

COVID-19 Hospital Surveillance

Update: Week 50, 2022

Overview of report

This report summarises data of COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital surveillance sites in all provinces. The report is based on data collected from 5 March 2020 to 17 December 2022.

Highlights

- There was a 45% decrease in the number of new admissions in week 50 2022 (147) compared to the number of admissions in week 49 2022 (269). Delays in reporting of admissions and deaths may affect the numbers reported in the most recent week.
- KwaZulu-Natal and Western Cape had the highest number of admissions in the past week (45/147, 30.61% and 39/147, 26.53%), followed by Gauteng (32/147, 21.77%). Limpopo had the lowest number of admissions (2/147, 1.36%).
- The highest weekly incidence risk of COVID-19 admissions reported in week 50 of 2022 was in the ≥65-year age group (1.5 admissions per 100 000 persons), and the lowest weekly incidence risk was in the <20 and 20-34-year age groups (0.1 admissions per 100 000 persons). The increased incidence risk of COVID-19 admissions observed in children <5 years since week 40 seems to have peaked in week 46.

Methods

Data on hospitalisation was accessed from DATCOV, a hospital surveillance system for COVID-19 admissions, initiated on the 1 April 2020. A COVID-19 case was defined as a person with a positive reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) assay for SARS-CoV-2 or a person who had a positive SARS-CoV-2 antigen test who was admitted to hospital.

Data on SARS-CoV-2 cases diagnosed in public and private laboratories submitted to the NICD were reported from the line list on the NMCSS.

Case fatality ratio (CFR) was calculated for all closed cases, i.e., COVID-19 deaths divided by COVID-19 deaths plus COVID-19 discharges, excluding individuals who are still admitted in hospital. For the calculation of cumulative incidence risks, StatsSA mid-year population estimates for 2021 were utilised. For comparisons of change in admission, we used 14-day daily average admissions in the current 14-day period compared to the previous 14-day period.

Severity was defined as patients receiving oxygen or invasive ventilation, treated in high care or intensive care wards, developing acute respiratory distress syndrome, or died. While oxygen, ventilation, and ward of stay variables are updated daily for all admissions in the private sector, there may be delays with the data being updated in the public sector. Also, as patients remain in hospital their condition may change, and percentage of severity may change over time.

Data are submitted by public and private hospitals that have agreed to report COVID-19 admissions through DATCOV surveillance in all nine provinces of South Africa. On 15 July 2020, the National Health Council decided that all hospitals should report to DATCOV. As of 17 December 2022, a total of 669 facilities submitted data on hospitalised COVID-19 cases, 406 from public sector and 263 from private sector (Table 1). This reflects 100% coverage of all public and private hospitals that have had COVID-19 admissions. As new hospitals join the surveillance system, they have retrospectively captured all admissions recorded although there may be some backlogs in retrospective data capture.

Table 1: Number of hospitals reporting data on COVID-19 admissions by province and sector, South Africa, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022.

| Facilities reporting | Public | Private |
|----------------------|--------|---------|
| Eastern Cape | 86 | 18 |
| Free State | 34 | 20 |
| Gauteng | 39 | 99 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 71 | 48 |
| Limpopo | 41 | 7 |
| Mpumalanga | 31 | 9 |
| North West | 17 | 13 |
| Northern Cape | 29 | 6 |
| Western Cape | 59 | 43 |
| South Africa | 406 | 263 |

Results

Epidemiological and demographic trends in admissions

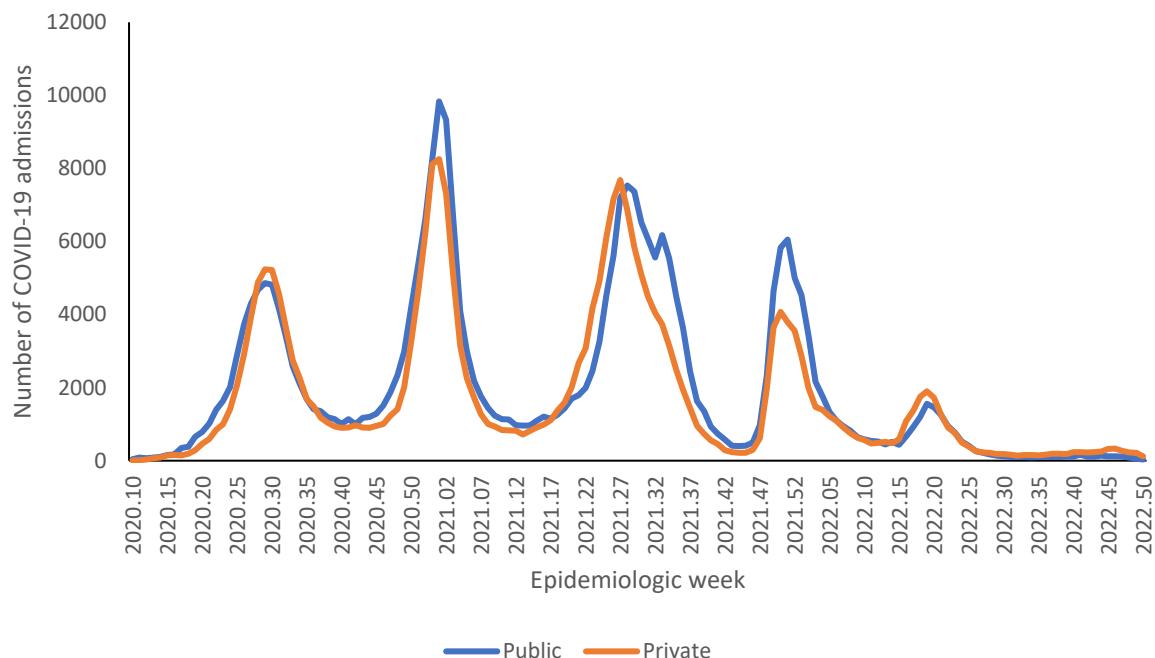


Figure 1: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions by health sector and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, South Africa, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=546,443

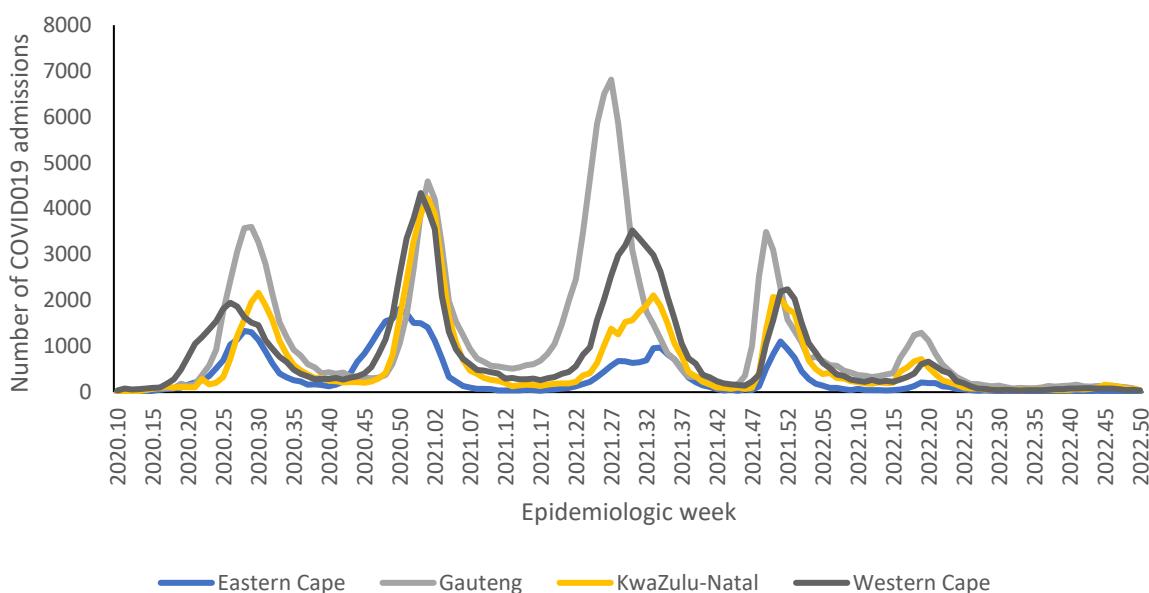


Figure 2a: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions, by provinces with highest admissions and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, South Africa, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=546,443

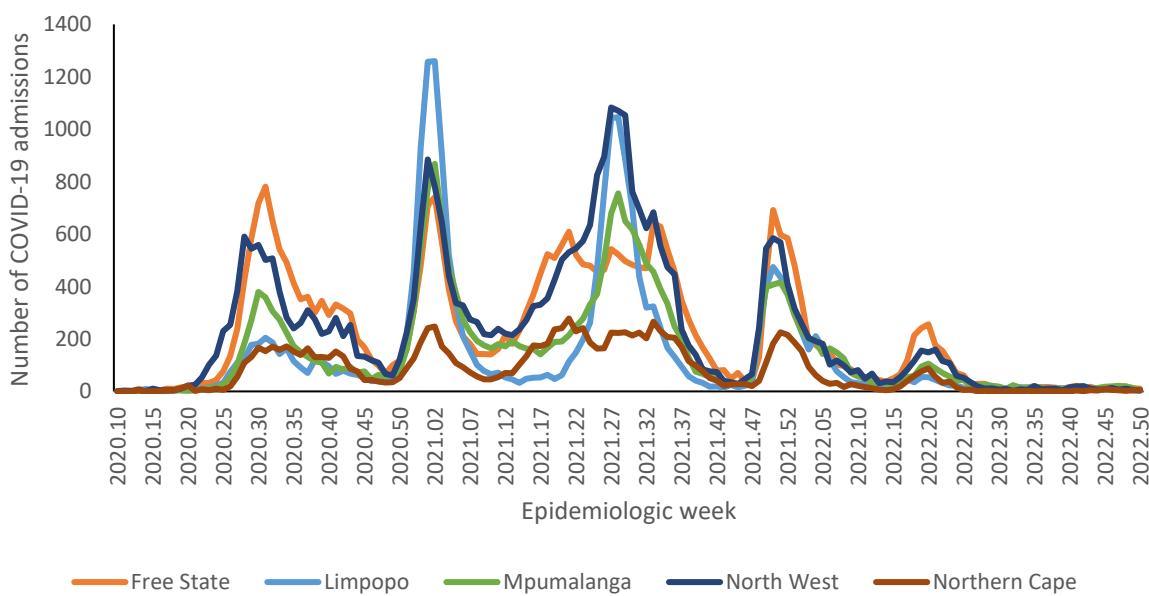


Figure 2b: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions, by provinces with lowest admissions and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, South Africa, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=546,443

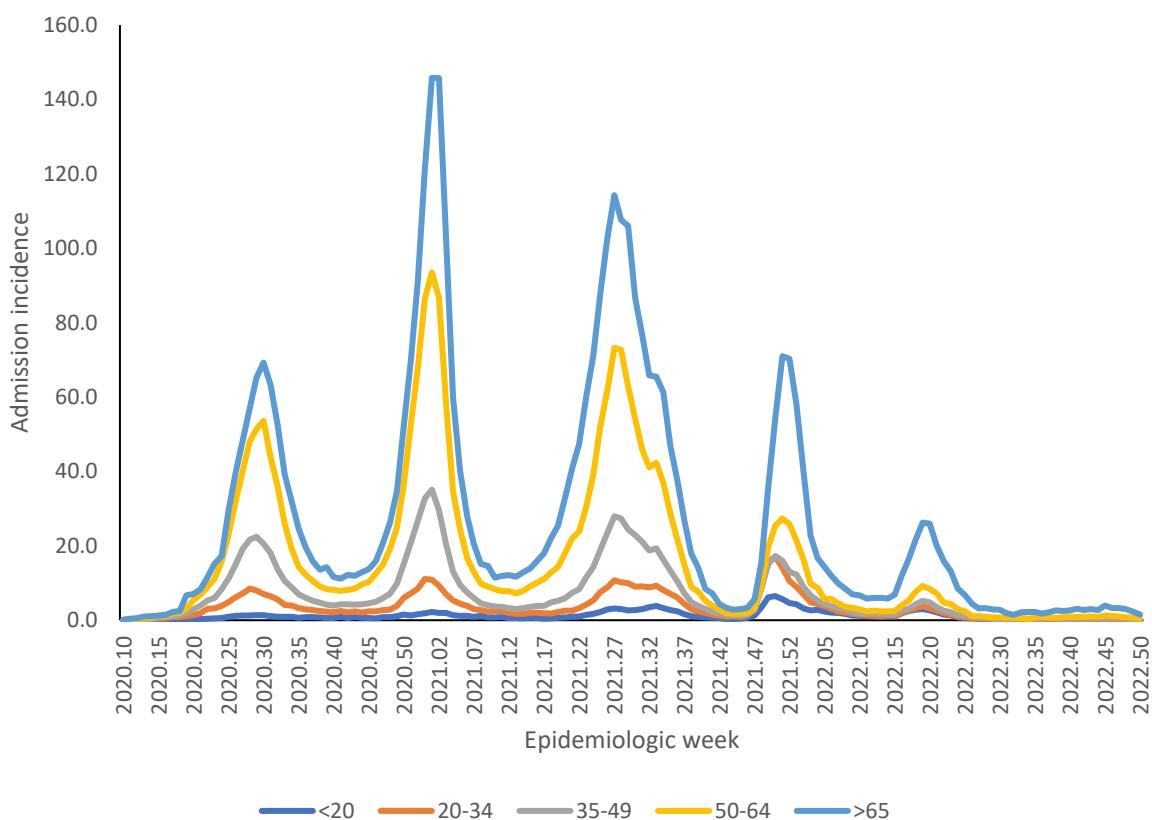


Figure 3: Incidence risk of COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 persons, by age group and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, South Africa, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=546,443

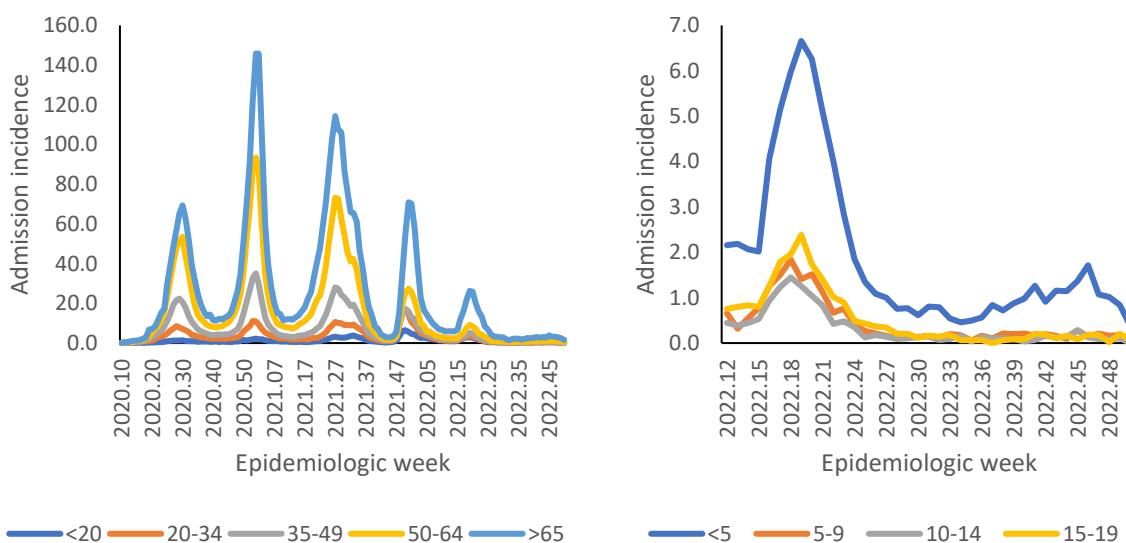


Figure 4: Incidence risk of COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 persons, by age group and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, South Africa, 19 March 2022-17 December 2022

Epidemiological and demographic trends in in-hospital mortality

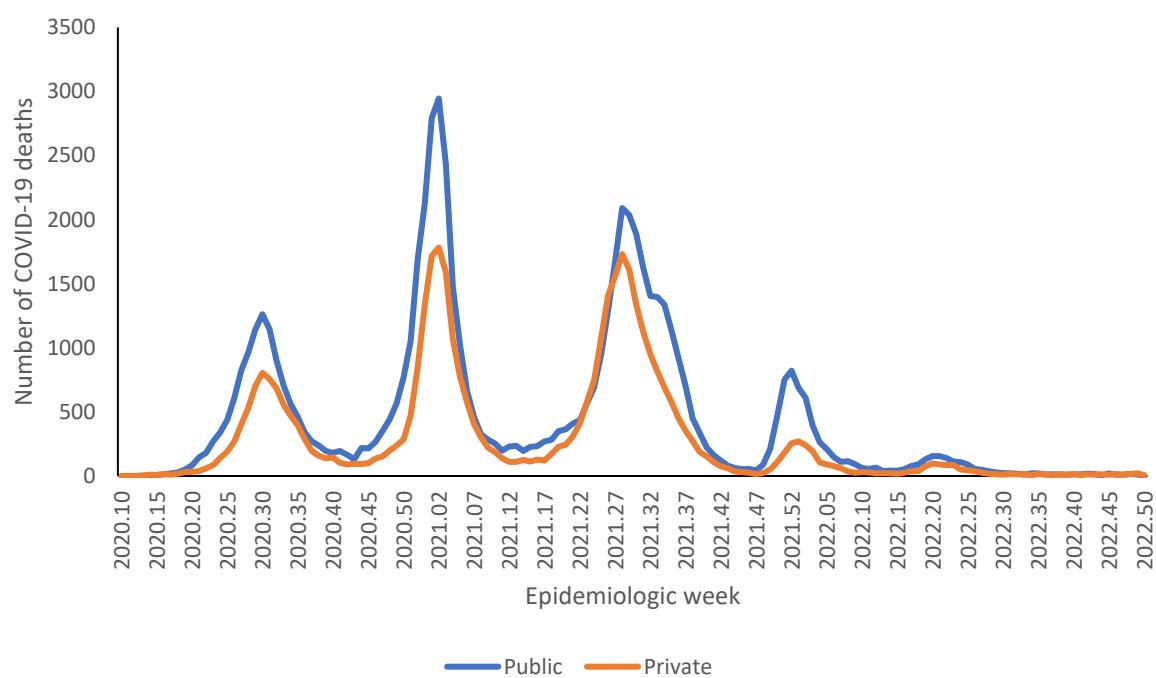


Figure 5: Number of reported COVID-19 in-hospital deaths, by health sector and epidemiologic week, South Africa, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=104,614

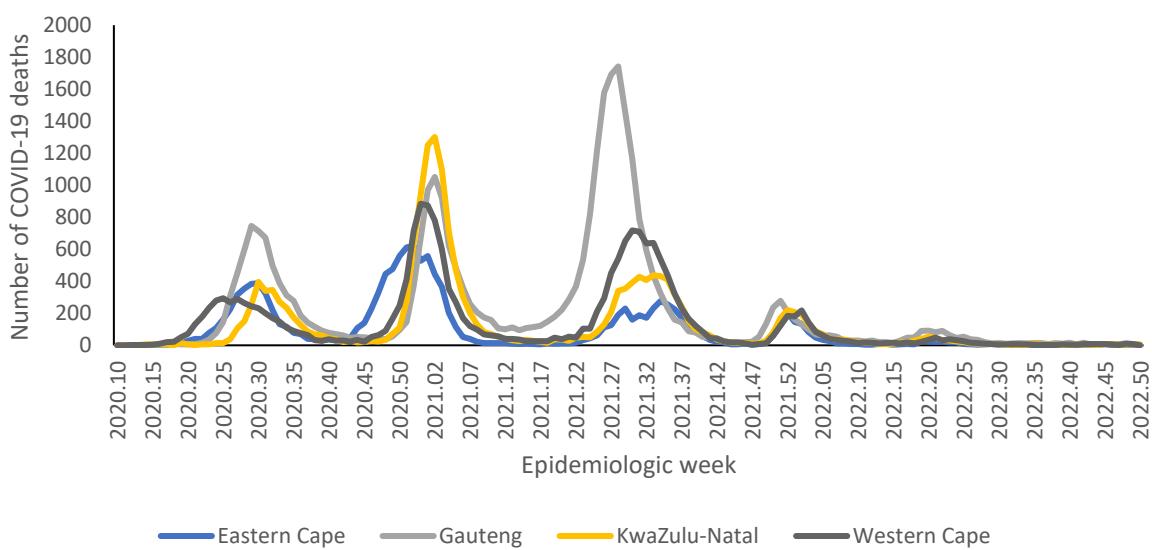


Figure 6a: Number of reported COVID-19 in-hospital deaths, by province with highest deaths and epidemiologic week of death, South Africa, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=104,614

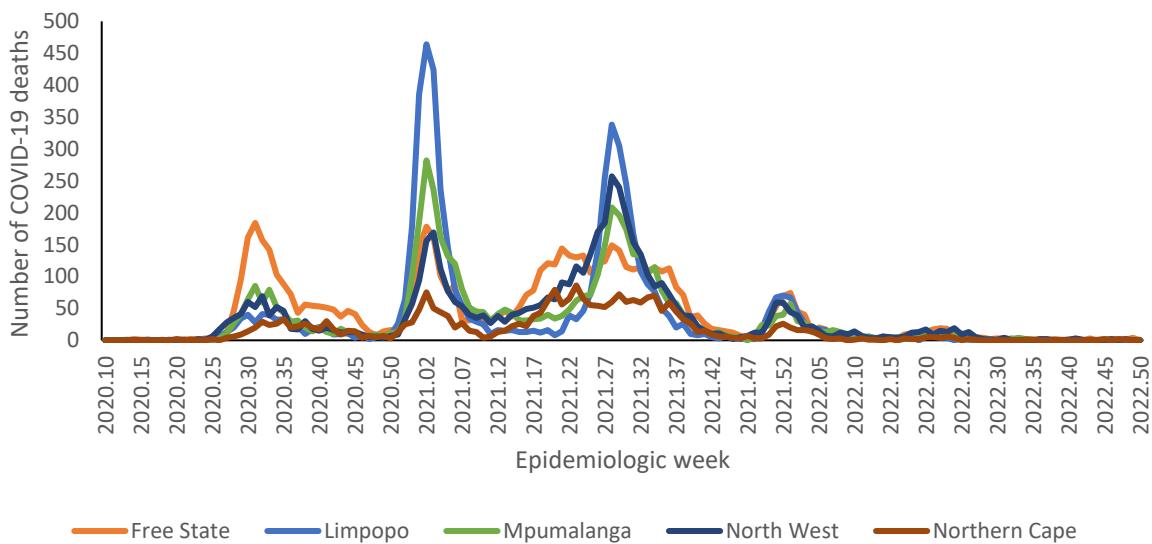


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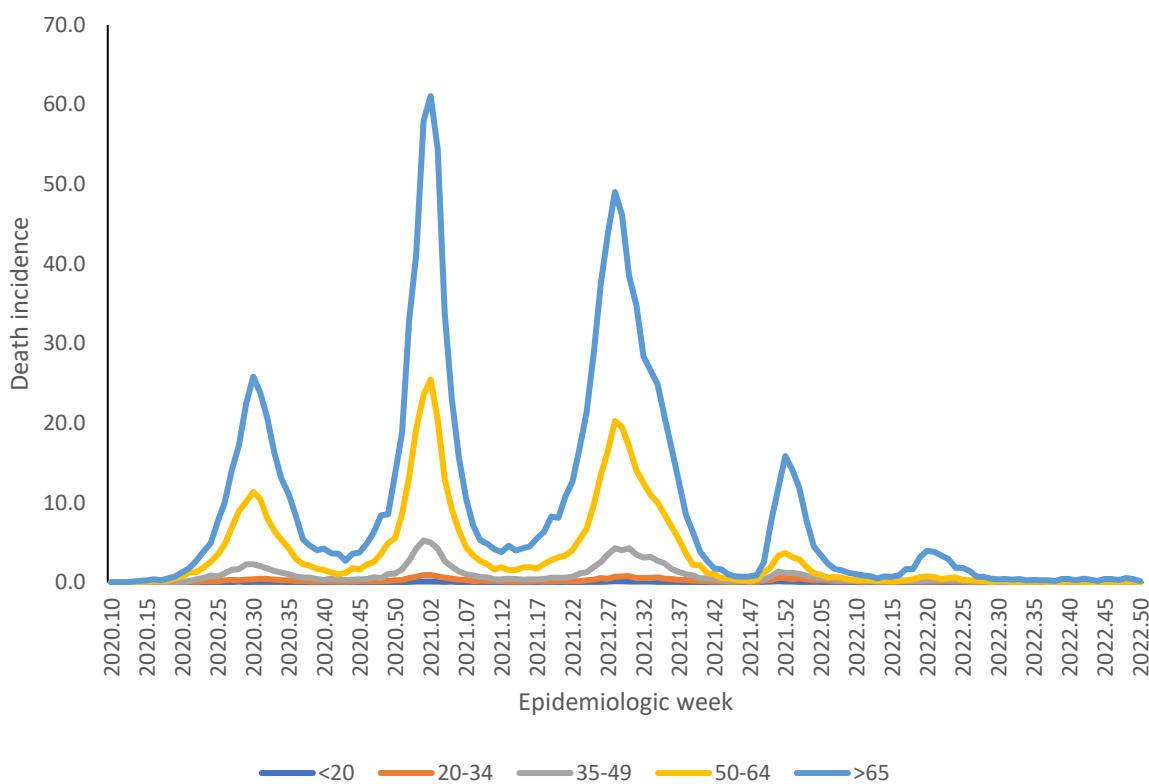


Figure 7: Incidence risk of COVID-19 in-hospital deaths per 100,000 persons, by age group and epidemiologic week of death, South Africa, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=104,614

Provincial trends

Table 2: Number and cumulative incidence risk of COVID-19 hospitalisations and in-hospital deaths per 100,000 persons by province, South Africa, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022.

| Province | Provincial Population mid 2020* | Cumulative admissions | Cumulative incidence risk of admissions / 100,000 | Cumulative deaths | Cumulative incidence risk of deaths / 100,000 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| Eastern Cape | 6676590 | 48996 | 733.8 | 13329 | 199.6 |
| Free State | 2932441 | 32819 | 1119.2 | 6165 | 210.2 |
| Gauteng | 15810388 | 161 730 | 1022.9 | 30739 | 194.4 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 11513575 | 90336 | 784.6 | 17655 | 153.3 |
| Limpopo | 5926724 | 21274 | 359.0 | 5332 | 90.0 |
| Mpumalanga | 4743584 | 23189 | 488.8 | 4931 | 104.0 |
| North West | 4122854 | 34 325 | 832.6 | 5022 | 121.8 |
| Northern Cape | 1303047 | 11 952 | 917.2 | 2464 | 189.1 |
| Western Cape | 7113776 | 121 822 | 1712.5 | 18977 | 266.8 |
| South Africa | 60142978 | 546 443 | 908.6 | 104 614 | 173.9 |

*StatsSA mid-year population estimates 2020

Table 3: Previous 14 days and current 14 days daily average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, South Africa, 19 November-17 December 2022.

| Province | Hospital admissions | | Percentage change in admissions | Hospital deaths | | Percentage change in deaths |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Previous 14 days average admissions | Current 14 days average admissions | | Previous 14 days average deaths | Current 14 days average deaths | |
| Eastern Cape | 2.71 | 1.50 | -44.74 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.00 |
| Free State | 2.43 | 1.57 | -35.29 | 0.21 | 0.29 | 33.33 |
| Gauteng | 16.43 | 8.43 | -48.70 | 1.36 | 0.86 | -36.84 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 14.21 | 8.86 | -37.69 | 0.43 | 0.79 | 83.33 |
| Limpopo | 1.00 | 0.36 | -64.29 | 0.07 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| Mpumalanga | 2.86 | 1.29 | -55.00 | 0.00 | 0.07 | 0.00 |
| North West | 1.21 | 0.71 | -41.18 | 0.14 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| Northern Cape | 0.50 | 0.64 | 28.57 | 0.21 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| Western Cape | 7.79 | 6.36 | -18.35 | 0.79 | 0.57 | -27.27 |

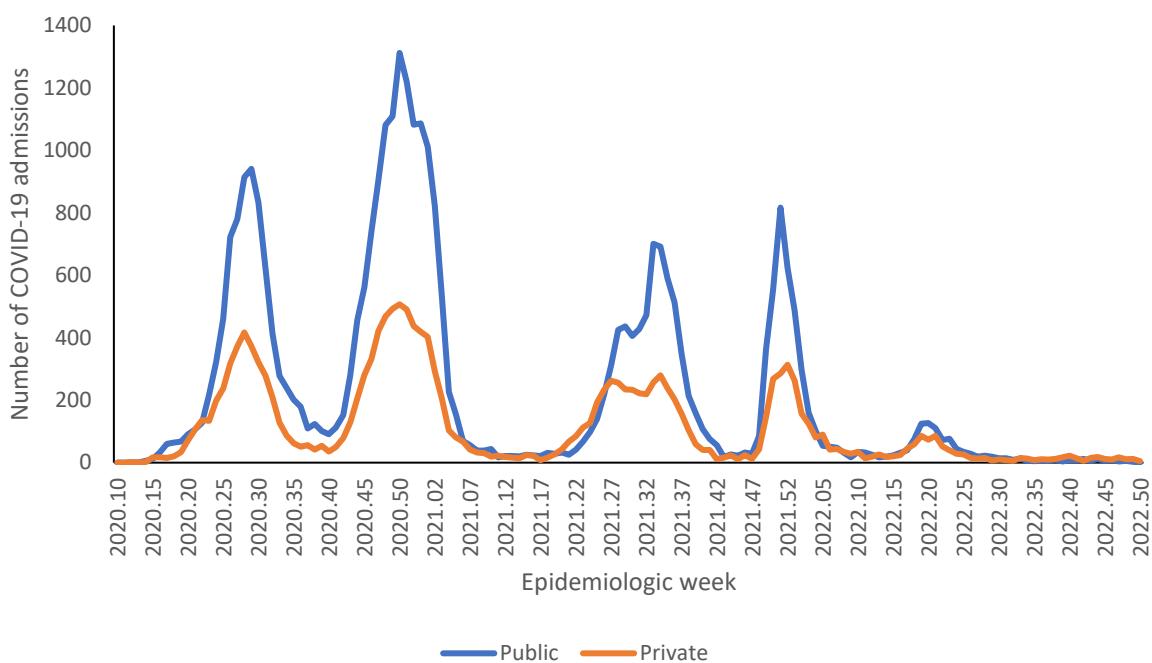
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Table 4: Previous 7 days and current 7 days daily average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, South Africa, 4 December-17 December 2022.

| Province | Hospital admissions | | Percentage change in admissions | Hospital deaths | | Percentage change in deaths |
|---------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Previous 7 days average admissions | Current 7 days average admissions | | Previous 7 days average deaths | Current 7 days average deaths | |
| Eastern Cape | 2.14 | 0.86 | -60.00 | 0.43 | 0.14 | -66.67 |
| Free State | 1.71 | 1.43 | -16.67 | 0.57 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| Gauteng | 12.29 | 4.57 | -62.79 | 1.14 | 0.57 | -50.00 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 11.29 | 6.43 | -43.04 | 1.14 | 0.43 | -62.50 |
| Limpopo | 0.43 | 0.29 | -33.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Mpumalanga | 1.86 | 0.71 | -61.54 | 0.00 | 0.14 | 0.00 |
| North West | 0.86 | 0.57 | -33.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Northern Cape | 0.71 | 0.57 | -20.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Western Cape | 7.14 | 5.57 | -22.00 | 1.14 | 0.00 | -100.00 |

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Eastern Cape



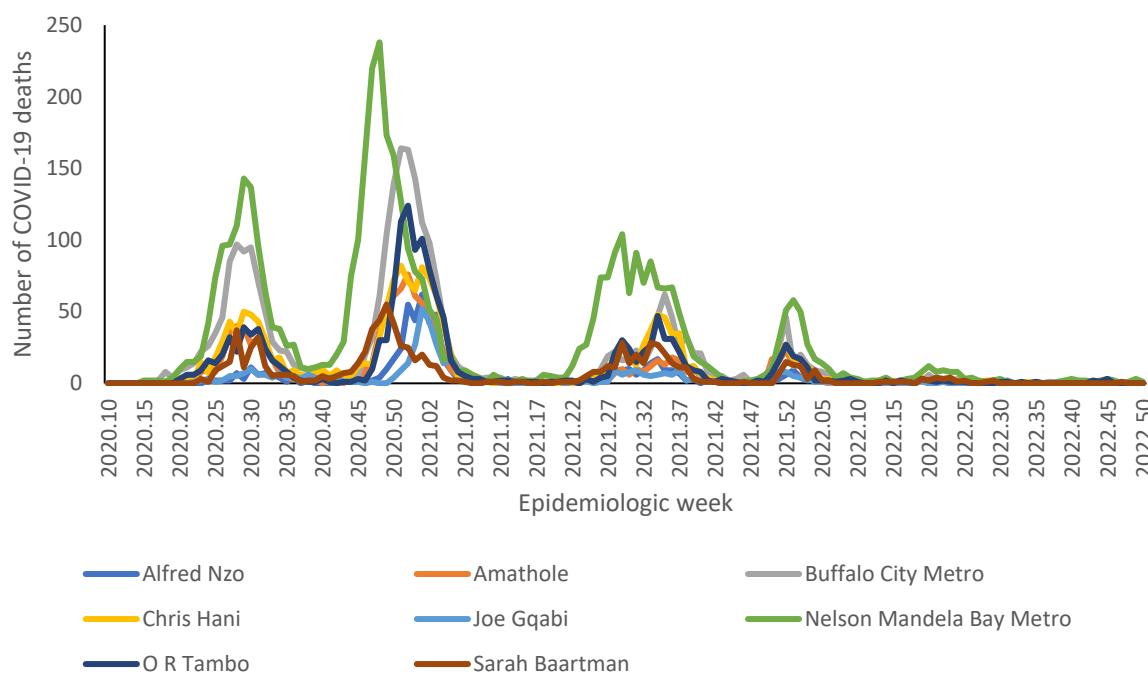


Figure 10: Number of reported COVID-19 in-hospital deaths, by district and epidemiologic week, Eastern Cape, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=13,329

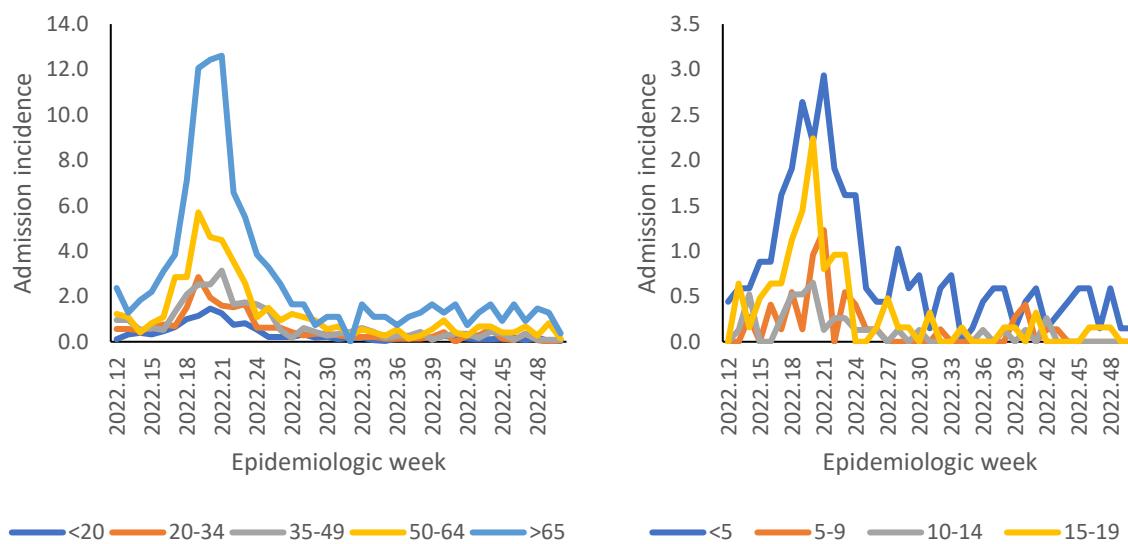


Figure 11: Incidence risk of COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 persons by age group and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, Eastern Cape, 19 March 2022-17 December 2022

Table 5: Previous 14 days and current 14 days average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, Eastern Cape, 19 November-17 December 2022.

| District | Previous 14 days admissions average | Current 14 days admissions average | Percentage change in admissions | Previous 14 days deaths average | Current 14 days deaths average | Percentage change in deaths |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alfred Nzo | 0.43 | 0.07 | -83.33 | 0.07 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| Amathole | 0.07 | 0.00 | -100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Buffalo City Metro | 0.36 | 0.07 | -80.00 | 0.07 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| Chris Hani | 0.14 | 0.07 | -50.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Joe Gqabi | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Nelson Mandela Bay | 1.36 | 1.21 | -10.53 | 0.07 | 0.29 | 300.00 |
| O R Tambo | 0.29 | 0.07 | -75.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Sarah Baartman | 0.07 | 0.00 | -100.00 | 0.07 | 0.00 | -100.00 |

Free State

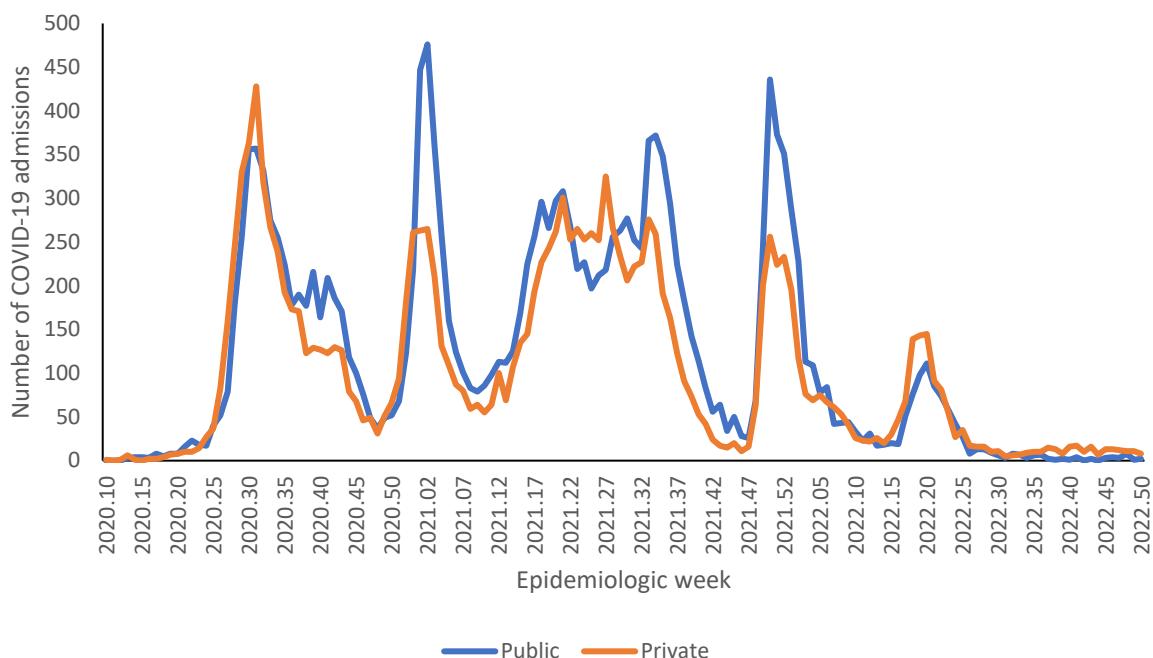


Figure 12: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions by health sector and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, Free State, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=32,844

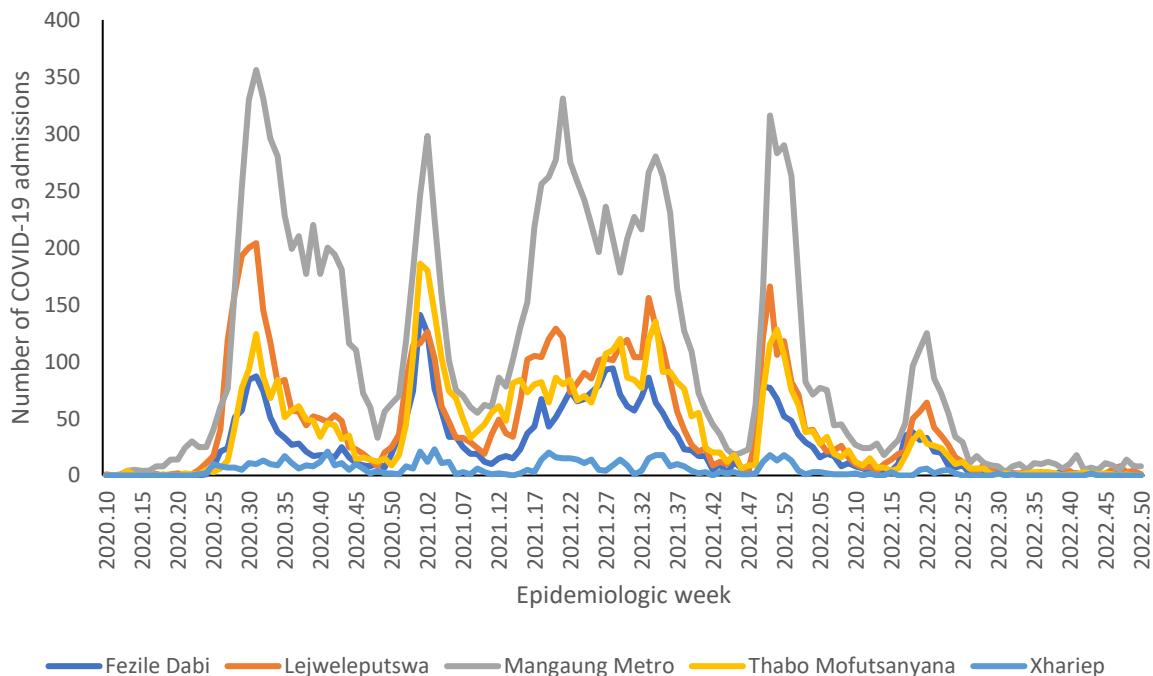


Figure 13: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions, by district and epidemiologic week, Free State, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=32,844

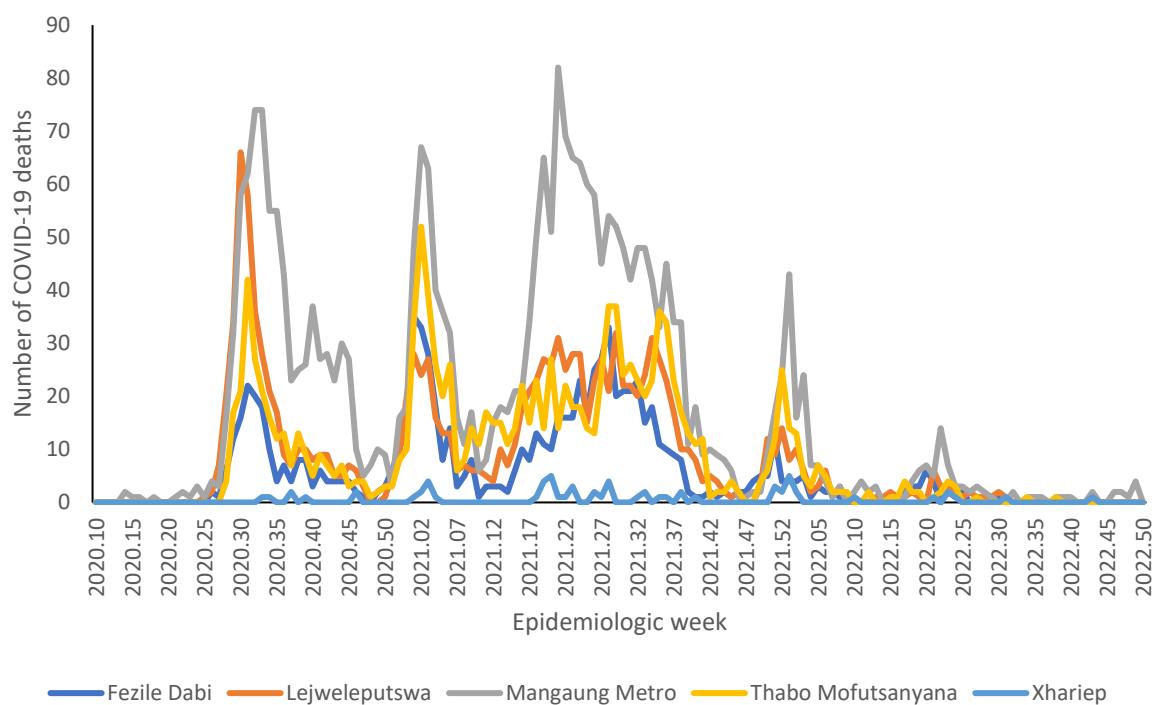


Figure 14: Number of reported COVID-19 in-hospital deaths, by district and epidemiologic week, Free State, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=6,165

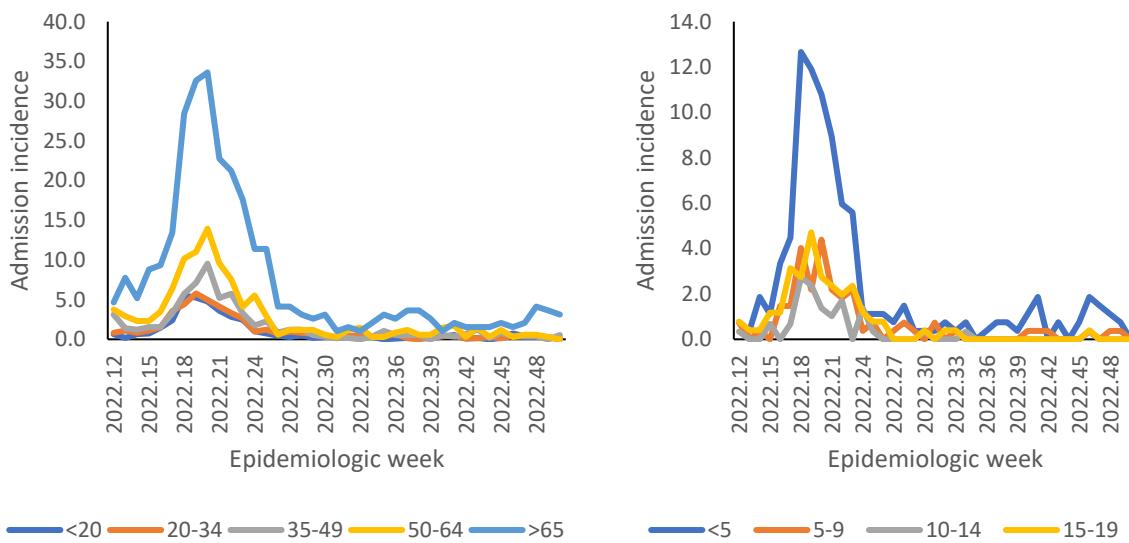


Figure 15: Incidence risk of COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 persons by age group and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, Free State, 19 March 2022- 17 December 2022

Table 6: Previous 14 days and current 14 days average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, Free State, 19 November-17 December 2022.

| District | Previous 14 days admissions average | Current 14 days admissions average | Percentage change in admissions | Previous 14 days deaths average | Current 14 days deaths average | Percentage change in deaths |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fezile Dabi | 0.21 | 0.07 | -66.67 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Lejweleputswa | 0.79 | 0.36 | -54.55 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Mangaung Metro | 1.36 | 1.14 | -15.79 | 0.21 | 0.29 | 33.33 |
| Thabo Mofutsanyana | 0.07 | 0.00 | -100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Xhariep | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Gauteng

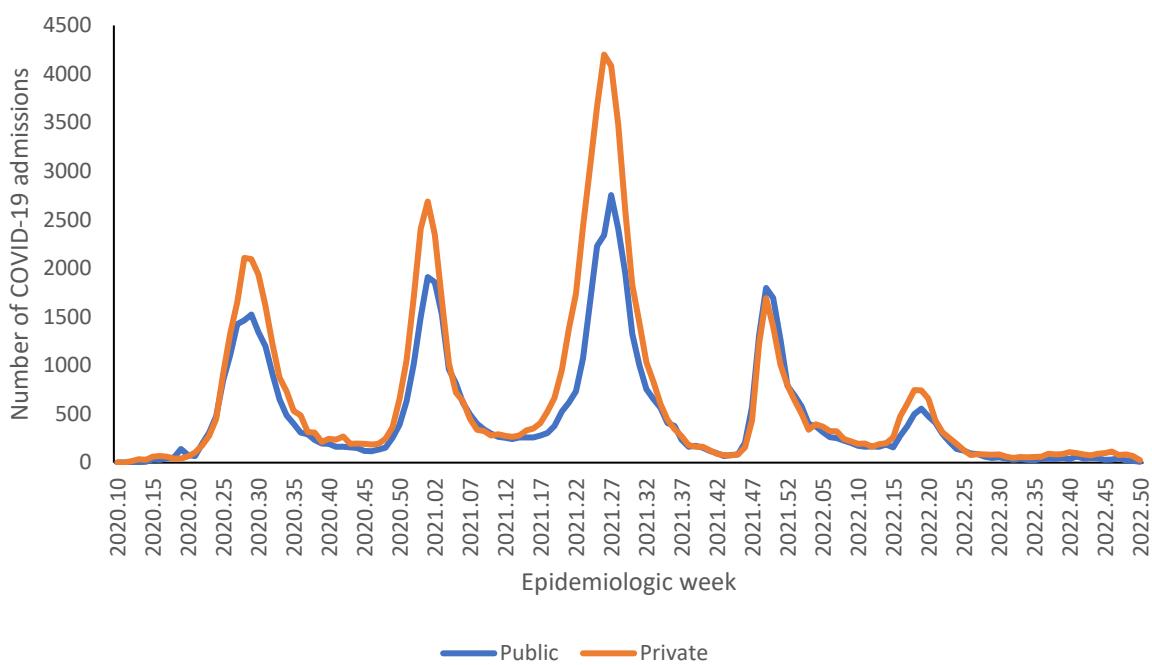


Figure 16: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions by health sector and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, Gauteng, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=162,507

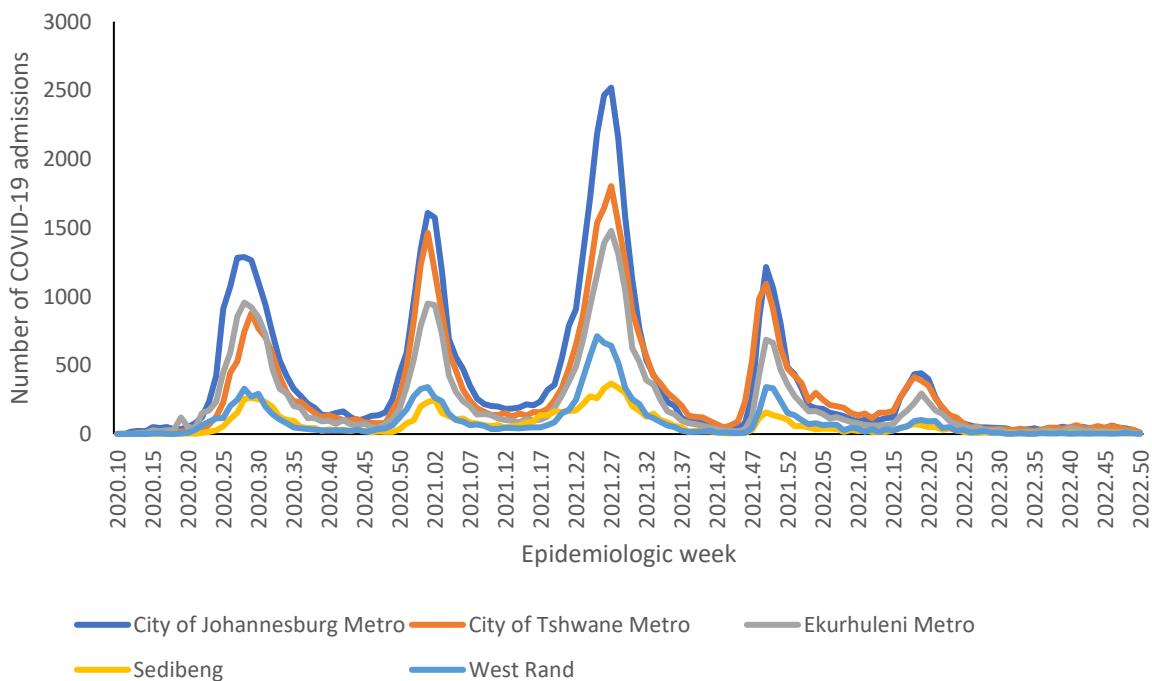


Figure 17: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions, by district and epidemiologic week, Gauteng, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=162,507

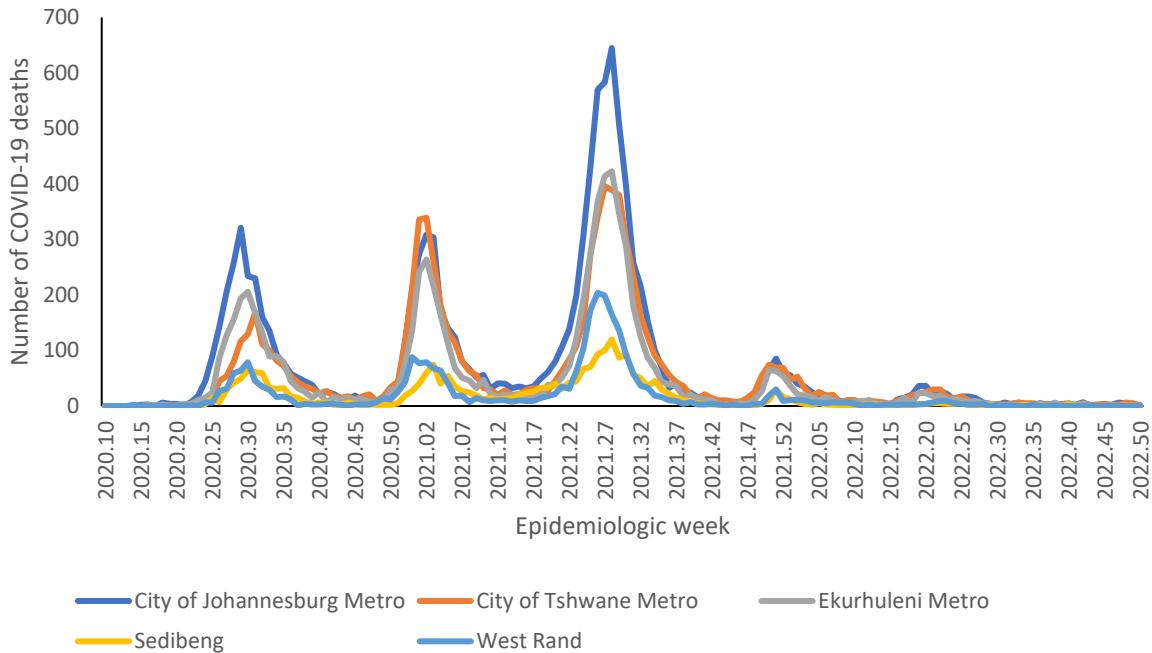


Figure 18: Number of reported COVID-19 in-hospital deaths, by district and epidemiologic week, Gauteng, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=30,739

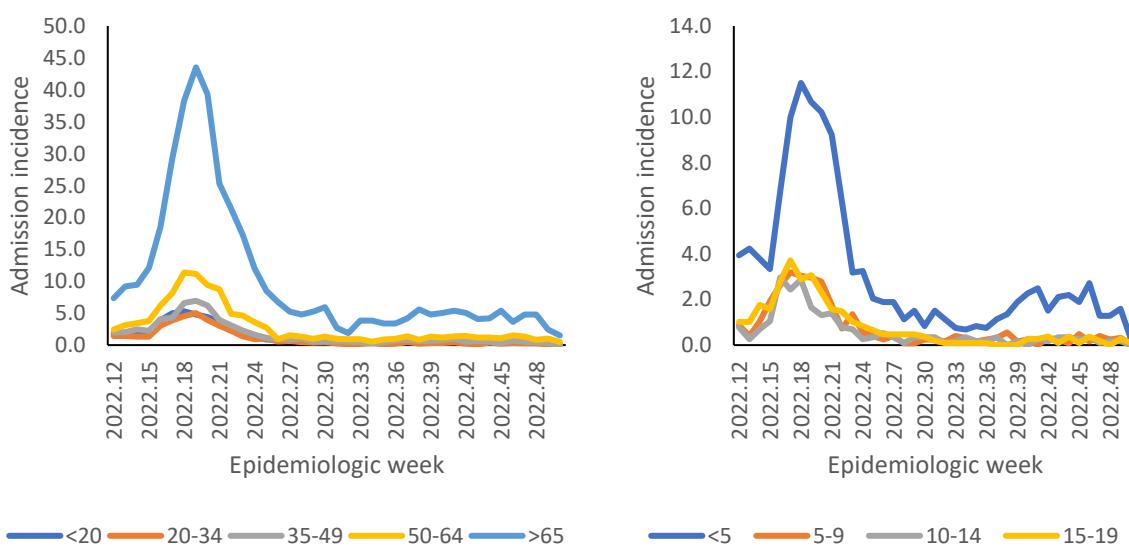


Figure 19: Incidence risk of COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 persons, per age group and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, Gauteng, 19 March 2022- 17 December 2022

Table 7: Previous 14 days and current 14 days average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, Gauteng, 19 November-17 December 2022.

| District | Previous 14 days admissions average | Current 14 days admissions average | Percentage change in admissions | Previous 14 days deaths average | Current 14 days deaths average | Percentage change in deaths |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| City of Johannesburg Metro | 6.29 | 3.00 | -52.27 | 0.79 | 0.29 | -63.64 |
| City of Tshwane Metro | 5.93 | 3.07 | -48.19 | 0.50 | 0.43 | -14.29 |
| Ekurhuleni Metro | 2.50 | 1.00 | -60.00 | 0.00 | 0.14 | 0.00 |
| Sedibeng | 0.79 | 0.79 | 0.00 | 0.07 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| West Rand | 0.93 | 0.57 | -38.46 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

KwaZulu-Natal

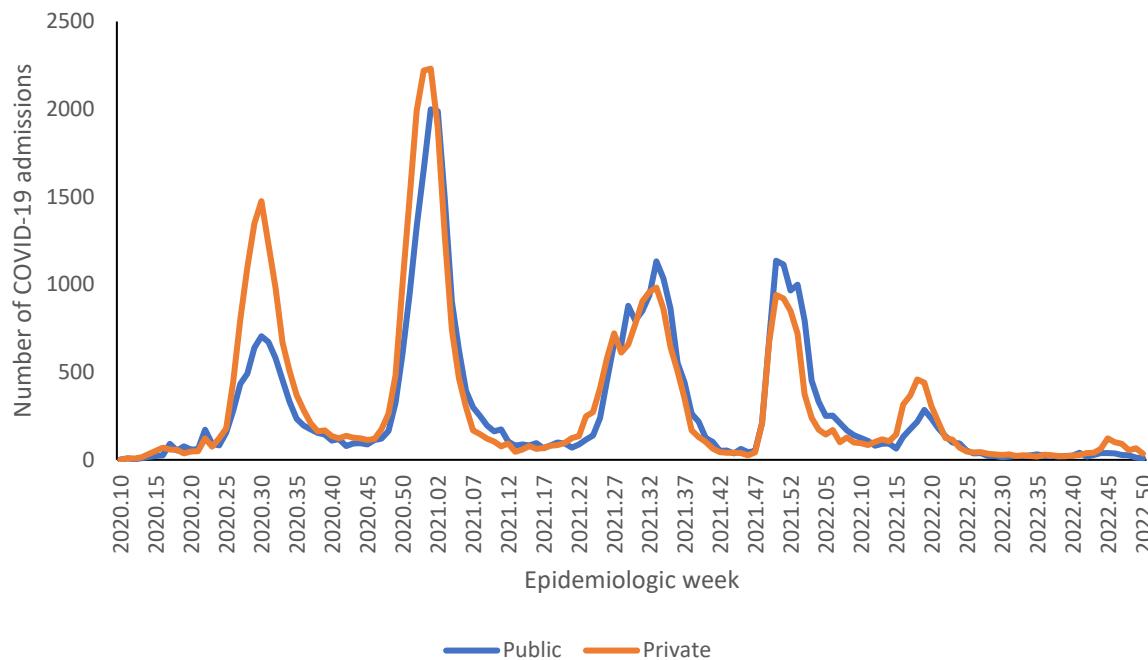


Figure 20: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions by health sector and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, KwaZulu-Natal, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=90,664

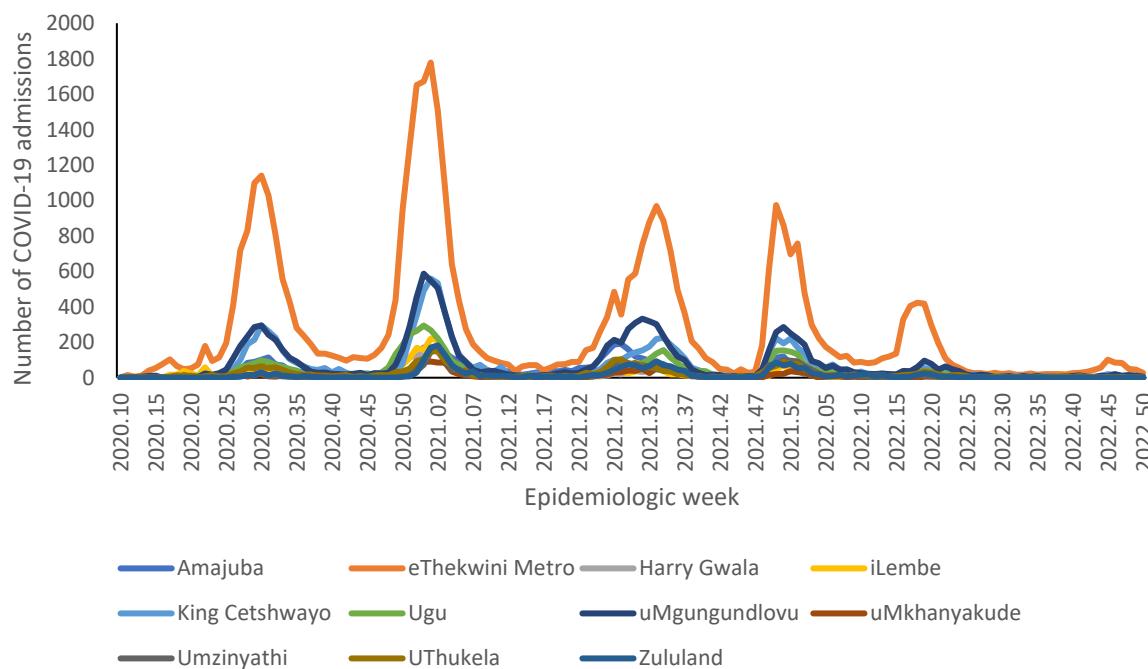


Figure 21: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions, by district and epidemiologic week, KwaZulu-Natal, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=90,664

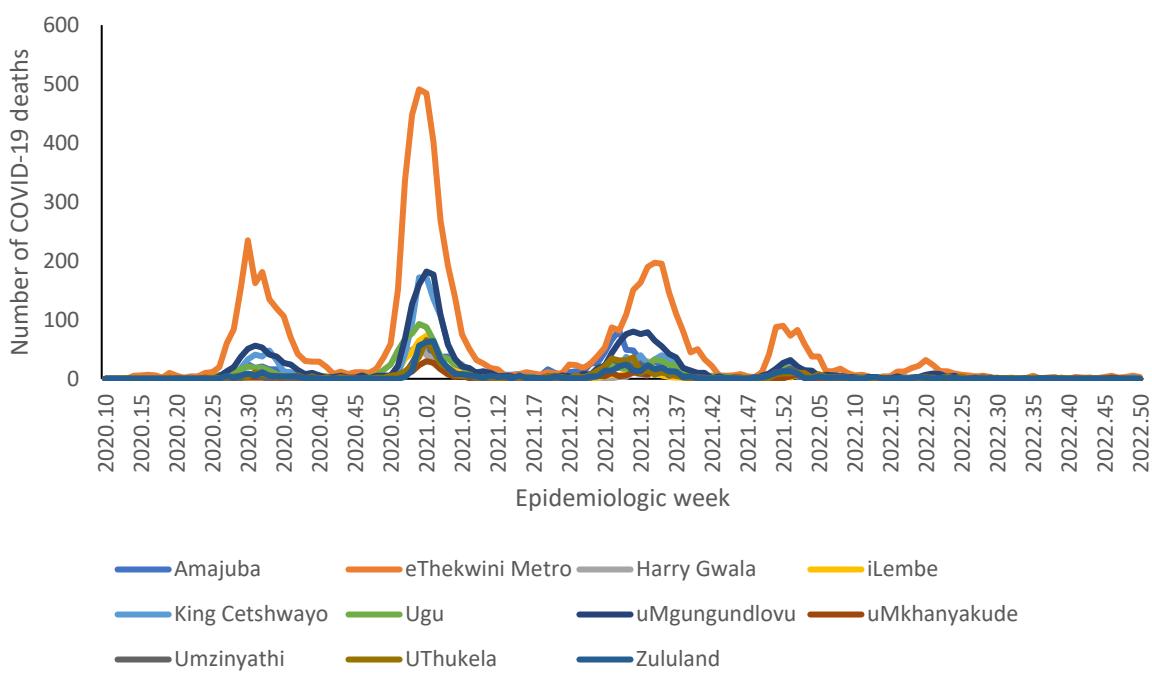


Figure 22: Number of reported COVID-19 in-hospital deaths, by district and epidemiologic week, KwaZulu-Natal, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=17,655

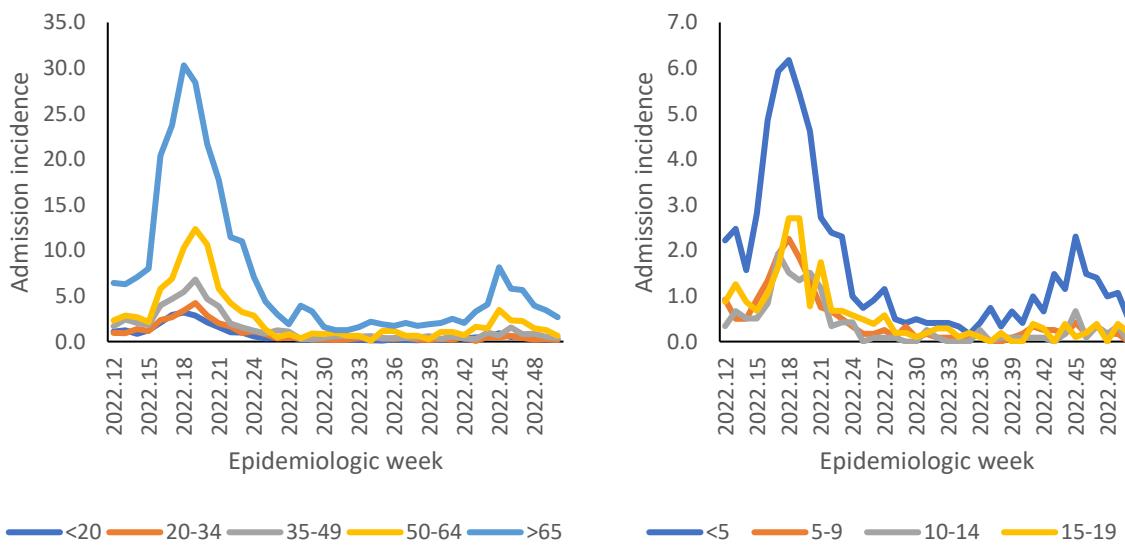


Figure 23: Incidence risk of COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 persons, by age group and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, KwaZulu-Natal, 19 March 2022- 17 December 2022

Table 8: Previous 14 days and current 14 days average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, KwaZulu-Natal, 19 November-17 December 2022.

| District | Previous 14 days admissions average | Current 14 days admissions average | Percentage change in admissions | Previous 14 days deaths average | Current 14 days deaths average | Percentage change in deaths |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Amajuba | 0.14 | 0.07 | -50.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| eThekini Metro | 9.50 | 5.21 | -45.11 | 0.36 | 0.57 | 60.00 |
| Harry Gwala | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| iLembe | 0.43 | 0.36 | -16.67 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| King Cetshwayo | 1.14 | 0.50 | -56.25 | 0.00 | 0.21 | 0.00 |
| Ugu | 0.50 | 1.14 | 128.57 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| uMgungundlovu | 1.79 | 1.21 | -32.00 | 0.07 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| uMkhanyakude | 0.14 | 0.07 | -50.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Umzinyathi | 0.14 | 0.21 | 50.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| UThukela | 0.36 | 0.07 | -80.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Zululand | 0.07 | 0.00 | -100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Limpopo

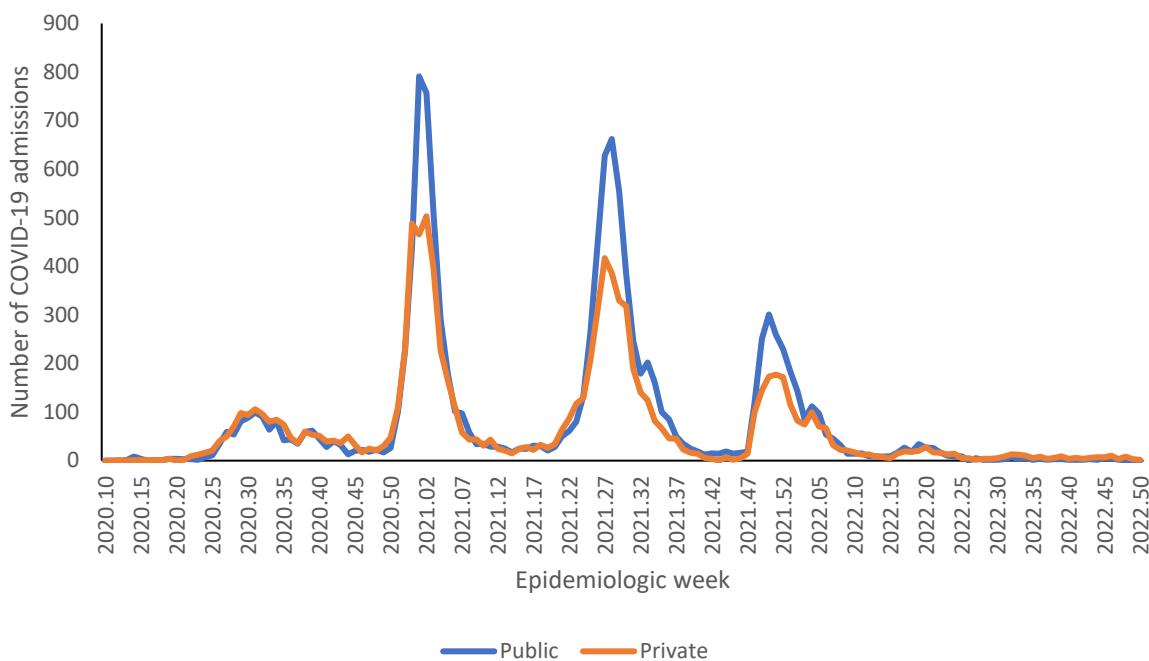


Figure 24: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions by health sector and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, Limpopo, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=21,297

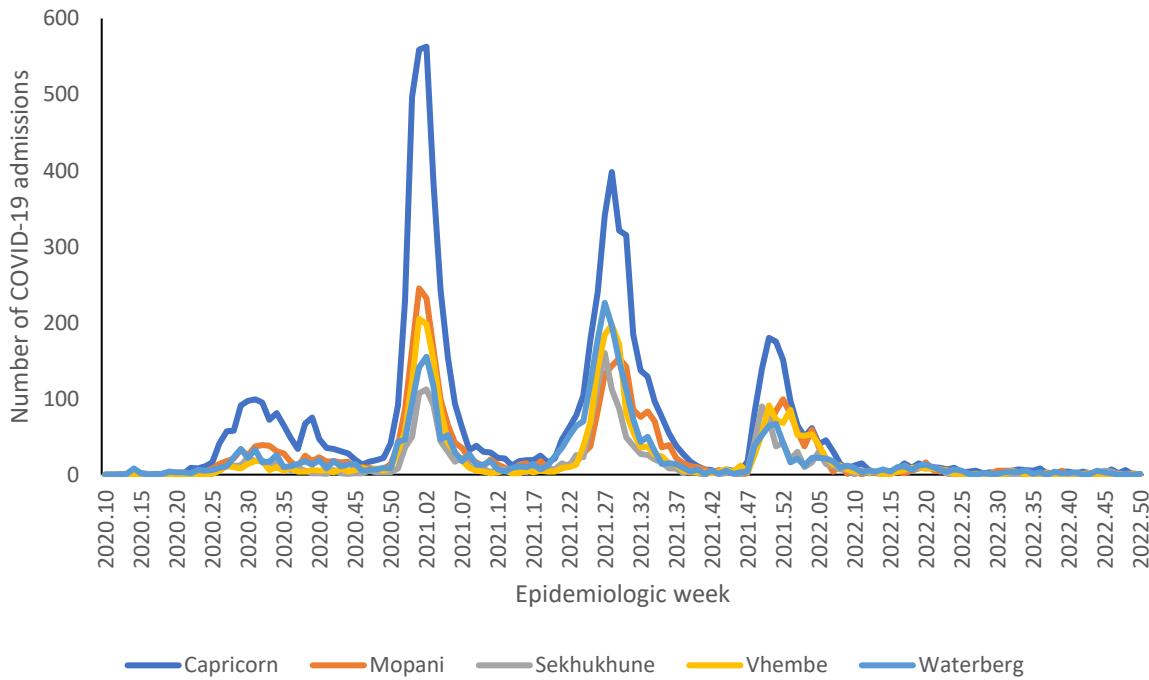


Figure 25: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions, by district and epidemiologic week, Limpopo, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=21,297

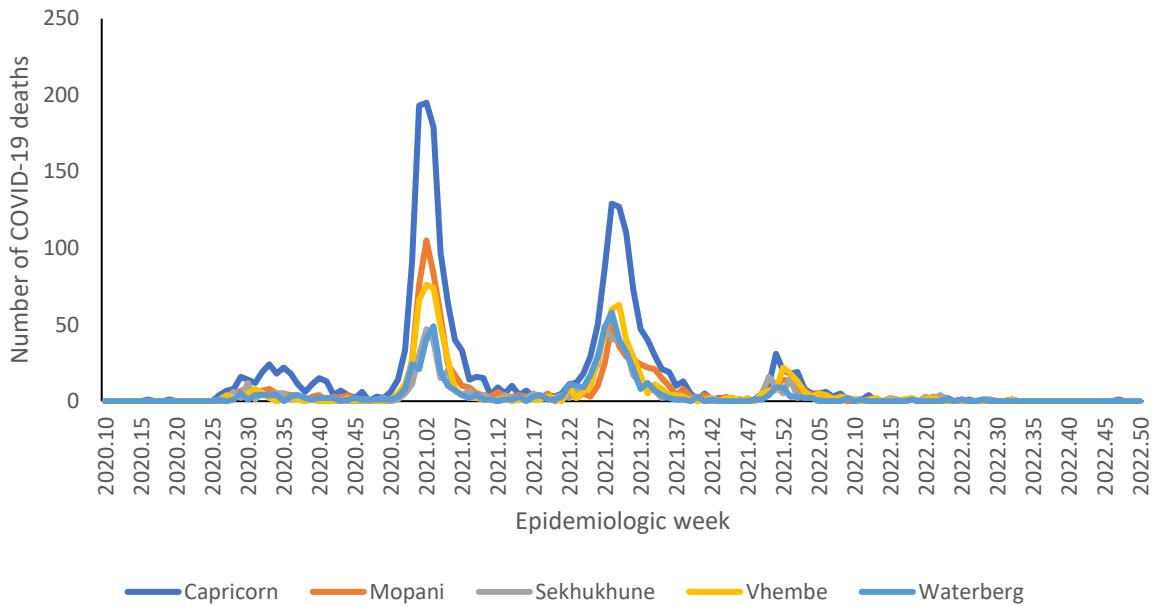


Figure 26: Number of reported COVID-19 in-hospital deaths, by district and epidemiologic week, Limpopo, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=5,332

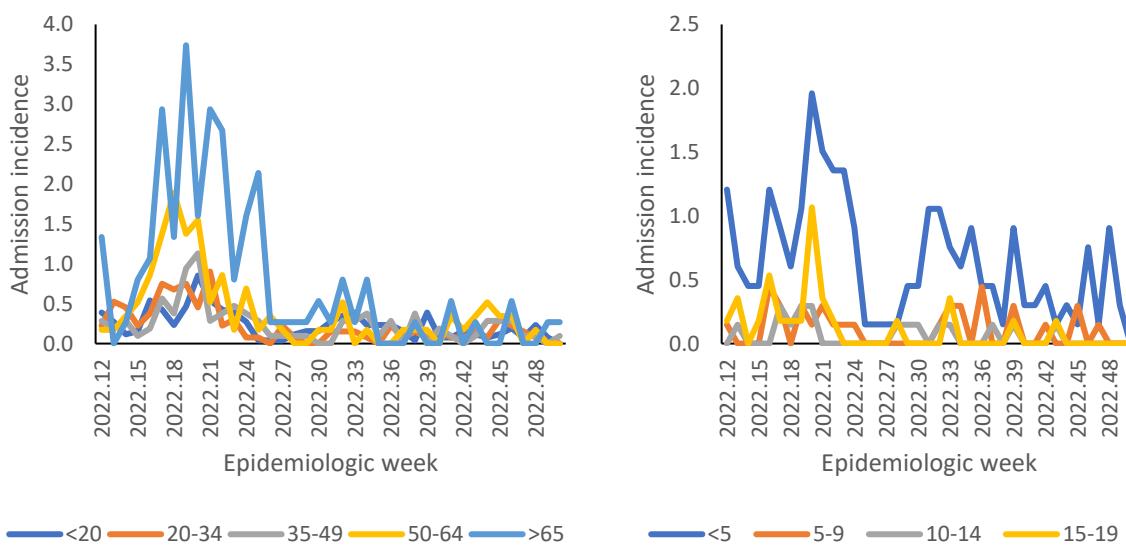


Figure 27: Incidence risk of COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 persons, by age group and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, Limpopo, 19 March 2022-17 December 2022

Table 9: Previous 14 days and current 14 days average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, Limpopo, 19 November-17 December 2022.

| District | Previous 14 days admissions average | Current 14 days admissions average | Percentage change in admissions | Previous 14 days deaths average | Current 14 days deaths average | Percentage change in deaths |
|------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Capricorn | 0.57 | 0.07 | -87.50 | 0.07 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| Mopani | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Sekhukhune | 0.14 | 0.00 | -100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Vhembe | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Waterberg | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Mpumalanga

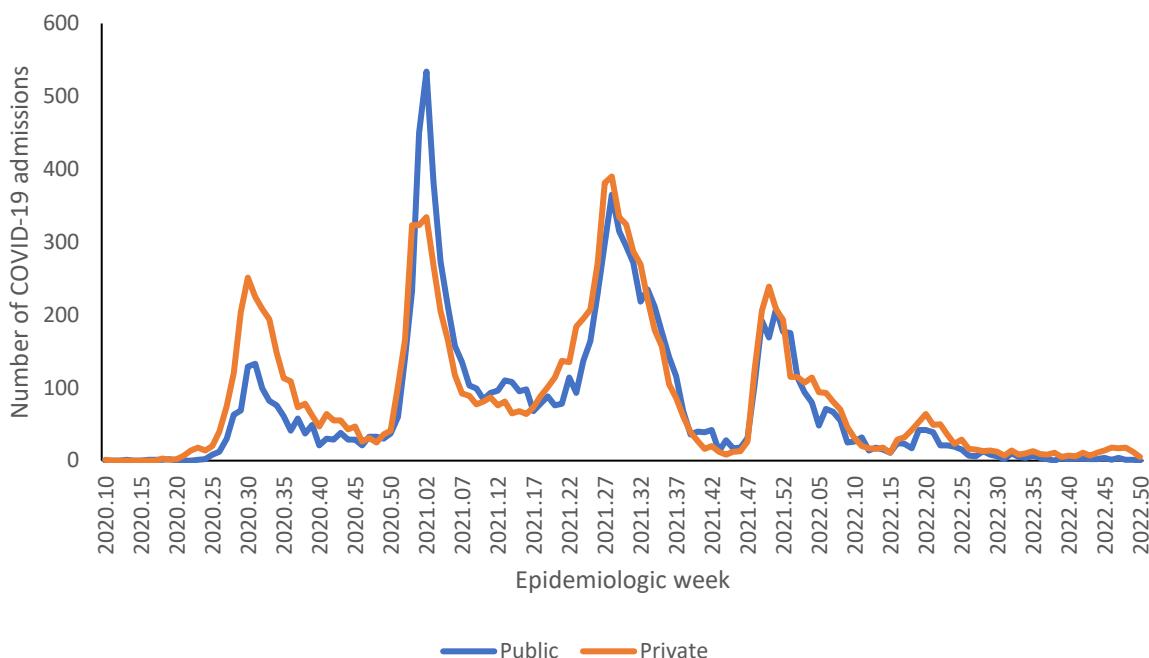


Figure 28: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions by health sector and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, Mpumalanga, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=23,220

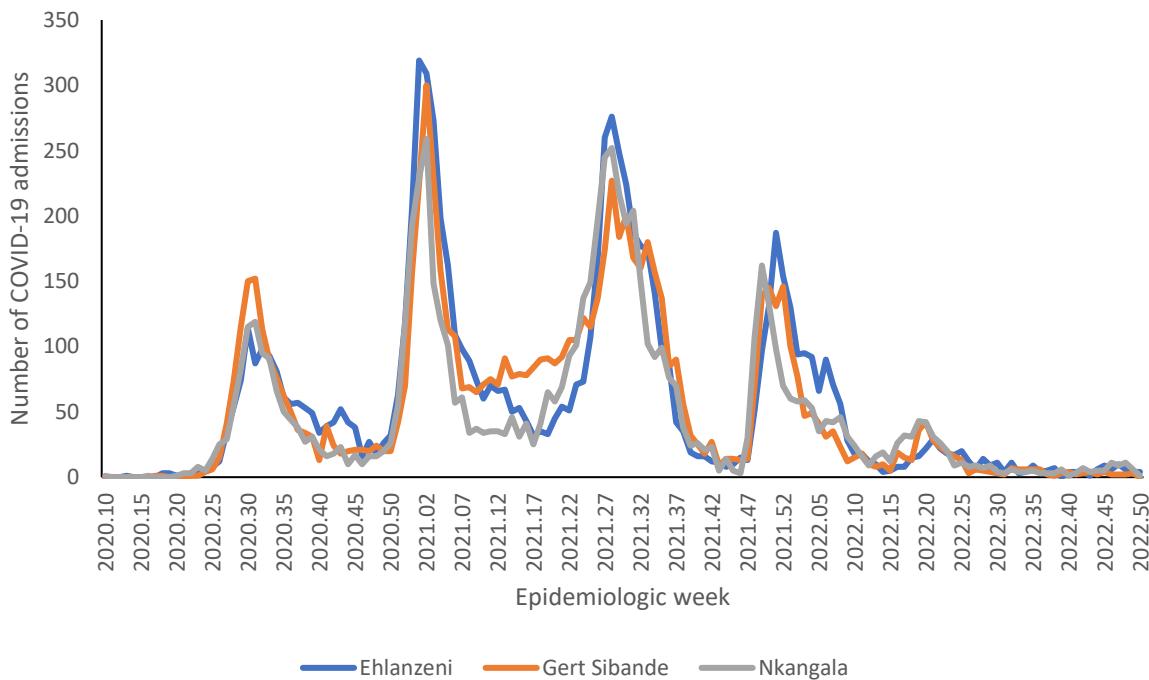


Figure 29: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions, by district and epidemiologic week, Mpumalanga, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=23,220

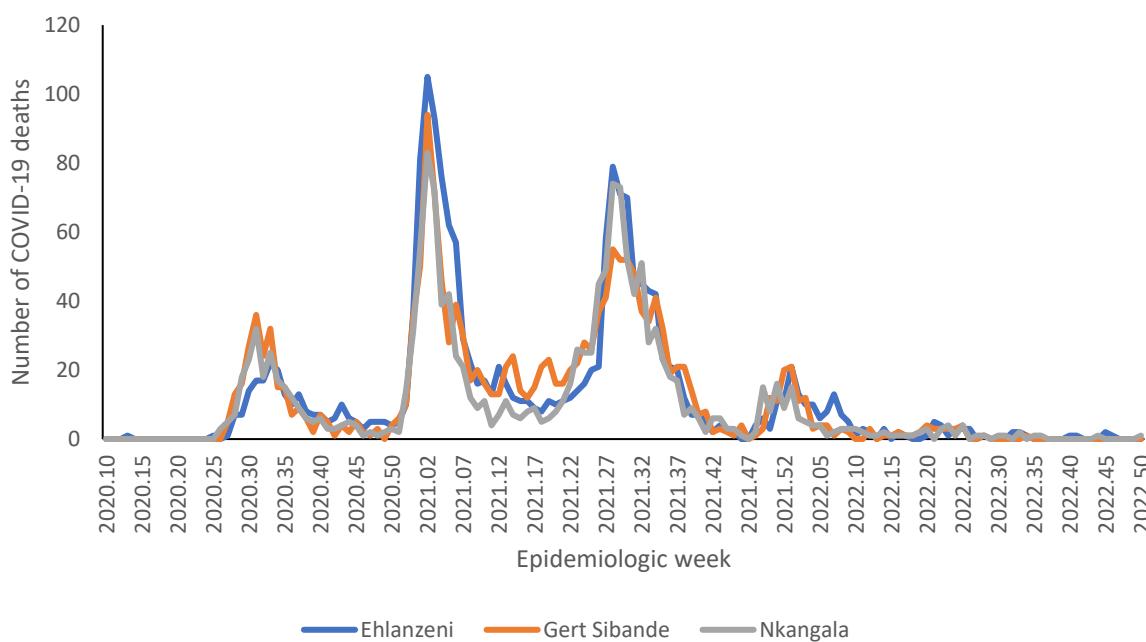


Figure 30: Number of reported COVID-19 in-hospital deaths, by district and epidemiologic week, Mpumalanga, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=4,931

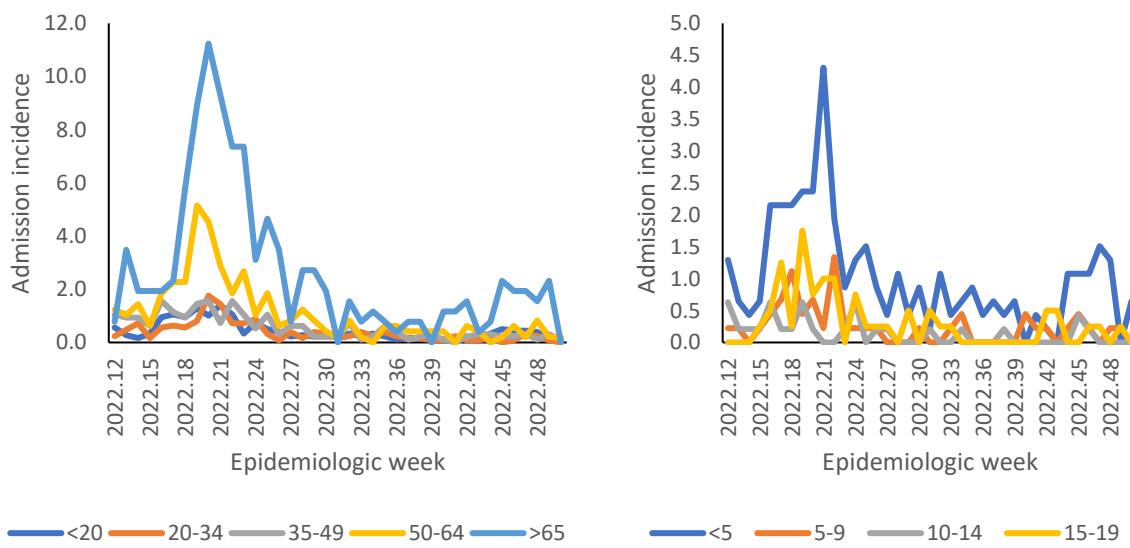


Figure 31: Incidence risk of COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 persons, by age group and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, Mpumalanga, 19 March 2022-17 December 2022

Table 10: Previous 14 days and current 14 days average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, Mpumalanga, 19 November-17 December 2022.

| District | Previous 14 days admissions average | Current 14 days admissions average | Percentage change in admissions | Previous 14 days deaths average | Current 14 days deaths average | Percentage change in deaths |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ehlanzeni | 1.14 | 0.57 | -50.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Gert Sibande | 0.29 | 0.21 | -25.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Nkangala | 1.43 | 0.50 | -65.00 | 0.00 | 0.07 | 0.00 |

North West

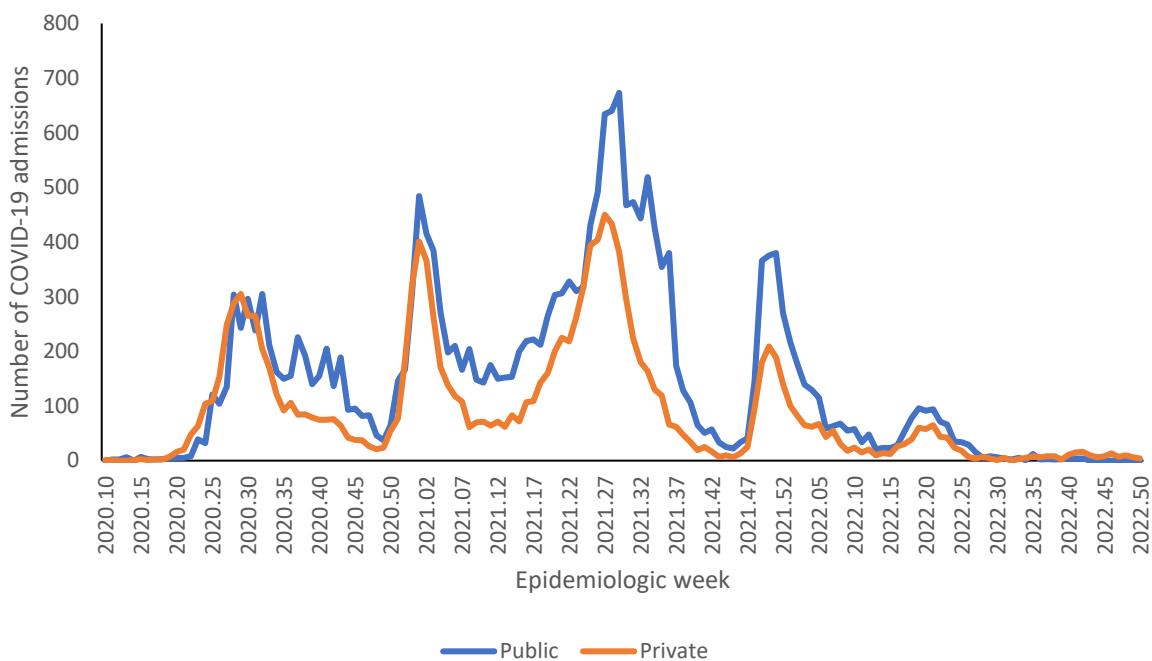


Figure 32: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions by health sector and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, North West, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=34,360

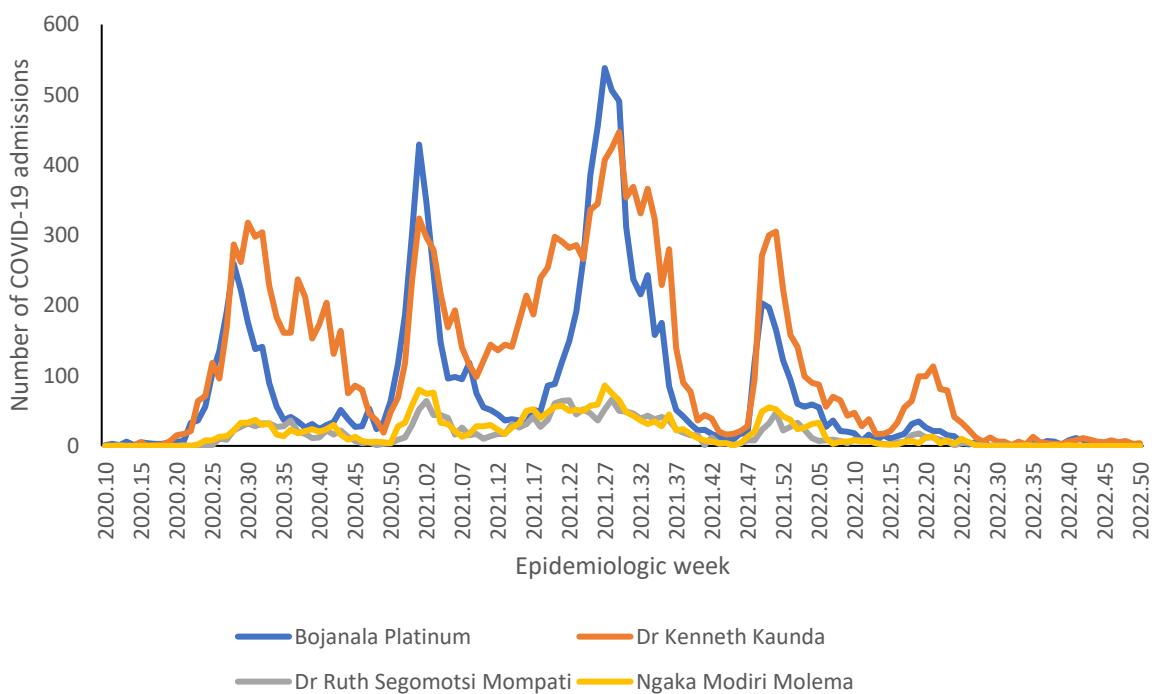


Figure 33: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions, by district and epidemiologic week, North West, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=34,360

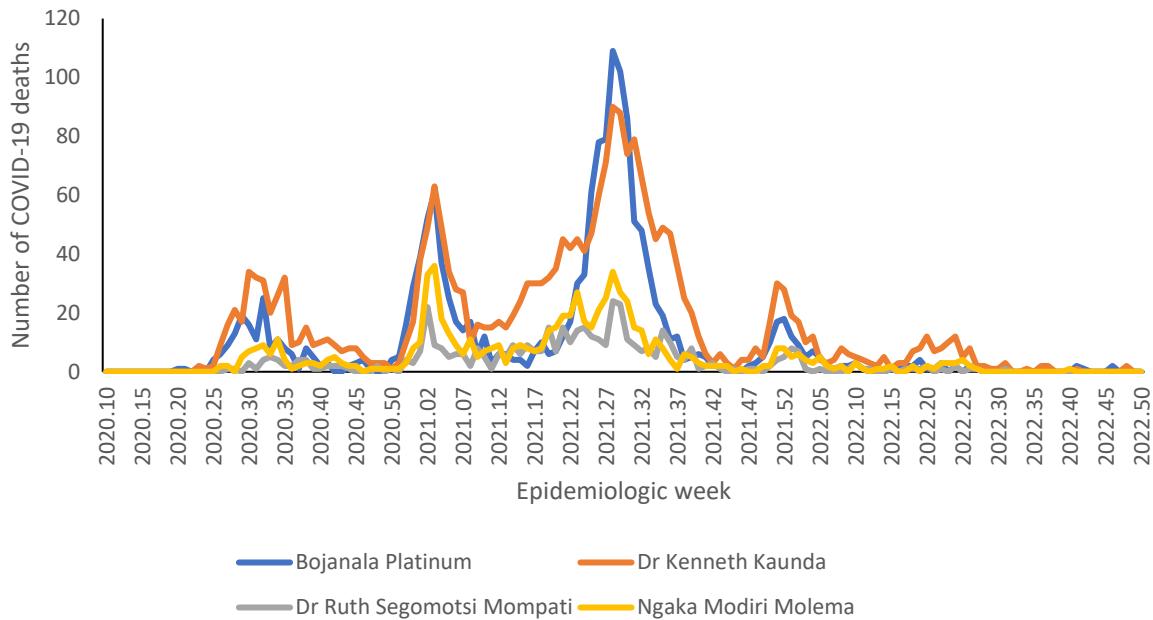


Figure 34: Number of reported COVID-19 in-hospital deaths, by district and epidemiologic week, North West, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=5,022

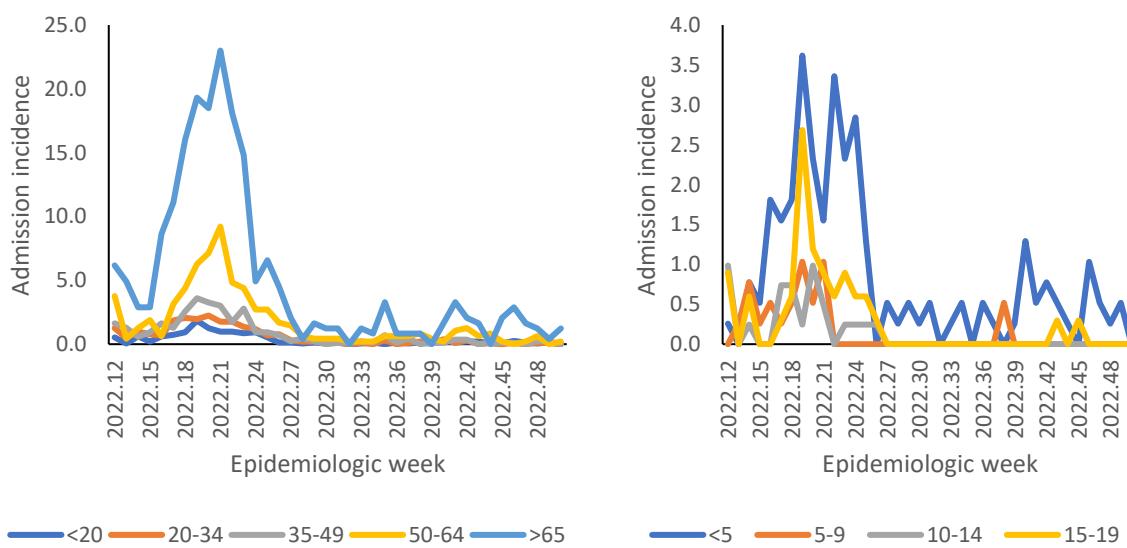


Figure 35: Incidence risk of COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 persons, by age group and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, North West, 19 March 2022-17 December 2022

Table 11: Previous 14 days and current 14 days average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, North West, 19 November-17 December 2022.

| District | Previous 14 days admissions average | Current 14 days admissions average | Percentage change in admissions | Previous 14 days deaths average | Current 14 days deaths average | Percentage change in deaths |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bojanala Platinum | 0.36 | 0.21 | -40.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Dr Kenneth Kaunda | 0.86 | 0.50 | -41.67 | 0.14 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Ngaka Modiri Molema | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Northern Cape

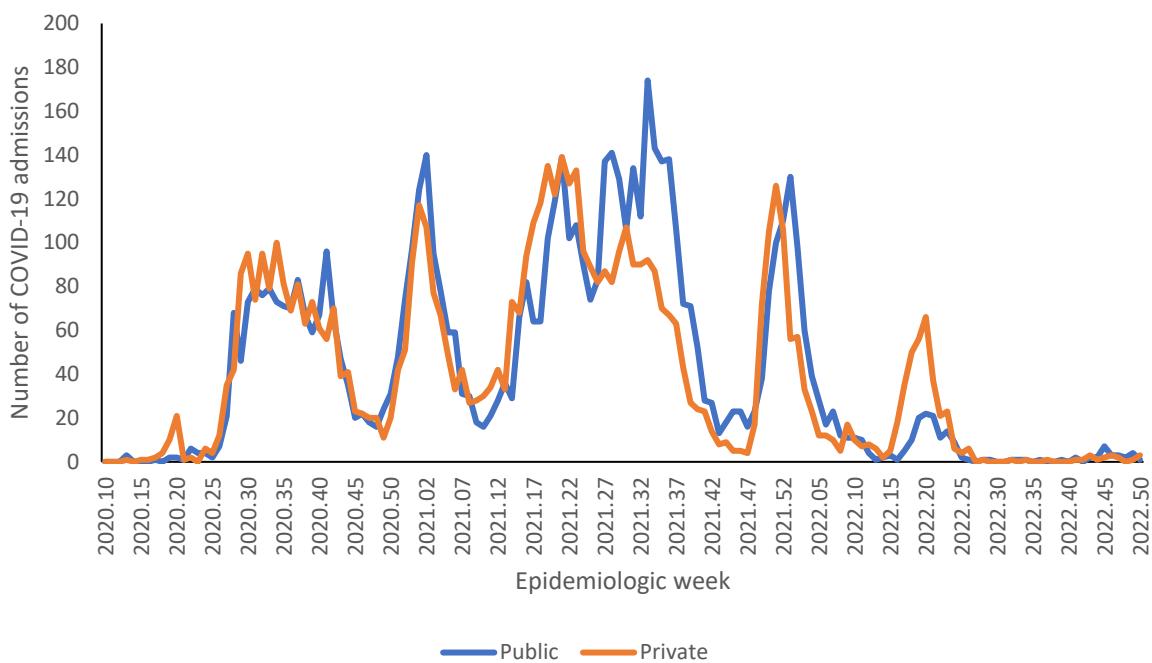


Figure 36: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions by health sector and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, Northern Cape, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=11,962

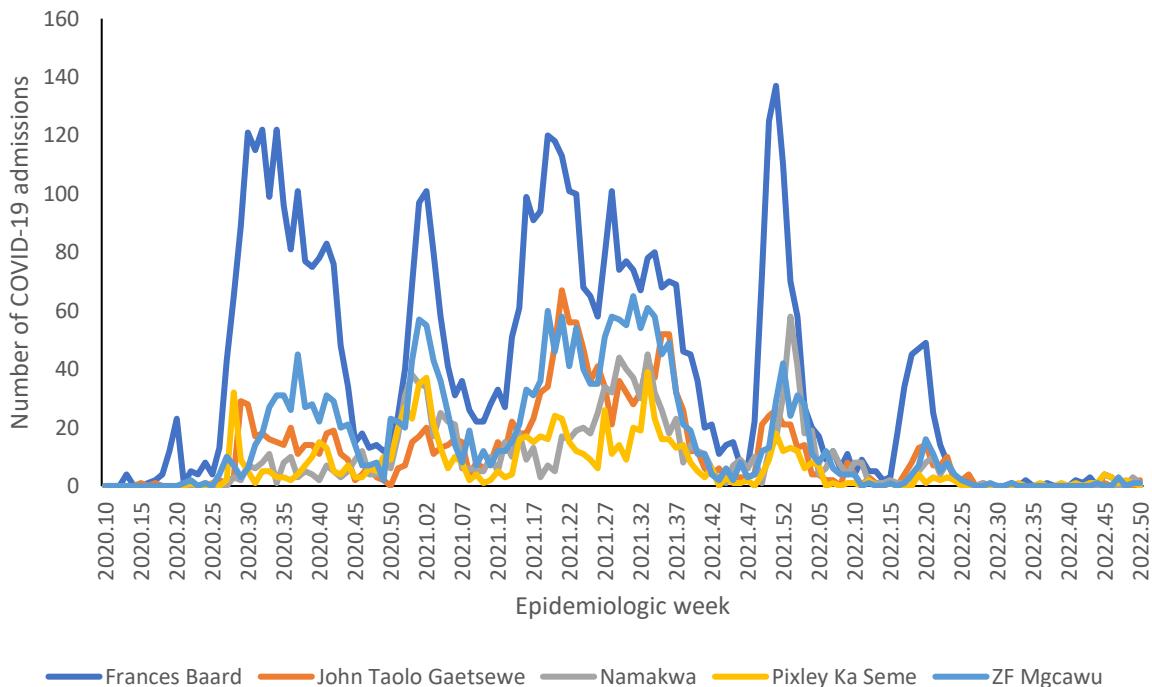


Figure 37: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions by district and epidemiologic week, Northern Cape, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=11,962

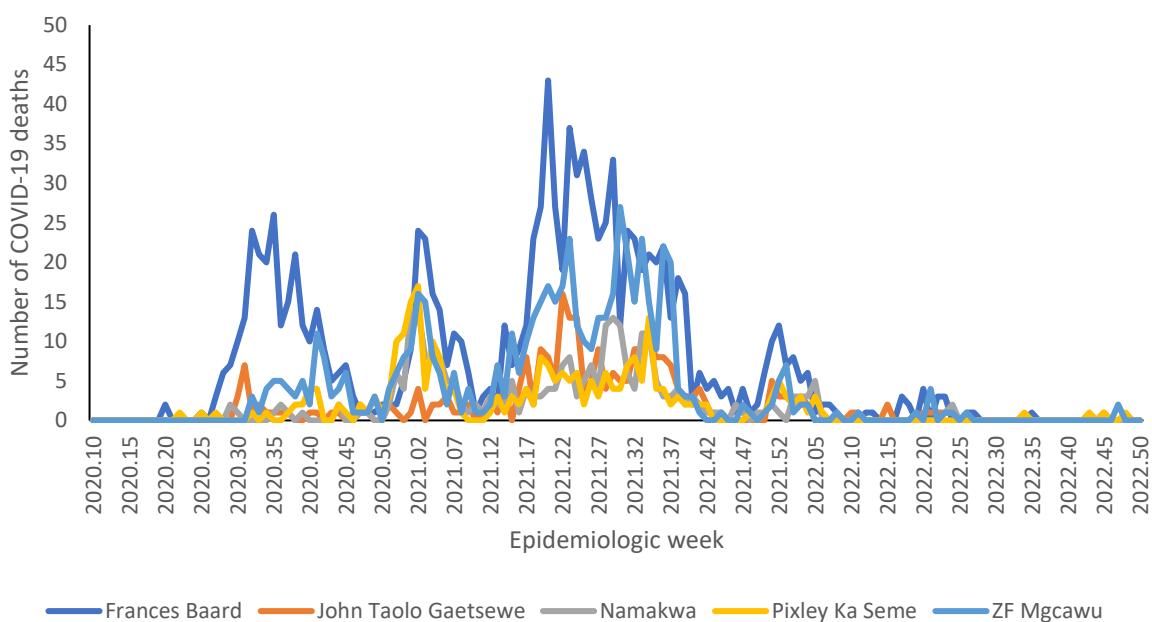


Figure 38: Number of reported COVID-19 in-hospital deaths, by district and epidemiologic week, Northern Cape, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=2,464

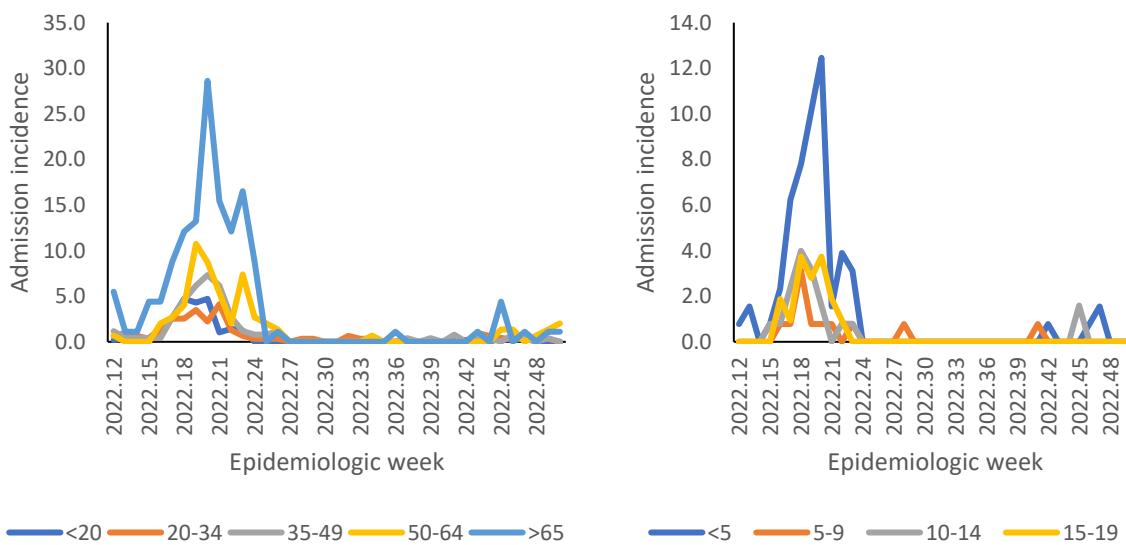


Figure 39: Incidence risk of COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 persons, by age group and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, Northern Cape, 19 March 2022- 17 December 2022

Table 12: Previous 14 days and current 14 days average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, Northern Cape, 19 November-17 December 2022.

| District | Previous 14 days admissions average | Current 14 days admissions average | Percentage change in admissions | Previous 14 days deaths average | Current 14 days deaths average | Percentage change in deaths |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Frances Baard | 0.07 | 0.00 | -100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| John Taolo Gaetsewe | 0.00 | 0.14 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Namakwa | 0.00 | 0.29 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Pixley Ka Seme | 0.21 | 0.07 | -66.67 | 0.07 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| ZF Mgcawu | 0.21 | 0.14 | -33.33 | 0.14 | 0.00 | -100.00 |

Western Cape

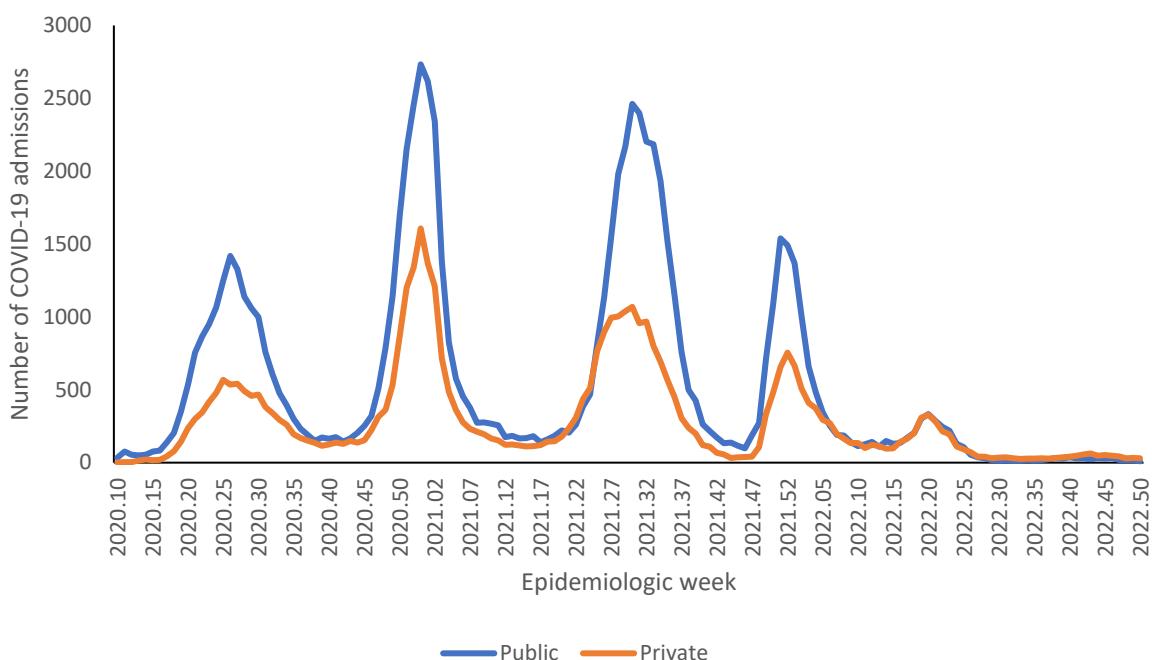


Figure 40: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions by health sector and epidemiologic week of diagnosis, Western Cape, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=121,920

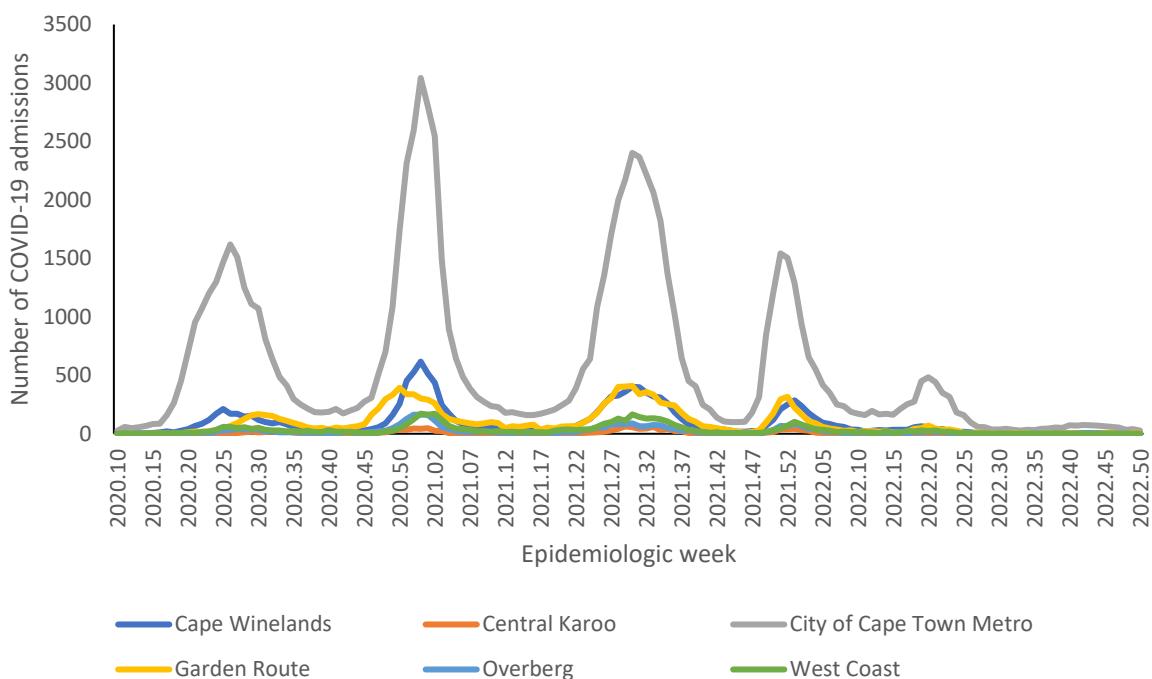


Figure 41: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions, by district and epidemiologic week, Western Cape, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=121,920

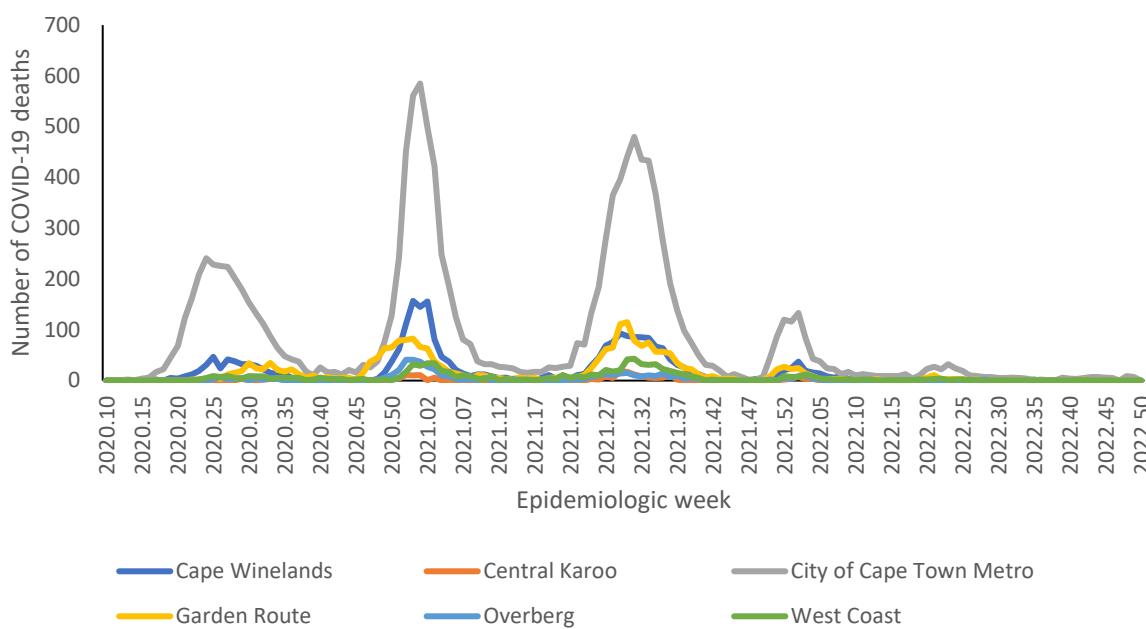


Figure 42: Number of reported COVID-19 in-hospital deaths, by district and epidemiologic week, Western Cape, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022, N=18,977

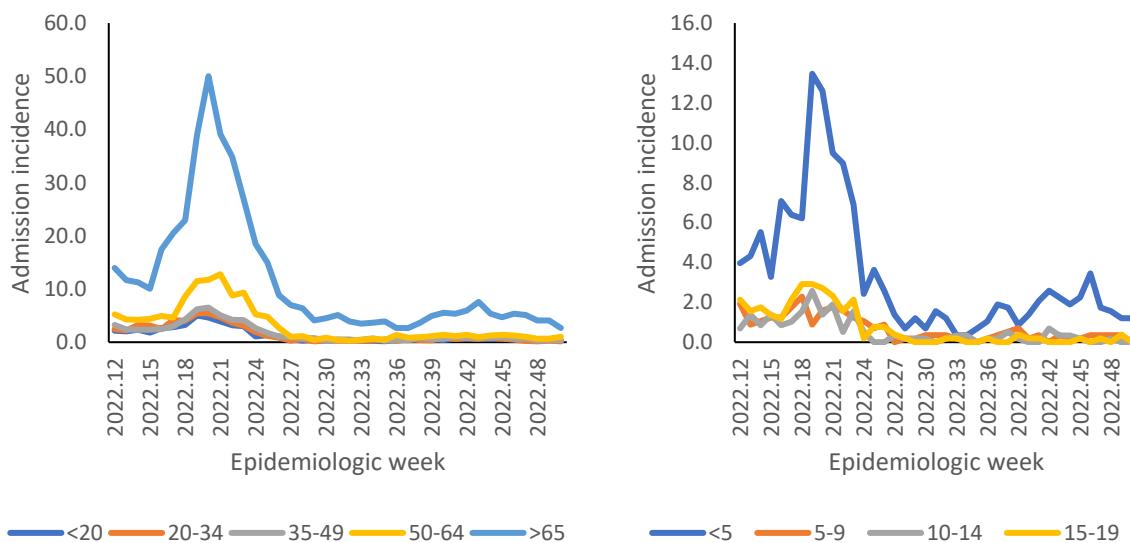


Figure 43: Incidence risk of COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 persons, by age group and epidemiological week of diagnosis, Western Cape, 19 March 2022- 17 December 2022

Table 13: Previous 14 days and current 14 days average COVID-19 admissions and deaths and percentage changes, Western Cape, 19 November-17 December 2022.

| District | Previous 14 days admissions average | Current 14 days admissions average | Percentage change in admissions | Previous 14 days deaths average | Current 14 days deaths average | Percentage change in deaths |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cape Winelands | 0.57 | 0.29 | -50.00 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.00 |
| Central Karoo | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| City of Cape Town Metro | 6.29 | 4.71 | -25.00 | 0.64 | 0.50 | -22.22 |
| Garden Route | 0.43 | 1.21 | 183.33 | 0.07 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| Overberg | 0.50 | 0.14 | -71.43 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| West Coast | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Limitation

DATCOV now includes reporting from all hospitals with COVID-19 admissions, but many hospitals are yet to reach complete submission of historic data. Data quality in a surveillance system is dependent on the information submitted by healthcare institutions. It is not possible for the NICD to verify or check the quality of all these data, however, the NICD has built-in data quality checks. Delays in reporting of admissions and deaths may affect the numbers reported in the most recent week. The National Department of Health have recruited data capturers to support hospitals to improve data submission.

As hospitals reached capacity, admission criteria may change and therefore influence trends and inferences about the progression of the epidemic. DATCOV only reports hospital-based admissions and deaths and therefore does not include deaths occurring outside hospitals. DATCOV now has a module to record out-of-hospital deaths.

Severity data has some inherent limitations. We rely on a proxy indicator for severity and do not have clinical or laboratory parameters to ascertain clinical severity. In the early and late phases of the wave there is likely to be lower severity due to there being sufficient hospital capacity. It may take a few weeks for hospitalisation outcomes to accumulate. Early reporting on case fatality ratio is also biased particularly in older adults who may have longer admissions and are more likely to die.

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- Life Healthcare
- Mediclinic Southern Africa
- National Hospital Network (NHN)
- Clinix Health Group
- Lenmed
- Joint Medical Holdings (JMH)

Appendix

Table 14: Percentage incidence change in hospital admissions over 14 days, by district, South Africa, 4 December 2022-17 December 2022.

| Province | District | Total admissions | Incidence (per 100k) | New admissions | New admissions incidence (per 100k) | % Average change (14 days) |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Eastern Cape | Alfred Nzo | 2791 | 338.50 | 0 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| | Amathole | 3321 | 424.38 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Buffalo City Metro | 10710 | 1353.14 | 0 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| | Chris Hani | 5358 | 751.94 | 0 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| | Joe Gqabi | 1223 | 356.65 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Nelson Mandela Bay Metro | 17087 | 1416.36 | 6 | 0.50 | -45.45 |
| | O R Tambo | 5078 | 331.12 | 0 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| | Sarah Baartman | 3428 | 710.37 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Free State | Fezile Dabi | 3866 | 755.74 | 1 | 0.20 | 100.00 |
| | Lejweleputswa | 6792 | 1039.83 | 1 | 0.15 | -75.00 |
| | Mangaung Metro | 15553 | 1774.69 | 8 | 0.91 | 0.00 |
| | Thabo Mofutsanyana | 5869 | 767.91 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Xhariep | 739 | 581.69 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Gauteng | City of Johannesburg Metro | 57376 | 954.17 | 12 | 0.20 | -60.00 |
| | City of Tshwane Metro | 45254 | 1184.55 | 10 | 0.26 | -69.70 |
| | Ekurhuleni Metro | 34778 | 859.48 | 4 | 0.10 | -60.00 |
| | Sedibeng | 10328 | 1060.35 | 3 | 0.31 | -62.50 |
| | West Rand | 13994 | 1463.18 | 3 | 0.31 | -40.00 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Amajuba | 4758 | 839.15 | 0 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| | eThekweni Metro | 41767 | 1041.68 | 27 | 0.67 | -41.30 |
| | Harry Gwala | 2836 | 560.33 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | iLembe | 3100 | 445.58 | 1 | 0.14 | -75.00 |
| | King Cetshwayo | 9877 | 1035.18 | 2 | 0.21 | -60.00 |
| | Ugu | 6013 | 747.47 | 8 | 0.99 | 0.00 |
| | uMgungundlovu | 12086 | 1060.26 | 5 | 0.44 | -58.33 |
| | uMkhanyakude | 1528 | 222.10 | 1 | 0.15 | 100.00 |
| | Umzinyathi | 2436 | 431.85 | 1 | 0.18 | -50.00 |
| | UThukela | 3384 | 483.17 | 0 | 0.00 | -100.00 |



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|---------------|---------------------------|-------|---------|----|------|---------|
| | Zululand | 2551 | 288.52 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Limpopo | Capricorn | 8785 | 662.05 | 1 | 0.08 | 100.00 |
| | Mopani | 3841 | 319.37 | 0 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| | Sekhukhune | 2162 | 177.70 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Vhembe | 3095 | 216.38 | 0 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| | Waterberg | 3391 | 452.04 | 1 | 0.13 | 100.00 |
| Mpumalanga | Ehlanzeni | 8225 | 449.85 | 4 | 0.22 | 0.00 |
| | Gert Sibande | 7875 | 621.12 | 0 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| | Nkangala | 7089 | 430.34 | 1 | 0.06 | -83.33 |
| North West | Bojanala Platinum | 11455 | 587.99 | 0 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| | Dr Kenneth Kaunda | 17666 | 2199.18 | 4 | 0.50 | 33.33 |
| | Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati | 2391 | 512.52 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Ngaka Modiri Molema | 2813 | 310.88 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Northern Cape | Frances Baard | 5611 | 1348.90 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | John Taolo Gaetsewe | 1704 | 616.59 | 2 | 0.72 | 200.00 |
| | Namakwa | 1354 | 1157.35 | 1 | 0.85 | -66.67 |
| | Pixley Ka Seme | 948 | 450.54 | 0 | 0.00 | -100.00 |
| | ZF Mgcawu | 2335 | 824.18 | 1 | 0.35 | 0.00 |
| Western Cape | Cape Winelands | 13667 | 1429.88 | 3 | 0.31 | 200.00 |
| | Central Karoo | 1403 | 1851.12 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | City of Cape Town Metro | 85379 | 1824.77 | 27 | 0.58 | -30.77 |
| | Garden Route | 13421 | 2136.27 | 8 | 1.27 | -11.11 |
| | Overberg | 3361 | 1100.06 | 1 | 0.33 | 0.00 |
| | West Coast | 4591 | 977.86 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Table 15: Number of reported COVID-19 admissions and in-hospital deaths by age and gender, South Africa, 5 March 2020-17 December 2022.

| Age Group (Years) | ADMISSIONS | | | DEATHS | | | | Total |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| | Female | Male | Unknown | Total | Female | Male | Unknown | |
| 0-4 | 7790 | 9927 | 55 | 17772 | 187 | 219 | 4 | 410 |
| 5-9 | 2131 | 2834 | 8 | 4973 | 31 | 40 | 0 | 71 |
| 10-14 | 2780 | 2884 | 12 | 5676 | 70 | 71 | 1 | 142 |
| 15-19 | 7408 | 4187 | 6 | 11601 | 164 | 140 | 0 | 304 |
| 20-24 | 11447 | 5789 | 10 | 17246 | 367 | 282 | 1 | 650 |
| 25-29 | 18063 | 8181 | 11 | 26255 | 786 | 538 | 0 | 1324 |
| 30-34 | 23138 | 12875 | 16 | 36029 | 1325 | 1136 | 2 | 2463 |
| 35-39 | 23635 | 16829 | 22 | 40486 | 1883 | 1786 | 4 | 3673 |
| 40-44 | 20844 | 18486 | 18 | 39348 | 2298 | 2381 | 1 | 4680 |
| 45-49 | 22934 | 22414 | 12 | 45360 | 3238 | 3461 | 1 | 6700 |
| 50-54 | 26444 | 24747 | 10 | 51201 | 4409 | 4591 | 2 | 9002 |
| 55-59 | 29322 | 26774 | 16 | 56112 | 6219 | 6258 | 5 | 12482 |
| 60-64 | 26225 | 23956 | 16 | 50197 | 6701 | 6918 | 6 | 13625 |
| 65-69 | 22675 | 20261 | 19 | 42955 | 6962 | 6525 | 6 | 13493 |
| 70-74 | 19543 | 17265 | 19 | 36827 | 6199 | 6065 | 4 | 12268 |
| 75-79 | 14936 | 12411 | 9 | 27356 | 4955 | 4655 | 3 | 9613 |
| 80-84 | 11496 | 8244 | 8 | 19748 | 4072 | 3203 | 3 | 7278 |
| 85-89 | 6368 | 3987 | 2 | 10357 | 2309 | 1693 | 0 | 4002 |
| 90-94 | 2796 | 1432 | 1 | 4229 | 1130 | 672 | 0 | 1802 |
| >=95 | 845 | 399 | 3 | 1247 | 373 | 169 | 0 | 542 |
| Unknown | 804 | 618 | 46 | 1468 | 46 | 44 | 0 | 90 |
| Total | 301624 | 244500 | 319 | 546443 | 53724 | 50847 | 43 | 104614 |