



Healthcare Provider Webinar
Middlesex and London Region
April 18, 2023

Welcome

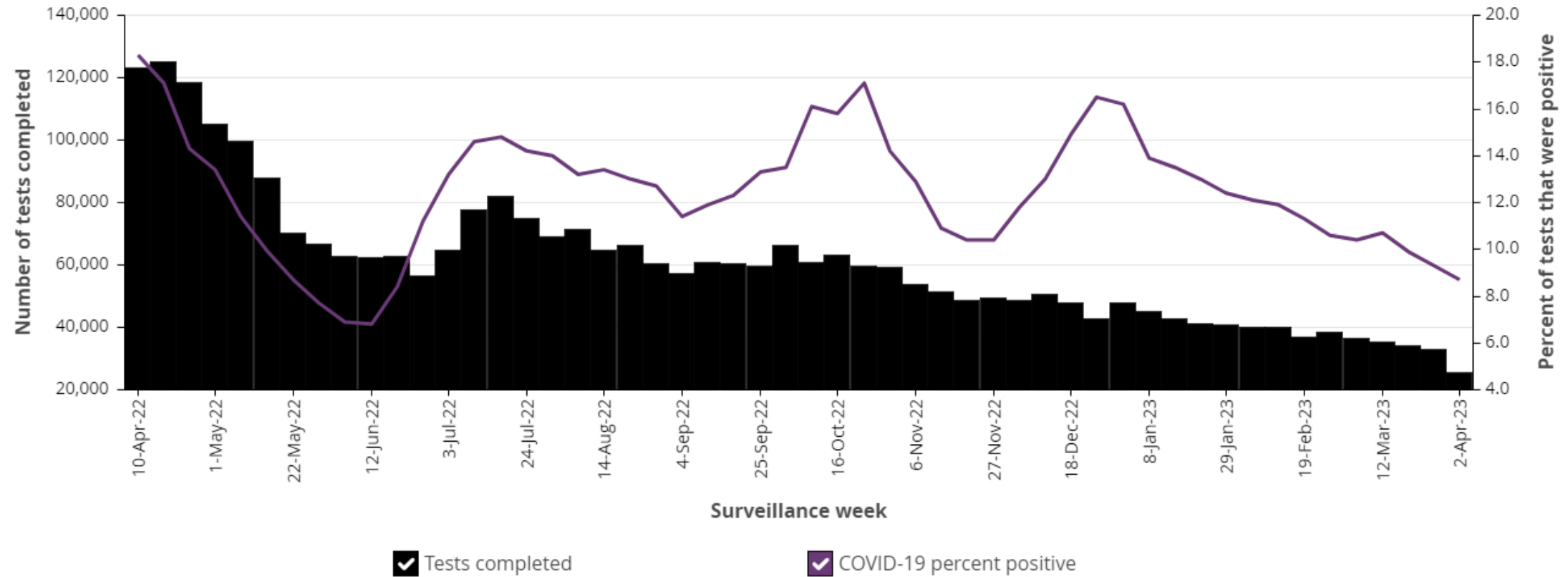
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Number of COVID-19 tests completed and percent positive by surveillance week April 10, 2022 to April 8, 2023

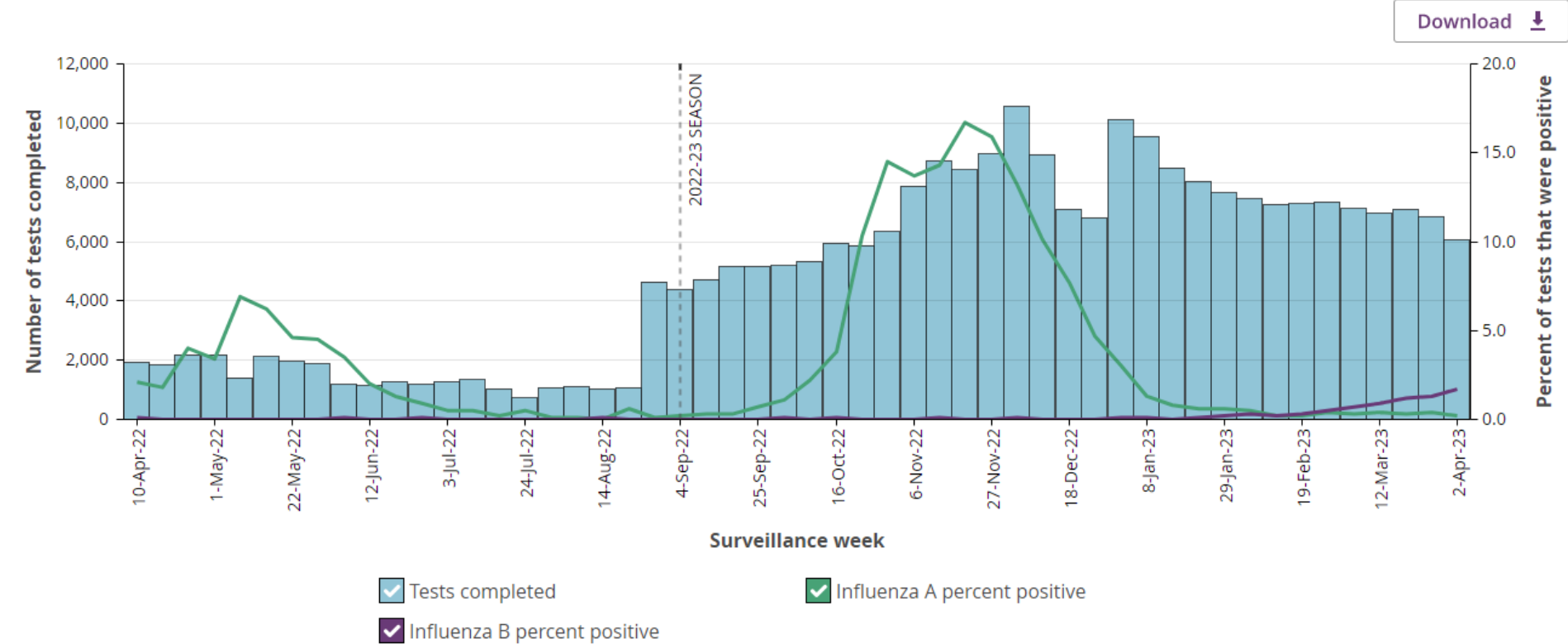


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Number of influenza tests performed and percent positive by
surveillance week

April 10, 2022 to April 8, 2023

This graph shows provincial testing data for influenza over the previous 52 weeks.



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Multi-drug resistant (MDR) Gonorrhea

- CMOH Memo: recommendations to support clinical care of patients with symptoms consistent with gonorrhea infection.
- All patients with suspected gonorrhea infection: collect swabs for *N. gonorrhoeae* culture as well as specimens for NAAT testing for *N. gonorrhoeae* from all potentially exposed site (e.g., urethral/cervical, pharyngeal, rectal).
- If you identify any patients with MDR gonorrhea, please contact the Health Unit and ask to speak with a member of the Sexual health Team to discuss case management and to support notification and follow-up of contacts.

COVID-19 Spring Booster Vaccine Update!

- High-risk individuals can receive a booster this Spring.
 - Aged 65 years and older
 - Residents of long-term care homes, retirement homes, congregate living, etc.
 - Pregnant individuals
 - 18 years and older living in congregate care settings for people with complex medical care needs
 - 18 years and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised
 - 55 years and older who identify as First Nation, Inuit, or Métis and their non-indigenous household members aged 55 years and older.
- Individuals 5 years and older who are not high-risk and have received a booster dose since September 1, 2022, will not be eligible until closer to Fall 2023.

Patient Confidentiality

- We have been receiving higher volumes of questions recently, due to the number of patients visiting their HCPs to catch up on their routine vaccinations.
- Please note: Email is NOT considered a secure method of communication and should not include personal identifying information of clients.
- If personal details are necessary to answer your question, please call or fax your inquiry.

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