

COVID-19 WEEKLY PROVINCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGY BRIEF



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Methods

Additional methods for this report can be found in the Weekly Epidemiologic Brief ([Link](#)). Data on province and district allocation was based on geocoding algorithm using in order of priority (i) completeness of patient data, (ii) submitting doctor's address, (iii) registering doctor's address and as final option, (iv) the guarantor's address data. The geocoding algorithm used the most complete data for assigning data on province and district where adequate information was provided on the lab request form at the time of sample collection. Data on district allocation may lag resulting in number of cases in recent weeks missing district allocation. Prevalence and incidence risk by districts should be interpreted with caution.

District trends of COVID-19 cases

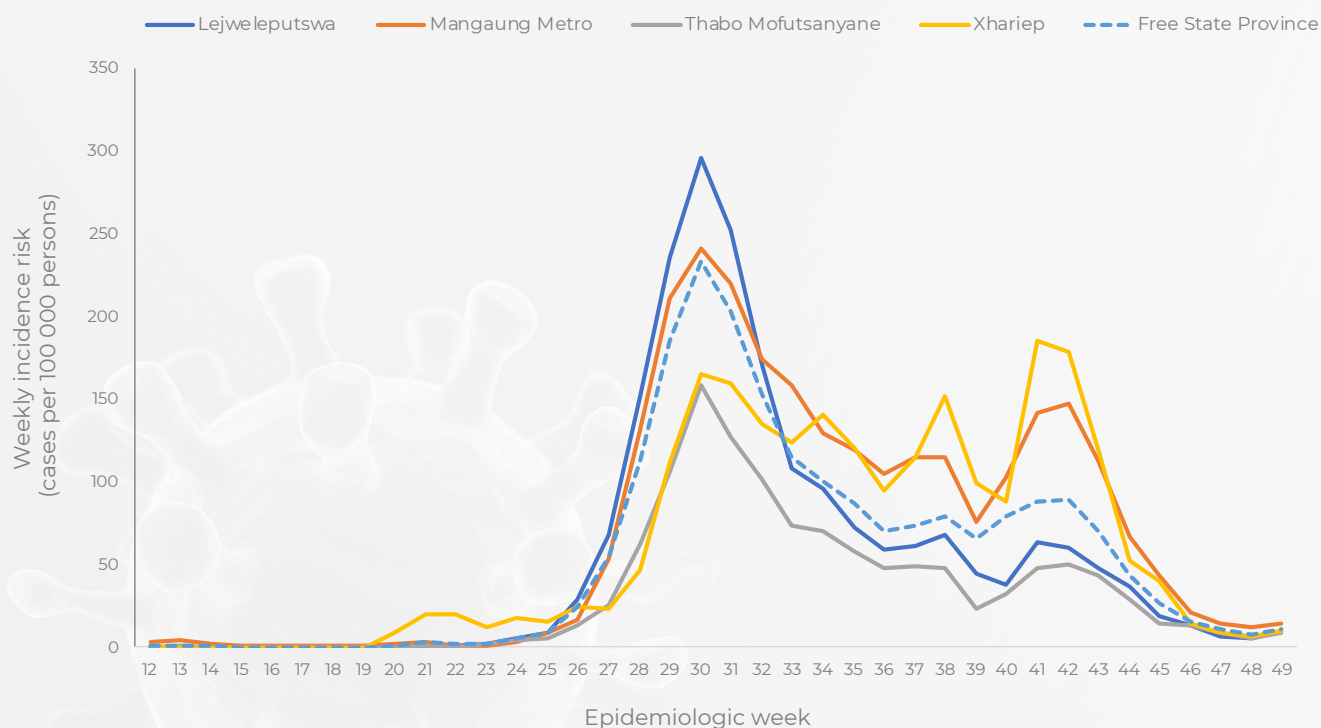
Summary and graphs describing the trends by district and age group for Eastern Cape Province and Western Cape Province, can be accessed in the **Weekly Epidemiology Brief** published simultaneously with this report.

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Free State Province

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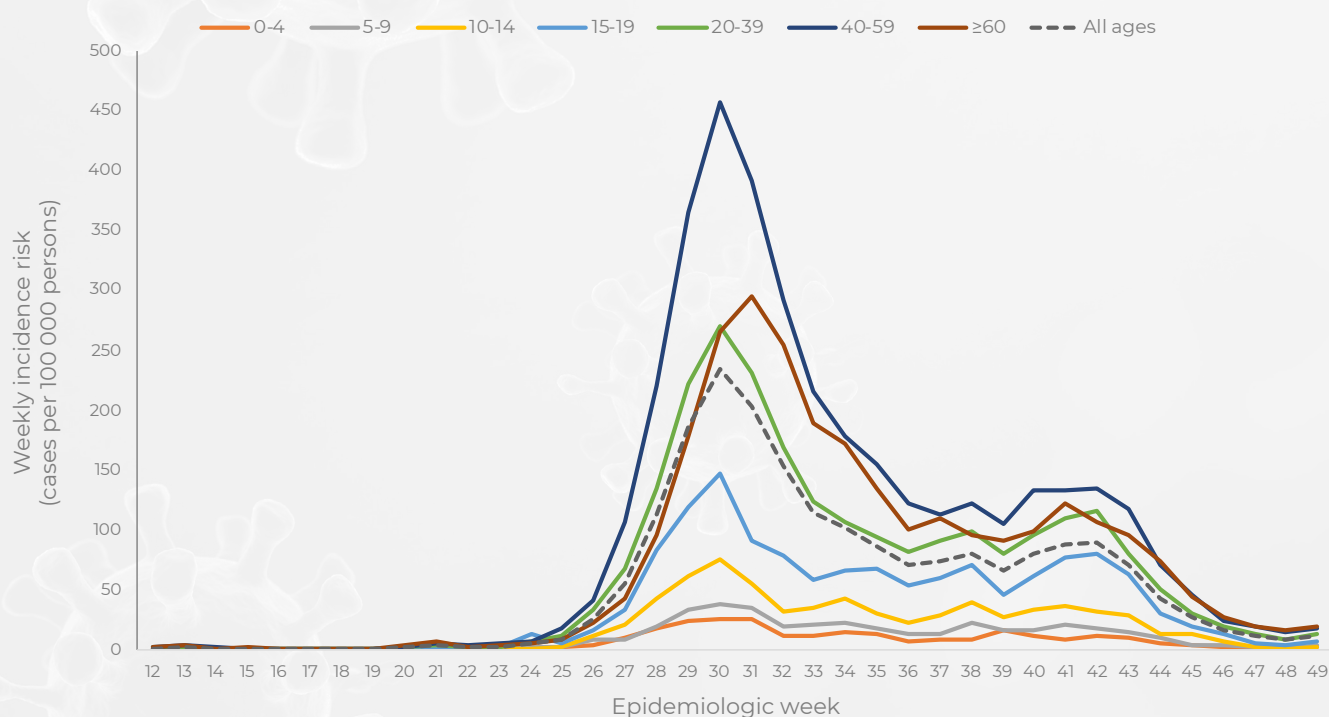


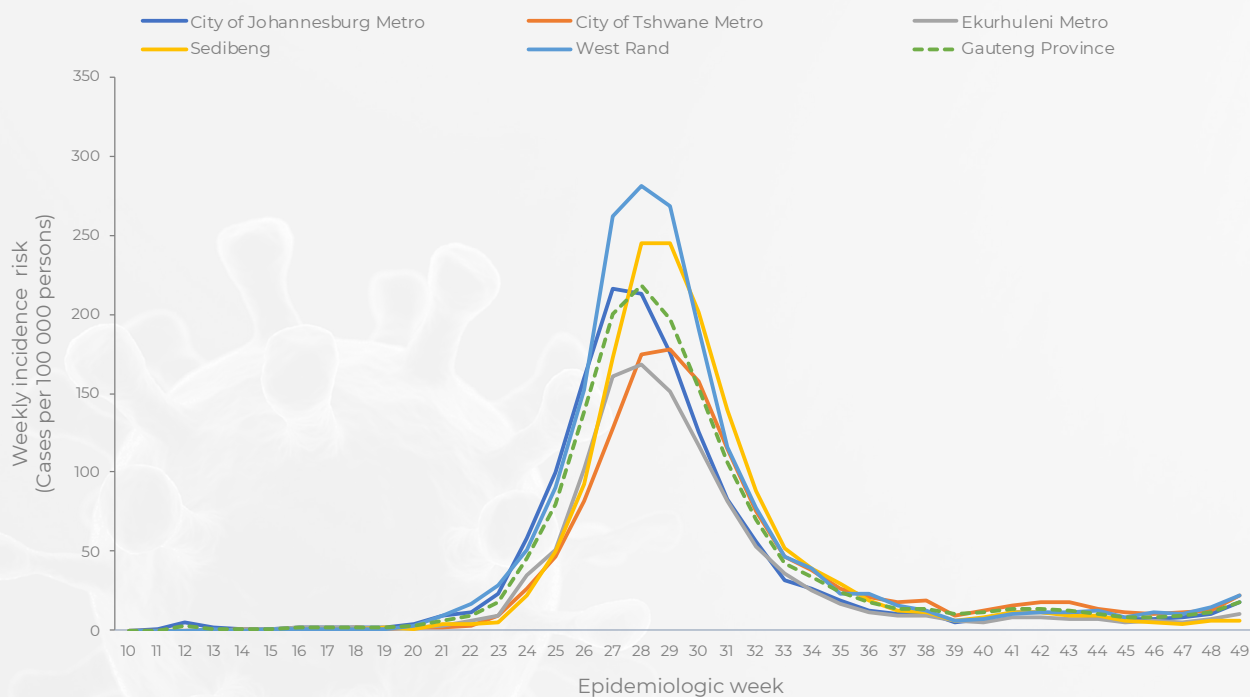
Figure 1. Weekly incidence risk of PCR-confirmed cases of COVID-19 by epidemiologic week, Free State Province, 3 March-5 December 2020 (a) by district (n= 54 587, 4 764 missing district) (b) by age group in years (n= 59 351, 164 missing age)

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Gauteng Province

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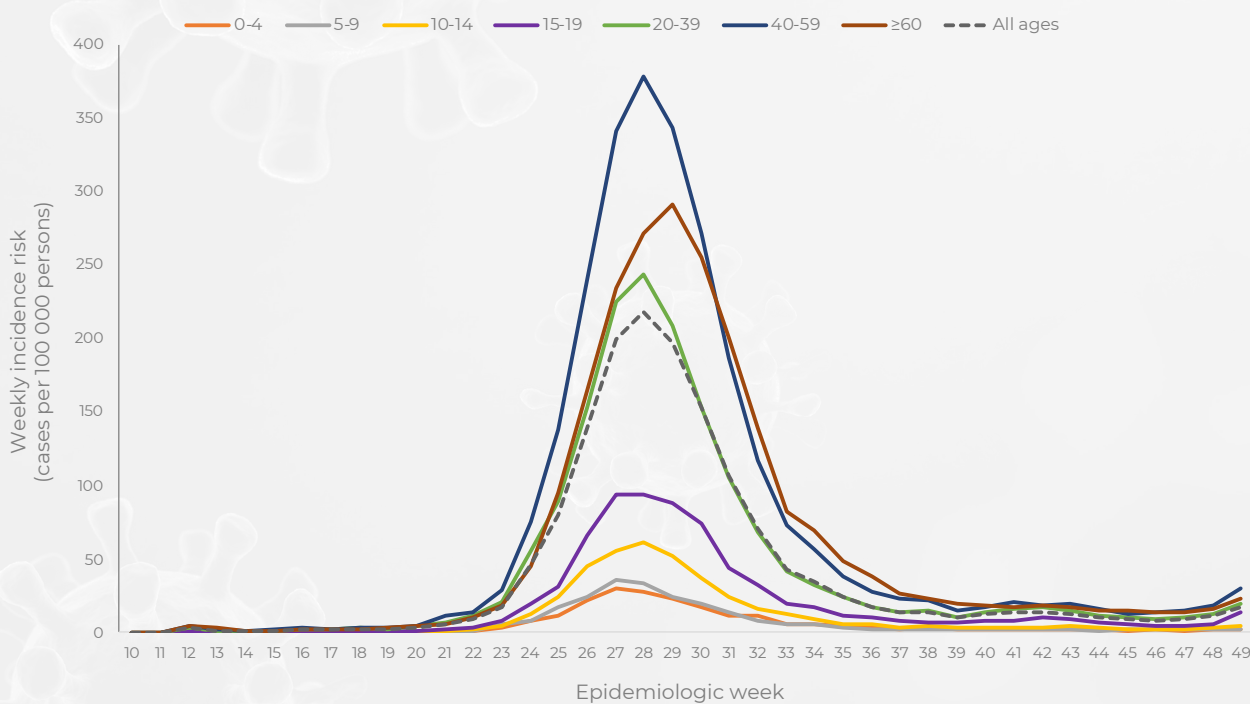


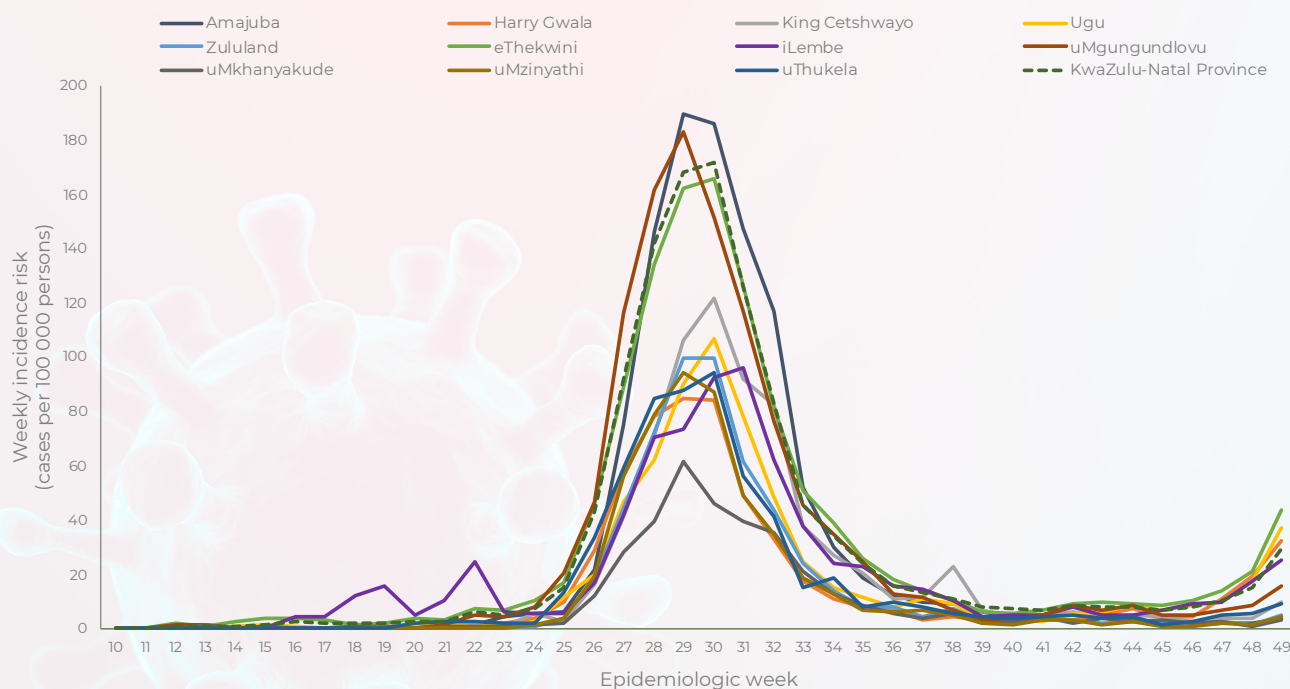
Figure 2. Weekly incidence risk of PCR-confirmed cases of COVID-19 by epidemiologic week, Gauteng Province, 3 March-5 December 2020 (a) by district (n= 213 323, 24 396 missing district) (b) by age group in years (n= 235 262, 2 457 missing age)

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KwaZulu-Natal Province

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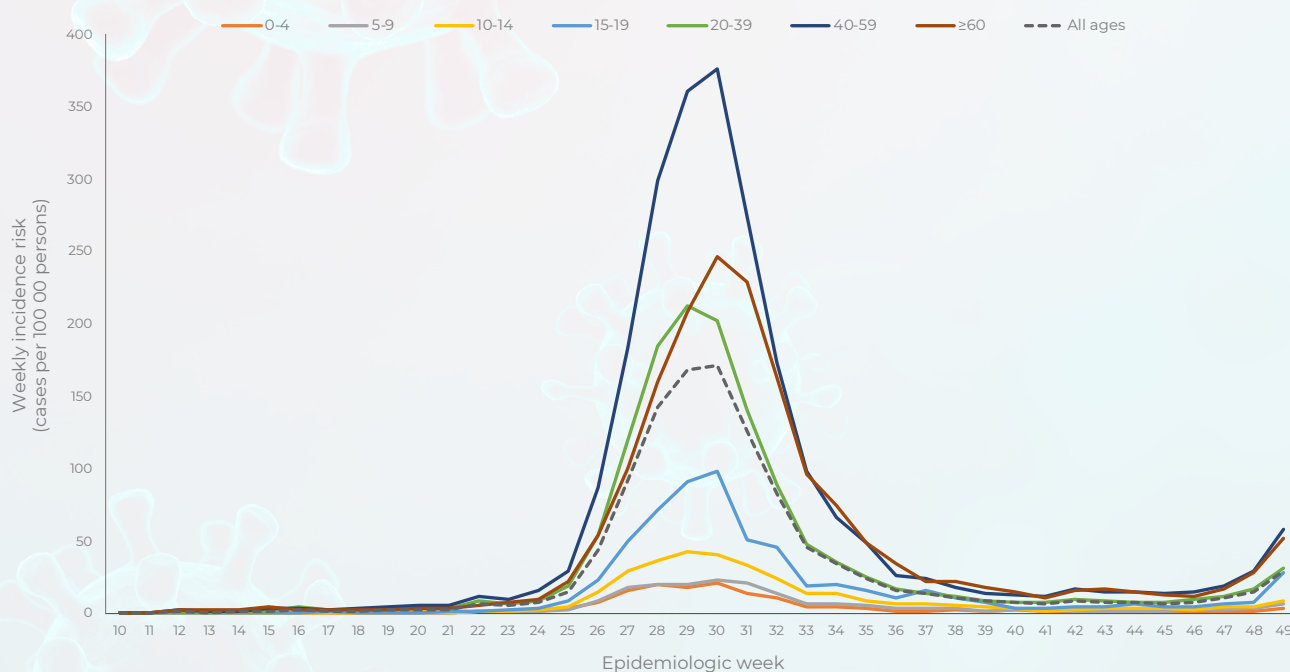


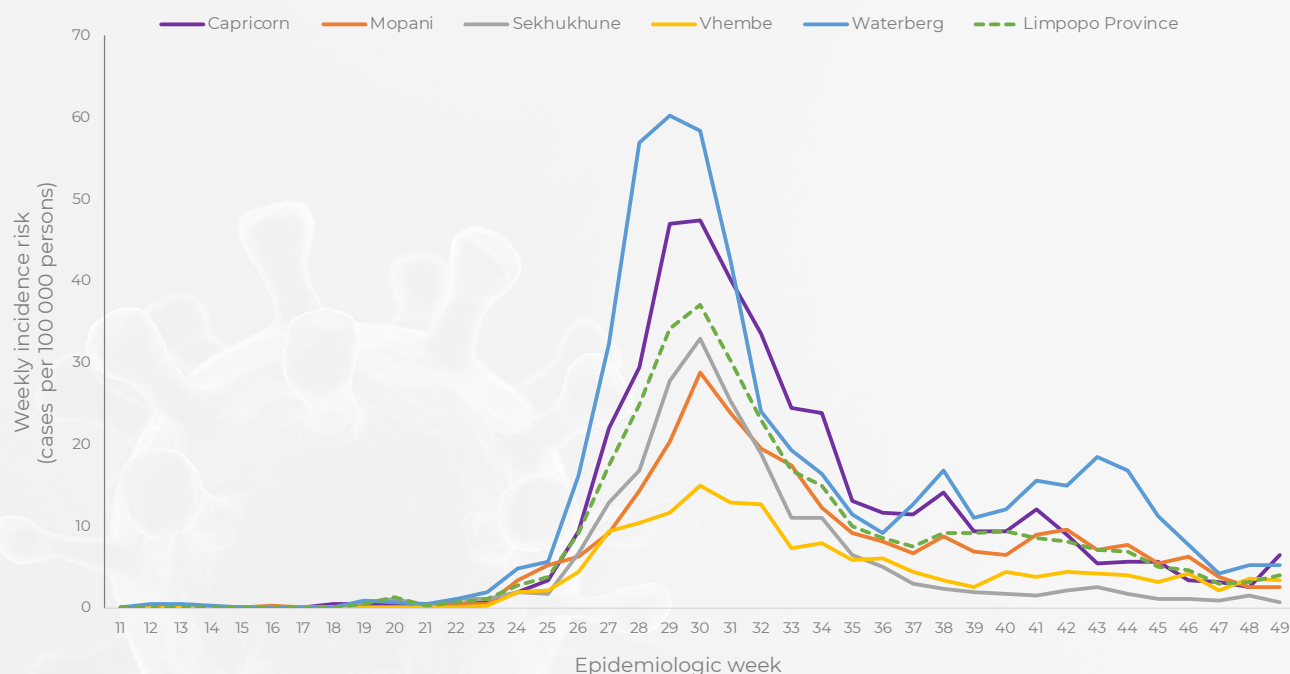
Figure 3. Weekly incidence risk of PCR-confirmed cases of COVID-19 by epidemiologic week, KwaZulu-Natal Province, 3 March-05 December 2020 (a) by district (n= 101 032, 30 318 missing district) (b) by age group in years (n= 130 317, 1 033 missing age)

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Limpopo Province

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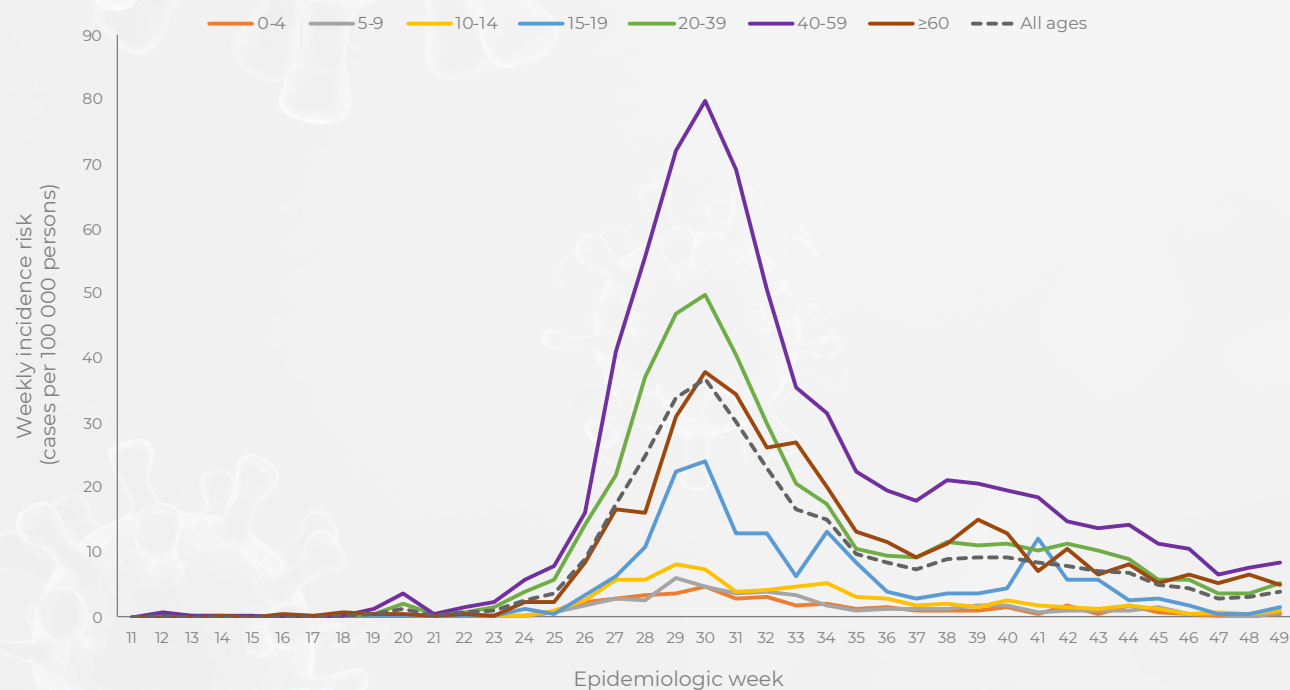


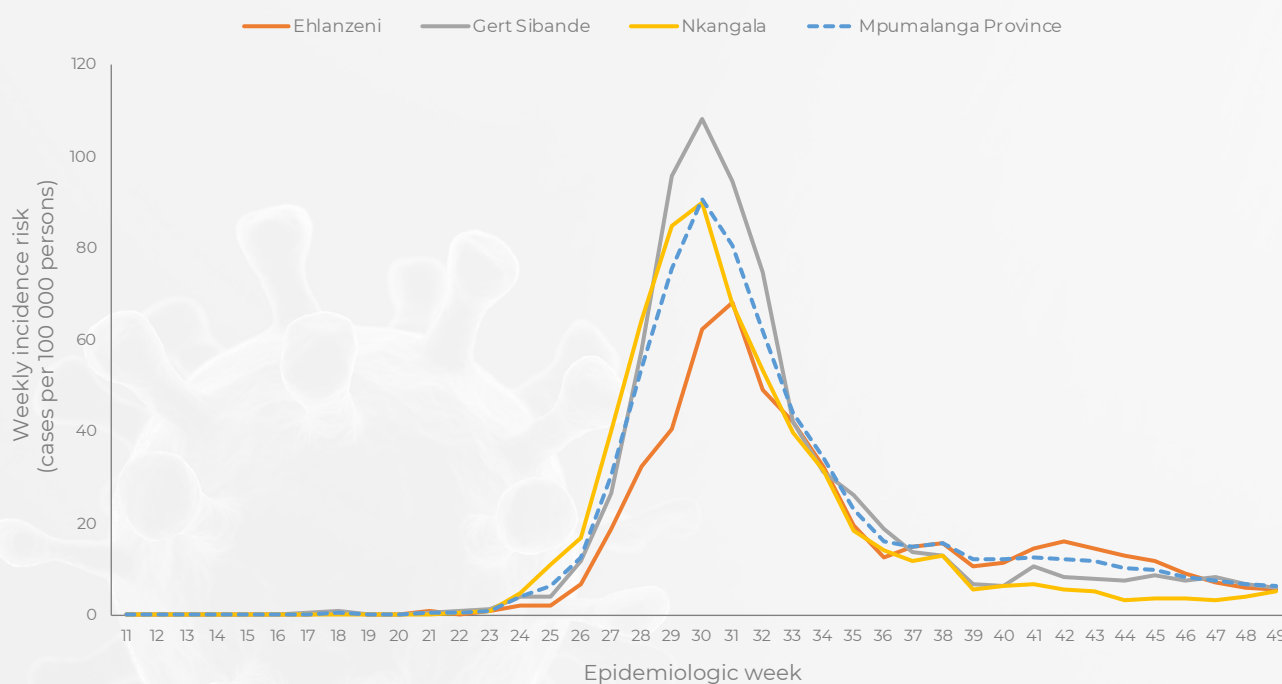
Figure 4. Weekly incidence risk of PCR-confirmed cases of COVID-19 by epidemiologic week, Limpopo Province, 3 March-5 December 2020 (a) by district (n= 16 884, 1 952 missing district) (b) by age group in years (n= 18 766, 70 missing age)

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Mpumalanga Province

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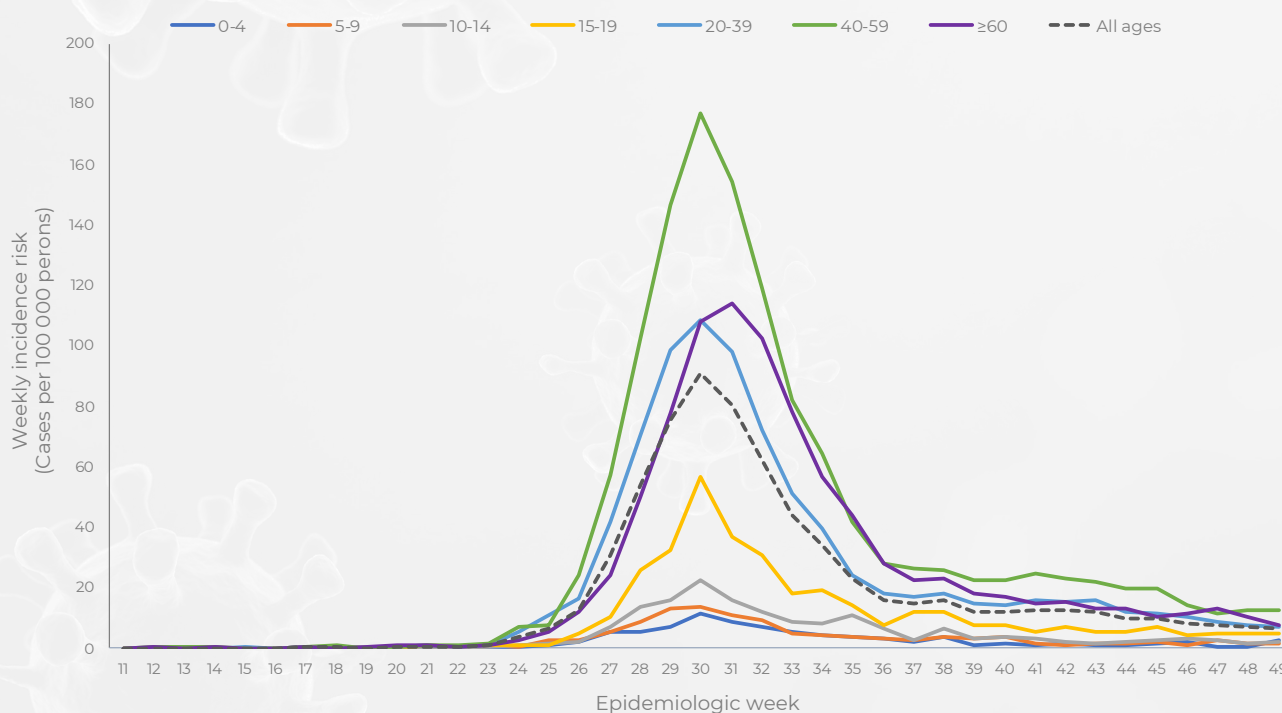


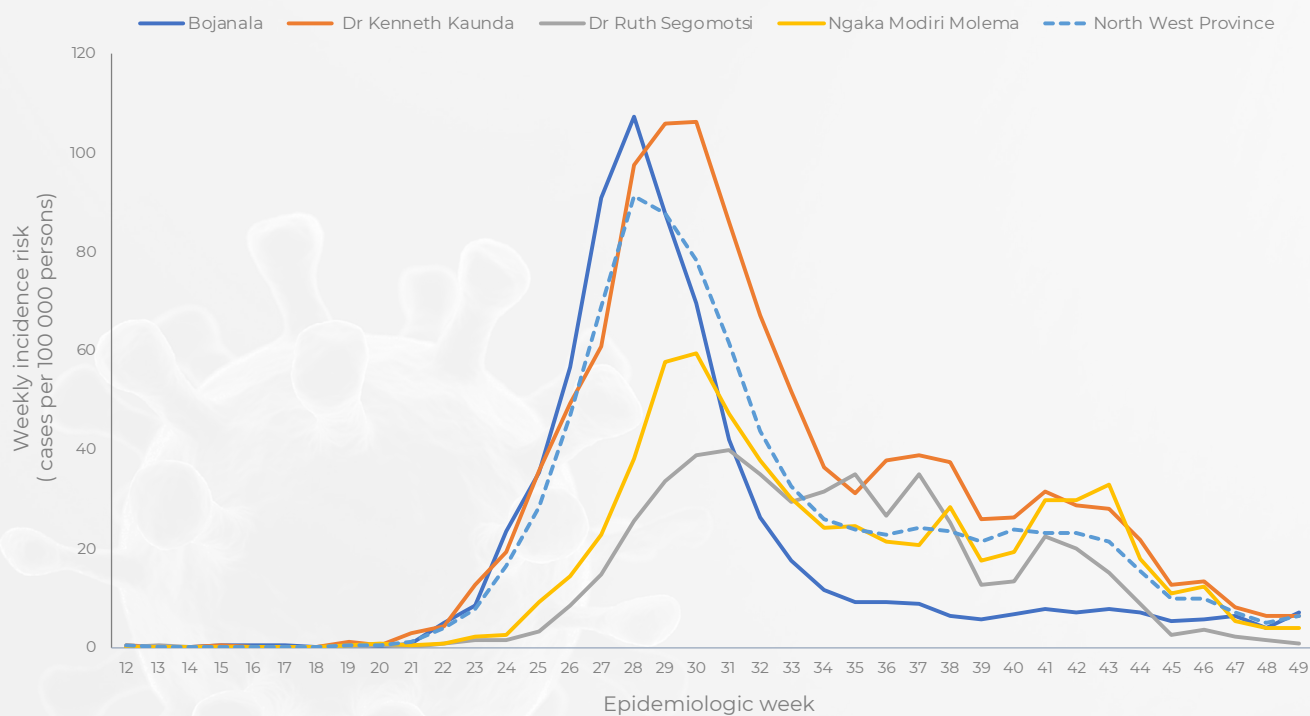
Figure 5. Weekly incidence risk of PCR-confirmed cases of COVID-19 by epidemiologic week, Mpumalanga Province, 3 March-05 December 2020 (a) by district (n= 28 700, 3 037 missing district) (b) by age group in years (n= 31 368, 369 missing age)

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North West Province

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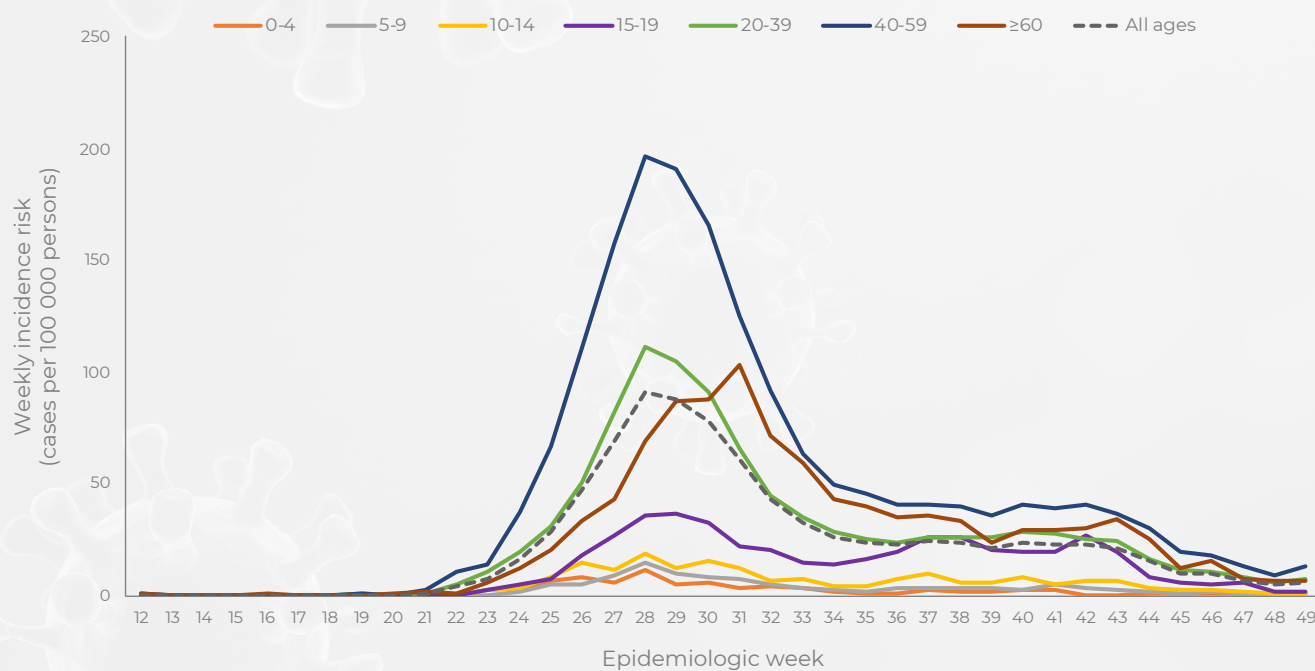


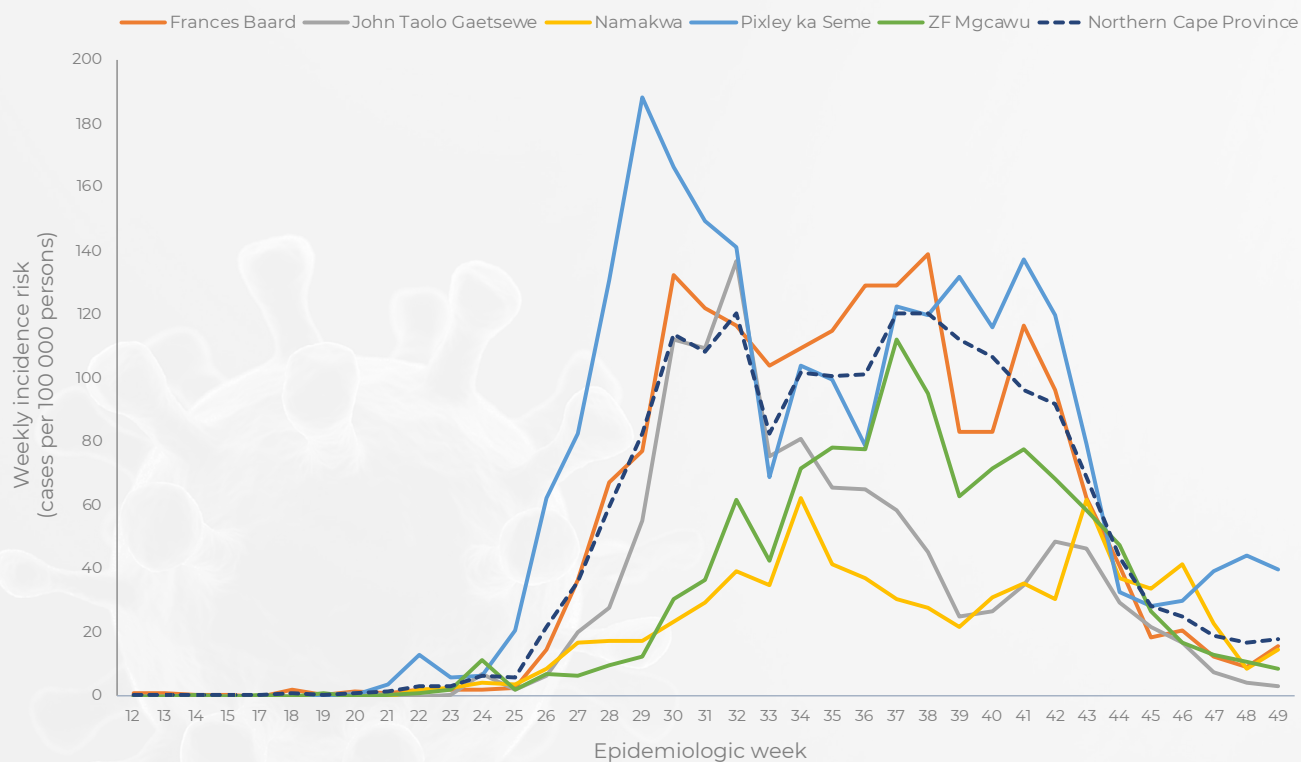
Figure 6. Weekly incidence risk of PCR-confirmed cases of COVID-19 by epidemiologic week, North West Province, 3 March-05 December 2020 (a) by district (n= 29 897, 5 196 missing district) (b) by age group in years (n= 34 793, 300 missing age)

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Northern Cape Province

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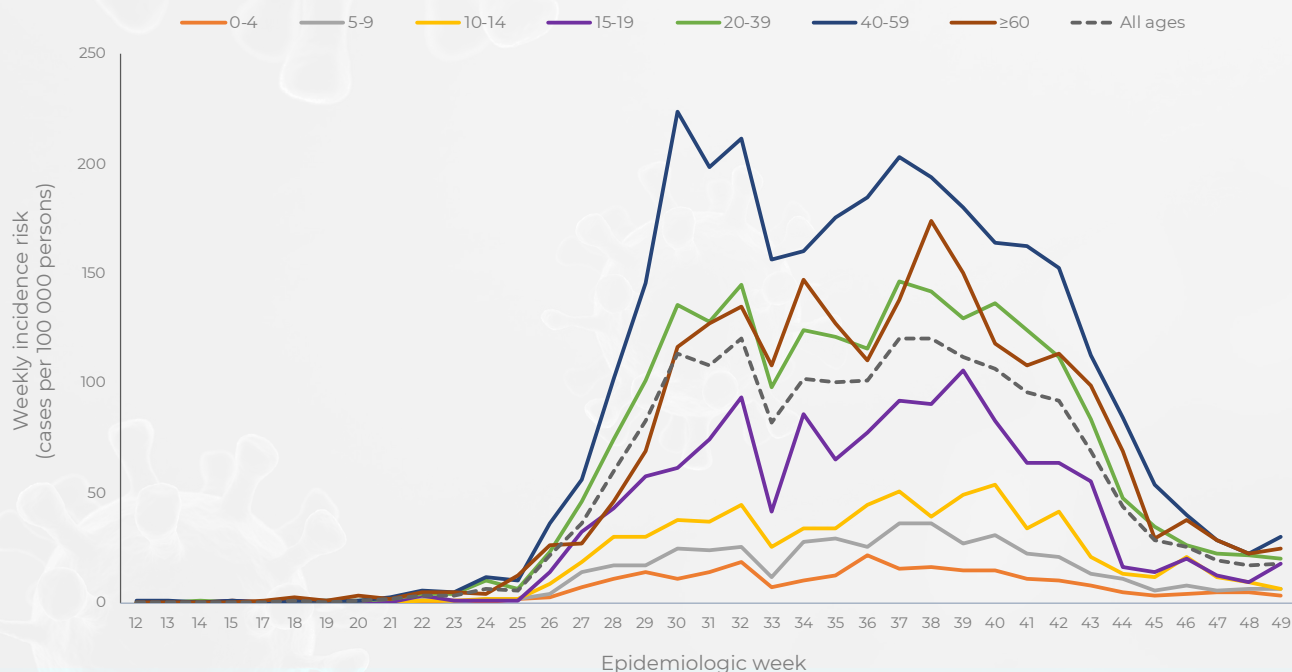


Figure 7. Weekly incidence risk of PCR-confirmed cases of COVID-19 by epidemiologic week, Northern Cape Province, 3 March-5 December 2020 (a) by district (n= 19 749, 3 701 missing district) (b) by age group in years (n= 23 229, 221 missing age)