consolidated data in 2020w37 : n=1 (3.3%)).

- None of them were positive for an influenza virus.

No viral co-infection has been observed.

Description of COVID-19 confirmed cases seen in primary care

Since week 2020w37, the 4 positive cases for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) seen by the Sentinelles physicians (GPs and paediatricians) had the following characteristics :

- Their median age was 48 years (from 27 years to 72 years). There were 2 men and 2 women.

- None of them had risk factors for complications.
- No hospitalization was requested at the end of the consultation.

Estimated incidence of COVID-19 cases seen in general practice

In week 2020w38, the incidence rate of ARI cases due to SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) seen in general practice consultations was estimated at 31 cases per 100,000 inhabitants (95% CI [12; 50]), which represents 20,636 [8,045; 33,227] new cases of COVID-19 having consulted a general practitioner.

These initial estimates need to be read with caution and will need to be consolidated in the coming weeks.

Find the epidemiological bulletin of Santé publique France with all the surveillance data (ambulatory and hospital) on the COVID-19 epidemic





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National incidence rates over the last 3 weeks (per 100,000 inhabitants)	2020w38 (unconsolidated) Incidence rate estimations [95% confidence interval]	2020w37 Incidence rate estimations [95% confidence interval]	2020w36 Incidence rate estimations [95% confidence interval]
Acute Respiratory Infection	144 [128; 160]	85 [75 ; 95]	37 [31 ; 43]
Acute diarrhea	55 [45 ; 65]	50 [42; 58]	46 [39; 53]
Chickenpox	4 [1 ; 7]	2 [0;4]	1 [0;2]

Regional incidence rates for the week 2020w38 (per 100,000 inhabitants)	Acute Respiratory Infection Incidence rate estimations [95% confidence interval]	Acute diarrhea Incidence rate estimations [95% confidence interval]	Chickenpox Incidence rate estimations [95% confidence interval]
Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	144 [98; 190]	48 [17; 79]	4 [0;9]
Bourgogne-Franche-Comté	29 [0; 74]	37 [0; 79]	0 [0;0]
Bretagne	231 [156; 306]	38 [9;67]	6 [0; 19]
Centre-Val de Loire	91 [50; 132]	45 [15 ; 75]	7 [0; 18]
Corse	49 [0; 100]	28 [0;64]	0 [0;0]
Grand Est	123 [54; 192]	64 [31 ; 97]	4 [0; 13]
Hauts-de-France	146 [94; 198]	70 [32; 108]	7 [0;21]
Ile-de-France	164 [106; 222]	48 [14; 82]	3 [0;8]
Normandie	113 [24; 202]	56 [24; 88]	0 [0;0]
Nouvelle-Aquitaine	42 [15;69]	65 [30 ; 100]	0 [0;0]
Occitanie	164 [114 ; 214]	33 [10; 56]	0 [0;0]
Pays de la Loire	274 [186; 362]	69 [30 ; 108]	15 [0; 39]
Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	219 [123 ; 315]	73 [6; 140]	10 [0; 25]

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