

Table. Change in proportion of positive specimens (PPS) in 2003 for various viruses with reference to the period 1998–2002*

Virus	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Influenza												
No. isolates	327	419	786	105	22	58	96	54	121	50	10	35
No. tests performed	1,166	1,530	5,432	3,758	1,495	974	776	665	1,283	1,193	1,008	1,407
PPS (03)	0.28	0.27	0.14	0.03	0.01	0.06	0.12	0.08	0.09	0.04	0.01	0.02
Average PPS (98–02)	0.235	0.368	0.329	0.154	0.127	0.143	0.186	0.153	0.063	0.022	0.019	0.044
Range of PPS (98–02)	0.067–0.321	0.143–0.519	0.121–0.517	0.065–0.203	0.043–0.194	0.072–0.216	0.145–0.232	0.123–0.173	0.040–0.105	0.009–0.044	0.008–0.030	0.022–0.110
% change†	+19	–26	–56	–82	–88	–58	–33	–47	+49	+87	–49	–44
Parainfluenza												
No. isolates	29	35	75	12	2	1	11	26	29	68	75	112
No. tests performed	1,166	1,530	5,432	3,758	1,495	974	776	665	1,283	1,193	1,008	1,407
PPS (2003)	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.06	0.07	0.08
Average PPS (98–02)	0.035	0.025	0.022	0.036	0.037	0.034	0.023	0.017	0.027	0.061	0.081	0.065
Range of PPS (98–02)	0.014–0.106	0.014–0.053	0.008–0.046	0.021–0.046	0.024–0.054	0.026–0.046	0.017–0.034	0.010–0.028	0.014–0.043	0.025–0.102	0.031–0.149	0.035–0.156
% change†	–28	–8	–38	–91	–96	–97	–38	+135	–16	–7	–9	+22
RSV												
No. isolates	49	53	66	24	6	3	8	53	181	48	12	5
No. tests performed	1,166	1,530	5,432	3,758	1,495	974	776	665	1,283	1,193	1,008	1,407
PPS (2003)	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.14	0.04	0.01	0.00
Average PPS (98–02)	0.014	0.021	0.055	0.104	0.081	0.066	0.072	0.094	0.092	0.036	0.022	0.032
Range of PPS (98–02)	0.003–0.054	0.010–0.065	0.037–0.090	0.055–0.155	0.049–0.112	0.042–0.098	0.038–0.113	0.046–0.126	0.057–0.118	0.018–0.051	0.001–0.060	0.001–0.072
% change†	+203	+64	–78	–94	–95	–95	–86	–15	+54	+13	–47	–89
Adenovirus												
No. isolates	61	78	84	41	5	0	1	2	4	7	8	17
No. tests performed	1,166	1,530	5,432	3,758	1,495	974	776	665	1,283	1,193	1,008	1,407
PPS (2003)	0.05	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01
Average PPS (98–02)	0.034	0.030	0.035	0.056	0.055	0.058	0.068	0.044	0.038	0.049	0.052	0.074
Range of PPS (98–02)	0.012–0.058	0.019–0.052	0.017–0.071	0.012–0.121	0.022–0.110	0.028–0.105	0.032–0.091	0.029–0.058	0.026–0.054	0.045–0.055	0.042–0.062	0.058–0.093
% change†	+52	+72	–55	–81	–94	–100	–98	–93	–92	–88	–85	–84
Hepatitis B												
No. of positive test results	16	11	13	18	20	13	19	20	22	21	15	20
No. of tests performed	143	98	135	99	97	118	139	135	120	111	102	131
PPS (2003)	0.112	0.112	0.096	0.182	0.206	0.110	0.137	0.148	0.183	0.189	0.147	0.153
Average PPS (98–02)	0.147	0.132	0.127	0.129	0.125	0.156	0.154	0.156	0.168	0.144	0.167	0.148
Range of PPS (98–02)	0.083–0.228	0.079–0.190	0.093–0.153	0.070–0.168	0.085–0.162	0.096–0.188	0.104–0.186	0.068–0.228	0.086–0.250	0.081–0.233	0.099–0.249	0.082–0.197
% change†	–24	–15	–24	+41	+65	–29	–11	–5	+9	+32	–12	+3

*RSV, respiratory syncytial virus.

†Percentage change of PPS in 2003 with respect to the average PPS from 1998 to 2002.