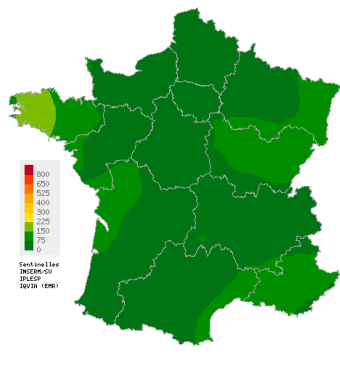
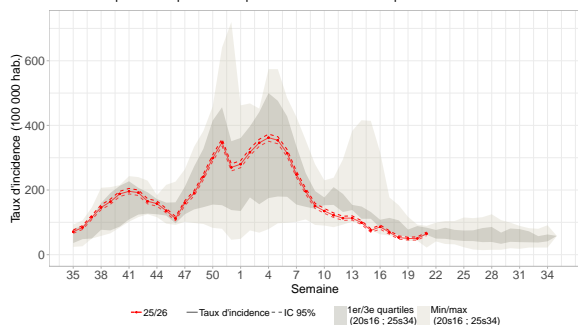


## Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI)

Covid-19, Influenza and other respiratory viruses  
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 (2026w21), the incidence rate of acute respiratory infection (ARI) cases consulting in general practice was estimated at **65 cases per 100,000 population (95% CI [59; 70])**.

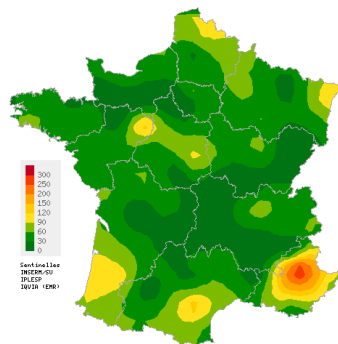
Subject to future data consolidation, this rate is **increasing** compared to the previous week and corresponds to a **similar activity level** to those usually observed at this time of the year (consolidated data for 2026w20: 50 [45; 55]).

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.

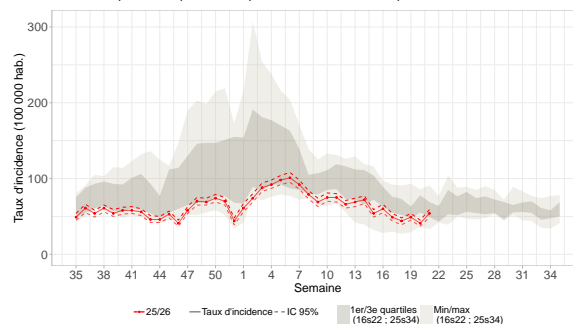
Data sources: Sentinelles, Electronic Medical Records (EMR) IQVIA

## 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 (2026w21), the incidence rate of acute diarrhea cases seen in general practice was estimated at **54 cases per 100,000 population (95% CI [49; 59])**.

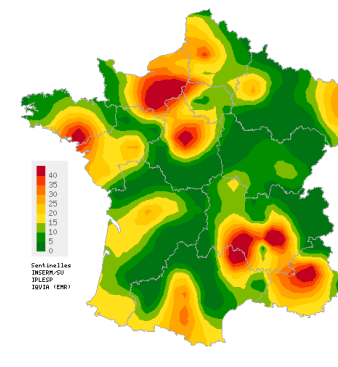
Subject to future data consolidation, this rate is **increasing** compared to the previous week and corresponds to a **similar activity level** to those usually observed at this time of the year (consolidated data for 2026w20: 41 [37; 45]).

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

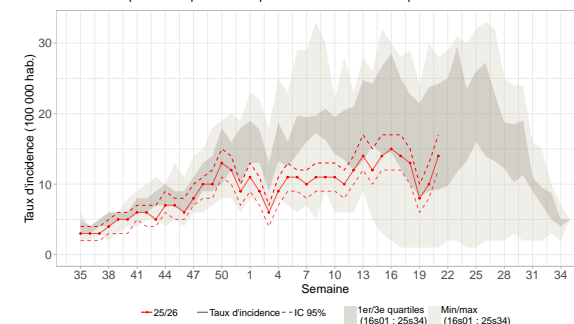
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## Chickenpox

Low activity in general practice



Spatial interpolation map of incidence rates at department level



Incidence rates and comparison with historical data

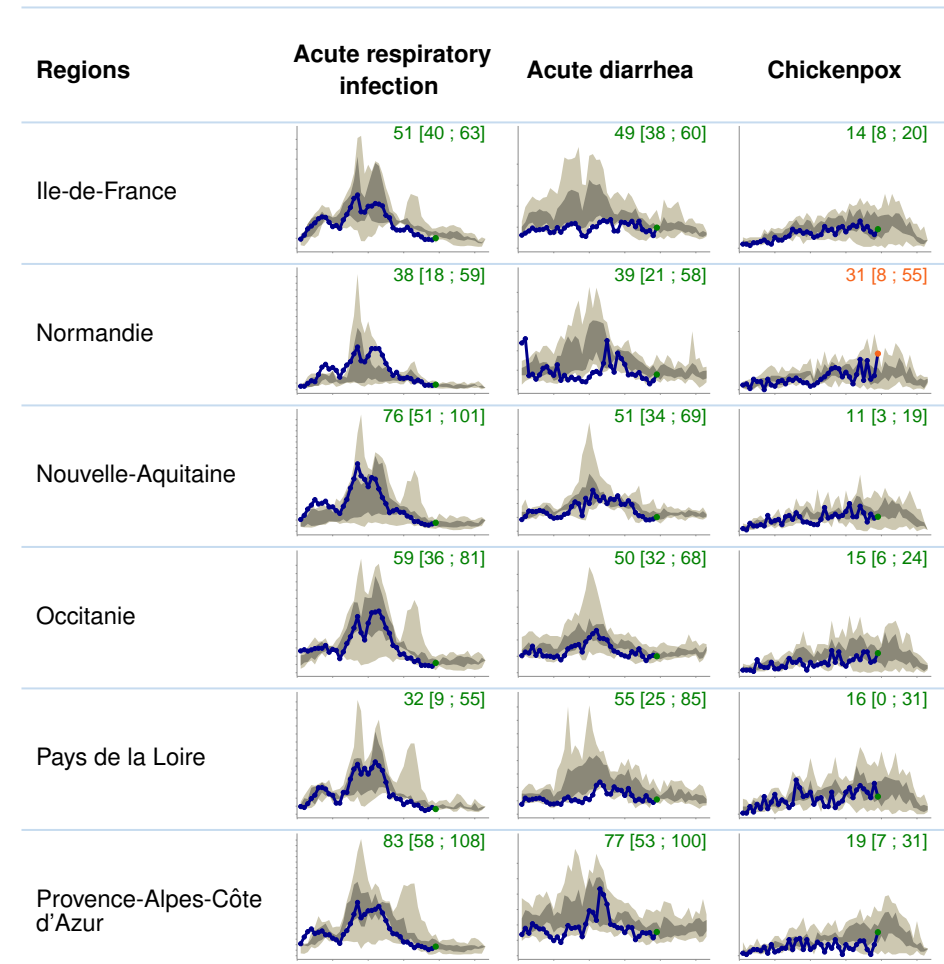
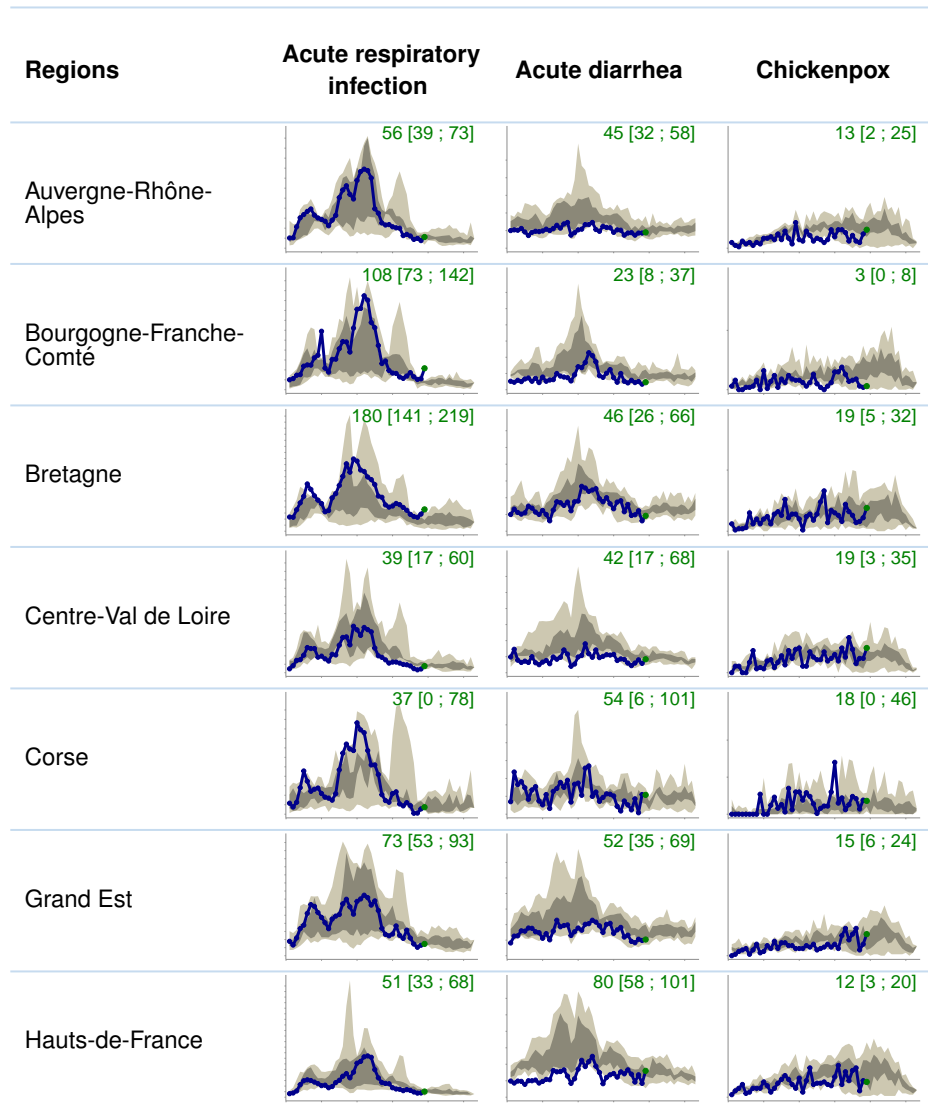
In mainland France, last week (2026w21), the incidence rate of chickenpox cases seen in general practice was estimated at **14 cases per 100,000 population (95% CI [12; 17])**.

Subject to future data consolidation, this rate is **increasing** compared to the previous week and corresponds to a **similar activity level** to those usually observed at this time of the year (consolidated data for 2026w20: 10 [8; 13]).

Data sources: Sentinelles, Electronic Medical Records (EMR) IQVIA

# Incidence rates by french region

Epidemiological surveillance bulletin for the week 21 of the year 2026, from 05/18/2026 to 05/24/2026



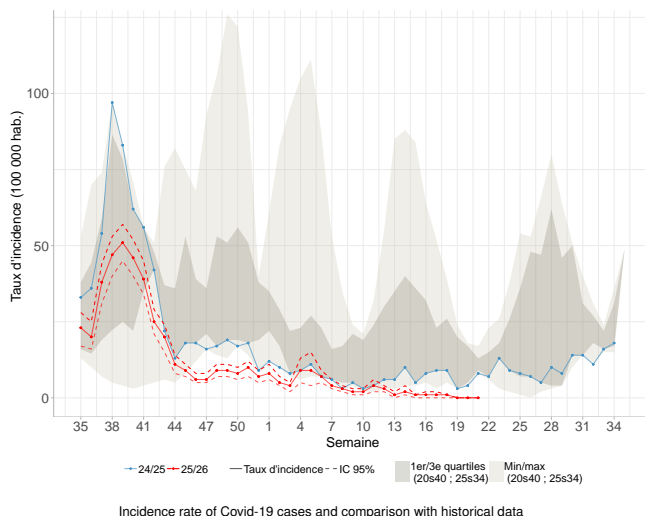
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**Activity levels**  
■ Low activity  
■ Moderate activity  
■ High activity

For the three indicators, the blue curve corresponds to the change in the incidence rate per 100,000 population for the current year. For ARI, previous years (since 2020) are shown with the grey curves. For acute diarrhea and chickenpox, the distribution of weekly incidence rates for the previous years is shown in grayed colour, with quartiles in darker grey and minimum/maximum values in lighter grey. This representation enables current trends to be compared with historical data. The value of the last point and its confidence interval are shown at the top of each graph. Different scales are used for different indicators.

## Incidence rates of Covid-19 cases

Stable activity at a low level



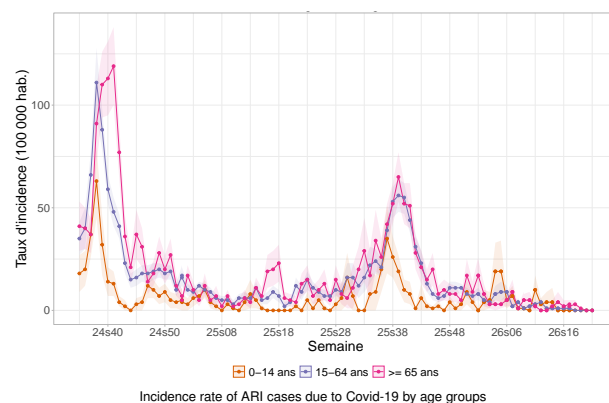
Last week (2026w21), the incidence rate of **Covid-19** cases seen in general practice among patients consulting for an ARI was estimated at **0 case per 100,000 population**.

Subject to future data consolidation, this rate is **stable** compared to the previous weeks (consolidated data for 2026w20: 0).

Data source: Sentinelles

## Incidence rates of Covid-19 cases

by age groups



Last week (2026w21), the incidence rates of **Covid-19** cases seen in general practice among patients consulting for an ARI were estimated at:

- **0-14 years**: 0 case per 100,000 population (consolidated data for 2026w20: 0);

- **15-64 years**: 0 case per 100,000 population (consolidated data for 2026w20: 0);

- **65 years and above**: 0 case per 100,000 population (consolidated data for 2026w20: 0).

Subject to future data consolidation, these rates are **stable and very low in all age groups** compared to those of the previous weeks.

Data source: Sentinelles

## In conclusion

Last week (2026w21), subject to future data consolidation, the incidence of **Covid-19** cases seen in general practice among patients consulting for an ARI was **stable** compared to the previous weeks.

Covid-19 activity has remained at **very low levels for several weeks**, the lowest ones observed since 2020.

*The number of described Covid-19 cases being very low, we are not able to publish a relevant description of these cases.*

## Surveillance organisation

Under the aegis of Santé publique France, surveillance in general practice in mainland France is moving towards the integration and joint analysis of data from different networks.

The epidemiological surveillance data published in this bulletin come from several complementary networks of general physicians:

- The Sentinelles network, coordinated by the Institut Pierre Louis of Epidemiology and Public Health (IPLESP) under the supervision of Sorbonne University and Inserm;
- and the EMR (Electronic Medical Records) database, managed by IQVIA.

During the enhanced respiratory infection surveillance season (September to April), data are also collected from physicians in the network coordinated by the general medicine departments of the Universities of Rouen, Côte d'Azur and Strasbourg.

All these collected data are analysed jointly. They provide more reliable on a finer geographical scale, while limiting consolidation from one week to the next.

Current monitoring concerns [nine health indicators](#), with three of them being published each week in this bulletin;

You can find more information about the organization of this surveillance, the number of participating physicians, the methods used, scientific publications and partnerships on the Sentinelles network website: [www.sentiweb.fr](http://www.sentiweb.fr).

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## THERE IS ALSO GENERAL POPULATION MONITORING



Join the participatory cohort for monitoring Covid-19 and influenza by registering at <https://www.grippenet.fr>

You don't need to be a healthcare professional to take part!