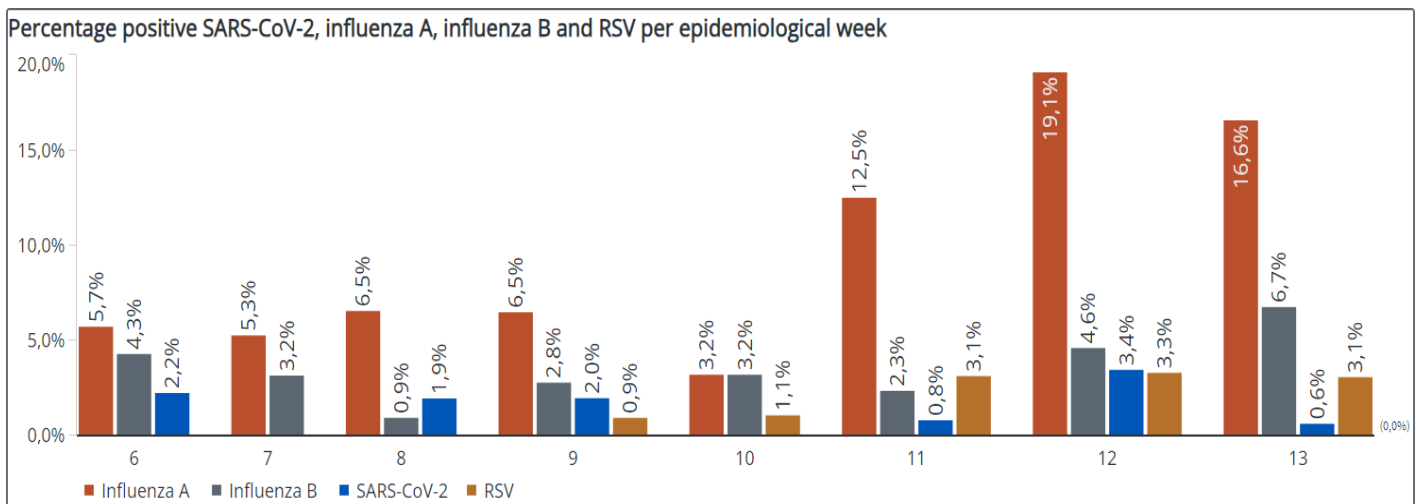
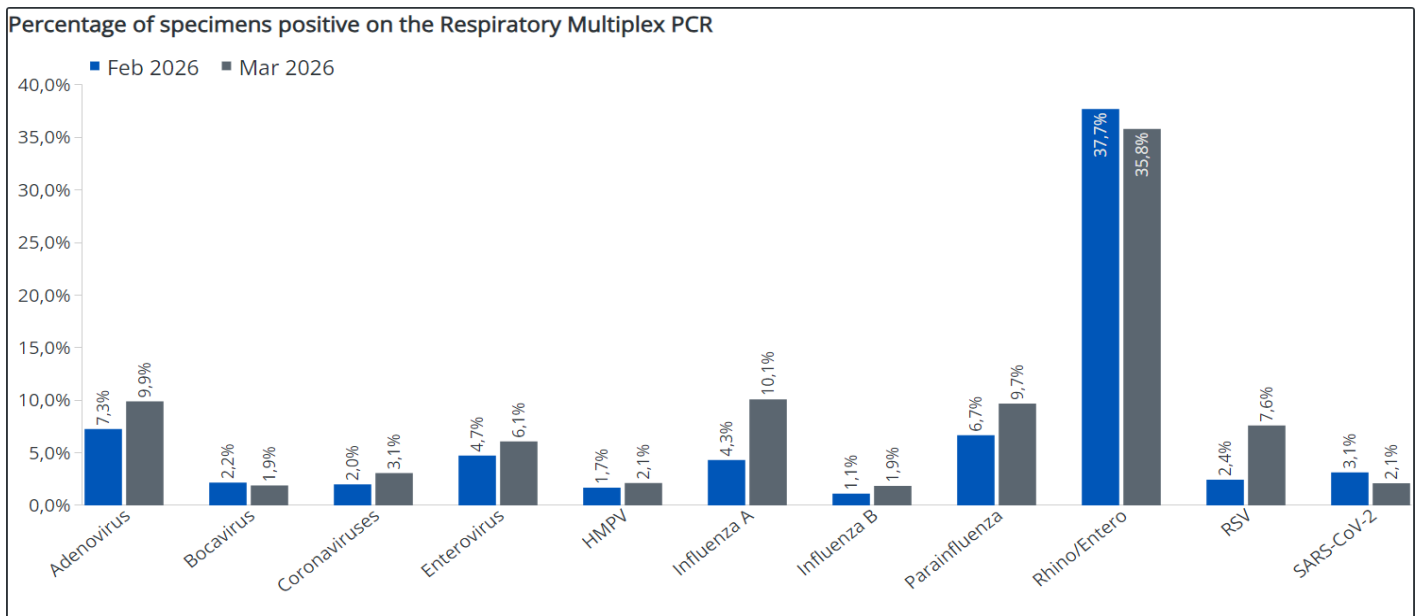


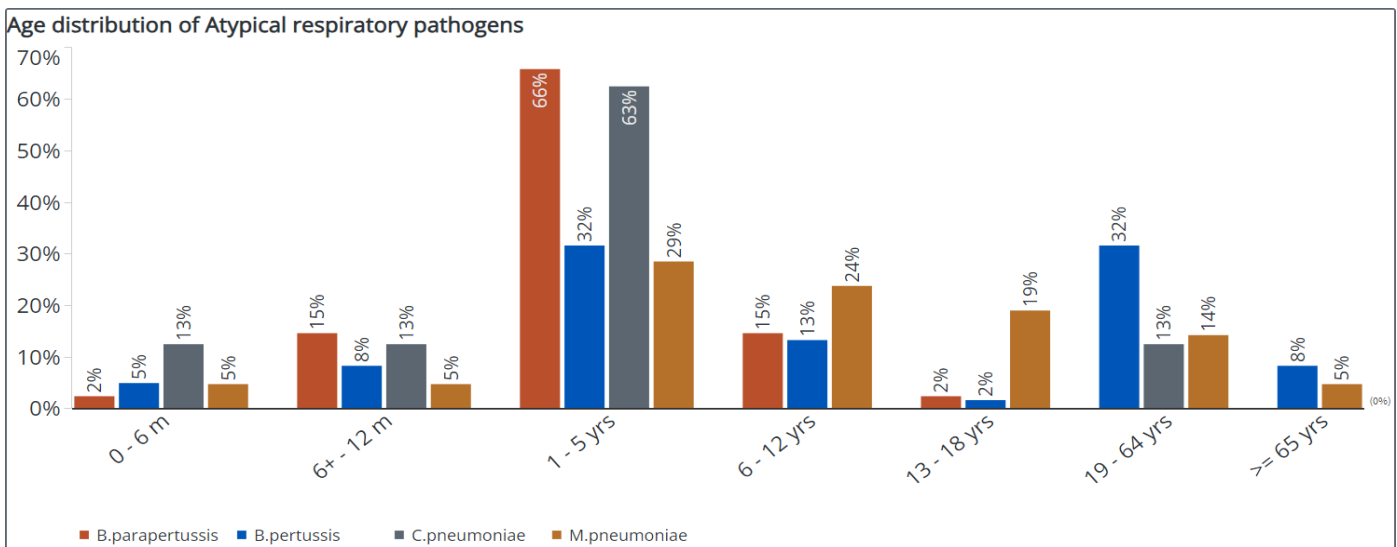
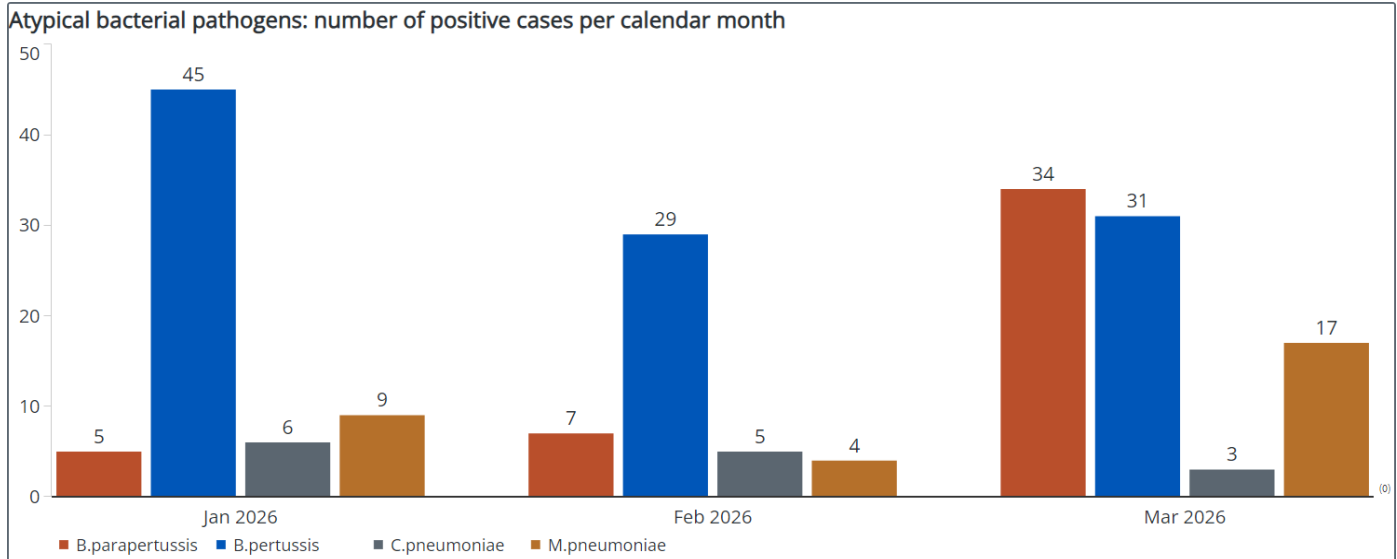
### Respiratory Virus Multiplex PCR and SARS-CoV-2 PCR: All age groups



### Comments

- The most frequently detected viruses across all age groups during March were: rhino/enterovirus (35.8%) followed by influenza A (10.1%) and adenovirus virus (9.9%).
- Epidemiological week 1-13:
  - SARS-CoV-2: 0.6% of specimens tested positive during week 13.
  - Influenza A: the influenza A positivity rate has remained above 10% from epidemiological week 11 onward. During week 13 16.6% of specimens tested positive for influenza A.
  - The influenza B positivity rate has also increased to 6.7% of specimens testing positive in week 13.
  - The RSV positivity rate was 3.1% across all age groups in week 13. The positivity rate in the paediatric population <5 years of age is higher as shown in the paediatric age specific graphs below.

### Atypical bacterial pathogens: *Bordetella pertussis*, *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*, *Chlamydia pneumoniae* and *Legionella pneumophila*



### Comments

- The atypical bacterial pathogens continue to circulate at low levels.
- Thirty one cases of pertussis were detected during March. A significant increase in *Bordetella parapertussis* case were noted during March, increasing to 34 cases from 7 detected in February.
- In paediatric patients, most *B. pertussis* cases were detected in the 1-5 year age group (32%) and adult patients between 19-64years (32%).
- The majority of *B. parapertussis* cases were detected in the 1-5 year age group (66%).
- The majority of *C. pneumoniae* and *M. pneumoniae* cases were detected in the 1-5 year age group.
- Six cases of *Legionella pneumophila* were detected by PCR testing during March.

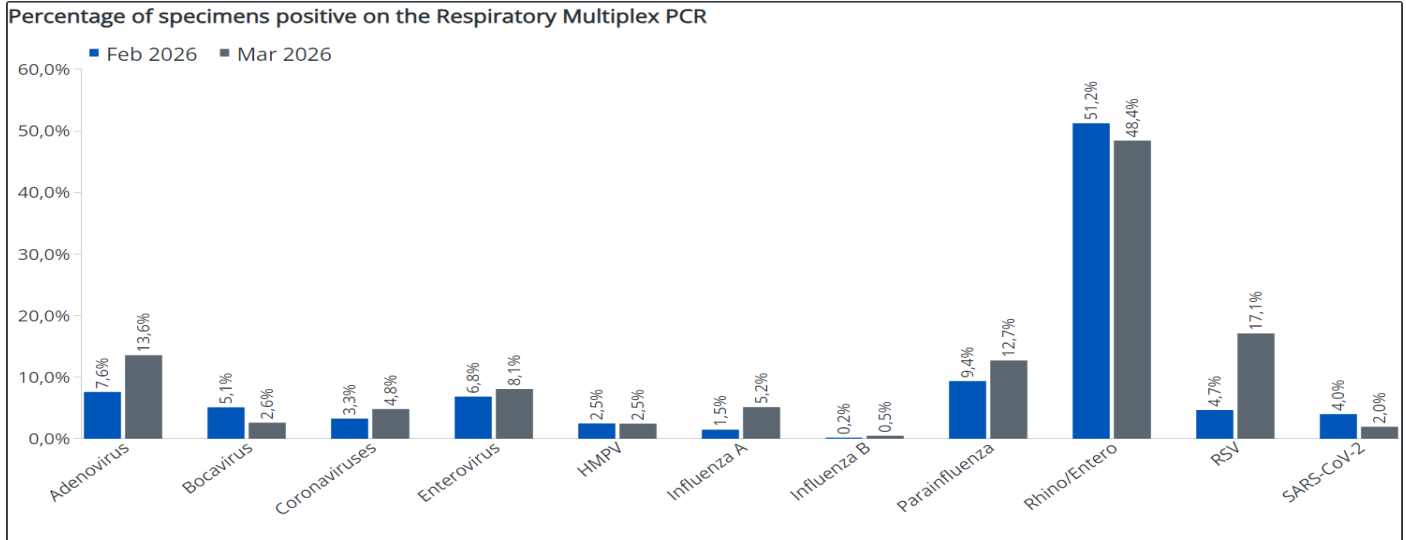
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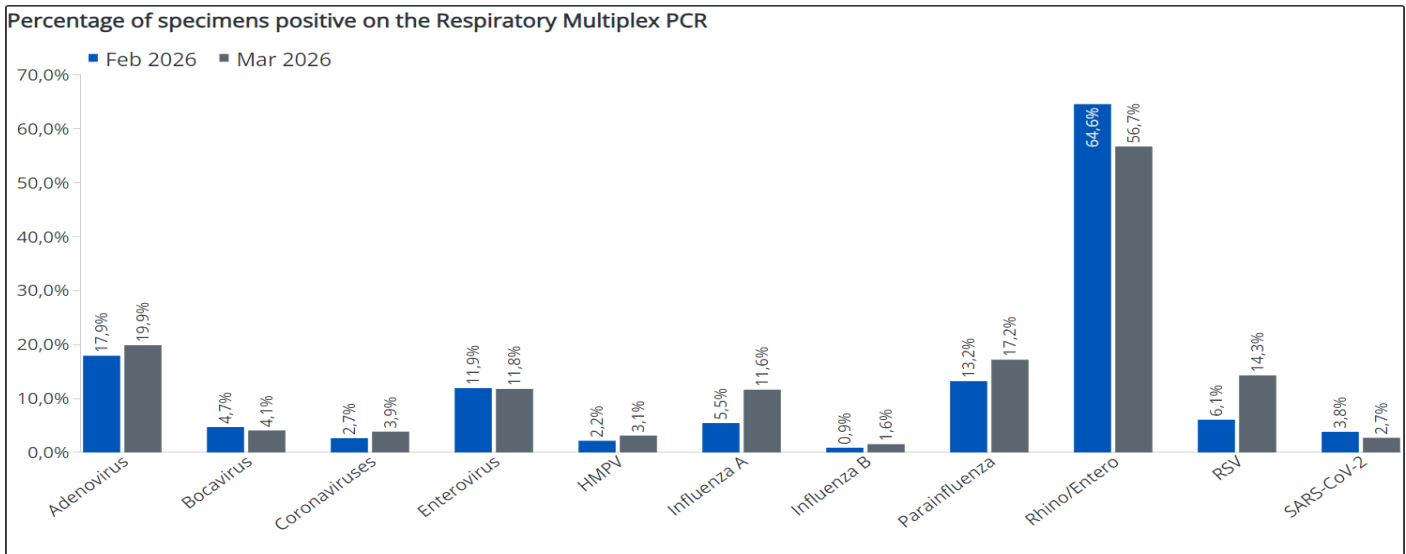


### Paediatric Respiratory Viral Multiplex PCR data

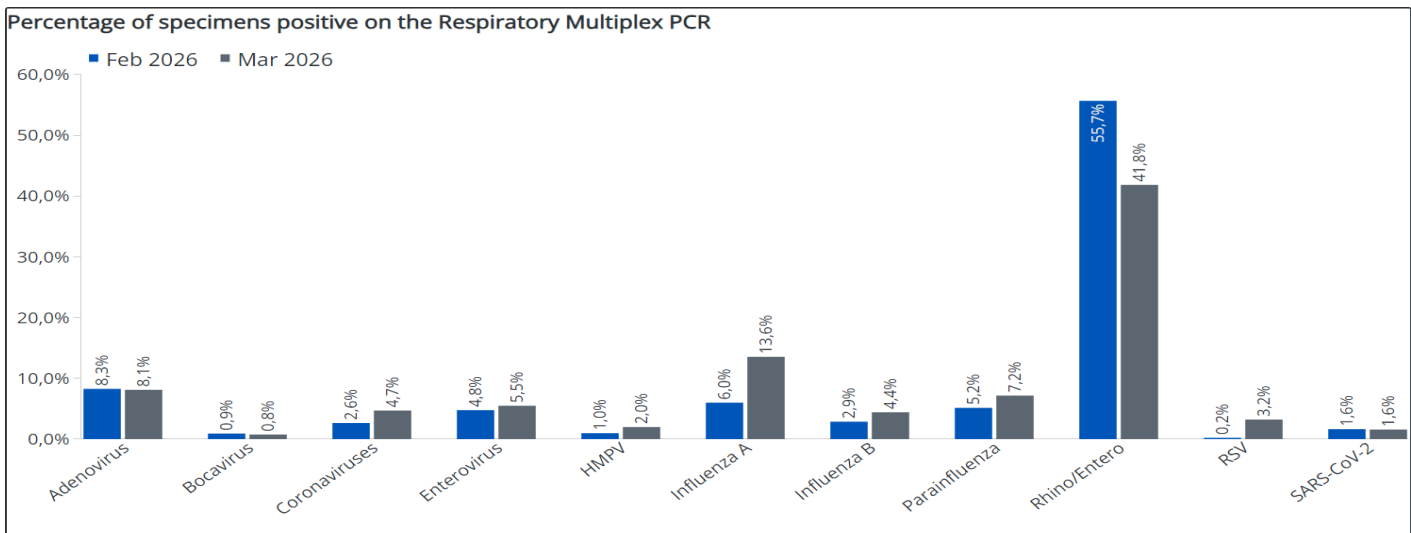
#### Patient age group < 1 year old



#### Patient age group 1-5 years old



#### Patient age group 6-12 years old



### Comments

Significant findings per age group during March:

- Less than 1 year of age: A significant increase in the RSV positivity rate was noted from 4.7% in February to 17.1% in March.
- 1-5 years of age: A significant increase in the RSV positivity rate was also noted from 6.1% in February to 14.3% in March. The adenovirus positivity rate remained high at 19.9%.
- 6-12 years of age: A significant increase in influenza A positivity rate was noted, increasing from 6% in February to 13.6% in March.