



Dear Sentinels,

The latest analysis of surveillance data from the new winter season reveals an uptick in respiratory infections, with Influenza A leading the pack. We have 15 reported cases, and one case of Influenza B. COVID-19 remains a concern, with 5 confirmed cases, highlighting the importance of ongoing vigilance. Additionally, we have picked up 2 cases of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), while Entero-rhino infections account for 7 reported cases. We are also seeing some coinfections of influenza and entero-rhinovirus, so it is likely that there will be a continuing upsurge in the next few weeks.

Indeed, since that analysis, we are already seeing more influenza reports coming in, corresponding with the reports from hospitals. It is likely that our national SPSN network will be able to perform an early-season analysis of influenza vaccine effectiveness.

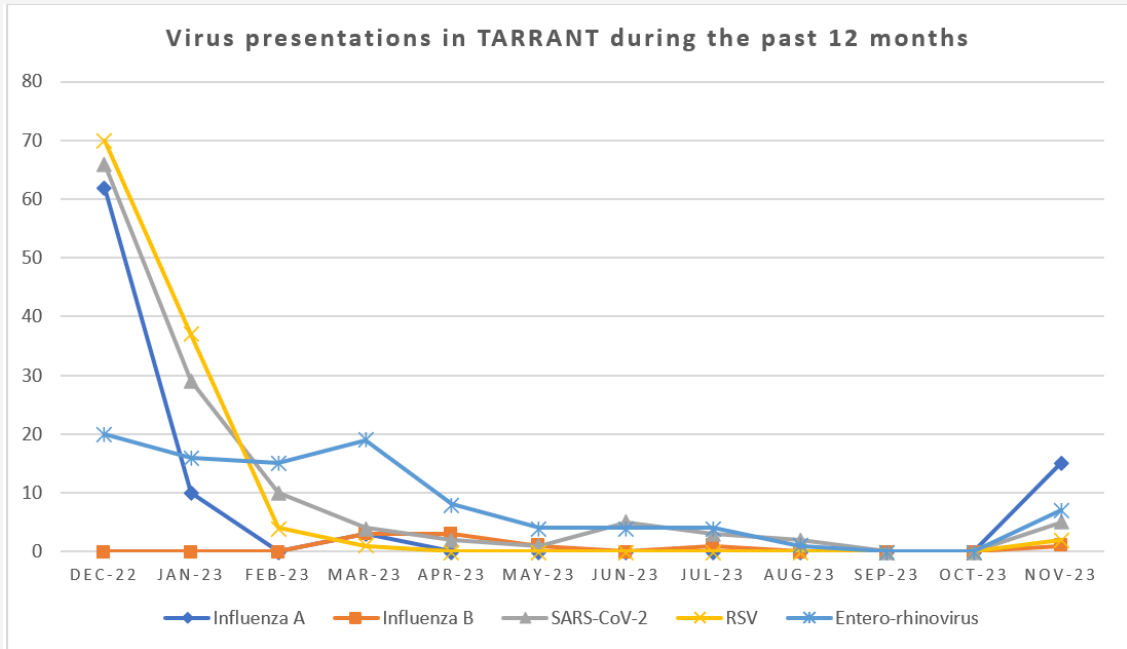
For the vaccine effectiveness studies, we really need to have good data on whether and when people have been vaccinated, and we note that some sentinels are not always completing that section. I know this is a burden, but we ask for minimal data; we use everything we ask for. So please try to complete the forms, or get your staff to do so.

Best wishes for the Festive Season

With warmest regards,

Your TARRANT team,

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