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# NPHET COVID Update 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021

# Current situation



	01-Oct	26-Oct (2 <sup>nd</sup> wave peak 14 day inc.)	01-Dec	01-Jan	14-Jan (3 <sup>rd</sup> wave peak 14 day inc.)	05-Feb	09-Feb	13-Feb	17-Feb
14-day incidence	96.08	306.29	86.92	320.71	1495.17	367.82	318.72	286.57	261.66
5-day average cases	407.0	920.0	261.0	1477.4	4462.6	1060.4	854.8	884.2	816.0
Total weekly cases	2607	7003	1893	9421	35393	7910	6600	6272	5866

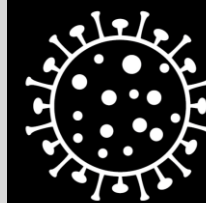
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No. Hospital (8.A.M)	122	344	224	508	1792	1258	1104	898	831
No. in ICU (6.30 P.M)	22	40	30	42	176	187	175	173	155

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Positivity rate (7 day average)	3.0%	6.1%	2.7%	12.5%	17.0%	6.3%	6.0%	5.6%	5.5%

	October	November	December	January	February
<b>Total Deaths</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>1265</b>	<b>470</b>
<b>Deaths associated with Nursing Home outbreaks</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>212</b>
<b>Deaths associated with Hospital outbreaks</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>36</b>

# Cases, numbers in hospital and intensive care

Case numbers remain high. The number of people in hospital is decreasing, and the number in ICU is also falling.  
The number of deaths per day remains very high.



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	Apr 2020	Summer 2020	Oct 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	20 Jan	27 Jan	3 Feb	10 Feb	17 Feb	Daily count 17 Feb
Cases confirmed per day	859 18-04	8.7 25-06	1158 21-10	262 12-12	6520 10-01	2891	1699	1188	943	816	650
14-day incidence <i>per 100,000 population</i>	212 19-04	3.0 04-07	306 26-10	79 09-12	1532 15-01	1223	674	424	312	261	
Hospital in-patients	862 17-04	9 02-08	333 01-11	198 16-12	1949 24-01	1901	1889	1499	1188	907	831
<i>Hospital admissions per day</i>	85 04-04	<1 10-07	27 26-10	11 13-12	158 15-01	132	89	68	52	45	49
ICU confirmed cases	150 14-04	4 04-08	43 04-11	26 27-12	217 28-01	194	217	209	179	163	154
<i>ICU admissions per day</i>	14 31-03	<1 03-06	4 03-11	1 16-12	20 17-01	19	15	11	6	8	8
Deaths confirmed per day	46 22-04	<1 30-07	7 01-12	4 17-12	57 03-02	44	50	57	41	35	57

Data are 7-day averages (the indicated day and the preceding 6 days, rounded to the nearest whole number) with the exception of 14 day cumulative incidence, which is the total number of cases in the preceding 14 days per 100,000 population. The highest and lowest values of each indicator are given for each wave of the pandemic, along with the date on which that value was recorded, as well as the data for recent weeks. The historic incidence data may change due to denotification of cases.



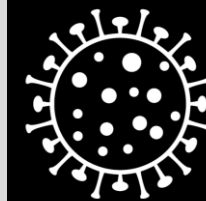
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# Cases, Incidence Rates & Testing

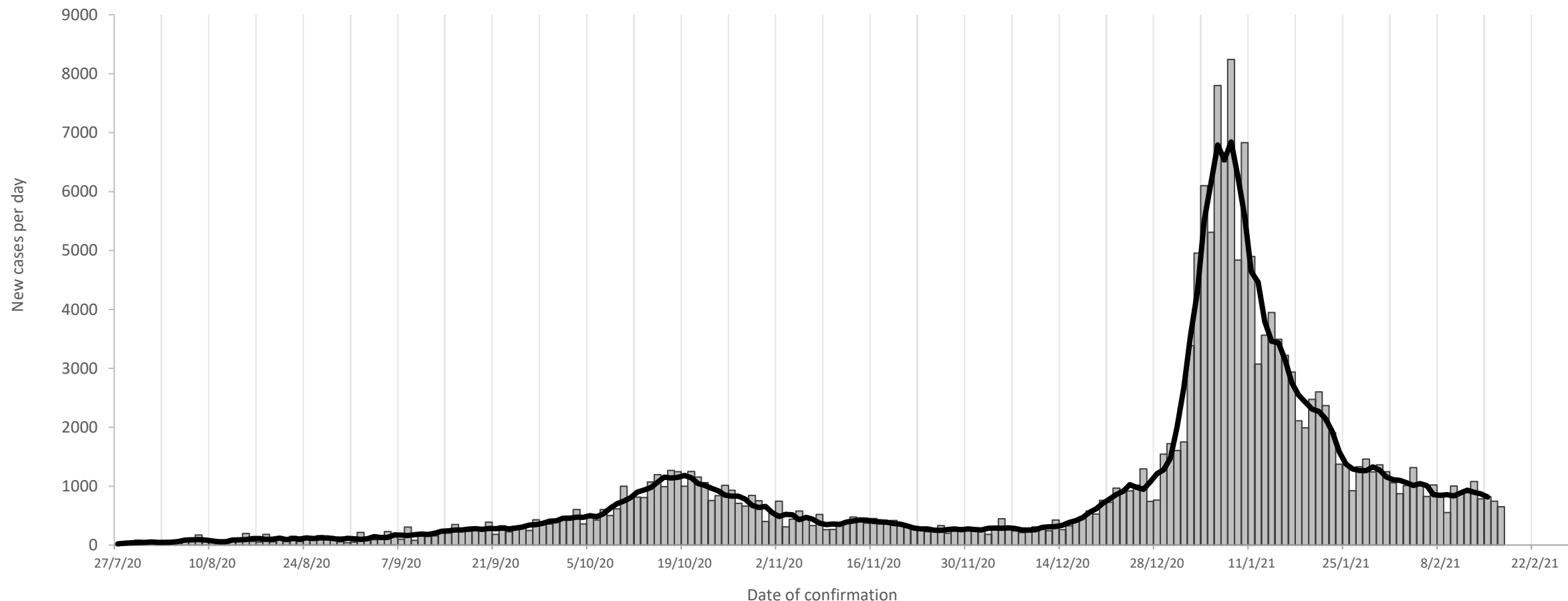
# Confirmed cases each day

Daily and weekly count and 5-day rolling average. The 5-day average peaked at 1186 on 21 October, reached a low of 251 on 28 November, peaked again at 6847 on 8 January and is now **816**



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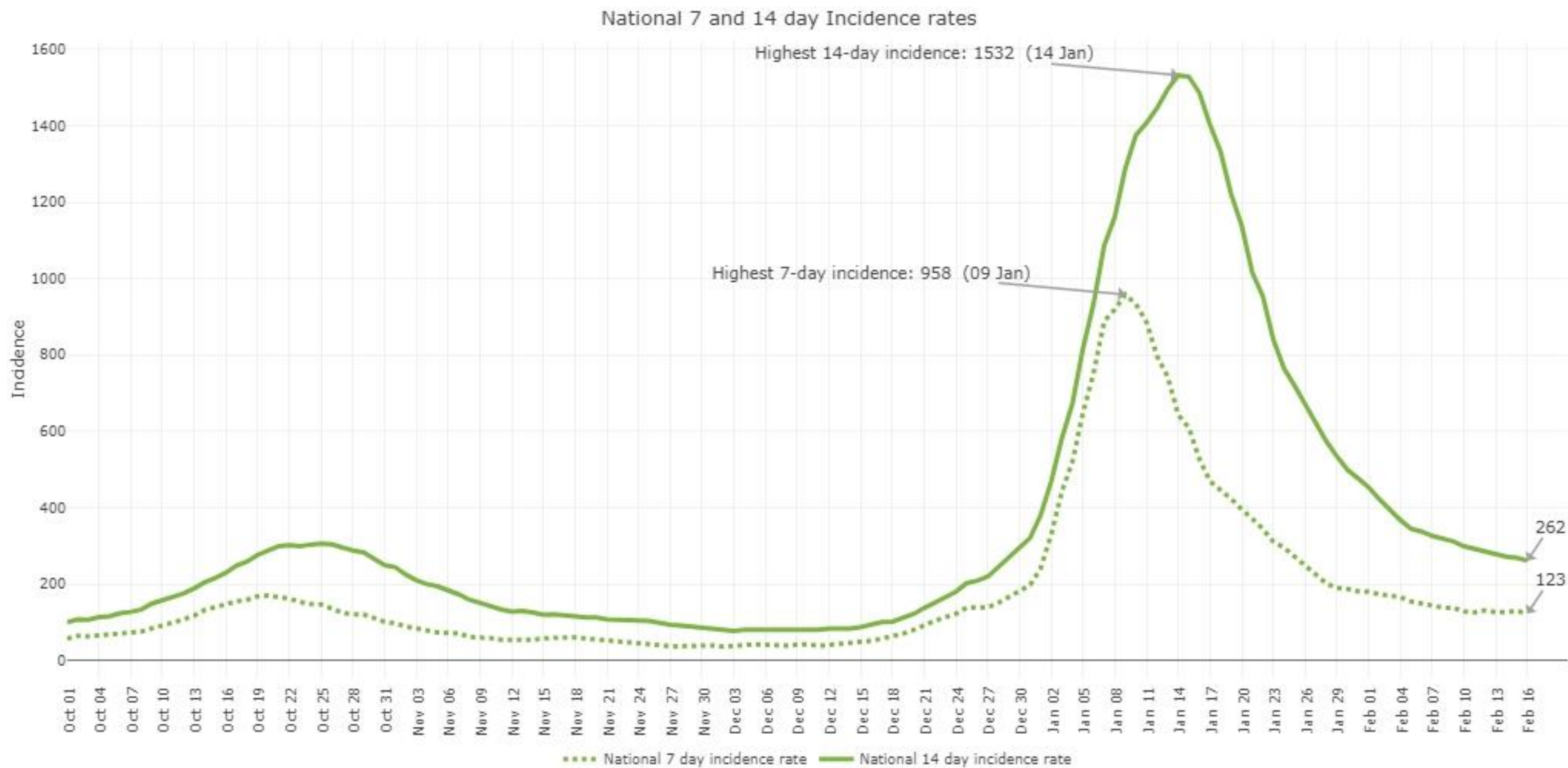
Cases per week	284	540	546	711	796	912	1303	1947	2059	3031	4457	7398	7073	4838	3424	2583	2580	1798	2028	1964	3369	6602	15729	45635	25143	14833	8938	7156	6041
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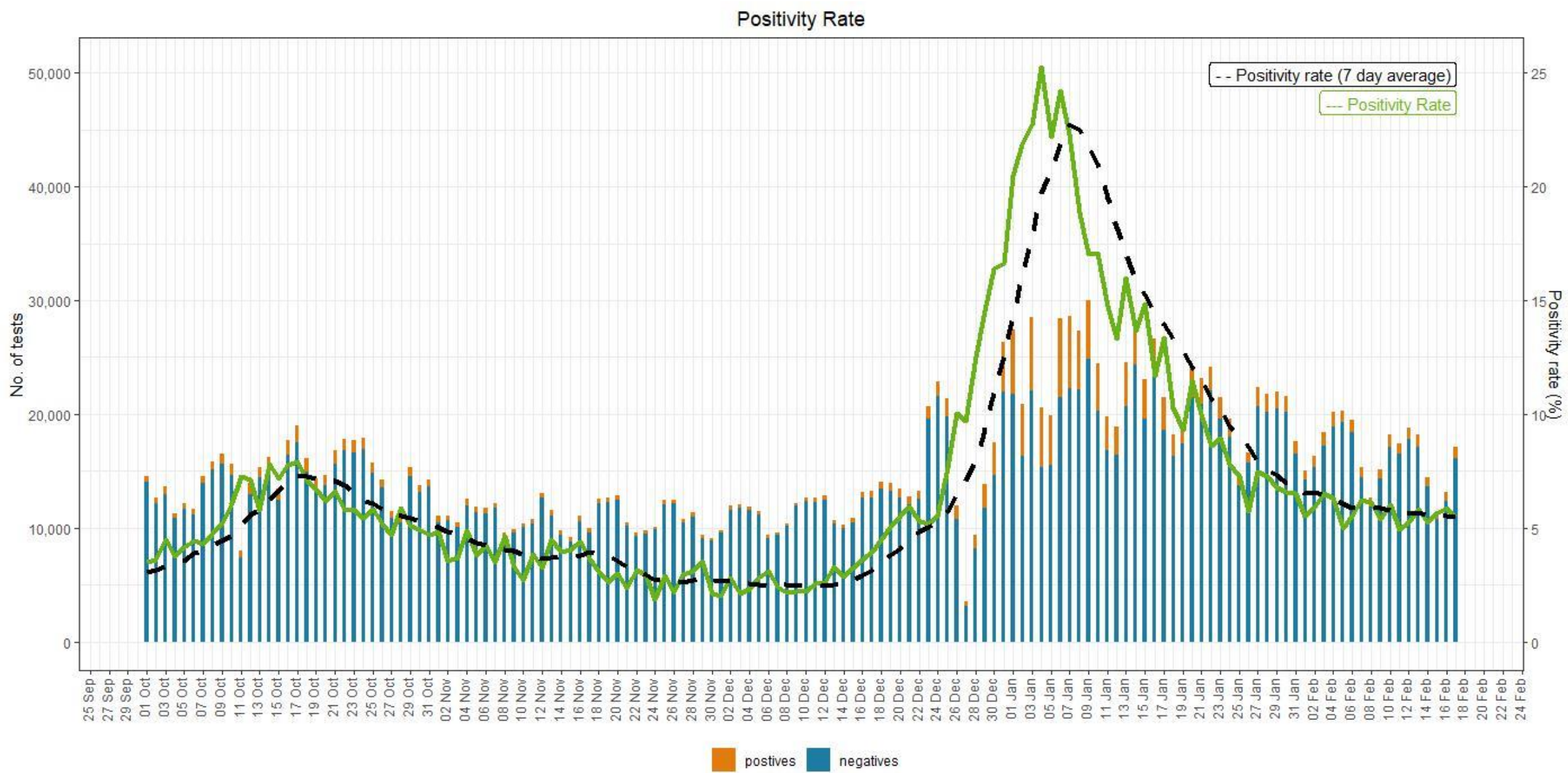
Daily count (bars) 5-day average (line) and weekly counts of the number of laboratory confirmed new cases by date on which they were confirmed by HPSC. Case counts may change due to denotification of cases. Weekly case counts are by notification (event) date and standard epidemiological week.



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# Recent trend in positivity rate

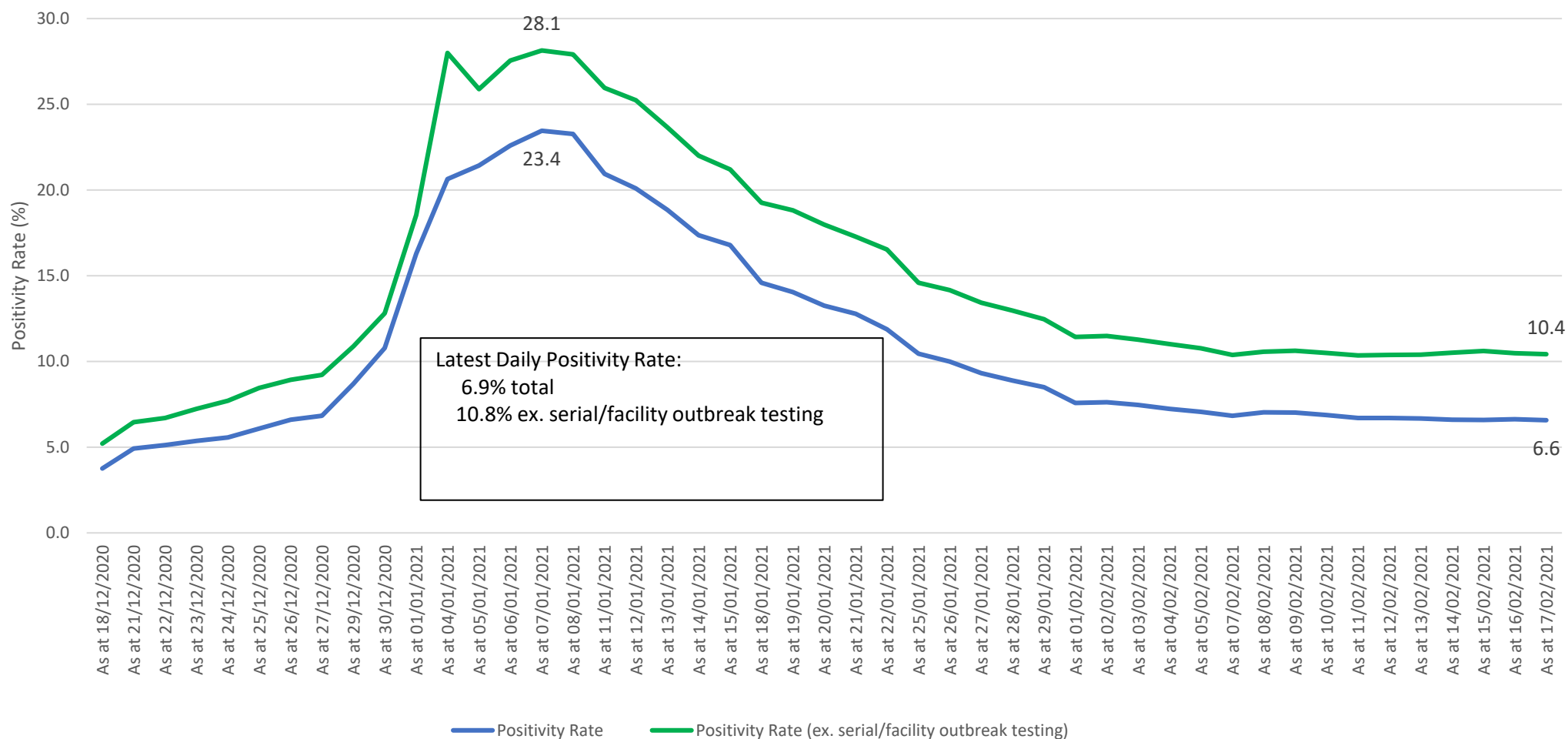


Source: HPSC Cumulative Report on Lab Results, 170221



## % Positivity Rate in Total Tests over Preceding 7 Days inc./ex. Serial/Facility Outbreak Testing

(Data provided by HSE Contact Tracing Team and may differ from daily positivity rate data from Cumulative Lab)

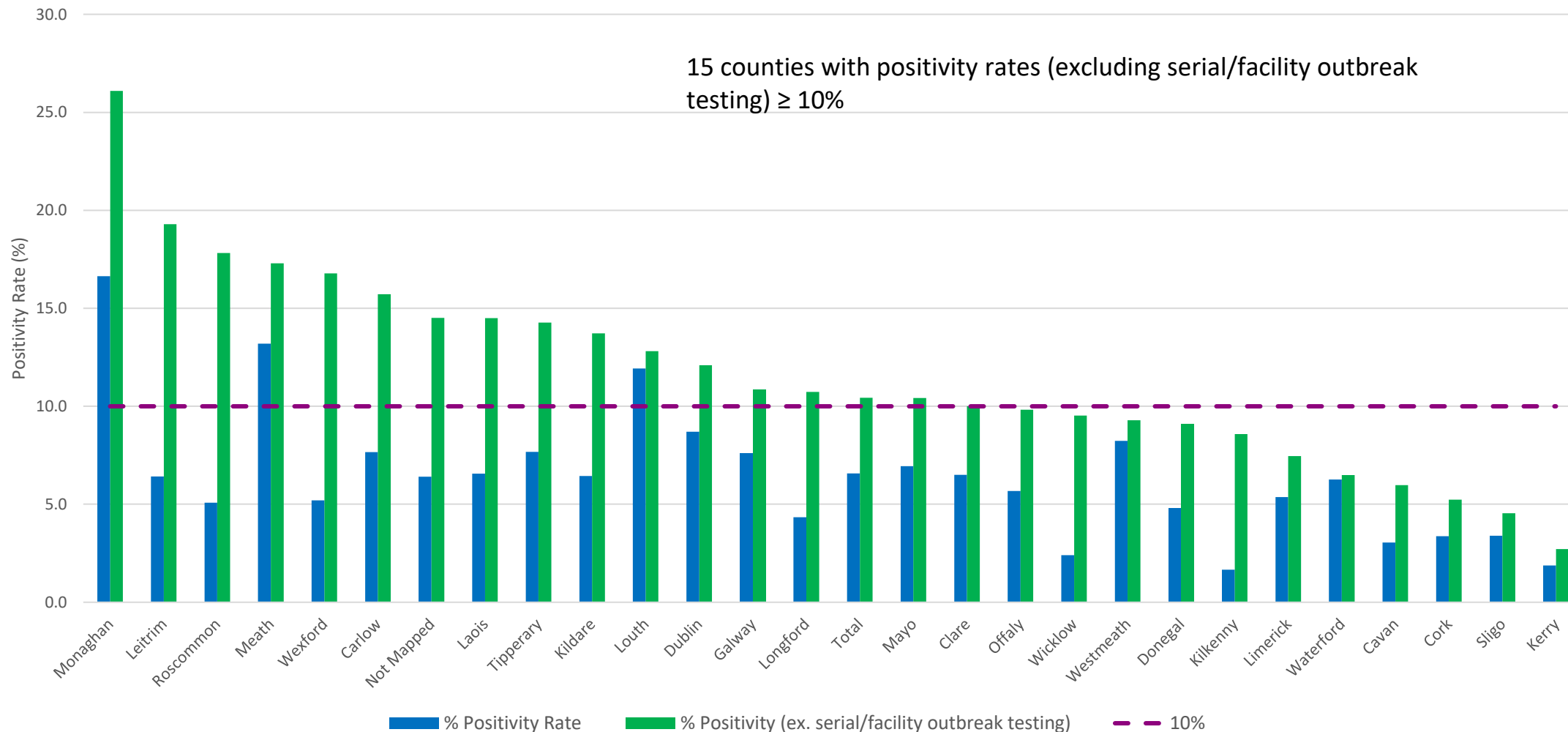






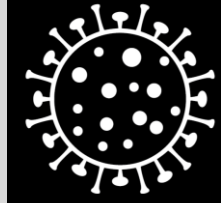
% Positivity Rate Past 7 Days (inc./ex. serial/facility outbreak testing) by County as at 17/02/21  
(Data provided by HSE Contact Tracing Team and may differ from daily positivity rate data from Cumulative Labs Report)

15 counties with positivity rates (excluding serial/facility outbreak testing)  $\geq 10\%$



# Proportion of cases in Dublin

The proportion of cases in Dublin has been increasing, though it remains lower than in earlier phases of the pandemic



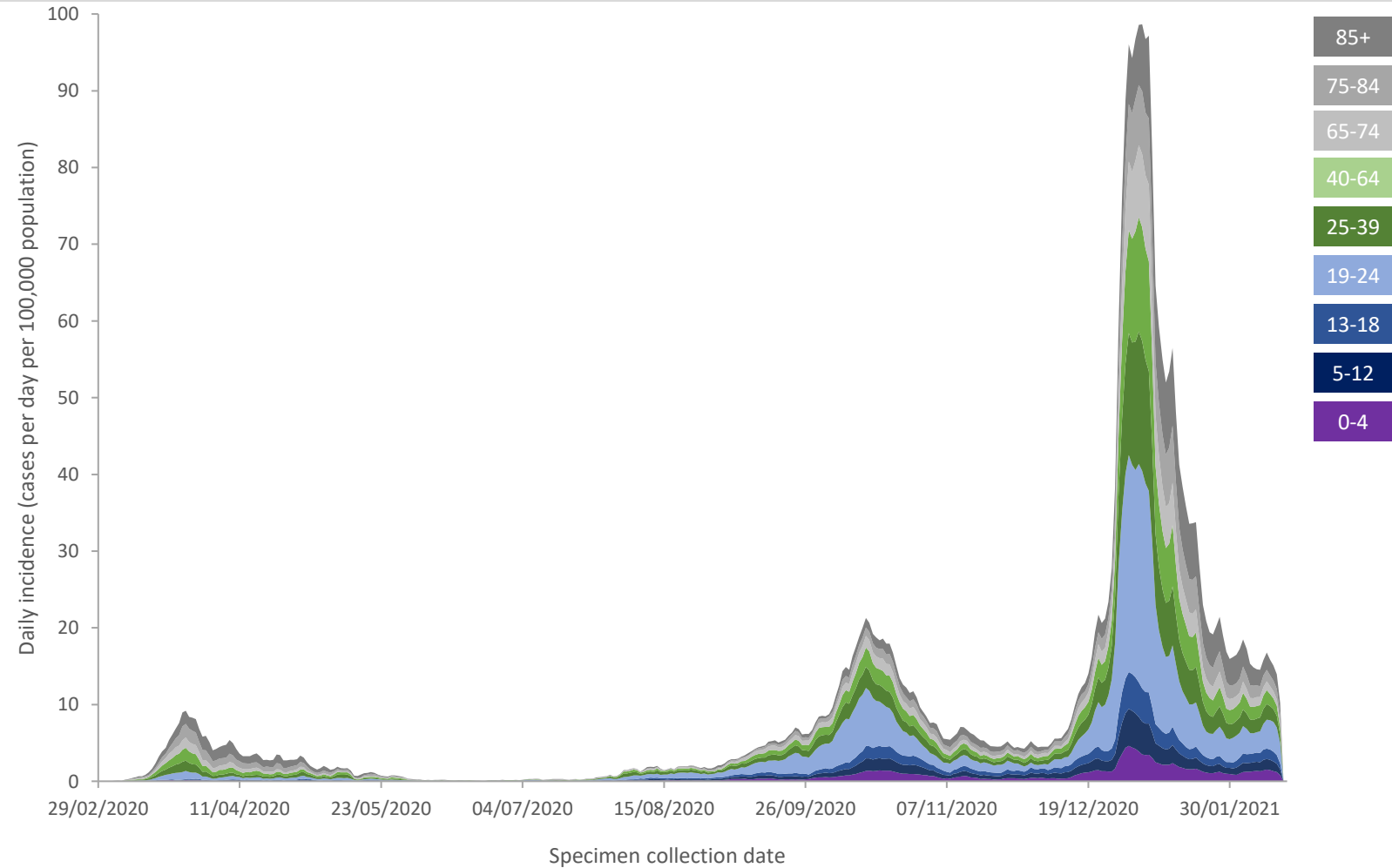
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# Incidence across different age groups (excluding HCW and LTRC)

The chart shows the contribution of each age group to the overall incidence – the prominent grey bands show a very significant level of infection in recent weeks in those aged 65 and older, even when cases associated with outbreaks in long-term residential care are excluded. Incidence is decreasing across all age groups except those aged 24 and younger, due to increased detection of asymptomatic infections in close contacts, and perhaps increased social mixing in young adults

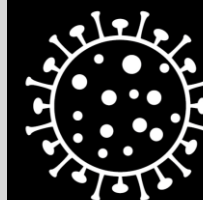


Week	Age band								
	0-4	5-12	13-18	19-24	25-39	40-64	65-74	75-84	85+
9	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
10	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.0
11	0.6	0.2	0.5	5.4	5.0	4.4	4.6	6.6	7.4
12	4.5	2.4	7.5	22.9	27.8	31.1	25.2	24.9	37.0
13	6.9	4.2	14.5	58.3	73.3	86.5	72.6	88.5	94.7
14	4.5	4.4	6.7	28.1	40.1	50.9	50.9	91.1	125.8
15	5.7	5.6	9.1	31.4	29.2	47.4	46.9	71.8	118.4
16	3.0	5.3	10.8	19.3	20.8	32.1	29.2	50.4	75.5
17	3.3	4.2	7.8	21.1	23.6	26.5	21.2	50.4	77.0
18	4.5	6.4	9.4	20.2	26.0	21.0	18.7	37.7	53.3
19	2.1	2.7	4.6	13.3	15.2	14.3	10.4	18.8	37.0
20	3.6	1.6	5.1	12.1	16.4	12.1	6.7	9.2	13.3
21	3.3	2.7	4.6	8.5	6.3	8.2	7.5	15.3	22.2
22	2.1	2.4	2.2	4.2	5.1	6.8	4.0	4.6	5.9
23	1.2	0.5	1.3	3.0	0.8	1.9	1.6	5.6	3.0
24	2.7	0.7	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.6	2.0	1.5
25	0.0	0.4	0.5	1.8	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.5	1.5
26	0.6	0.2	0.3	1.8	1.5	0.7	0.8	1.5	3.0
27	1.5	0.4	0.3	1.8	1.9	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.0
28	0.9	1.1	1.1	10.3	2.0	1.0	1.3	1.0	3.0
29	1.2	0.4	0.8	3.6	3.3	2.0	2.9	1.5	3.0
30	1.8	0.5	1.6	3.6	4.3	0.9	1.9	0.0	1.5
31	4.8	2.6	7.3	11.2	8.5	4.6	2.1	2.5	3.0
32	4.5	3.6	6.7	18.4	16.4	10.5	4.6	2.5	3.0
33	6.0	10.0	12.1	27.2	19.5	12.1	8.3	2.5	7.4
34	7.2	7.5	17.5	37.4	16.6	11.4	5.9	5.1	4.4
35	6.3	9.7	13.5	37.1	18.5	11.1	4.8	9.2	5.9
36	13.0	13.1	17.2	47.7	21.6	13.3	11.0	11.7	14.8
37	17.2	17.9	30.1	63.7	28.7	24.4	22.2	8.7	10.4
38	21.7	26.2	44.1	90.6	44.0	34.9	33.2	19.8	19.2
39	12.1	22.6	42.8	147.0	50.0	41.9	32.9	31.0	20.7
40	29.6	28.8	63.2	167.9	68.1	57.8	34.5	26.0	20.7
41	42.8	46.8	132.9	317.3	115.3	89.7	61.6	51.9	60.7
42	78.1	90.4	197.3	434.2	154.4	142.9	90.8	67.2	69.6
43	81.7	93.9	174.7	302.5	123.4	121.9	85.4	82.4	84.4
44	55.8	67.6	96.1	156.4	75.2	77.8	55.2	55.5	59.2
45	34.4	39.7	57.9	83.9	58.4	46.0	42.6	44.3	47.4
46	42.2	37.2	65.4	89.4	45.3	45.2	32.4	42.7	69.6
47	22.0	34.1	60.0	79.4	34.7	33.0	29.2	39.7	62.2
48	23.2	31.3	45.5	66.7	33.9	29.6	22.2	36.1	40.0
49	28.4	37.0	37.7	40.5	33.2	30.1	25.4	29.5	42.9
50	21.4	39.9	44.1	57.4	39.9	35.1	22.5	31.0	22.2
51	51.9	58.5	74.5	128.3	88.1	81.1	54.3	55.5	50.3
52	77.5	76.9	120.0	326.1	176.5	135.4	96.1	94.7	122.9
53	217.8	236.7	514.0	1404.6	763.3	638.2	426.0	349.6	389.3
1	183.7	208.9	569.7	1332.4	794.1	724.5	500.9	448.8	568.4
2	130.9	126.8	301.9	582.4	418.8	423.3	302.8	411.2	580.3
3	93.8	80.9	169.5	330.3	257.6	246.4	170.5	253.4	429.3
4	73.3	60.7	127.3	231.9	154.7	147.9	121.3	163.9	284.2
5	77.5	72.9	127.0	210.4	129.9	125.6	86.2	121.1	235.4
6	92.0	85.1	124.9	223.4	119.5	103.4	69.6	93.6	133.2

Chart shows 5-day rolling average of total incidence (cases per day per 100,000 population) with coloured bands showing the contribution of each age cohort to the total incidence, having adjusted for the number of people in that age cohort (CSO 2016 census data). Healthcare workers and cases associated with outbreaks in long-term residential care are excluded, so that the analysis reflects the pattern of cases in the community. Cases dated by date of specimen collection. A number of cases in those aged 65 and older will be linked in the coming days to outbreaks in LTRC.

# Incidence across different age groups (excluding HCW and LTRC)

Incidence has decreased across most adult age groups, especially older adults. The incidence in those aged 18 and under has stabilised or increased with increased detection of asymptomatic infections in close contacts, and incidence in those aged 19-24 may have started to increase



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Week	Age band								
	0-4	5-12	13-18	19-24	25-39	40-64	65-74	75-84	85+
48	23.2	31.3	45.5	66.7	33.9	29.6	22.2	36.1	40.0
49	28.4	37.0	37.7	40.5	33.2	30.1	25.4	29.5	42.9
50	21.4	39.9	44.1	57.4	39.9	35.1	22.5	31.0	22.2
51	51.9	58.5	74.5	128.3	88.1	81.1	54.3	55.5	50.3
52	77.5	76.9	120.0	326.1	176.5	135.4	96.1	94.7	122.9
53	217.8	236.7	514.0	1404.6	763.3	638.2	426.0	349.6	389.3
1	183.7	208.9	569.7	1332.4	794.1	724.5	500.9	448.8	568.4
2	130.9	126.8	301.9	582.4	418.8	423.3	302.8	411.2	580.3
3	93.8	80.9	169.5	330.3	257.6	246.4	170.5	253.4	429.3
4	73.3	60.7	127.3	231.9	154.7	147.9	121.3	163.9	284.2
5	77.5	72.9	127.0	210.4	129.9	125.6	86.2	121.1	235.4
6	92.0	85.1	124.9	223.4	119.5	103.4	69.6	93.6	133.2

Heat map shows age-specific incidence (cases per week per 100,000 population). Healthcare workers and cases associated with outbreaks in long-term residential care are excluded, so that the analysis reflects the pattern of cases in the community. Cases dated by specimen collection date.

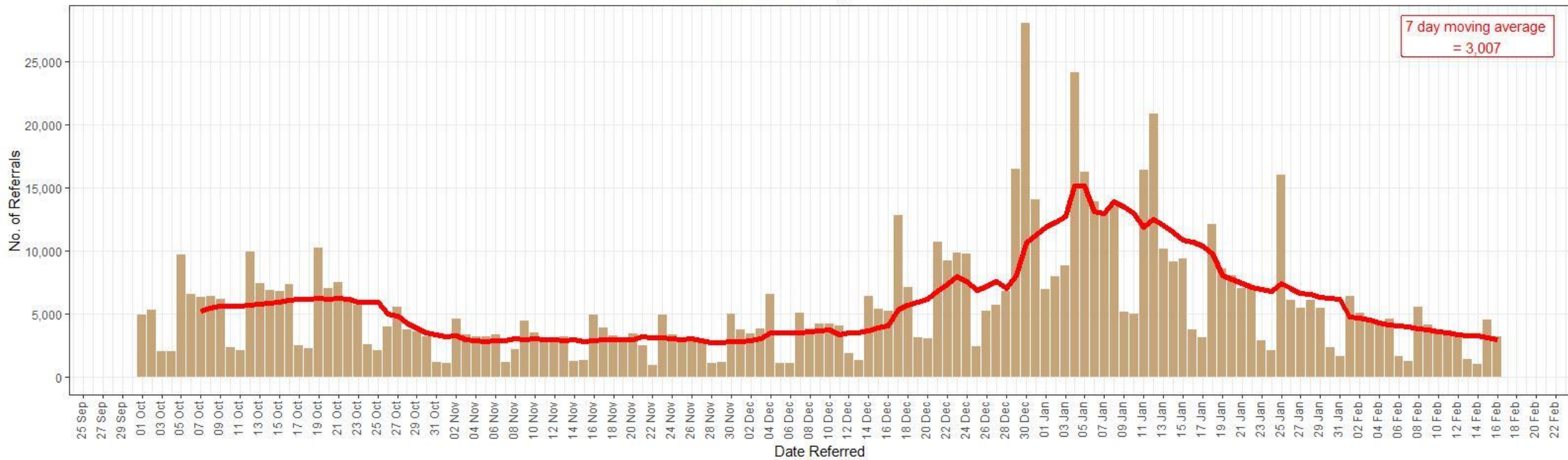


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# GP referrals

# GP Referrals excluding Close Contacts



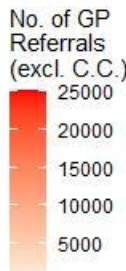
## Jan

					1 6,967 referrals (+187%)	2 7,965 referrals (+52%)
3 8,809 referrals (+54%)	4 24,102 referrals (+253%)	5 16,239 referrals (-1%)	6 13,899 referrals (-50%)	7 12,937 referrals (-8%)	8 13,516 referrals (+94%)	9 5,143 referrals (-35%)
10 5,058 referrals (-43%)	11 16,408 referrals (-32%)	12 20,882 referrals (+29%)	13 10,194 referrals (-27%)	14 9,138 referrals (-29%)	15 9,413 referrals (-30%)	16 3,741 referrals (-27%)
17 3,190 referrals (-37%)	18 12,085 referrals (-26%)	19 8,595 referrals (-59%)	20 8,094 referrals (-21%)	21 7,078 referrals (-23%)	22 7,140 referrals (-24%)	23 2,897 referrals (-23%)
24 2,103 referrals (-34%)	25 15,993 referrals (+32%)	26 6,141 referrals (-29%)	27 5,526 referrals (-32%)	28 6,090 referrals (-14%)	29 5,524 referrals (-23%)	30 2,410 referrals (-17%)
31 1,657 referrals (-21%)						
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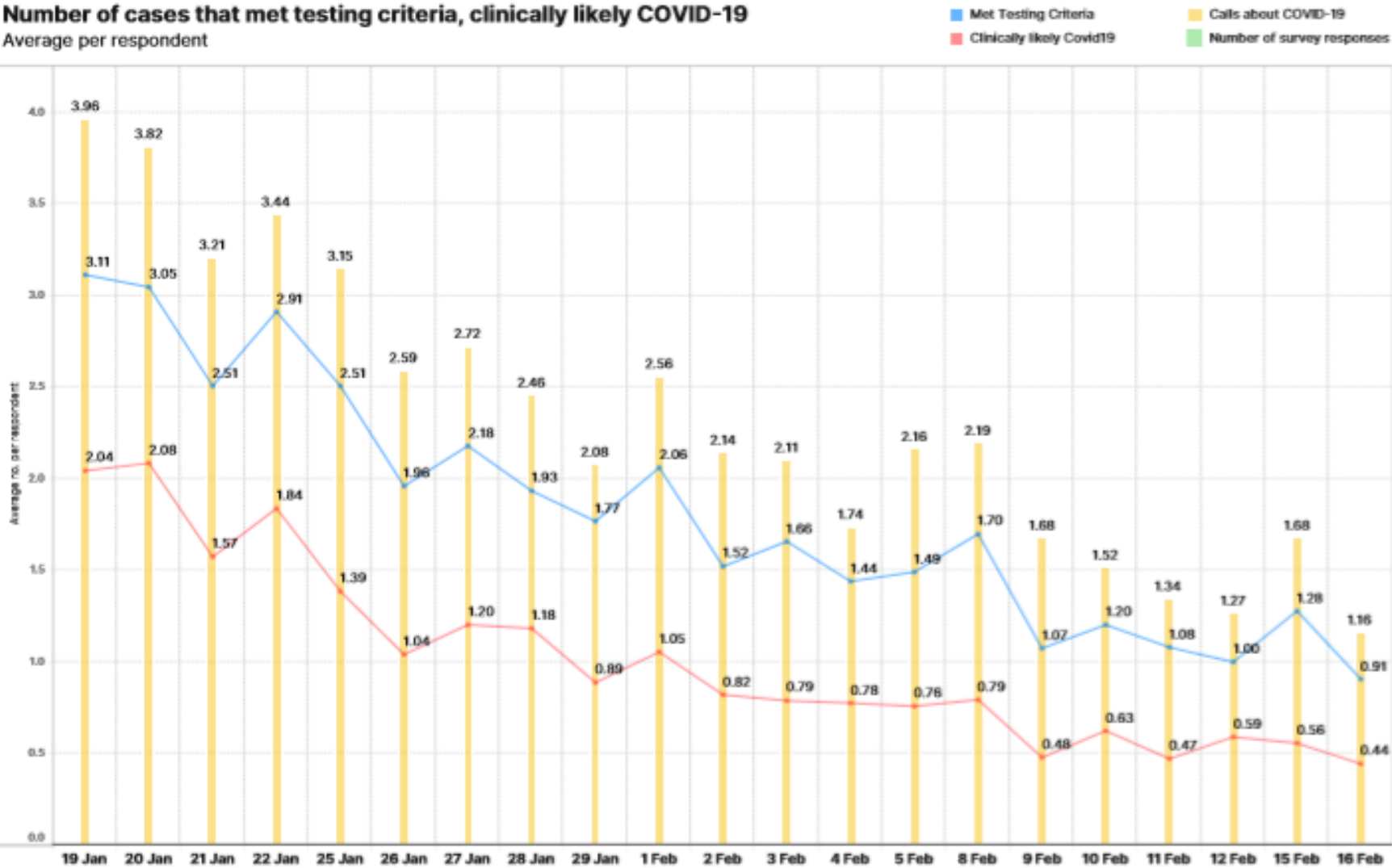
## Feb

		1 6,437 referrals (-60%)	2 5,094 referrals (-17%)	3 4,563 referrals (-17%)	4 4,408 referrals (-28%)	5 4,648 referrals (-16%)	6 1,680 referrals (-30%)
7 1,289 referrals (-22%)	8 5,540 referrals (-14%)	9 4,130 referrals (-19%)	10 3,732 referrals (-18%)	11 3,677 referrals (-17%)	12 3,393 referrals (-27%)	13 1,415 referrals (-16%)	
14 1,041 referrals (-19%)	15 4,525 referrals (-18%)	16 3,268 referrals (-21%)	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	

Percentages refer to week on week % change, i.e. this Monday vs last Monday, etc.



Number of cases that met testing criteria, clinically likely COVID-19  
Average per respondent

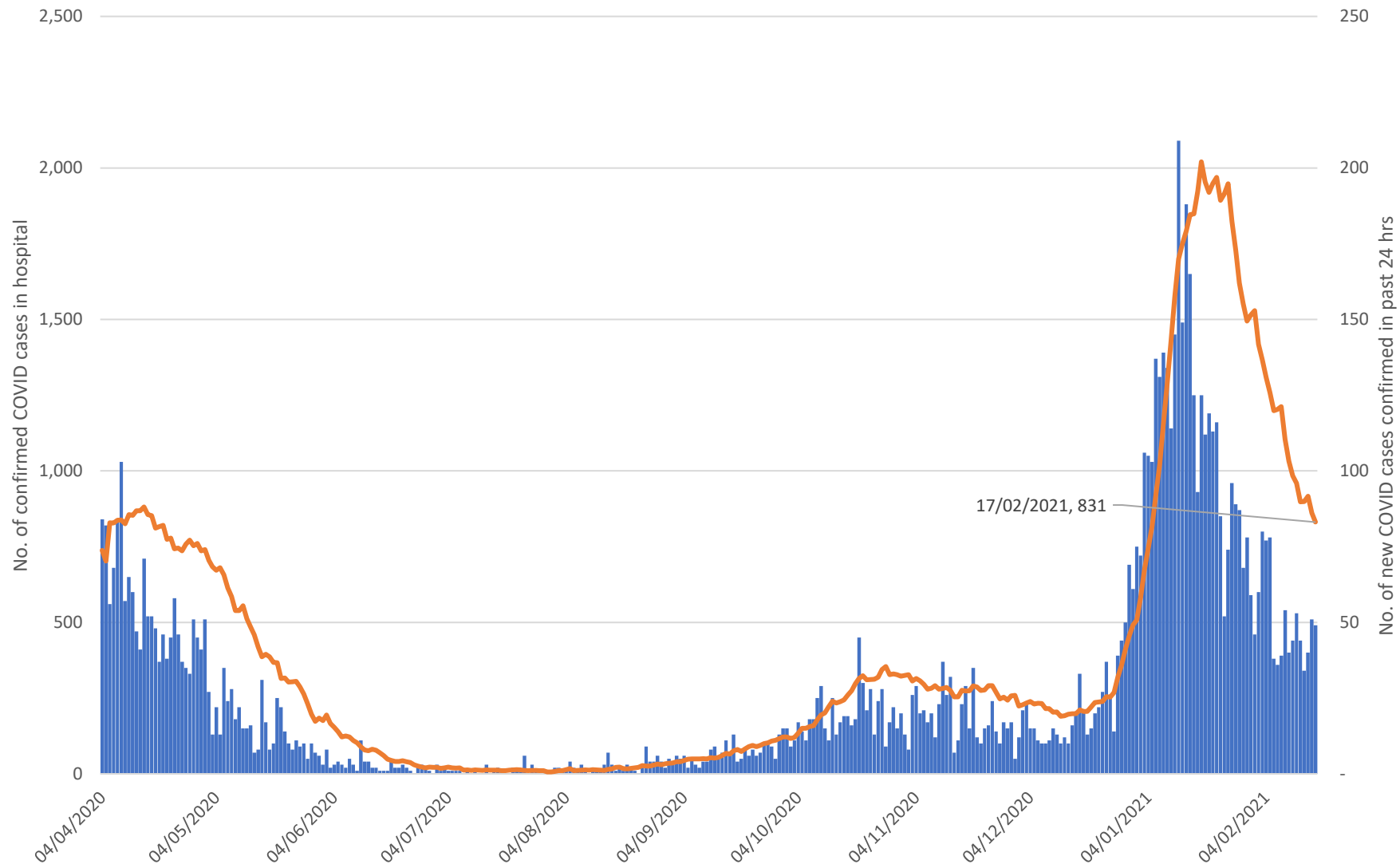




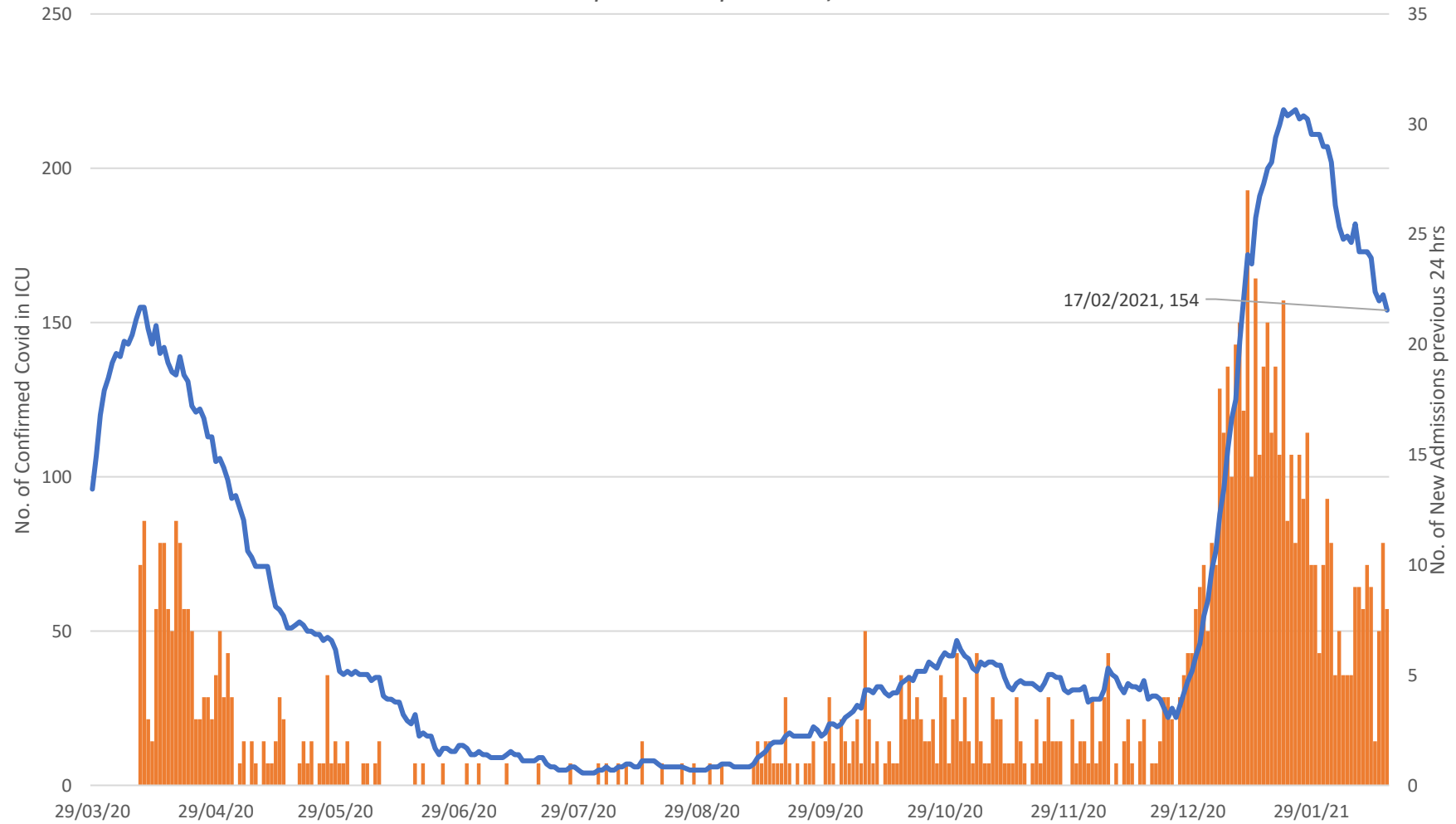
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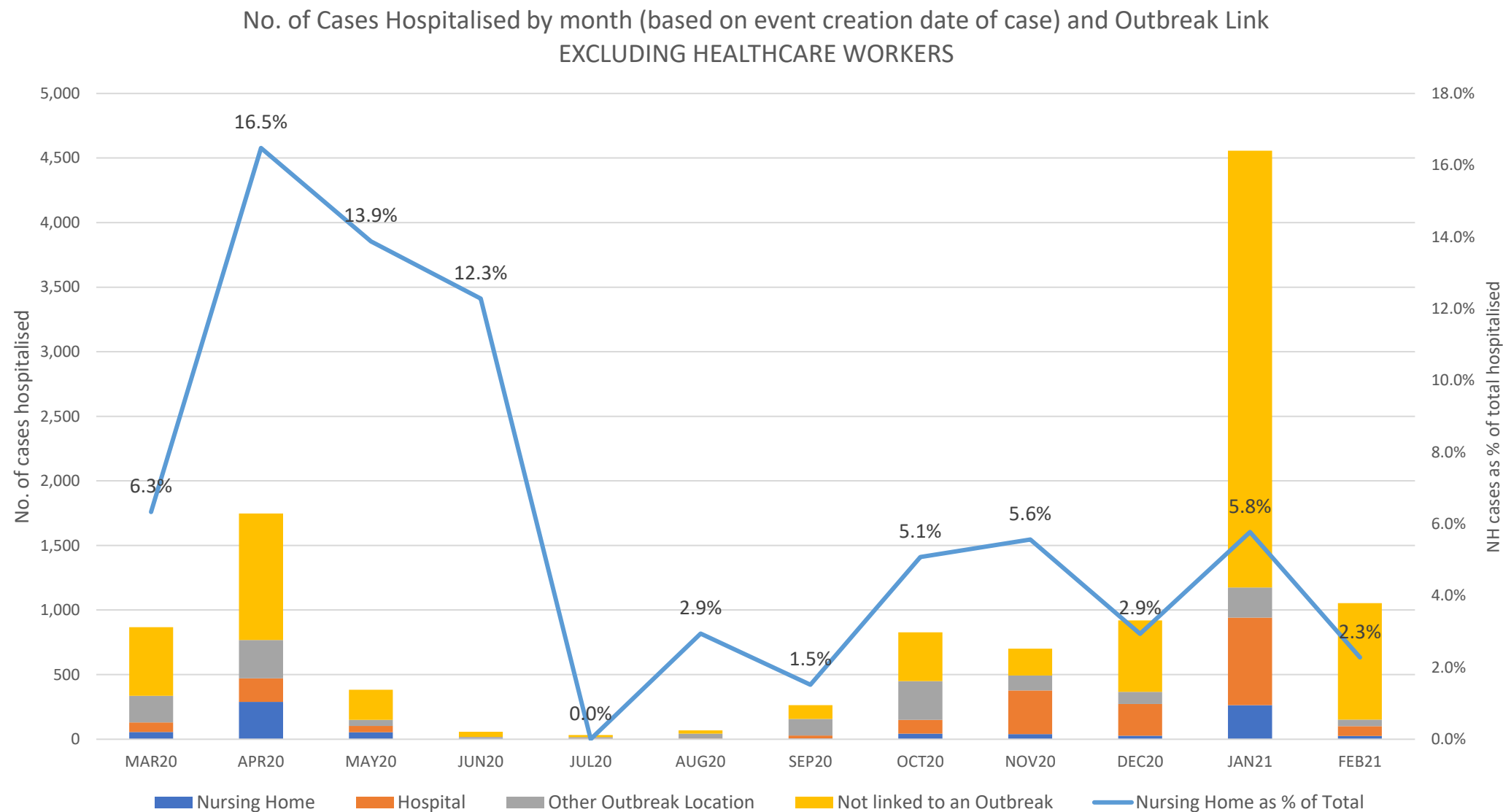


# Total No. of Confirmed Covid Cases in Hospital at 8AM & No. of New Confirmed Covid Cases in Past 24 hrs



# Total No. of Confirmed Covid Cases in ICU at 11.30AM & No. of New Confirmed Covid Admissions to ICU in past 24 hrs (includes all reporting public & private hospitals and may differ from no. reported by HSE in public hospital ICU)





Hospitalised = 'Hospital Inpatient'.

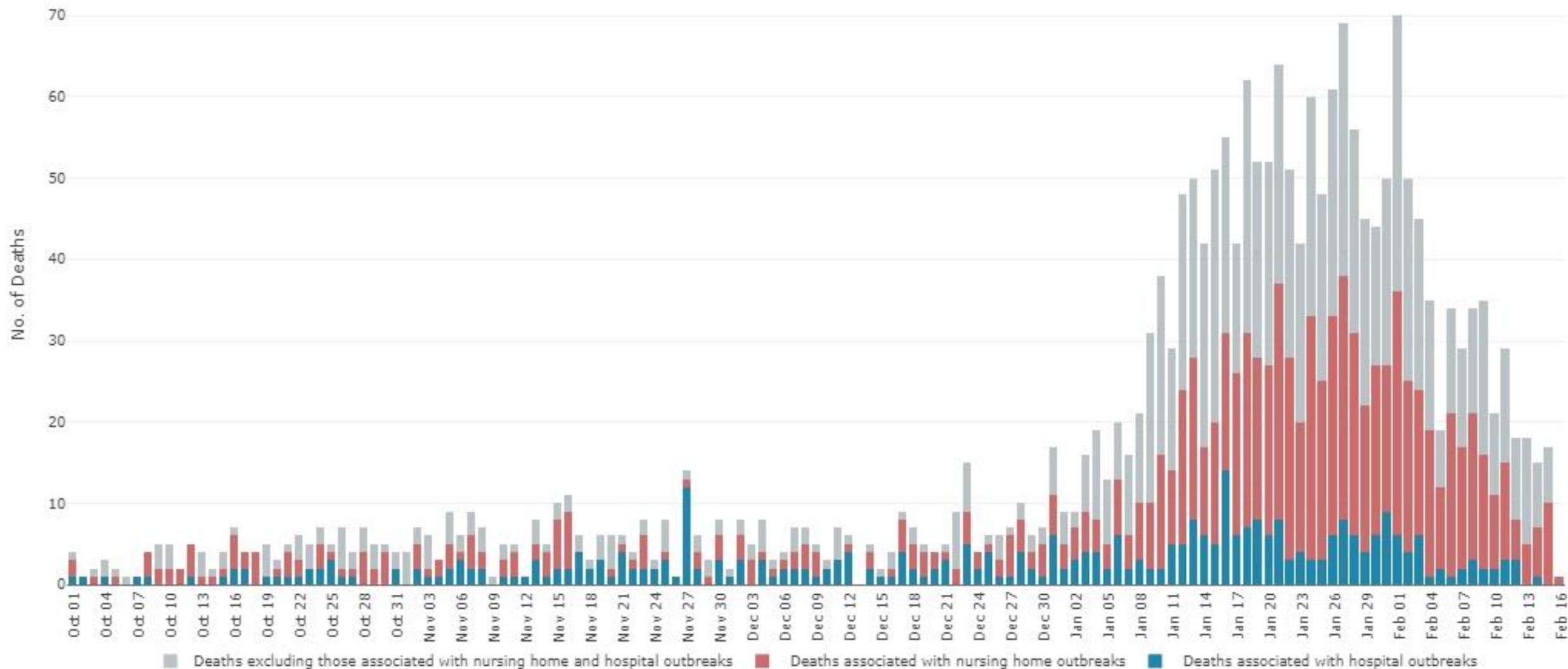
Linking of cases with outbreaks, identification of HCW and hospitalisation of cases may be incomplete for more recent cases

Source: HPSC, CIDR Extract 17022021



# Deaths

Deaths by Date of Death





# Outbreaks & Clusters

# COVID-19 outbreaks by key outbreak locations, week 6 2021 and overall, 2020-2021 Ireland



- Since March 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, 12,111 outbreaks have been notified to CIDR
- In week 6, 2021 200 outbreaks were notified

Key outbreak locations	Week 6	Weeks 10-47	Weeks 48-6
Workplace	22	292	230
Direct Provision Centre	2	37	27
Vulnerable groups*	22	102	133
Prisons	1	9	4
Nursing Home/Community Hospital	6	380	229
Acute hospitals	12	178	174
Schools^	0	79	116
Childcare facility	5	200	108

\*Includes Irish Travellers, Roma, homeless and addiction service population

^These outbreaks are associated with school children +/- school staff. Transmission of COVID-19 within the school has not necessarily been established in these outbreaks

Data source: CIDR February 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 – data to midnight February 15<sup>th</sup> 2021

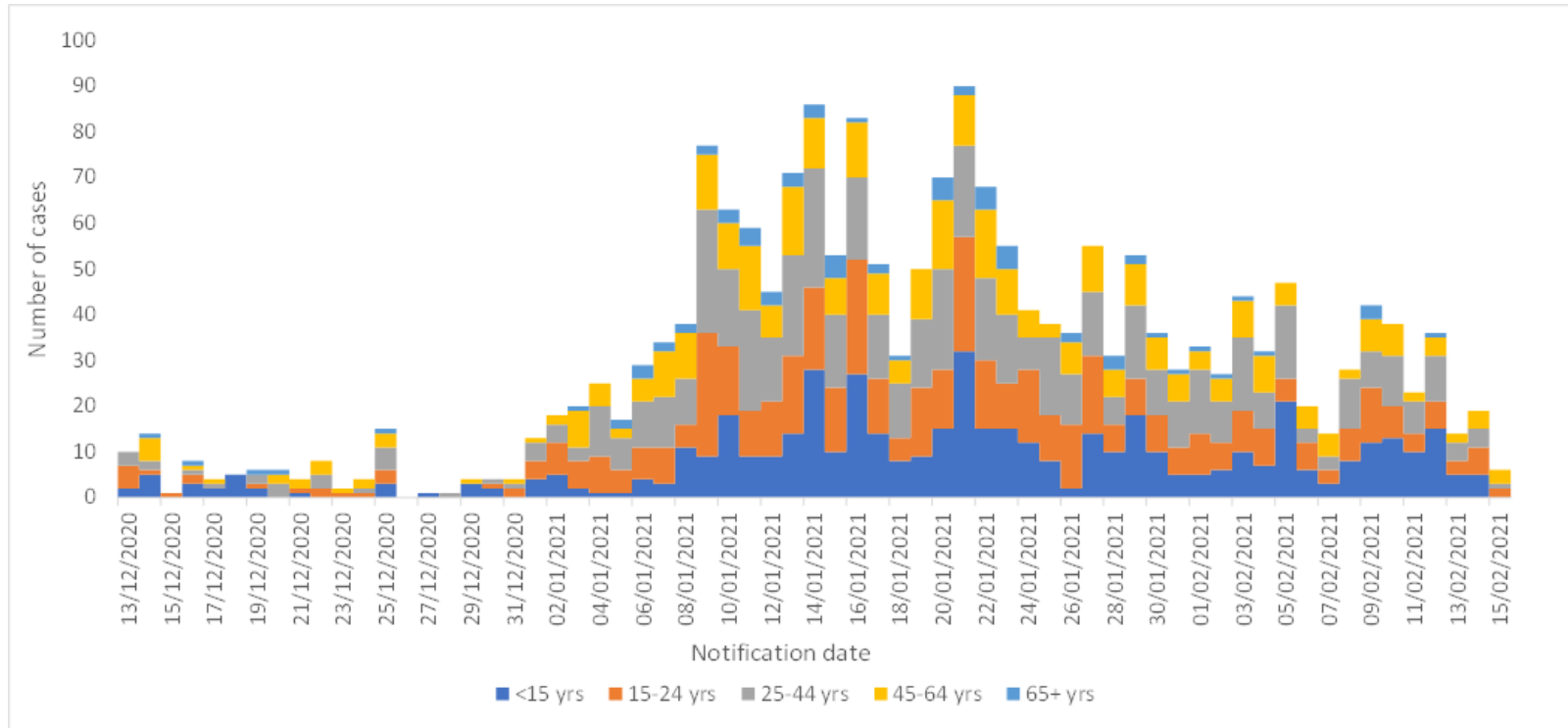
# Weekly Summary



- **Total** number of outbreaks week 6, 2021 n=200 compared with week 5, 2021 n=210
- **Vulnerable groups**
  - Irish Traveller outbreaks
    - Week 6 – 22 new outbreaks, 153 linked cases
    - Week 7 – 8 new outbreaks already – 40 linked cases
  - 22 open DPC outbreaks - 203 linked cases
  - 2 new outbreaks in homeless population – 9 linked cases
  - 1 new outbreak in a prison – 17 linked cases
  - 1 new outbreak in addiction services – 3 linked cases
- **Workplace outbreaks**
  - 7 new food industry outbreaks since last week's report – 29 linked cases
  - 30 cases linked to 9 previously notified food industry outbreaks
  - Two new construction outbreaks – 9 linked cases
  - Five other workplace outbreaks – 23 linked cases
- **Residential institution outbreaks**
  - 157 outbreaks are 'open' with 1,245 linked cases (range 0-46)
  - 9 new outbreaks since last week's report with 38 linked cases
- **Home care Teams**
  - 31 open outbreaks – 86 linked cases
  - No new outbreaks notified to CIDR since last report
- **Nursing Homes & Community Hospitals**
  - 196/609 outbreaks remain open with 6495 linked cases
  - 6 new outbreaks with 40 linked cases since last week's report
  - 3 open outbreaks with new cases linked in the past week have >100 cases each
  - Since November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020, 773 deaths
- **Acute hospitals**
  - 130 open outbreaks involving 43 hospitals, 1962 linked cases (range 1-150)
  - 12 new outbreaks since last week's report with 13 linked cases (0-5). In addition, for 8 outbreaks in a single hospital - 85 cases on aggregate data
  - Since November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020, 282 deaths have occurred in cases linked to acute hospitals outbreaks
- **Schools**
  - No new outbreak since last week's report.
- **Childcare facilities**
  - 9 new outbreaks since last week's report with 39 linked cases (range 2-8)
- **Third-level students/University/college**
  - No new outbreaks reported to CIDR since last report



# COVID-19 infections among Irish Travellers – December 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 – February 15<sup>th</sup> 2021



- 1988 confirmed cases
- 47% (944/1988) male
- Median age 25 years
- 4.7% hospitalised, nine ICU admissions and five deaths
- Among 115 outbreaks, 18 had >20 linked cases
- **22 new outbreaks in week 6, with 153 cases between them**
- **Eight new outbreaks already in week 7, 2021 – 40 linked cases**

**Inclusion criteria**  
Cases linked to outbreaks reported as affecting Irish Travellers OR whose ethnicity is reported as Irish Traveller, December 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 to midnight February 15<sup>th</sup> 2021

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# Outbreaks linked with Roma, Homeless, Addiction Services and Prisons: August 1<sup>st</sup> to February 14<sup>th</sup> 2021



Since August 1<sup>st</sup> 2020

- 43 outbreaks with 401 associated cases
- 17% (65/390) are <15 years; 54 are Roma, three are homeless and eight are people with addictions)
- Twenty outbreaks are 'open' (three in prisons, seven in people with addictions and ten in the homeless population)
- Since last update, four new outbreaks occurred, two in homeless populations with nine confirmed linked cases, one in a prison with 17 confirmed linked cases and one in people with addictions with three confirmed linked cases

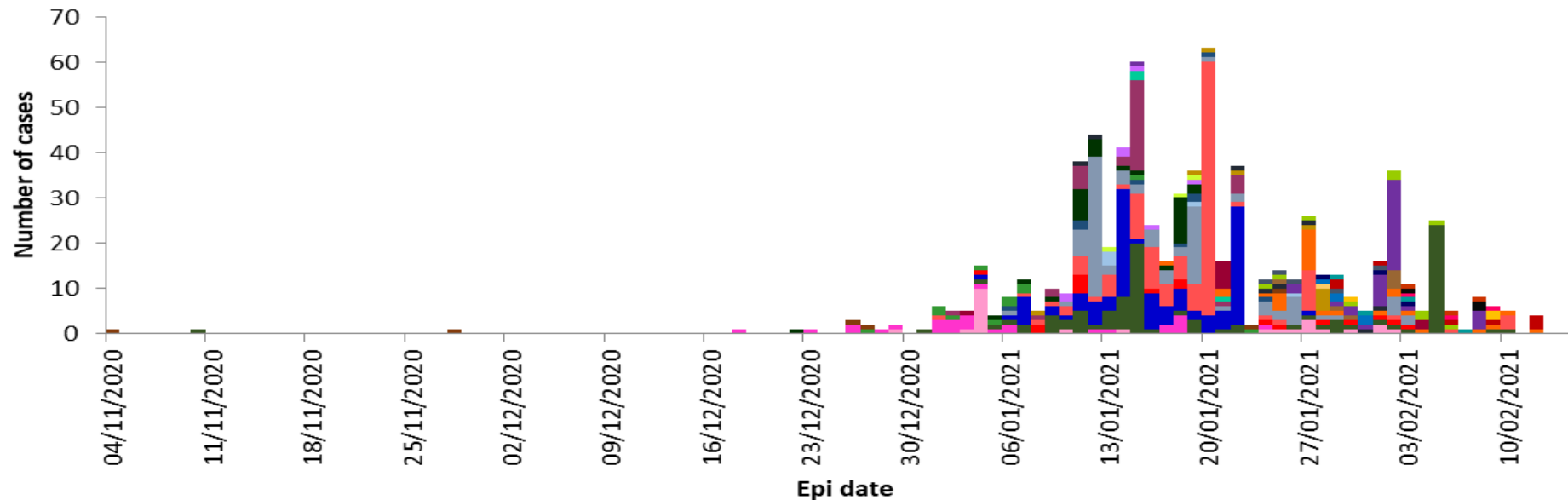
Vulnerable group	Outbreak	Linked confirmed cases			
	Number of outbreaks	Number of cases	Number hospitalised	Number admitted to ICU -	Number who died
Homeless	17	64	2	2	
People with addictions	11	85	3		1
Prisons	6	103			
Roma community	9	149	9	3	
Total	43	401	14	5	1

Data source: CIDR February 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 – data to midnight February 14<sup>th</sup> 2021

# Workplace outbreaks – Food production/processing: Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 2020-Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 2021



- 746 cases are linked to 34 **open** outbreaks in this sector (range: 0-125 linked confirmed cases)
- 7 new outbreaks were reported this week (29 confirmed cases linked to these outbreaks (range: 3-8 linked confirmed cases)
- 30 additional cases were linked to 9 previously reported outbreaks
- The largest outbreak has 125 linked cases, and epi dates range from the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan to 10<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Overall, 70 cases linked to outbreaks in this sector have an epi date within the last 14 days; and 9 within the last 7 days

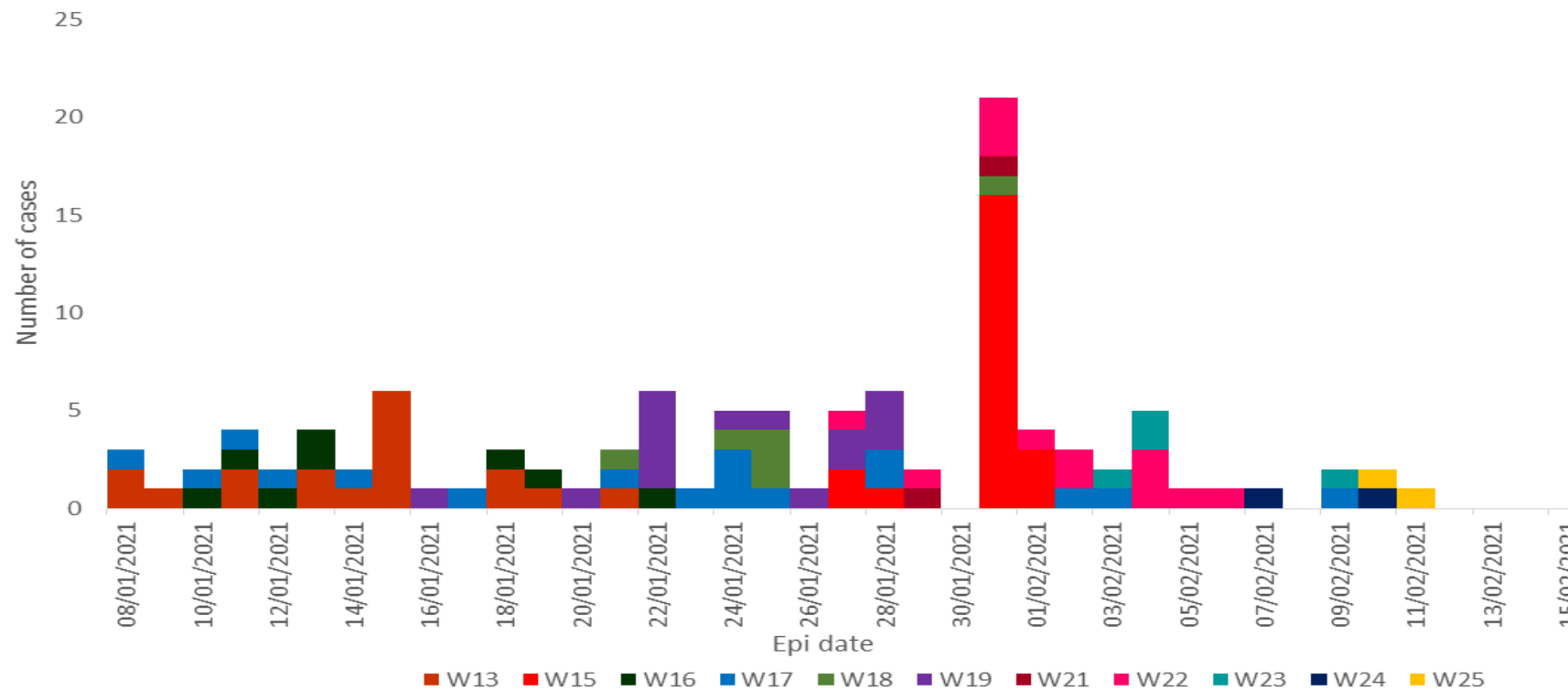


Data source: CIDR February 16<sup>th</sup> 2021  
\*Data to midnight 15/02/2021

# Workplace outbreaks – Other#: Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 – Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 2021



- 109 cases are associated with 11 open outbreaks in businesses categorized as “Other#” workplaces (range: 2-22 linked confirmed cases)
- Five new outbreaks in this category, with 23 linked confirmed cases (range: 2-13 linked cases), notified since last week
- Five additional cases were linked to three previously reported outbreaks in this category
- 18 cases linked to outbreaks in this category have epi dates within the last 14 days



#Other workplace outbreaks are outbreaks that occur in other high risk settings, apart from in the food production or construction sectors, where working conditions may provide potential for rapid transmission of SARS-CoV-2. These settings include, but are not limited to, waste management businesses , large-scale manufacturing plants and logistics companies.

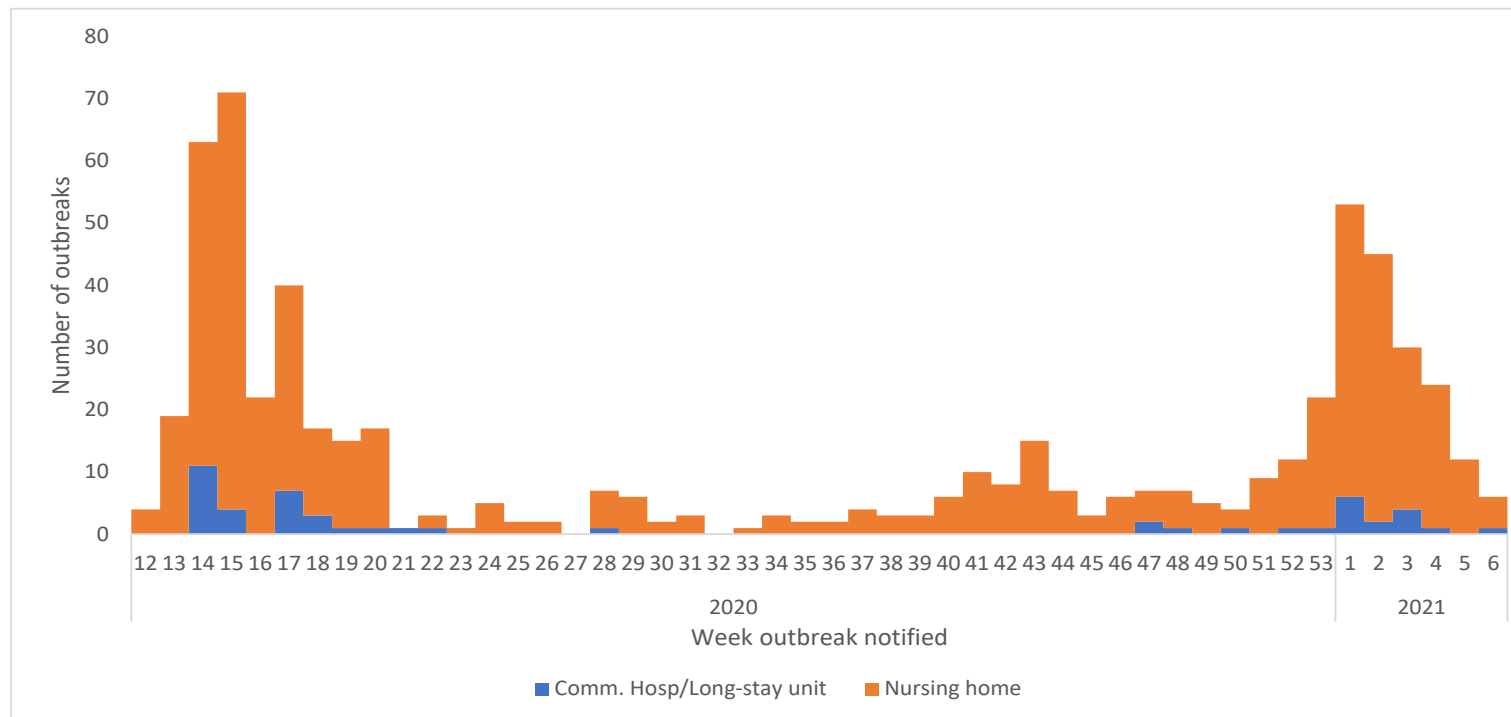
Data source: CIDR February 16<sup>th</sup> 2021  
\*Data to midnight 15/02/2021

# Nursing Homes and Community Hospital/Long Stay Units: to midnight February 13<sup>th</sup> 2021

Outbreaks Location	Outbreak	Linked confirmed cases				
	Number of outbreaks	Number of cases	Number hospitalised	Number admitted to ICU	Number hospitalised and died	Number who died
Comm. Hosp/Long-stay unit	50	1029	104	2	21	99
Nursing home	559	13924	891	23	300	1664
<b>Total</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>14953</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>1763</b>

## March 2020 – February 13<sup>th</sup> 2021

- 609 outbreaks in Nursing Homes and Community Hospital/Long Stay Units
- Five new Nursing Home and one new Community Hospital/Long-stay Unit outbreaks notified in week 6 2021



Data source: CIDR February 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 – data to midnight February 13<sup>th</sup> 2021

## Focus on 196 'OPEN' Nursing Homes and Community Hospital/Long Stay Units to midnight February 13<sup>th</sup> 2021

- 6,495 associated cases (2,566 HCW/staff cases, 3,202 client cases, 727 cases HCW status unknown)
- 7 outbreaks include only HCW/staff cases, 169 include both HCW/staff cases and client cases, 6 outbreaks includes client cases only, for 12 outbreaks the mix of cases is unclear, and for 2\* outbreaks, there were no linked cases
  - 6 new outbreaks since last week's report – 40 linked cases
  - 80 previously notified 'open' outbreaks – 480 additional cases since last week's report
  - 110 previously notified 'open' outbreaks – no additional cases since last week's report

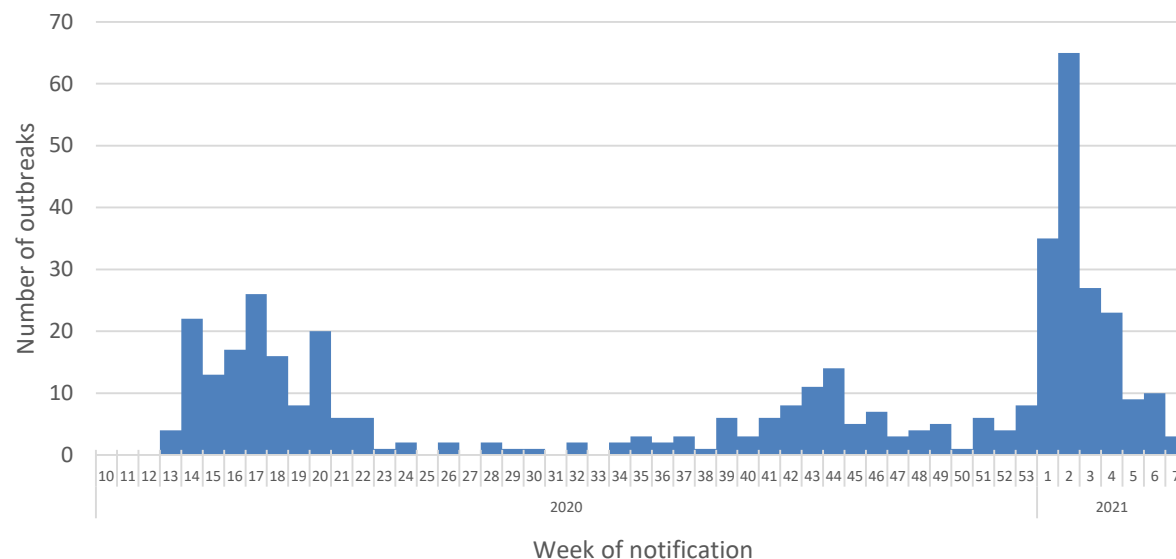
\*For 1 of 2 outbreaks with no linked cases, aggregate data on the number of associated cases suggest that there should be an additional 4 linked cases

# Residential Institution outbreaks 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 to midnight 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (n=423)



	All outbreaks		Open outbreaks				
	Total number of outbreaks	Total number of linked confirmed cases	Total number of open outbreaks	Total number of linked confirmed cases	Total number hospitalised	Total number ICU	Total number Died
<b>Residential Facilities - Total</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>2734</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>1245</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>22</b>
Centre for disabilities	289	1723	114	897	35	2	13
Centre for older people	28	454	10	161	2		5
Children's / TUSLA residential centre	30	76	10	28			
Mental health facility	44	319	16	119	15	1	2
Other	20	126	3	32	1		2
Not Specified	12	36	4	8			

Number of COVID-19 Outbreaks in Residential Institutions (n=423)

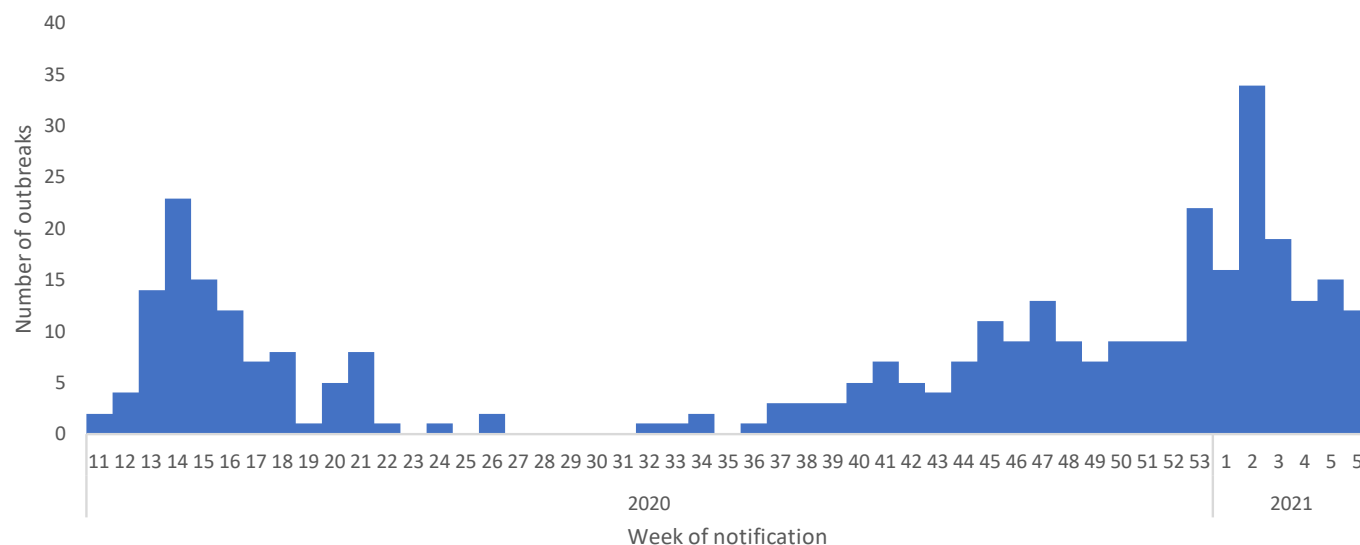


## Overview

- 423 outbreaks in residential institutions with 2,734 linked confirmed cases
- 157 outbreaks remain open, 1,245 linked confirmed cases
  - Range in number of cases 0 to 46; median 2
  - 114 of 'open' outbreaks in centres for disabilities
- 9 new outbreaks since last week's report with 38 linked cases (4 outbreaks de-notified/re-categorised since previous report)

Data source: CIDR February 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 – data to midnight February 15<sup>th</sup> 2021

# Acute Hospital outbreaks to midnight February 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 (n=352)



## Overview

- 352 outbreaks in acute hospitals
- 130 ‘open’ acute hospital outbreaks (all occurring since 1st September 2020)
- 1962 confirmed cases linked to 130 of the open outbreaks (range 1-150)
- The 130 open outbreaks correspond to outbreaks in 43 Acute Hospitals

## Update

- 12 new outbreaks in week 6 2021
- 13 confirmed cases linked to 4 of these outbreaks (range 0-5). For 8 outbreaks with no linked cases, aggregate data on the number of associated cases suggest that there should be an additional 85 linked cases
- A total of 25 additional cases were linked to 11 previously reported open hospital outbreaks
- Fifteen outbreaks were closed since last week

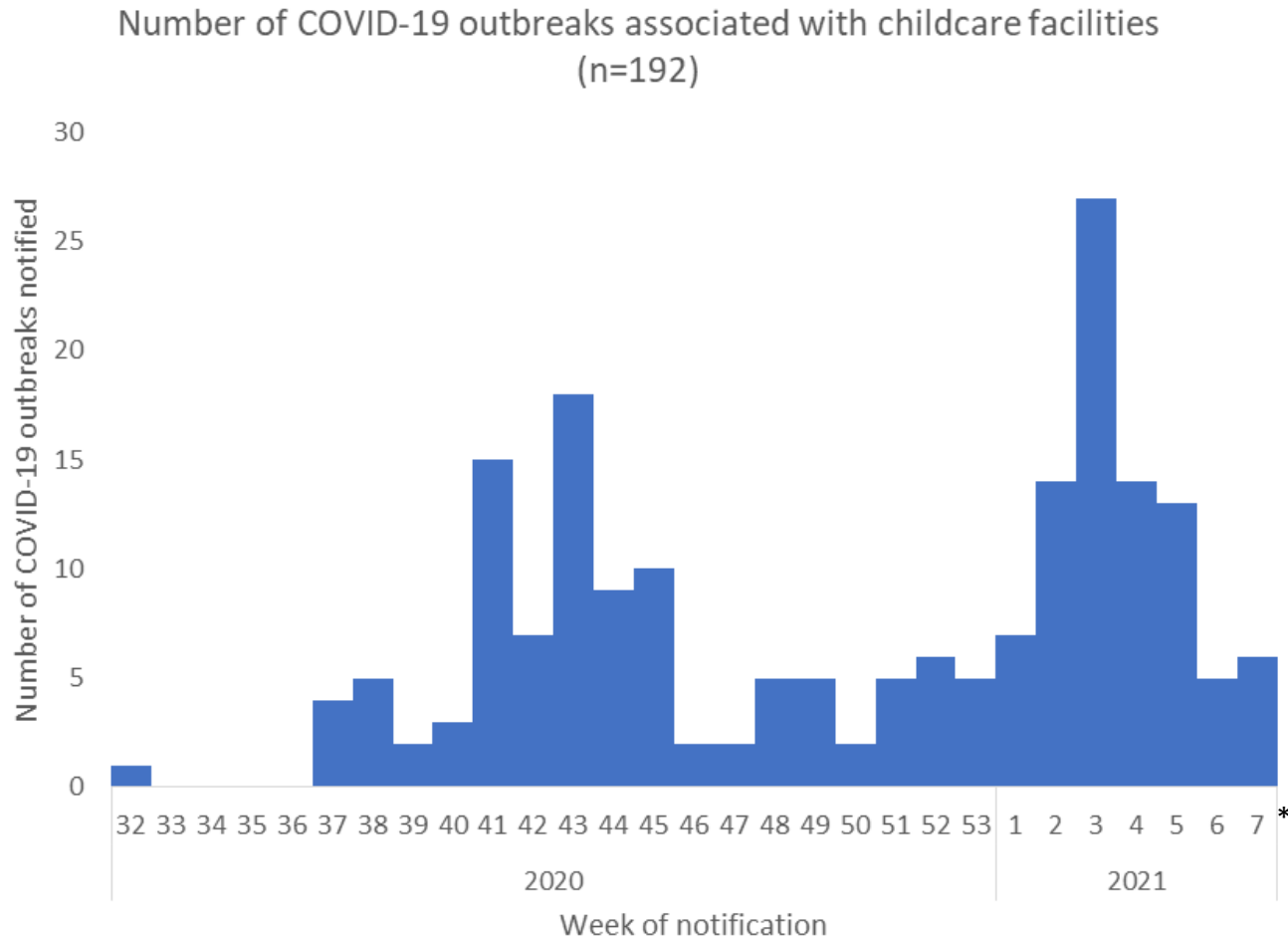
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Outbreak status	Number of outbreaks	Confirmed linked cases	Number admitted to ICU	Number Died	Number HCWs
All	352	4349	96	454	2003
Open	130	1962	39	206	789

Data source: CIDR February 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 – data to midnight February 13<sup>th</sup> 2021



# Outbreaks associated with childcare facilities to midnight 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (n=192)



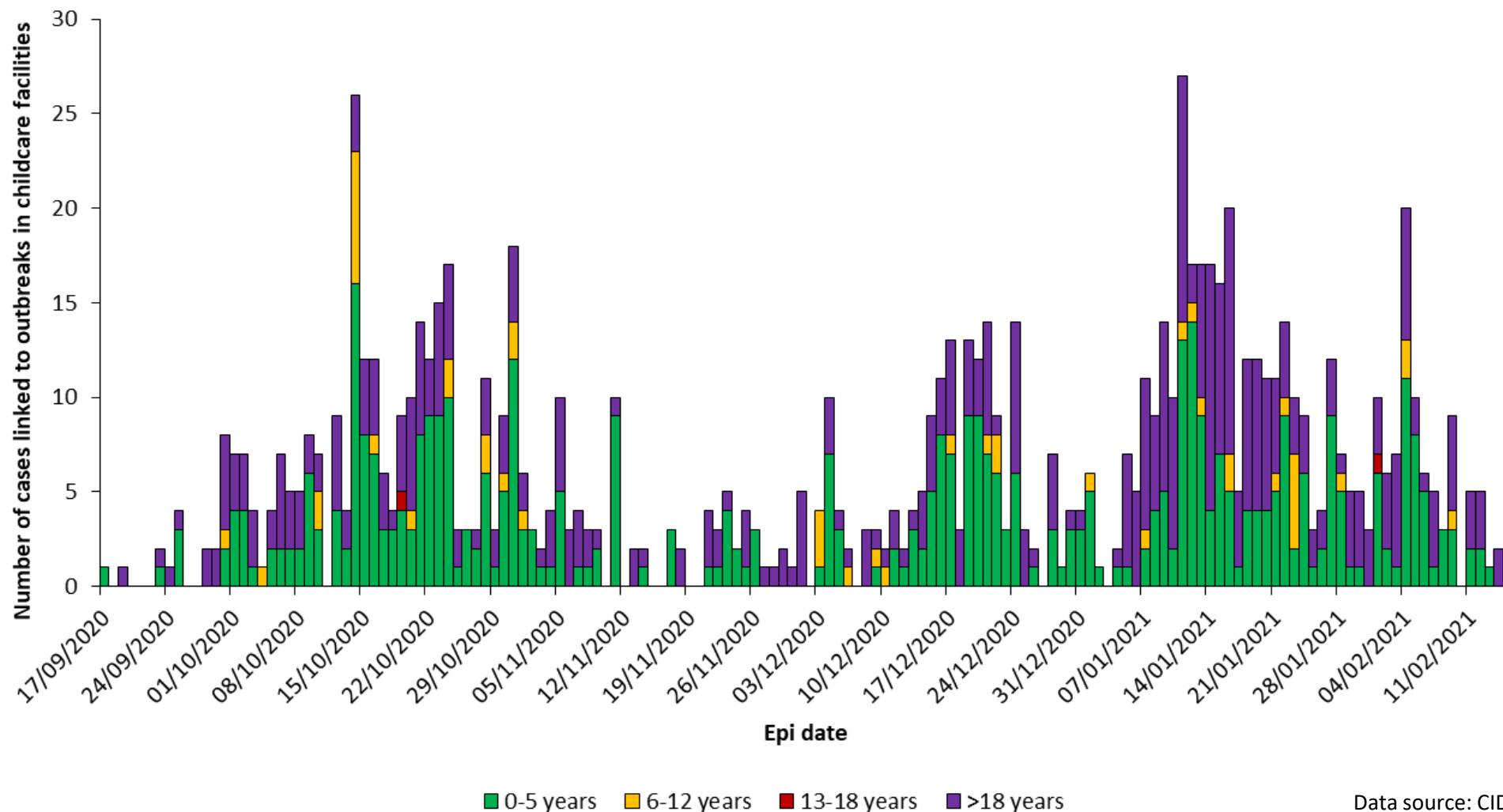
## Overview

- 192 outbreaks associated with children and staff in childcare facilities notified
- 979 linked events in total
- 180 outbreaks have  $\geq 2$  linked confirmed cases (range 2-39)
- 111 outbreaks have been closed; 81 remain open

## Update

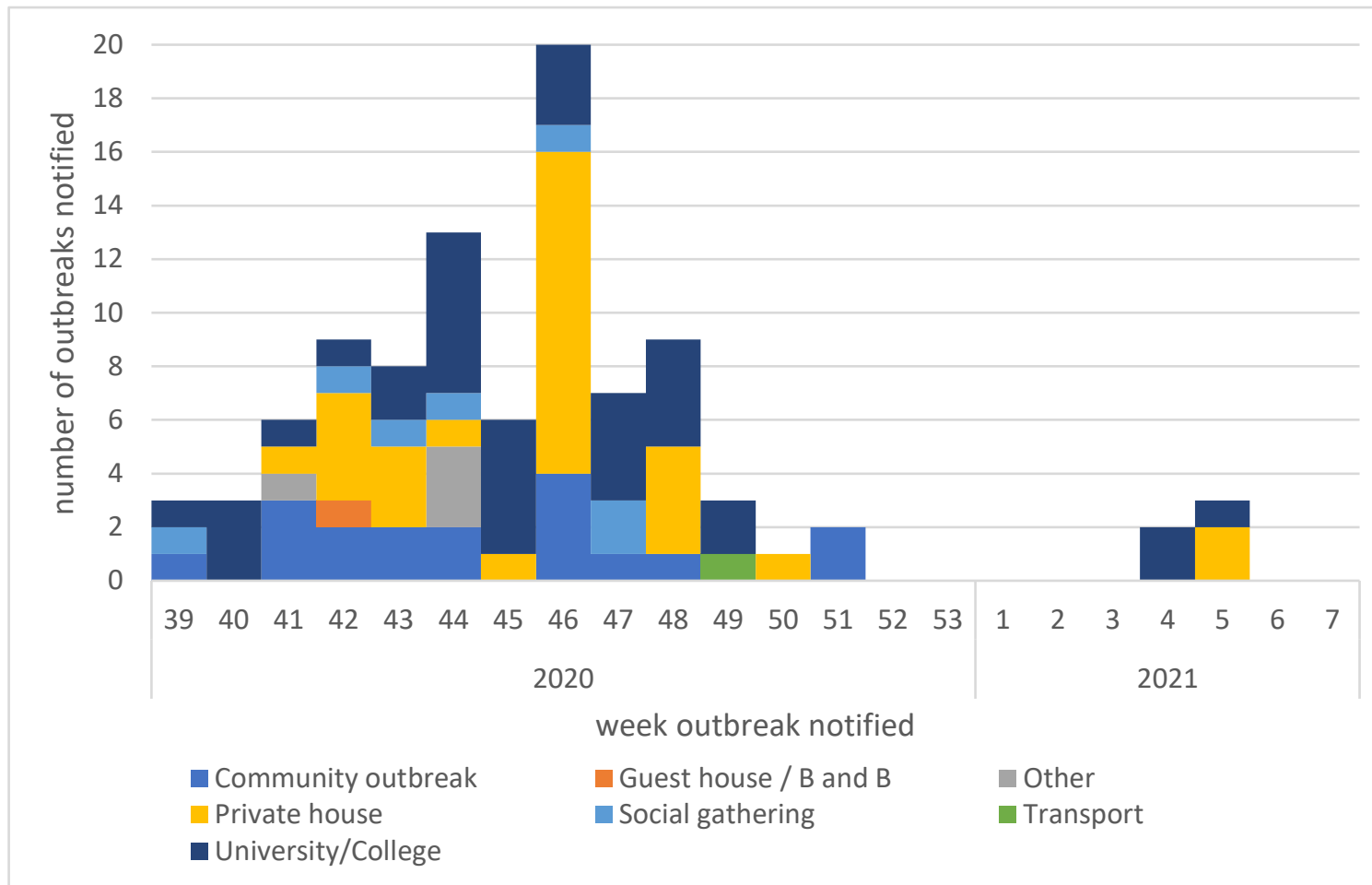
- 9 new outbreaks reported since last week
- 39 confirmed cases linked to these outbreaks (range 2-8)
- 25 additional cases were linked to 11 previously reported childcare facility outbreaks
- 15 outbreaks were closed since last week

# Epidemic curve of cases notified from Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 – Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 and linked to outbreaks associated with childcare facility outbreaks (n=920) by age group and epi date



Data source: CIDR February 16<sup>th</sup> 2021  
 \*Data to midnight 15/02/2021

# Outbreaks associated with third-level institutions/students to March 2020 midnight 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (n=95)



## Overview

- To date there have been 95 confirmed notified outbreaks
- 1030 confirmed linked cases to these outbreaks
- Outbreaks occurred in all 8 HSE areas with 24 each in HSE S and HSE E, and 15 in each of HSE W and HSE M
- 34 outbreaks remain 'open'
  - Median number confirmed linked cases = 3 (range 1 to 190)
- No new outbreaks notified to CIDR since last report

Data source: CIDR February 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 – data to midnight February 15<sup>th</sup> 2021



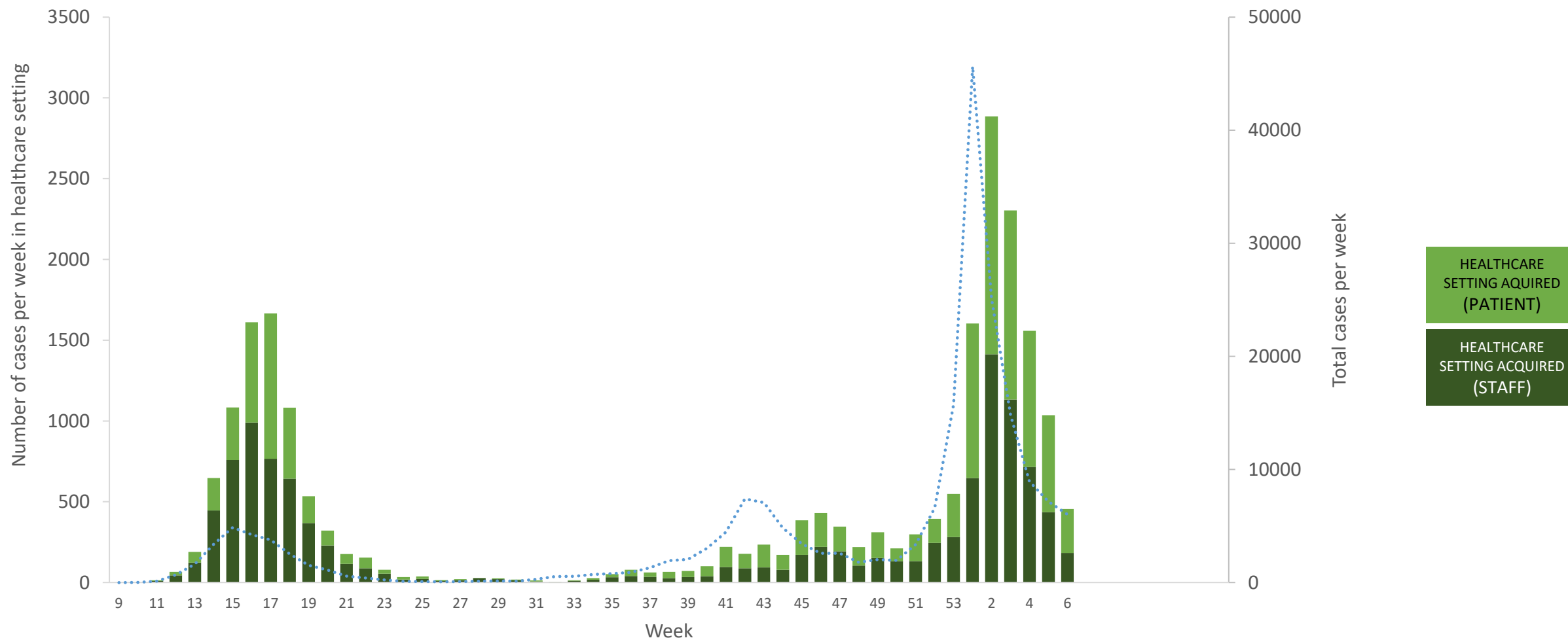
**Table 6: Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases by most likely transmission source notified from 03/02/2021 to midnight 16/02/2021**

Most likely transmission source	Number of cases	Percent
Travel related	65	0.52%
Close contact with a known confirmed case	6,329	50.79%
Healthcare setting acquired: patient	643	5.16%
Healthcare setting acquired: staff	411	3.30%
Community transmission	2,195	17.62%
Under investigation	2,817	22.61%
<b>Total cases with known most likely transmission source</b>	<b>9,643</b>	<b>77.39%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,460</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\*Travel related cases include cases who acquire COVID-19 infection outside of Ireland (imported cases) and cases who acquire COVID-19 infection directly from imported cases

# Infections in the healthcare setting

The number of healthcare-setting-acquired infections was very high through January 2021. Nonetheless, when compared to the total burden of disease in the community (total cases per week) the level of infection in healthcare settings is significantly less than in April-May 2020. The incidence of healthcare-acquired infection has decreased rapidly in parallel to the decline in incidence in the wider community.



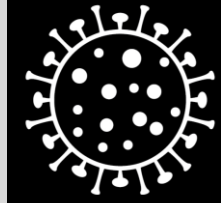
Number of cases per week recorded in CIDR as 'healthcare setting acquired' (bars) compared to the total number of cases per week (dotted line, referred to the secondary y-axis). Cases dated by event date. Tests outsourced to German laboratory in April backdated, using the specimen collection date, to the date they would have been confirmed if tested in a timely manner.



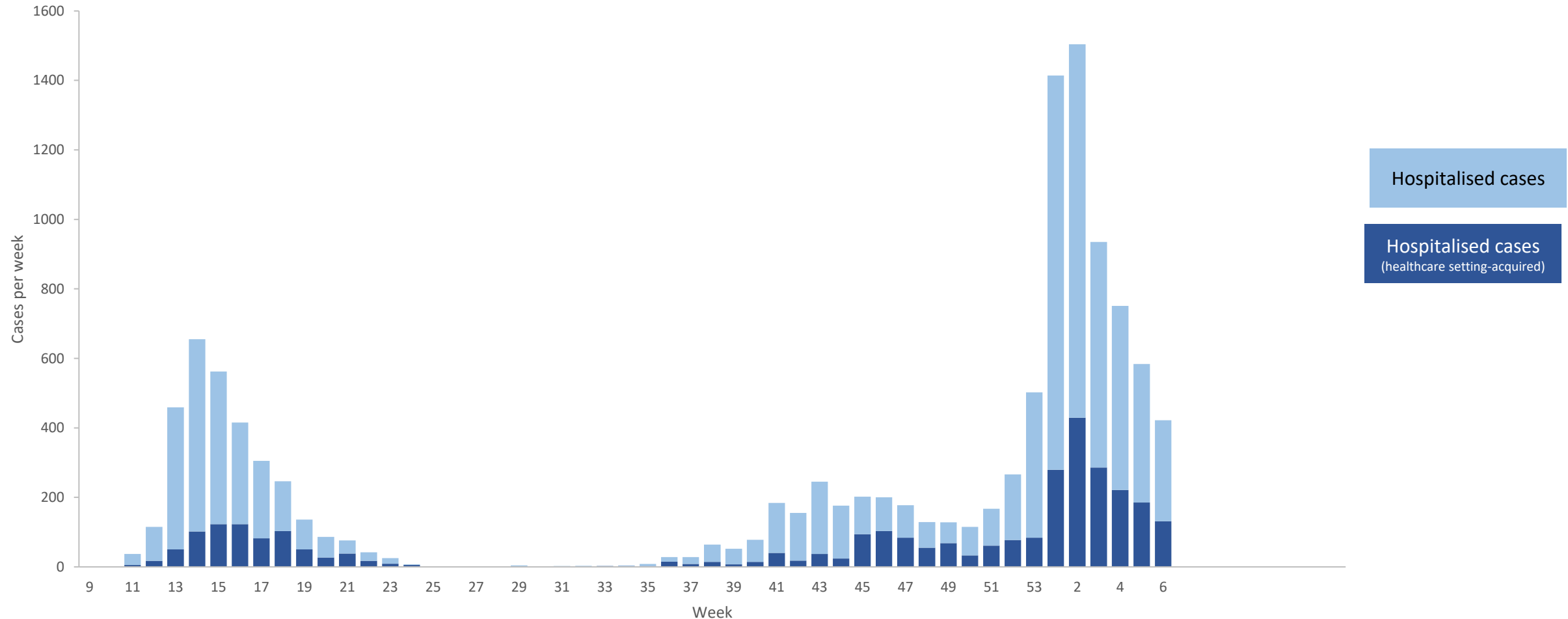
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# Hospital-acquired infection

The number of cases that are hospitalised, and the number of hospitalised cases that are notified as having been acquired in a healthcare setting. Hospital-acquired infections account for 20-30% of hospitalised cases.



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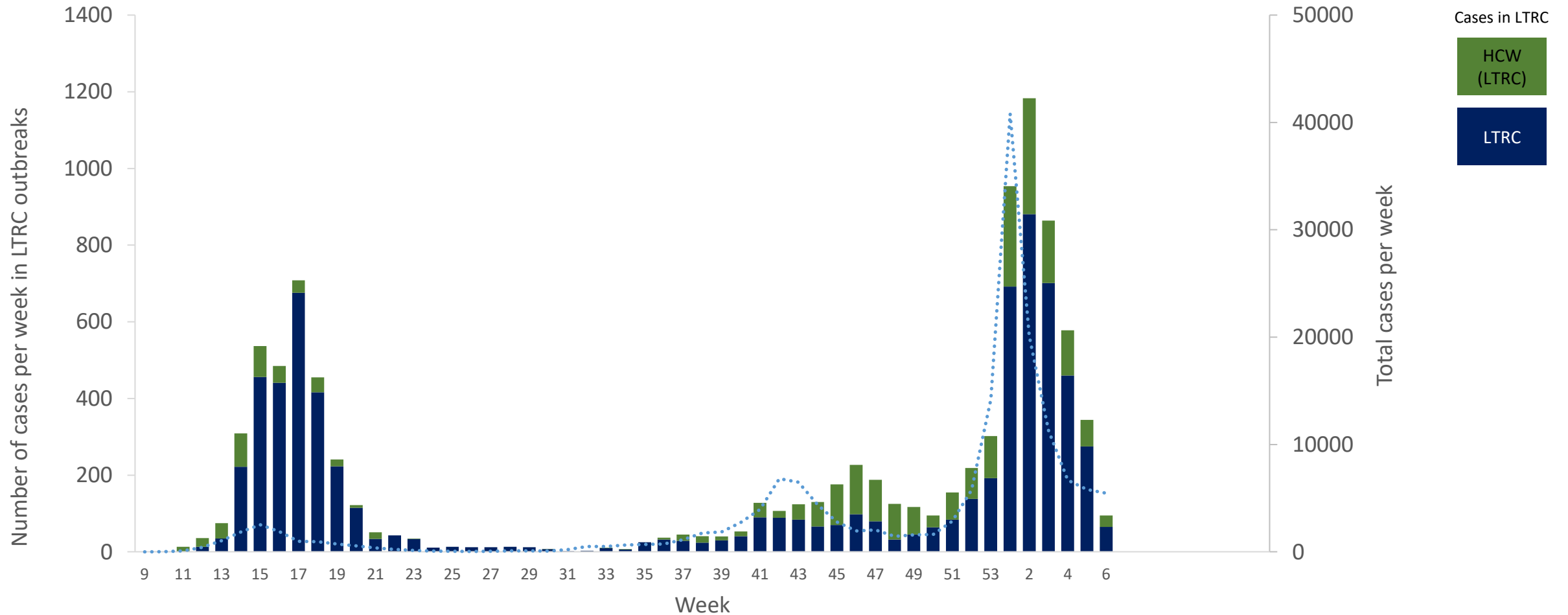
The weekly number of cases that are hospitalised (light blue), and the weekly number of hospitalised cases where the infection is notified as having been acquired by the patient in a healthcare setting (dark blue). Cases dated by notification (event) date. Tests outsourced to German laboratory in April backdated, using the specimen collection date, to the date they would have been confirmed if tested in a timely manner.



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# Cases in long-term residential settings

The number of cases linked to outbreaks in LTRC, following the unprecedented levels of infection in the community in January 2021, was very high, similar to the numbers seen in April and May 2020. Nonetheless, when compared to the total burden of disease in the community (total cases per week) the level of infection in LTRC is significantly less than in April-May 2020. Cases in LTRC have decreased rapidly in parallel to the decline in incidence in the wider community.



Number of cases per week linked to outbreaks in long-term residential care (bars) compared to the total number of cases per week (dotted line, referred to the secondary y-axis). LTRC: cases amongst residents in outbreaks in long-term residential settings.  
HCW (LTRC): Cases in healthcare workers associated with outbreaks in LTRC.



# Test & Trace Update



## Testing/sampling and contact tracing NPHET update



### ***Sampling***

Over the past seven days, 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Feb, there has been approximately 109,605 swabs taken for COVID-19 testing.

Of these:

- 43,955 (40%) of these were taken in the community
- 43,192 (39%) swabs were taken in acute and private acute settings.
- 22,458 (21%) swabs taken were taken as part of the Serial Testing programmes of staff in residential care facilities including mental health facilities and disability facilities meeting the agreed criteria, as well as staff in food production facilities.

### ***Contact Tracing***

From 10<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> February, of those tested with close contacts, the average number of close contacts per case was 3.

## Turnaround Times (10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Feb)

### *End-to-end turnaround time*

- The median end-to-end turnaround time, from referral to SMS, for **not detected** tests in the community setting was **1.6 days**.
- The median turnaround time for time, from referral to communication of a **detected result** by SMS, in community settings was **1.7 days**.
- The median end-to-end turnaround time, from referral to the end of contact tracing SMS sent, for **detected cases** in the community setting was **2 days**.



**Overall Swab to laboratory result communicated – Medians:** 25 hours in Acute, 25 hours in Serial Testing, 27 hours in Community

### *Referral to appointment*

In the community, the median time from referral to appointment was 0.3 days.

92% of community referrals are provided with a COVID-19 test appointment within 24 hours.

### *Contact Tracing:*

The mean time and median time to complete all calls are 6.7 hours and 4.3 hours, respectively.

## **CMP close contact update (week ending 14<sup>th</sup> Feb)**



- The number of close contacts captured during the week ending 14<sup>th</sup> February was 10,616, an 18% decrease from the previous week (12,978)
- In total, 10,260 (97%) of the contacts created between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Feb have been informed of their close contact status at the time of CMP report preparation.
- The mean number of close contacts per case (incl. cases with no close contacts) remains unchanged at 1.9
- The number of complex contact episodes decreased by 28% to 1,958

**Source: HSE – COVID-19 Contact Management  
Programme Weekly report**



## Close Contact Attendance at Testing and Positivity Rates – 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Feb

- Of the close contacts created between 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7,436 (73%) of those who were referred for a Test 1 appointment attended for testing.
- Results were available at the time of report preparation for 7,155 close contacts, 1,783 (24.9%) of which were positive.
- The highest positivity rate by setting, 33.3%, was seen in household contacts.
- From 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, Test 1 is scheduled as soon as possible (Day 0) and Test 2 was re-instated (Day 10 since last contact with confirmed case)

**Source: HSE – COVID-19 Contact Management Programme Weekly report**

**SARS-CoV2 Test 1\* Results by Circumstances – Contacts Created 01/02/2021 to 07/02/2021**

<i>Circumstances of Contact</i>	<i>Number of Results Reported</i>	<i>Positive Results</i>	<i>Positivity Rate</i>
<b>Household</b>	3780	1258	33.3%
<b>Social</b>	900	151	16.8%
<b>Workplace</b>	414	40	9.7%
<b>Pre-School/Crèche</b>	511	56	11.0%
<b>Third Level Education</b>	<5	<5	**
<b>Healthcare Setting: Patient***</b>	54	8	14.8%
<b>Healthcare Setting: Staff***</b>	20	5	25.0%
<b>Sport</b>	14	<5	**
<b>Transport</b>	102	6	5.9%
<b>Other</b>	77	10	13.0%
<b>Not Recorded</b>	1282	249	19.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7155</b>	<b>1783</b>	<b>24.9%</b>

*Table 1.4 – Test 1\* Results by Circumstances of Contact – 01/02/2021 to 07/02/2021*

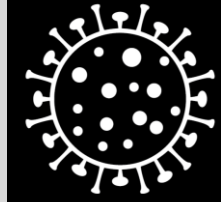
*\*Note: Test 1 refers to the Day 0 test for close contacts informed before 5pm on the 23rd December 2020 and the Day 5 test for close contacts informed after 5pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020. Test 2 was suspended from 23<sup>rd</sup> December to 10<sup>th</sup> February. All testing of close contacts was suspended between 1<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with Test 1 resuming from the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Attendance and results are reported a week in arrears for Test 1 and two weeks in arrears for Test 2 to improve completeness of data and allow for more meaningful interpretation of results.*

*\*\* Unstable positivity rate due to small numbers.*

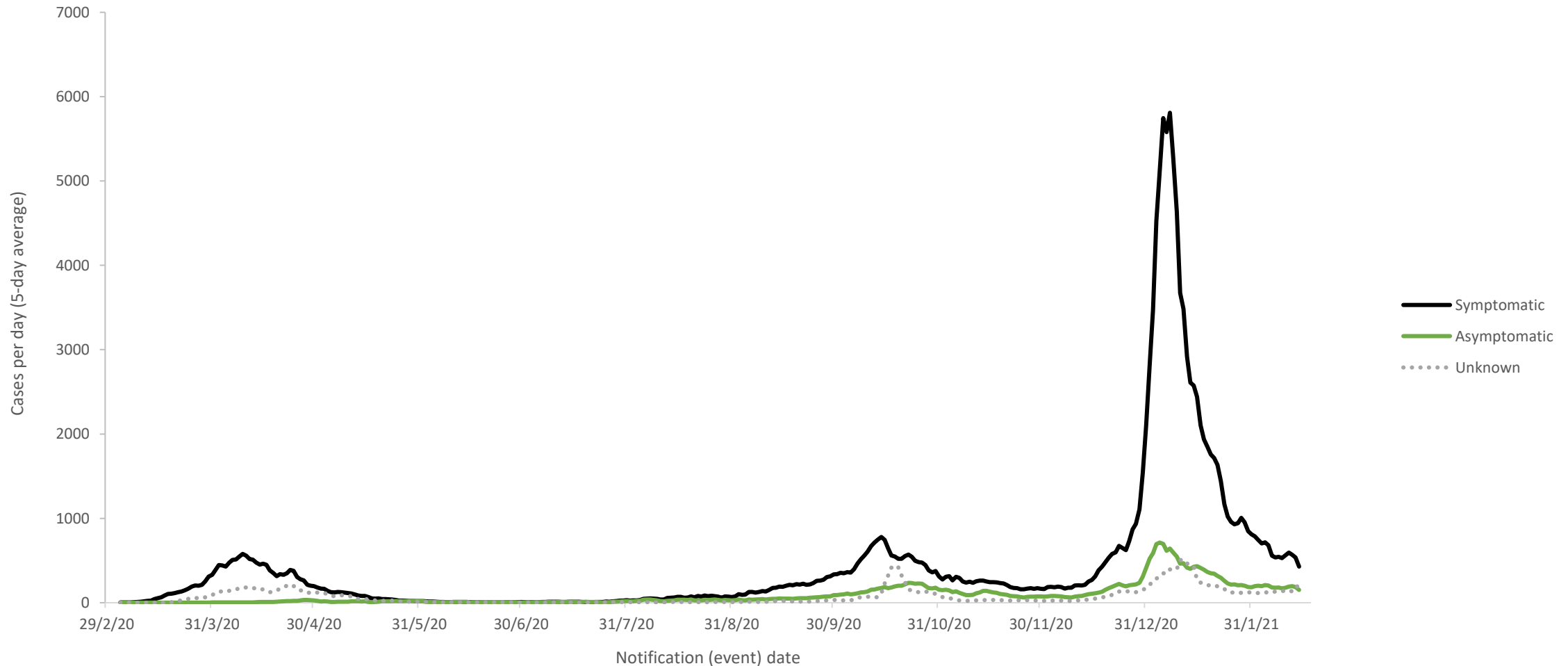
*\*\*\* The majority of patients and staff who are close contacts in a healthcare setting are managed by Infection Prevention and Control and Occupational Health teams off the CCT.*

# Symptomatic and asymptomatic cases

The number of symptomatic cases each day continues to decrease steadily; the relative number of asymptomatic cases is increasing as the testing of asymptomatic close contacts has resumed. Asymptomatic cases have increased from  $\approx 10\%$  to  $\approx 20\text{--}25\%$  of all cases, currently  $\approx 140\text{--}160$  cases per day



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Daily case count (5-day average ) separated out into those symptomatic at or prior to time of notification (black), those asymptomatic (green) and those for whom symptom status is unknown. Data for the most recent days is incomplete, as a number of cases for whom symptom status is currently unknown will be recorded as symptomatic or asymptomatic. Case counts are by notification (event) date.

# Age specific sentinel GP ILI consultation rates per 100,000 population by week and age specific thresholds

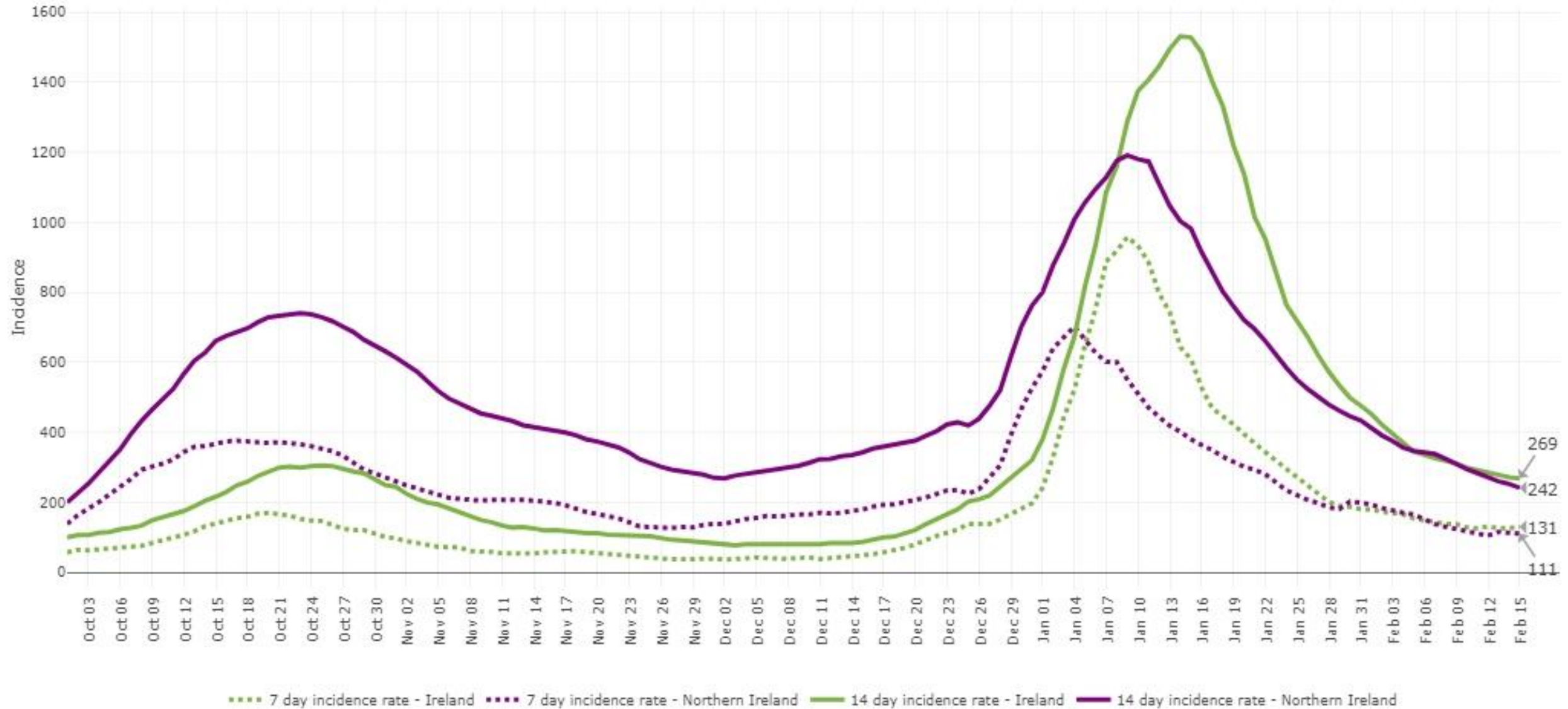


Sentinel GP ILI consultation/100,000 pop.	Week of Consultation																			
	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	1	2	3	4	5	6
All Ages	21.9	33.5	31.4	35.3	15.7	16.8	15.6	17.7	19.2	21.6	28.1	41.9	42.7	63.0	120.4	70.2	45.0	28.9	22.1	18.2
<15 yrs	17.6	24.5	26.4	30.2	9.5	15.2	23.5	17.7	26.6	23.6	31.3	39.0	29.3	18.8	37.1	21.4	26.0	3.1	13.8	3.2
15-64 yrs	23.8	40.1	35.2	38.6	17.9	18.0	12.7	18.8	18.2	21.3	27.3	44.3	46.2	73.9	155.7	89.4	53.9	36.6	25.3	24.6
≥65 yrs	19.4	15.5	20.9	27.6	15.0	13.4	17.3	12.7	12.4	19.9	27.2	34.5	46.2	79.2	78.9	53.1	31.4	31.8	19.4	10.3
Number of reporting practices (N=60)	51	55	55	56	57	54	58	57	58	58	58	58	58	58	56	58	58	55	57	53

MEM Threshold Levels	Below Baseline	Low	Moderate	High	Extraordinary
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- Moving Epidemic Method (MEM) threshold levels are colour coded – the MEM method is recommended internationally and by ECDC to establish thresholds for influenza-like illness (ILI)/influenza*

7 and 14 day Incidence rates for Ireland and Northern Ireland



Note – calculated using the 2016 population estimates for both ROI and NI.

Source: HPSC CIDR Extract 160221 and health-ni.gov.uk daily data 16/02/21.

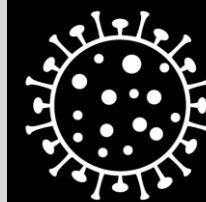


# Growth in Cases & R number

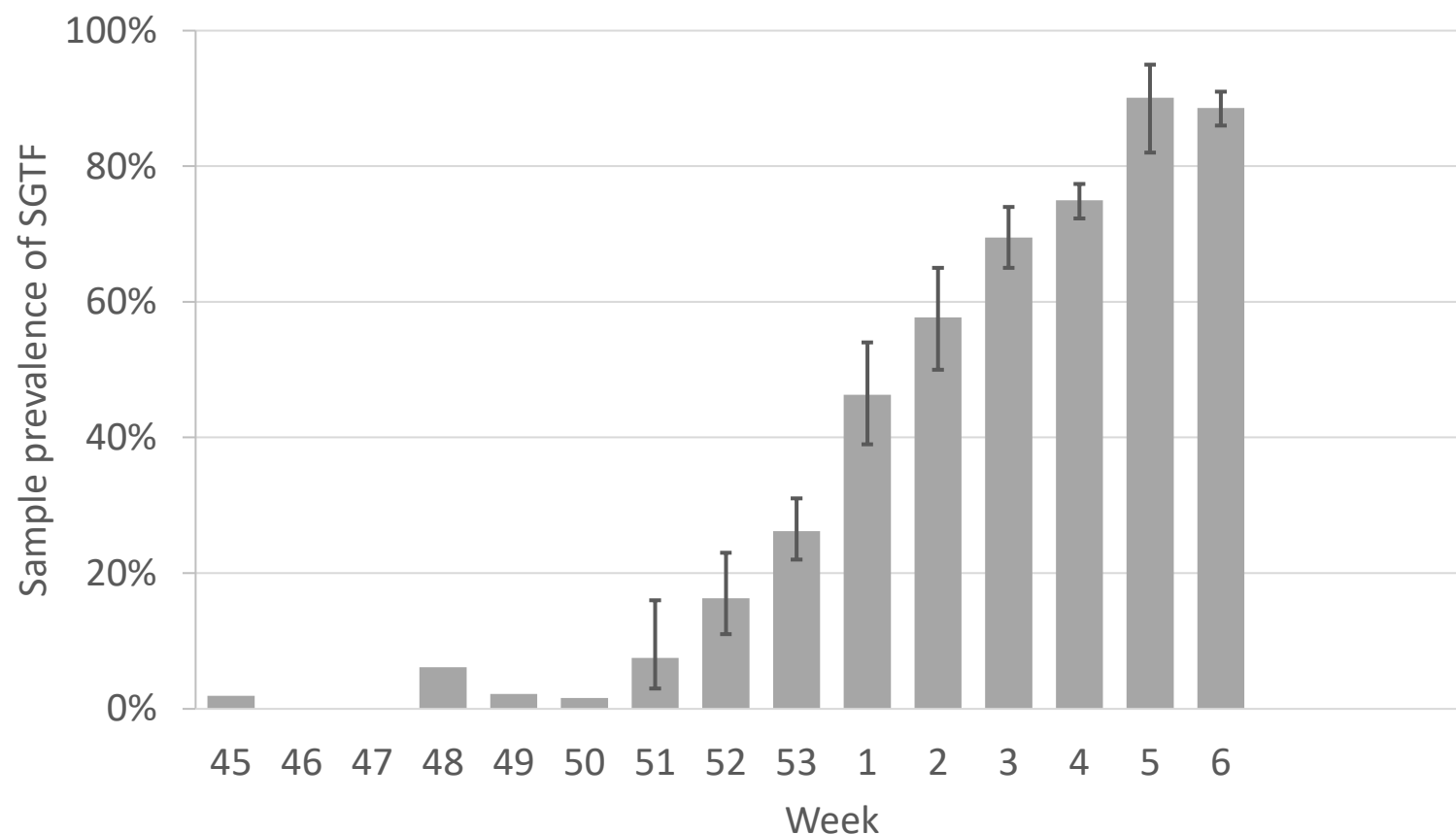


# New (B.1.1.7) variant – S gene target failure

S gene target failure (SGTF) is a marker for the new B.1.1.7 variant. The data are compatible with this variant being introduced, with a number of separate introductions in November and December, and spreading rapidly in late December, at which point it is likely to have begun to contribute to increased transmission. It is now established as the dominant variant



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WEEK	Number of SGTF variants	Sample size	Sample prevalence
45	1	52	2%
46	0	35	0%
47	0	32	0%
48	3	49	6%
49	1	46	2%
50	2	128	2%
51	6	80	8%
52	29	178	16%
53	111	424	26%
1	87	188	46%
2	90	156	58%
3	330	475	69%
4	833	1111	75%
5	82	91	90%
6	762	860	89%

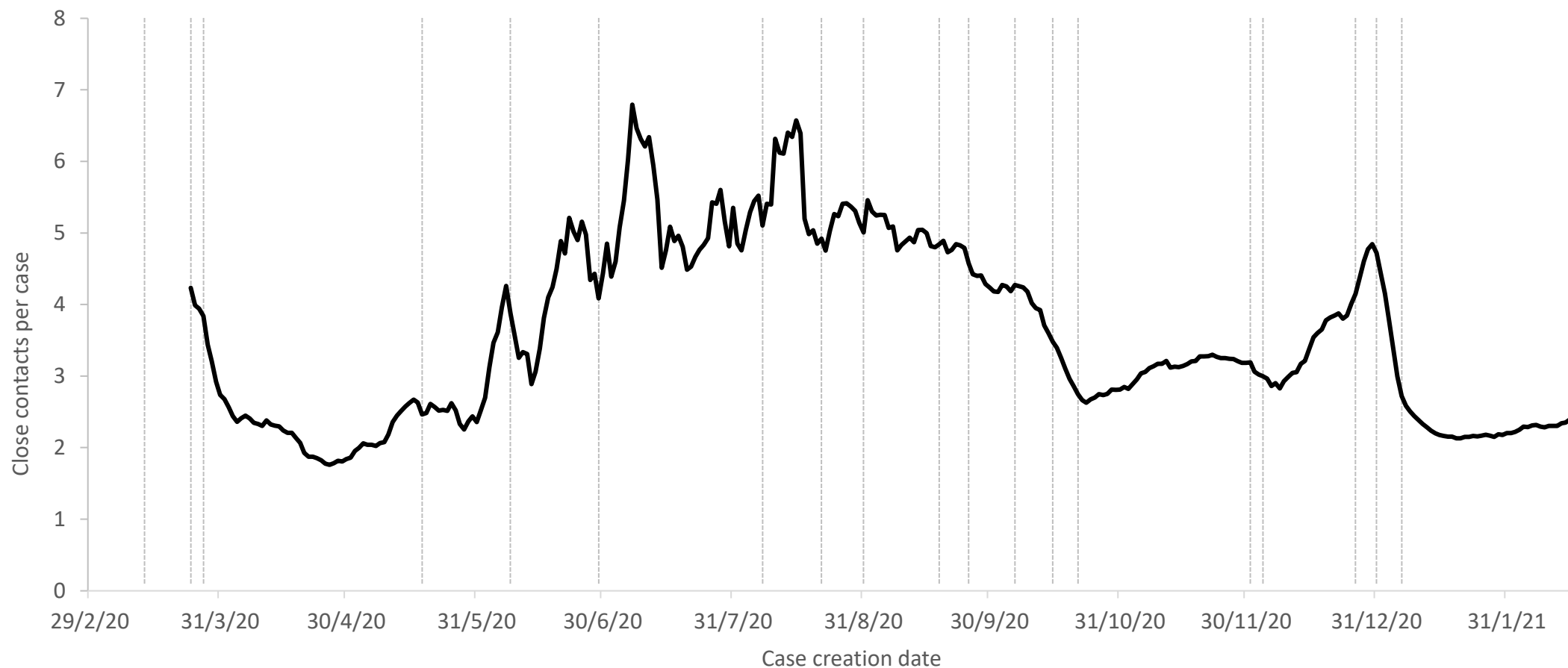
Data from National Virus Reference Laboratory UCD



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# Close contacts of adult confirmed cases

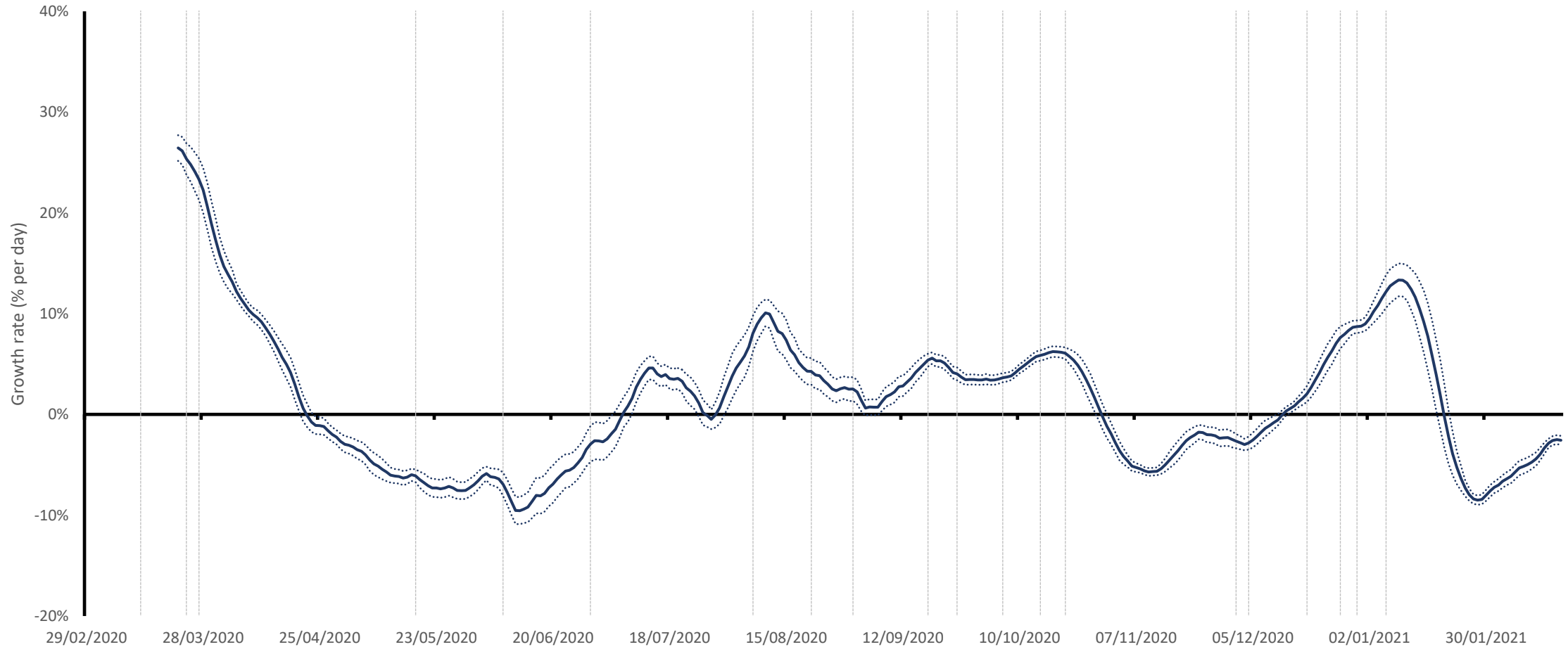
The mean number of close contacts per confirmed case. The number of contacts was very low (2 or less) during April, but increased to 5-6 per case during the summer. The progressive escalation of public health measures during October was associated with a progressive reduction in close contacts, to below 3. The number of close contacts remained below 3.3 on average until early December, rose to almost 5 on average by 28 December, while it remains very low it is increasing slowly (from 2.1 to 2.4)



The average number of close contacts per confirmed case. Data from COVID-19 Care Tracker (CCT). Cases dated by case creation date. Cases (but not contacts) aged 18 and younger are excluded. Data are 7-day trailing averages except for the months of June – August where a 21-day trailing average is used due to very low case counts.

# Growth rate for case numbers

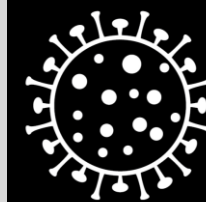
Growth rate peaked at 13% per day over the 21-day period up to 10 January 2021. While case numbers decreased very rapidly in January (-6 to -10% per day) case numbers are now decreasing more slowly at -2% to -4% per day



Growth rate calculated as the average growth rate over a 21-day trailing window, with 95% credible interval; cases dated by notification (event) date.

# Estimates of effective reproduction number (R)

Reproduction number is below 1.0, but may be increasing; it is currently estimated at 0.65 – 0.85



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Method	Estimate	95% confidence interval
SEIR model-inferred	1.30	0.98 – 1.79
Bayesian model	0.78	0.46 – 1.37
Time-dependent R	0.79	0.73 – 0.84
GAM estimate 9 Feb 2021	0.77	0.63 – 0.90
GAM estimate 16 Feb 2021	0.66	0.51 – 0.82

Estimates generated 17 February 2021, refer to IEMAG technical notes for methodology. Estimates are unreliable when case numbers are low or variable. SEIR-inferred estimate is slow to respond to changes in R. The time-dependent R estimate lags behind other estimates. These R estimates relate to viral transmissions and infections that occurred approximately 7-14 days ago. The estimate of R is influenced by different patterns of transmission in large outbreaks, smaller clusters, and individual transmission.



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# Situation analysis 17 February 2021



- Incidence continues to fall but the rate of decline has slowed
- Cases (5-day average) 816 cases per day; 14-day incidence 261 per 100,000
  - Incidence in those older adults is decreasing
  - Testing of close contacts increasing the number of asymptomatic cases with apparent increase in incidence in those aged 18 and younger
  - Incidence in young adults aged 19-24 may be starting to increase
- Case numbers, test positivity and hospital admissions appear to be plateauing
- B.1.1.7 variant accounts for 90% of cases with increased transmissibility attack rates at 33% in household settings
- Public Health response remains constrained
- We are maintaining suppression of transmission but it is precarious
  - Rate of decline now at -2 to -4%, halving time 18-35 days, R estimated at 0.65 – 0.85
- Indicators of mobility and contact remain low but are drifting upwards
- Numbers in hospital decreasing, numbers in ICU starting to decrease
  - Healthcare-acquired infections and cases in LTRC decreasing
  - Admissions to hospital may have plateaued
- High mortality but may be stabilizing
- A fundamental concern that while we continue to suppress transmission this is becoming less effective over time



# European Data

## EU/UK ranked by 14 day percentage change (16<sup>th</sup> February)

EU/EEA and the UK	14 day incidence	Previous 14 day incidence	% change in 14 day incidence
Greece	145.7	88.8	64%
Bulgaria	166.2	109.7	52%
Hungary	210.5	165.8	27%
Estonia	638.2	530.5	20%
Czechia	981.8	887.2	11%
Luxembourg	341.7	311.2	10%
Slovakia	505.6	472.6	7%
Finland	95.0	91.4	4%
Poland	202.0	201.9	0%
Italy	279.5	281.2	-1%
Latvia	544.5	567.7	-4%
Romania	172.8	181.1	-5%
Austria	215.1	225.8	-5%
Sweden	408.6	429.2	-5%
France	405.7	439.5	-8%
Belgium	241.0	276.3	-13%
Cyprus	180.7	208.9	-13%
Malta	425.6	504.2	-16%
Netherlands	293.0	376.0	-22%
Croatia	124.0	176.8	-30%
Slovenia	578.9	834.5	-31%
Germany	134.6	201.0	-33%
Denmark	100.7	150.9	-33%
Lithuania	287.3	443.2	-35%
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>257.0</b>	<b>437.1</b>	<b>-41%</b>
United Kingdom	304.3	570.0	-47%
Spain	522.9	1029.0	-49%
Portugal	556.1	1617.2	-66%

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## EU/UK ranked by 14 day incidence (16<sup>th</sup> February)

EU/EEA and the UK	14 day incidence	Previous 14 day incidence	% change in 14 day incidence
Czechia	981.8	887.2	11%
Estonia	638.2	530.5	20%
Slovenia	578.9	834.5	-31%
Portugal	556.1	1617.2	-66%
Latvia	544.5	567.7	-4%
Spain	522.9	1029.0	-49%
Slovakia	505.6	472.6	7%
Malta	425.6	504.2	-16%
Sweden	408.6	429.2	-5%
France	405.7	439.5	-8%
Luxembourg	341.7	311.2	10%
United Kingdom	304.3	570.0	-47%
Netherlands	293.0	376.0	-22%
Lithuania	287.3	443.2	-35%
Italy	279.5	281.2	-1%
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>257.0</b>	<b>437.1</b>	<b>-41%</b>
Belgium	241.0	276.3	-13%
Austria	215.1	225.8	-5%
Hungary	210.5	165.8	27%
Poland	202.0	201.9	0%
Cyprus	180.7	208.9	-13%
Romania	172.8	181.1	-5%
Bulgaria	166.2	109.7	52%
Greece	145.7	88.8	64%
Germany	134.6	201.0	-33%
Croatia	124.0	176.8	-30%
Denmark	100.7	150.9	-33%
Finland	95.0	91.4	4%

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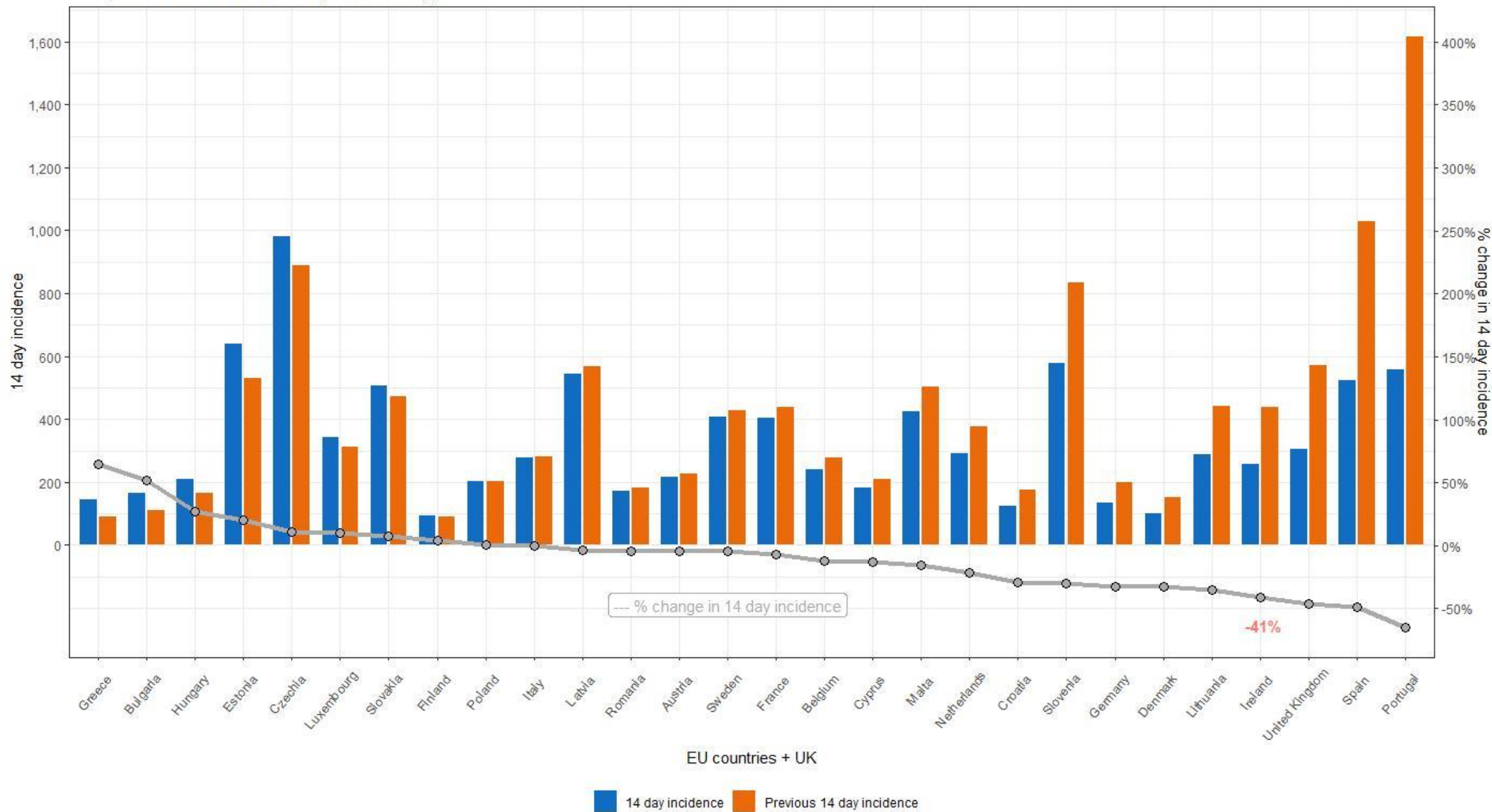


## EU/UK ranked by 7 day percentage change (16<sup>th</sup> February)

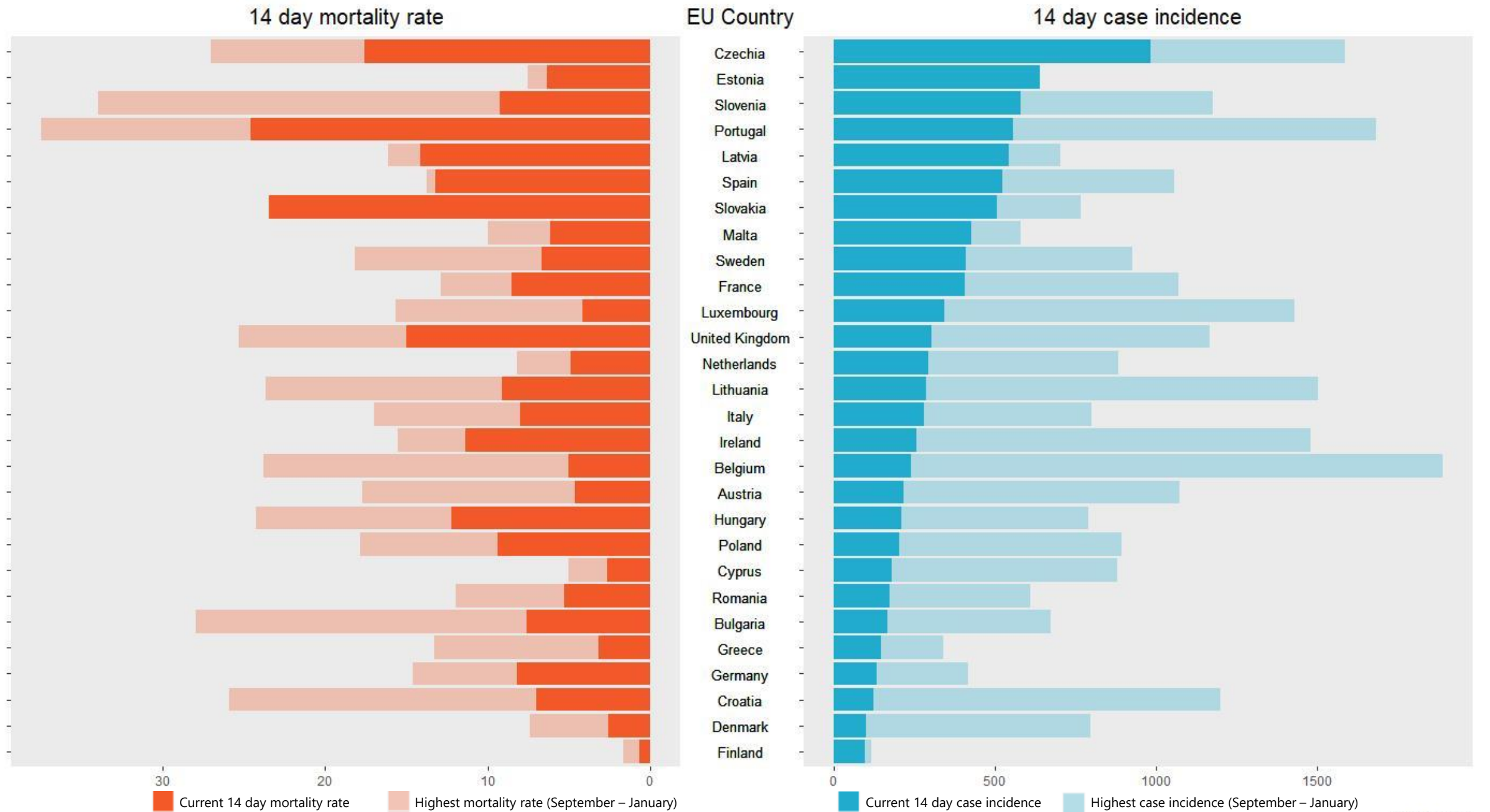
EU/EEA and the UK	7 day incidence	Previous 7 day incidence	% change in 7 day incidence
Malta	233.7	191.8	22%
Estonia	349.4	288.8	21%
Hungary	112.7	97.8	15%
Sweden	214.8	193.8	11%
Poland	105.7	96.4	10%
Bulgaria	86.9	79.4	9%
Czechia	509.1	472.7	8%
Austria	111.5	103.6	8%
Greece	75.2	70.5	7%
Slovenia	296.1	282.7	5%
Netherlands	147.9	145.1	2%
Slovakia	254.4	251.2	1%
Finland	47.7	47.3	1%
Italy	139.4	140.1	-1%
Romania	86.0	86.8	-1%
Lithuania	141.2	146.1	-3%
France	198.0	207.7	-5%
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>125.0</b>	<b>132.0</b>	<b>-5%</b>
Luxembourg	166.1	175.6	-5%
Denmark	47.8	52.9	-10%
Cyprus	85.4	95.3	-10%
Latvia	256.0	288.5	-11%
Belgium	111.1	130.0	-15%
Germany	60.5	74.0	-18%
Croatia	54.6	69.4	-21%
United Kingdom	127.5	176.8	-28%
Spain	194.3	328.6	-41%
Portugal	177.1	379.0	-53%

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European 14 incidence rates (16 February)



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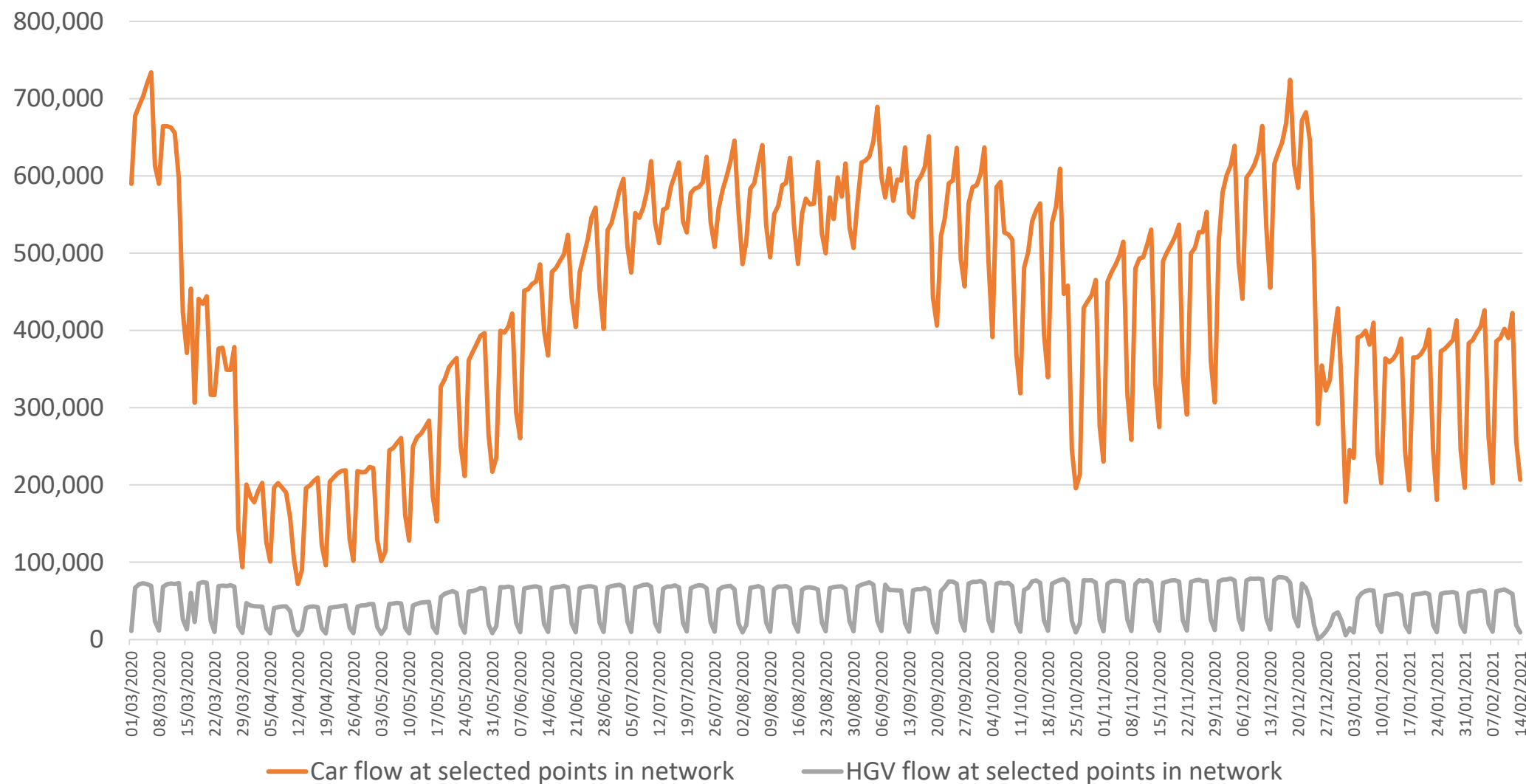
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# Compliance Data

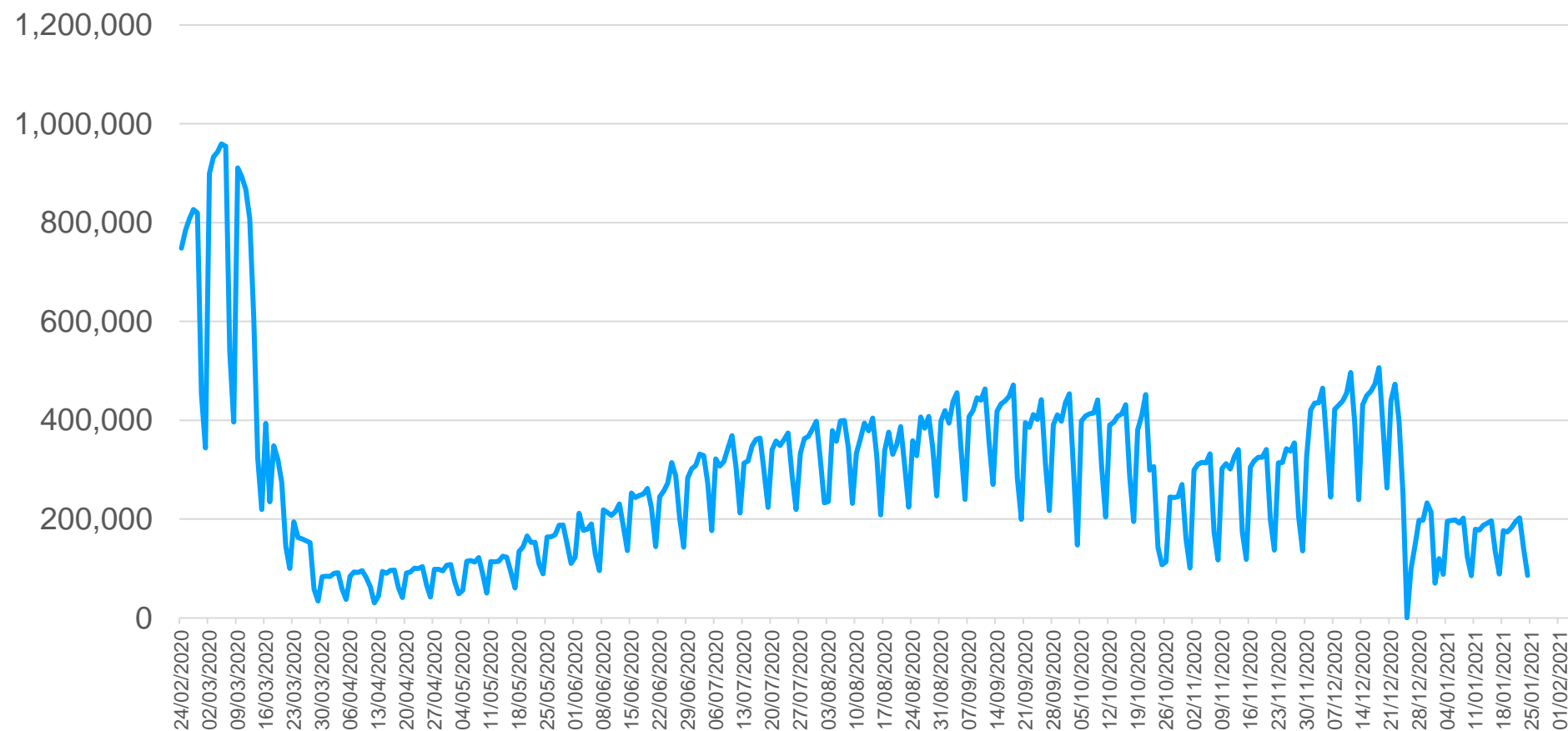


## Daily Traffic Flow



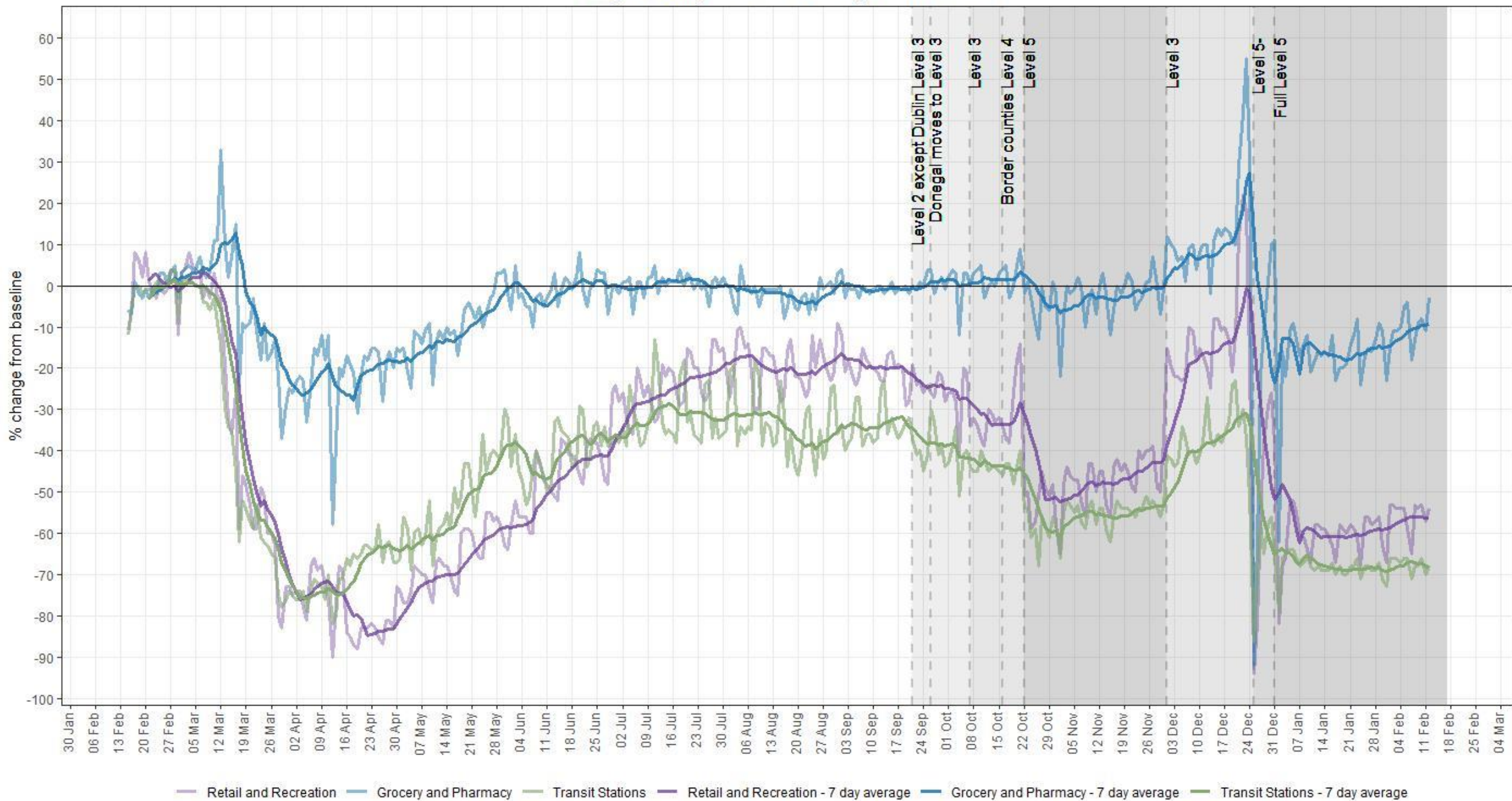


## Overall Public Transport daily passengers

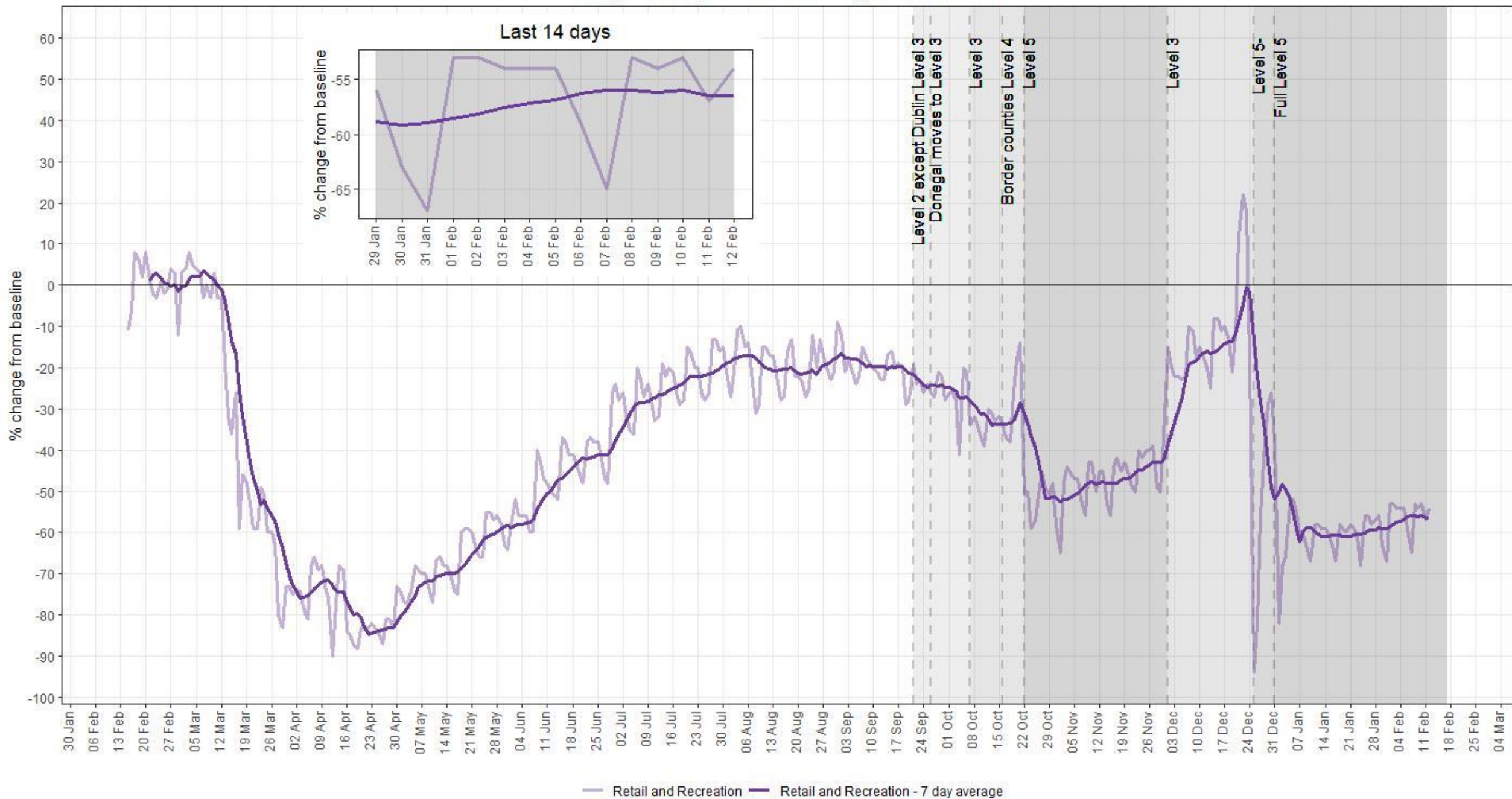




Google Mobility Ireland - % change from baseline

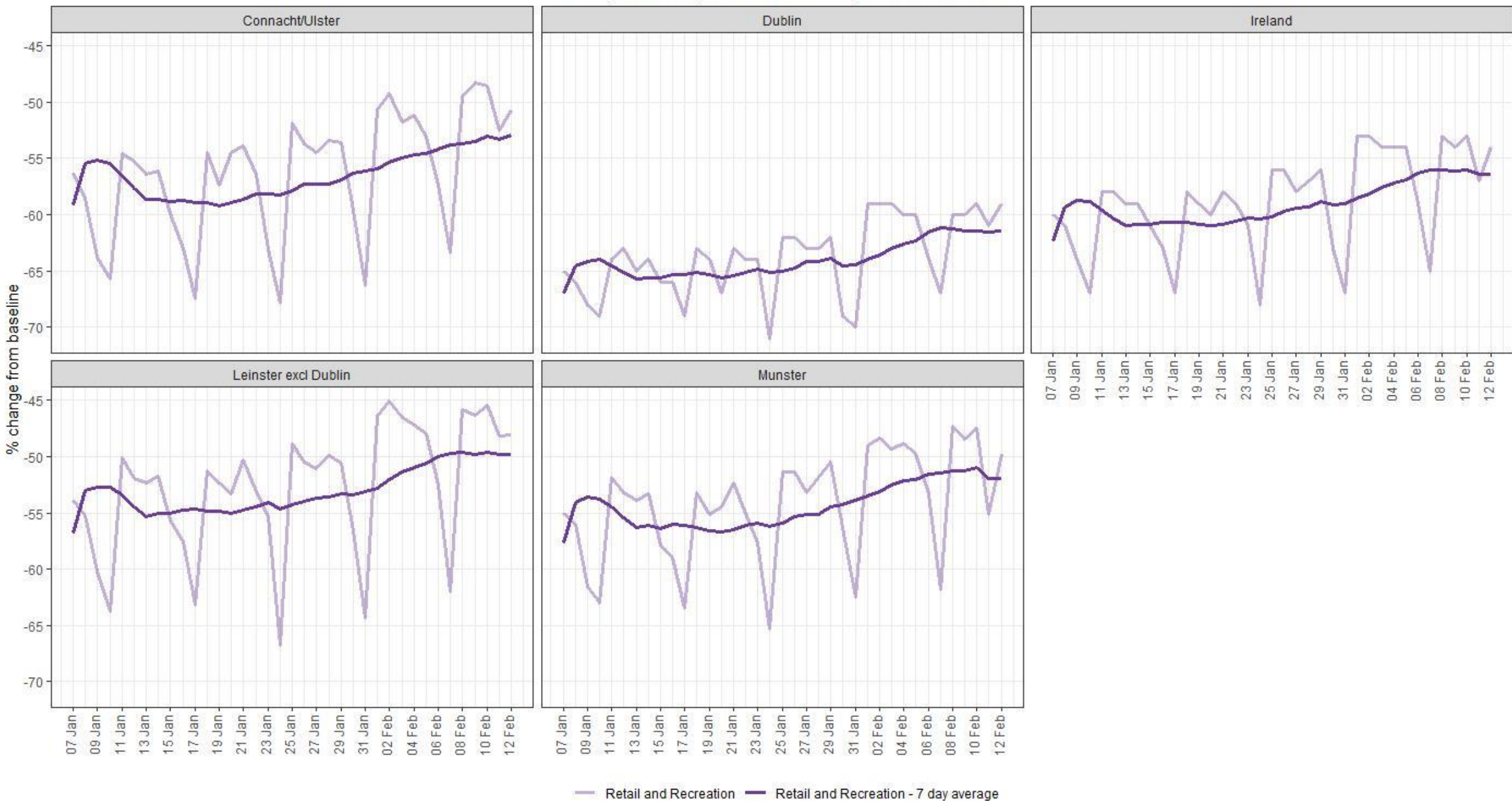


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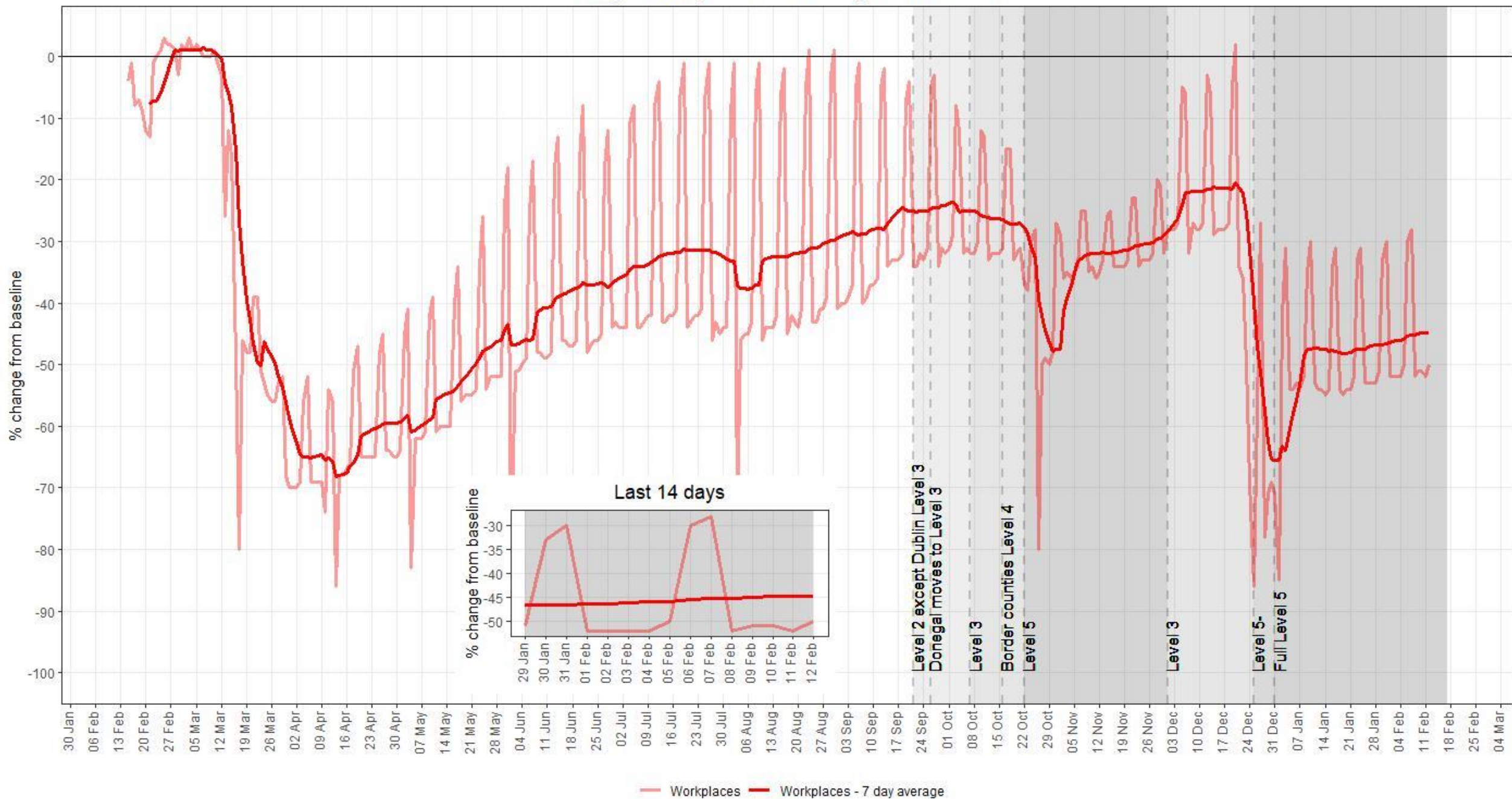




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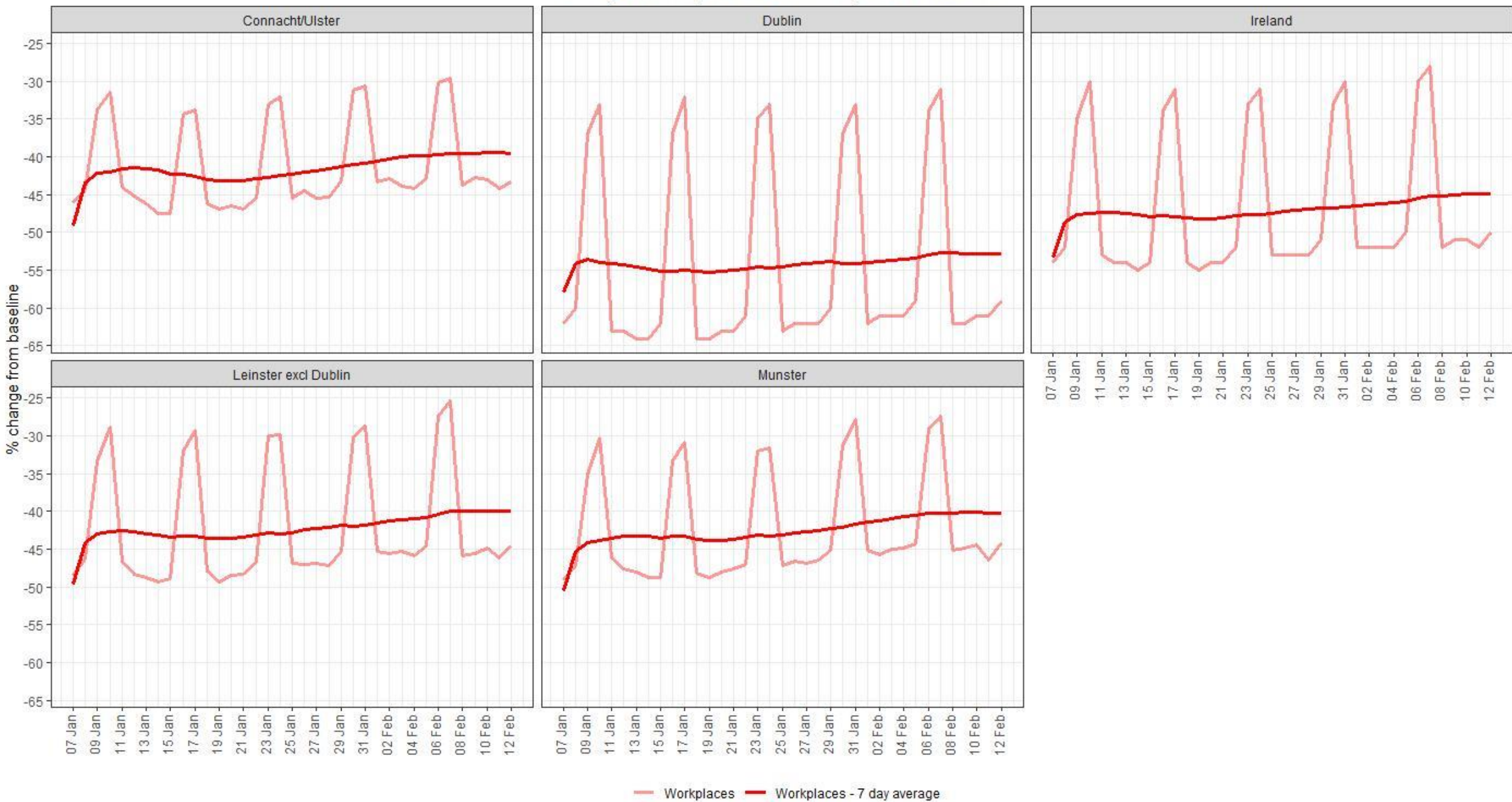


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# Apple Mobility Ireland - % change from baseline

