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March 2024 report

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Introduction

Data used in this report was drawn from the NMC-SS on **09 July 2024**. The most recent report should always be viewed and can be found in NMCSS surveillance reports

The purpose of this report is to describe the number of notifications received by the Notifiable Medical Conditions Surveillance System (NMCSS). The report is publicly available and can be used by health professionals, researchers, the general public, or any other stakeholder. The purpose of disseminating this information is to inform any public health action - NMCSS data has limitations (see NMCSS interpretation.), but serves as a public health signal that may warrant further investigation.

This report also monitors some surveillance system attributes. Including average notifications by facilities, data quality and timeliness of clinical diagnosis and notifications over time. (**see Appendix nos. 1 and 3**).

While this information is also publicly available, we aim this section of the report at those involved in notifying. These include Infection Prevention Control practitioners at facilities, Nurses, Doctors, pathologists and laboratory staff.

Category 4 NMCs, COVID-19, and multi-system inflammatory syndrome (MIS-C) have been excluded from this report. Where weeks are presented, the Epi-week according to the CDC Epi-weeks are used.

Highlights

- A total of 10 875 cases were notified in March, 2024 and most were category 2 conditions.
- Category 1 cases were reported in a median (IQR) of 0 (0, 2) days.
- There were 371 average active users of the NMC App in March 2024.

NMC Reporting application.

- NMC Reporting App. is available on both web and mobile platforms
- Use recommended browsers to access the NMC reporting App for notifications, and searching of cases and reports.
- Register if you have no NMC account and you can reset the password if you have not used the application for over 12 months.

NOTES: For any additional information contact the NMC national technical team: NMCAppSupport@nicd.ac.za or NMC hotline 072 621 3805. Please refer to Appendices for NMC data flow, definitions and interpretation of epidemiology data in this report.

DATA IS CONTINUOUSLY CLEANED, DE-DUPLICATED, AND UPDATED, HENCE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ALL NUMBERS REPORTED ARE PRELIMINARY UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. DATE OF DIAGNOSIS IS USED FOR REPORTING.

Current notification trends

Trends of notifications of selected conditions are presented below. Notifications that are confirmed are shown first. Confirmed notifications are verified and confirmed by the relevant centre at the NICD and can be considered confirmed cases. All notifications are shown after and include notifications that can be considered as suspected cases. These are presented to show the sensitivity of the surveillance system in recognising disease signals.

Confirmed notifications.
Epi-table

***Table 1**: Number of confirmed notifications on NMCSS per Epi-week in 2024. The average weekly notifications are calculated based on notifications received in 2022 and 2023 with a confidence interval.*

	Average Notifications		Epiweeks													
Characteristic		**95% CI**[1]	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**
Acute flaccid paralysis	0.0314	1.0, 2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cholera	0.98	1.5, 6.0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0
Congenital rubella syndrome	0.0135	NA, NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Covid-19	426	29, 353	0	3	5	2	1	3	3	3	7	2	6	6	3	0
Crimean-Congo viral haemorrhagic fever (human)	0.0179	NA, NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0.09	1.0, 1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid fever)	1.25	1.5, 2.0	2	1	2	6	3	1	2	2	3	1	3	3	0	0
Foodborne illness outbreak	0.0852	1.0, 3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Listeriosis	0.52	1.0, 1.5	0	1	1	3	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	0
Malaria	90	70, 90	35	120	217	187	109	116	61	48	61	48	60	52	34	0
Measles	1.41	2.0, 3.5	2	3	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	1	2	3	0	0
Meningococcal disease	0.80	1.5, 2.0	1	3	4	5	1	0	2	2	1	2	4	0	1	0
Pertussis	10	14, 19	6	24	21	6	15	7	3	6	5	18	10	10	11	0
Rabies	0.09	NA, NA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Respiratory disease caused by a novel respiratory pathogen	0.0090	NA, NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rubella	1.37	2.0, 7.5	1	4	3	3	4	5	0	3	3	0	4	4	25	0

[1]CI = Confidence Interval

Trends Plot

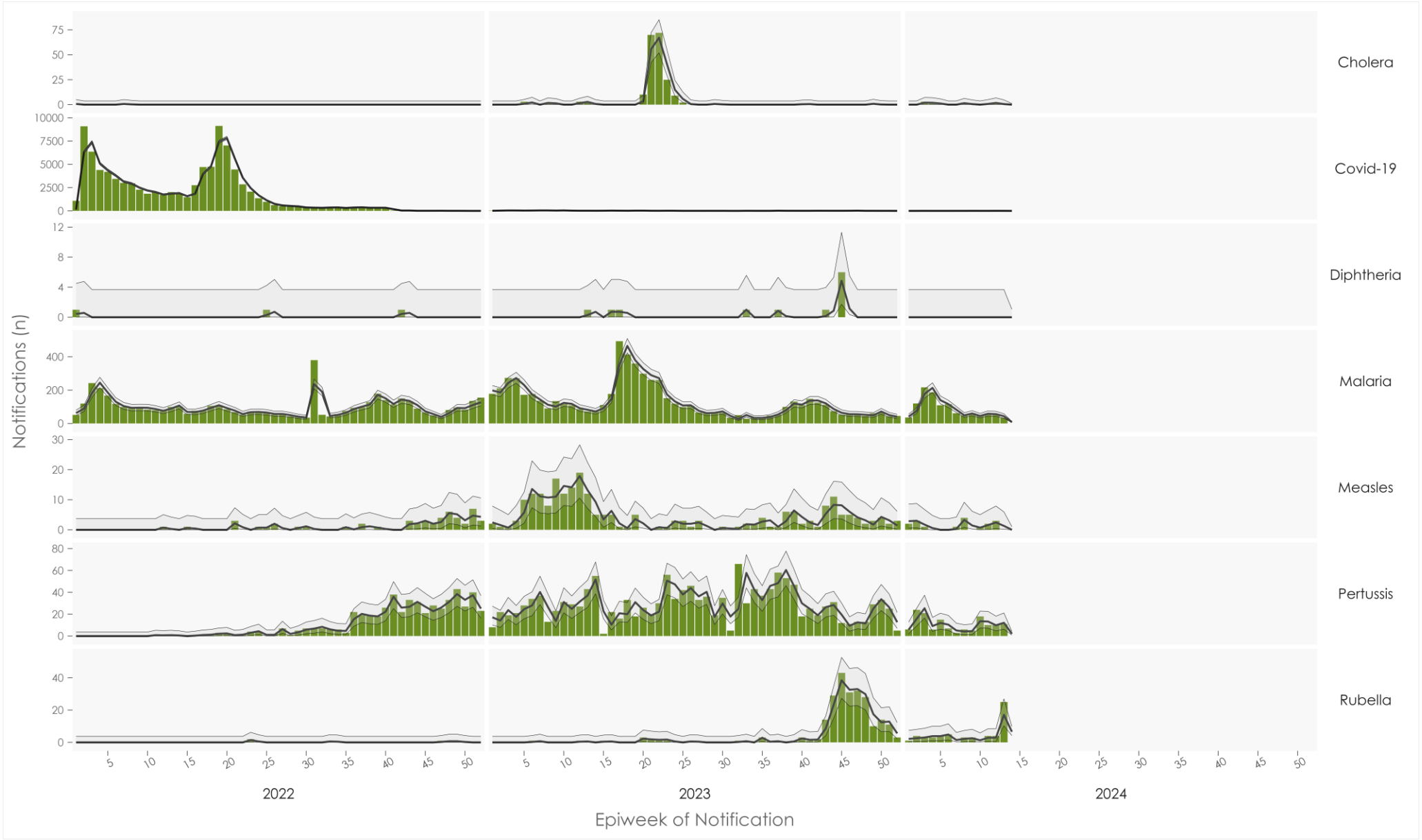

Figure 1: *Trend of weekly number of confirmed notifications for selected category 1 conditions reported to the NMC, in South Africa; January 2022-March, 2024*

All Category 1 Conditions

***Table 2**: The number of notifications that are suspected and confirmed for category 1 conditions notified during March 2024*

Condition	**Overall**, N = 809[1]	**Confirmed**, N = 300[1]	**Suspected**, N = 509[1]
Acute flaccid paralysis	24	0	**24**
Acute rheumatic fever	0	0	0
Anthrax	0	0	0
Botulism	0	0	0
Cholera	25	3	**22**
Congenital rubella syndrome	14	1	**13**
Crimean-Congo viral haemorrhagic fever (human)	0	0	0
Diphtheria	3	0	**3**
Ebola virus (VHF)	0	0	0
Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid fever)	14	8	**6**
Foodborne illness outbreak	55	0	**55**
Haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS)	0	0	0
Listeriosis	2	1	**1**
Malaria	197	197	0
Marburg virus (VHF)	0	0	0
Measles	243	6	**237**
Meningococcal disease	15	7	**8**
Mpox	0	0	0
Pertussis	60	46	**14**
Plague	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
Rabies	0	0	0
Respiratory disease caused by a novel respiratory pathogen	2	0	**2**
Rift Valley fever (human)	0	0	0
Rubella	155	31	**124**
Smallpox	0	0	0
Yellow fever	0	0	0

[1]Suspected and confirmed cases are independent and are not totalled - suspected and confirmed cases are distinct.

NMC data summary, March 2024

A total of 10,875 current and delayed cases were notified to the NMCSS during March 2024 **(See Table 9 for further breakdowns and Appendix no.3 for definitions)**. There were 10 834 current notifications; the majority (9 882, 91%) were category 2 conditions. The provinces with the highest number of notifications were GP (2 836, 26%), KZN (2 514, 23%), and WC (1 930, 18%). The provinces with the least number of notifications were FS (411, 3.8%), and MP (427, 3.9%). There were 41 back-captured clinical notifications diagnosed between February, 2024 and March, 2024 and only notified during March, 2024. The majority (14, 34%) of those notifications were Rubella. (**See Appendix no.1**).

Most of the notified cases were males (6 351, 59%). Individuals in the 30–34-year age group represented the majority (1 186, 12%) of notified cases. At the time of notification, 2 218 (20%) of the notified cases were hospitalised, while 80 (0.7%) were transferred to another healthcare facility. There were 100 deaths notified during the reporting period.

Category 1 notifications

Measles was the most common (243, 30%) category 1 notification **(suspected and confirmed)**. The province with the highest number of notifications for Measles was WC (134,55.1%). **Malaria** was the most common (197, 66%) category 1 notification **confirmed**. The province with the highest number of confirmed notifications for Malaria was GP (56,28.4%).

***Table 3**: The number of notifications by province and number of notifications that are suspected and confirmed by vital status, March 2024*

	Provinces									Case		Deaths
Condition	EC[1]	FS[1]	GP[1]	KZN[1]	LP[1]	MP[1]	NC[1]	NW[1]	WC[1]	Confirmed[1]	Suspected[1]	Confirmed[1]
Acute flaccid paralysis	2	4	10	5	0	2	0	0	1	0	24	0
Acute rheumatic fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anthrax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Botulism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cholera §	0	1	3	1	18	1	0	0	1	3	22	0
Congenital rubella syndrome	1	1	1	2	0	0	3	0	6	1	13	0
Diphtheria *	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid fever)	1	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	6	8	6	1
Foodborne illness outbreak	10	1	13	8	6	0	0	5	12	0	55	0
Haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Listeriosis	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
Malaria	7	7	56	28	36	29	7	7	20	197	0	4
Ebola virus (VHF)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marburg virus (VHF)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Measles	29	2	32	7	2	3	31	3	134	6	237	0
Meningococcal disease	2	1	2	4	0	0	1	1	4	7	8	2
Mpox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pertussis	5	6	29	9	2	2	0	0	7	46	14	0
Plague	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rabies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Respiratory disease caused by a novel respiratory pathogen	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Rift Valley fever (human)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rubella	9	3	4	4	2	1	42	0	90	31	124	0
Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimean-Congo viral haemorrhagic fever (human)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	66	27	158	70	66	39	84	17	282	300	509	7

[1]n (%);
* Toxin-producing results not available on NMC;
§ Serotype information not available on NMC;
** Merged case represents a clinical and laboratory notification of the same person and was successfully linked and made into a single notification

Plot

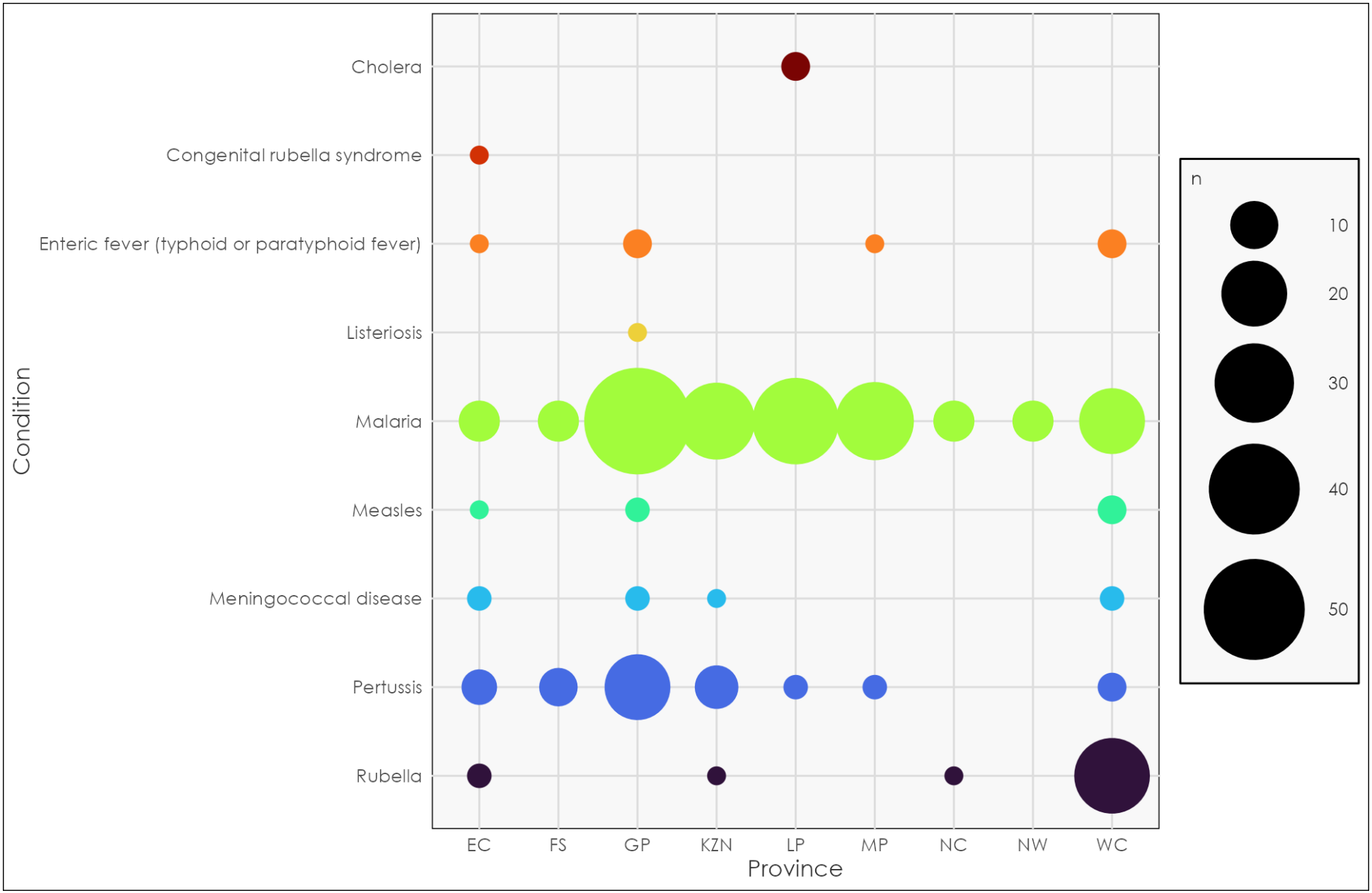

***Figure 2**: Distribution of selected confirmed category 1 NMCs notifications by province notified during March 2024.*

Category 2 notifications

Category 2 conditions must be notified within 7 days of diagnosis. They are important to monitor disease burden trends.

Pulmonary tuberculosis was the most common (5 175, 52%) category 2 notification. The province with the highest number of notifications for **pulmonary tuberculosis** was GP (1490, 28.8%).

Table 4: *The number of notifications by province and number of notifications that are suspected and confirmed by vital status.*

	Provinces									Case		Deaths	
Condition	EC[1]	FS[1]	GP[1]	KZN[1]	LP[1]	MP[1]	NC[1]	NW[1]	WC[1]	Confirmed[1]	Suspected[1]	Confirmed[1]	Suspected[1]
Agricultural or stock remedy poisoning	4	6	28	0	3	3	0	1	5	0	50	0	2
Bilharzia (schistosomiasis)	69	1	43	337	196	150	1	3	20	77	743	0	2
Brucellosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Congenital syphilis	60	23	75	220	9	22	6	18	64	80	417	3	2
Haemophilus influenzae type B	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Hepatitis A	44	31	256	166	67	46	21	36	139	150	656	1	0
Hepatitis B	121	31	100	716	4	17	8	86	15	40	1 058	1	0
Hepatitis C	1	1	18	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	25	0	0
Hepatitis E	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0
Lead poisoning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Legionellosis	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0
Leprosy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maternal death (pregnancy, childbirth and puerperium)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Mercury poisoning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soil-transmitted helminths	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Tetanus	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Tuberculosis: extensively drug-resistant (XDR -TB) *	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3		0		0
Tuberculosis: multidrug- resistant (MDR - TB) *	27	6	42	31	4	1	3	1	35		0		0
Tuberculosis: extra-pulmonary*	84	51	604	147	38	19	55	49	193		0		0
Tuberculosis: pulmonary*	656	231	1 490	811	232	127	328	214	1 086		0		0
Total	1 071	381	2 659	2 433	556	388	422	409	1 563	354	9 528	5	88

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* TB module is under development to align with laboratory-confirmed TB cases. Only TB cases that are manually notified (no laboratory surveillance) are reported.

Plot

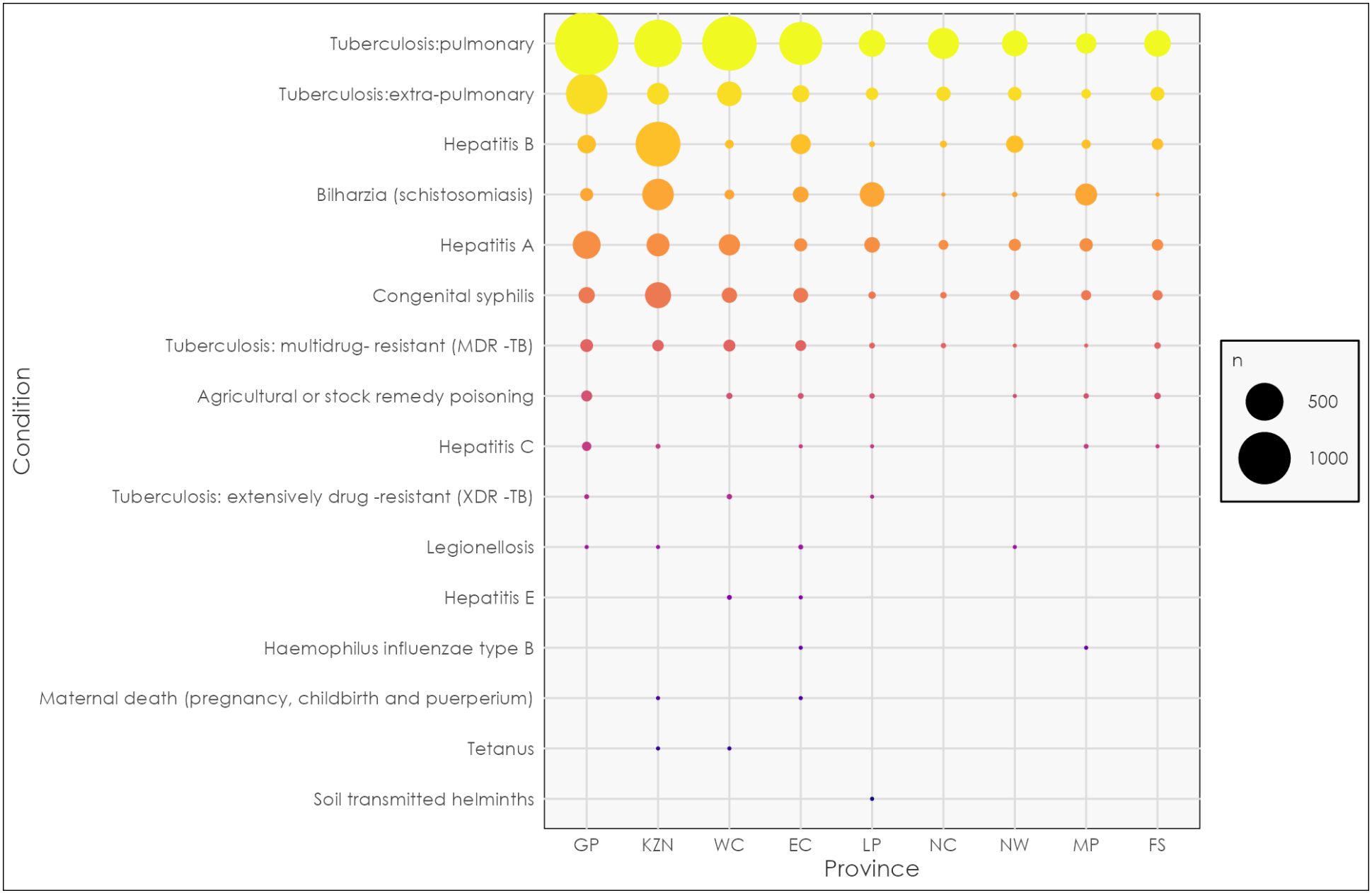


***Figure 3**: Distribution of all Category 2 NMCs notifications by province notified during March 2024. *All notifications include both suspected and confirmed cases*

The NMC app uses statistics

Table 5: *Description of NMC notifications by case source*

NMC Category	**Overall**, N = 10 834	**Clinical notifications**, n = 7 535	**Laboratory notifications**, n = 2 807	**Merged Cases**, n = 492
Category 1	809 (7.5%)	510 (6.8%)	167 (5.9%)	132 (27%)
Category 2	9 882 (91%)	7 025 (93%)	2 509 (89%)	348 (71%)
Category 3	143 (1.3%)	0 (0%)	131 (4.7%)	12 (2.4%)

Notification types and merging

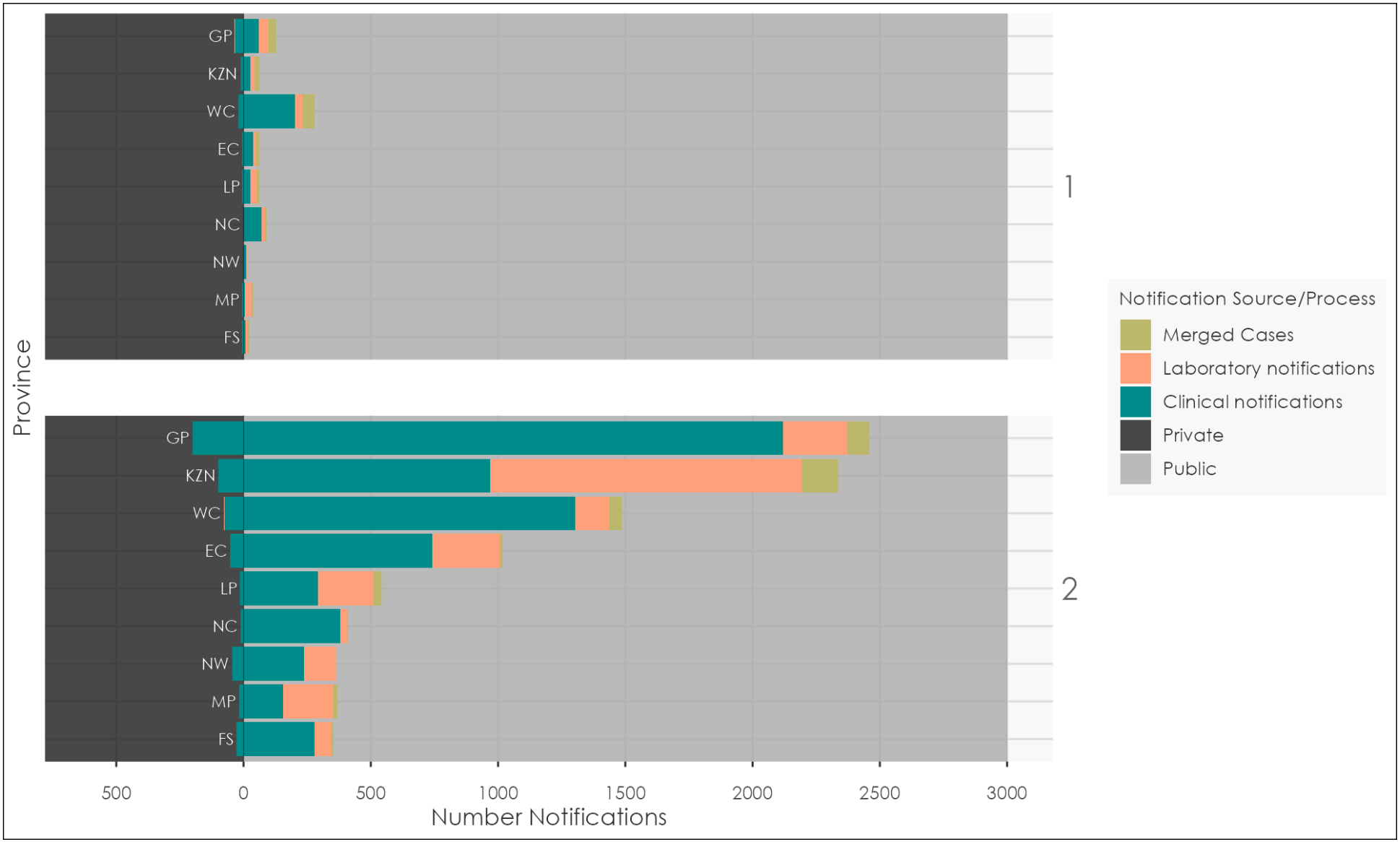


Figure 4: *Distribution of Category 1 notification type by province during March 2024*

There were 632 (7.9%) clinical notifications from the private sector (i.e. private hospitals, private practice and the mining industry) compared to 7 382 (92%) in the public sector. Clinical notifications using the NMC Reporting Application made up 7853 (72%) (more details in Table 6).

Table 6: *Clinical notifications notified by provinces, reporting platform, and sector.*

Province	**Overall**, N = 8 014	**App - Private**, n = 623	**App - Public**, n = 7 230	**Paper-based - Private**, n = 9	**Paper-based - Public**, n = 152
GP	2 522	232 (9.2%)	2 284 (91%)	3 (0.1%)	3 (0.1%)
WC	1 684	90 (5.3%)	1 529 (91%)	3 (0.2%)	62 (3.7%)
KZN	1 266	109 (8.6%)	1 147 (91%)	0 (0%)	10 (0.8%)
EC	862	56 (6.5%)	758 (88%)	3 (0.3%)	45 (5.2%)
NC	465	12 (2.6%)	451 (97%)	0 (0%)	2 (0.4%)
LP	382	21 (5.5%)	361 (95%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
FS	334	36 (11%)	297 (89%)	0 (0%)	1 (0.3%)
NW	295	45 (15%)	228 (77%)	0 (0%)	22 (7.5%)
MP	204	22 (11%)	175 (86%)	0 (0%)	7 (3.4%)

The average active users on the NMC App

There were 371 average active users of the NMC App in March 2024

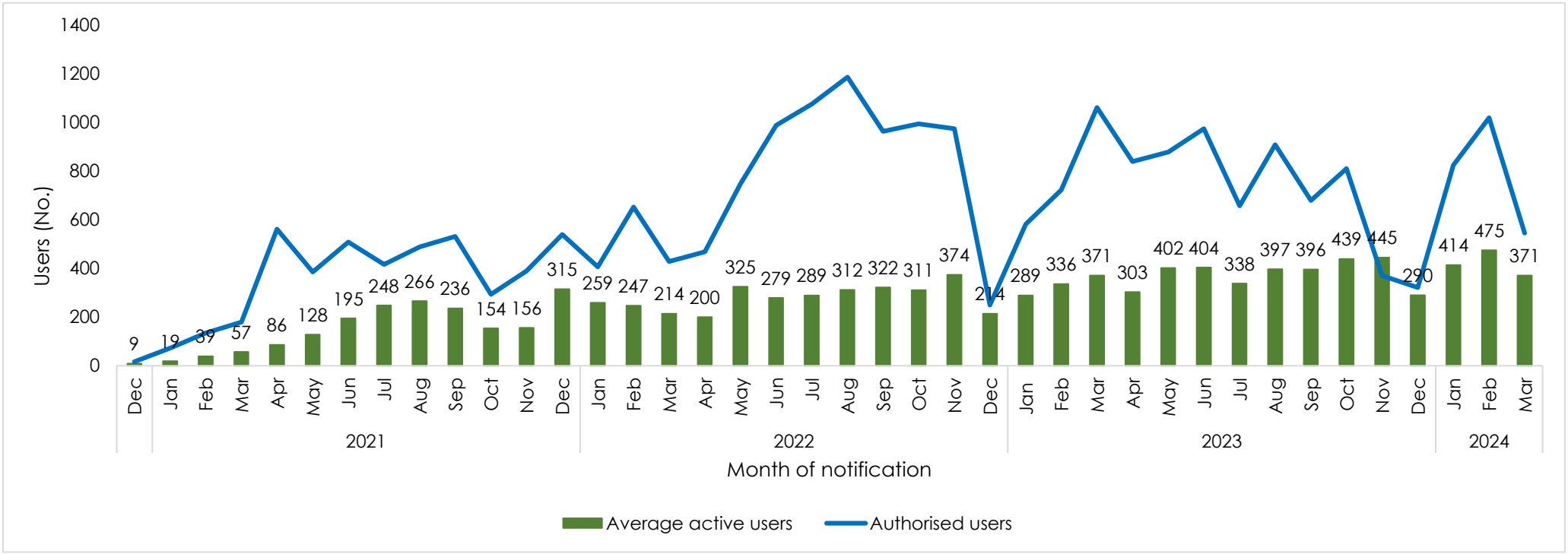


***Figure 5**: Authorised users and average active users of the NMC Reporting App by month of notification, December 2020-March 2024*

Newly registered users

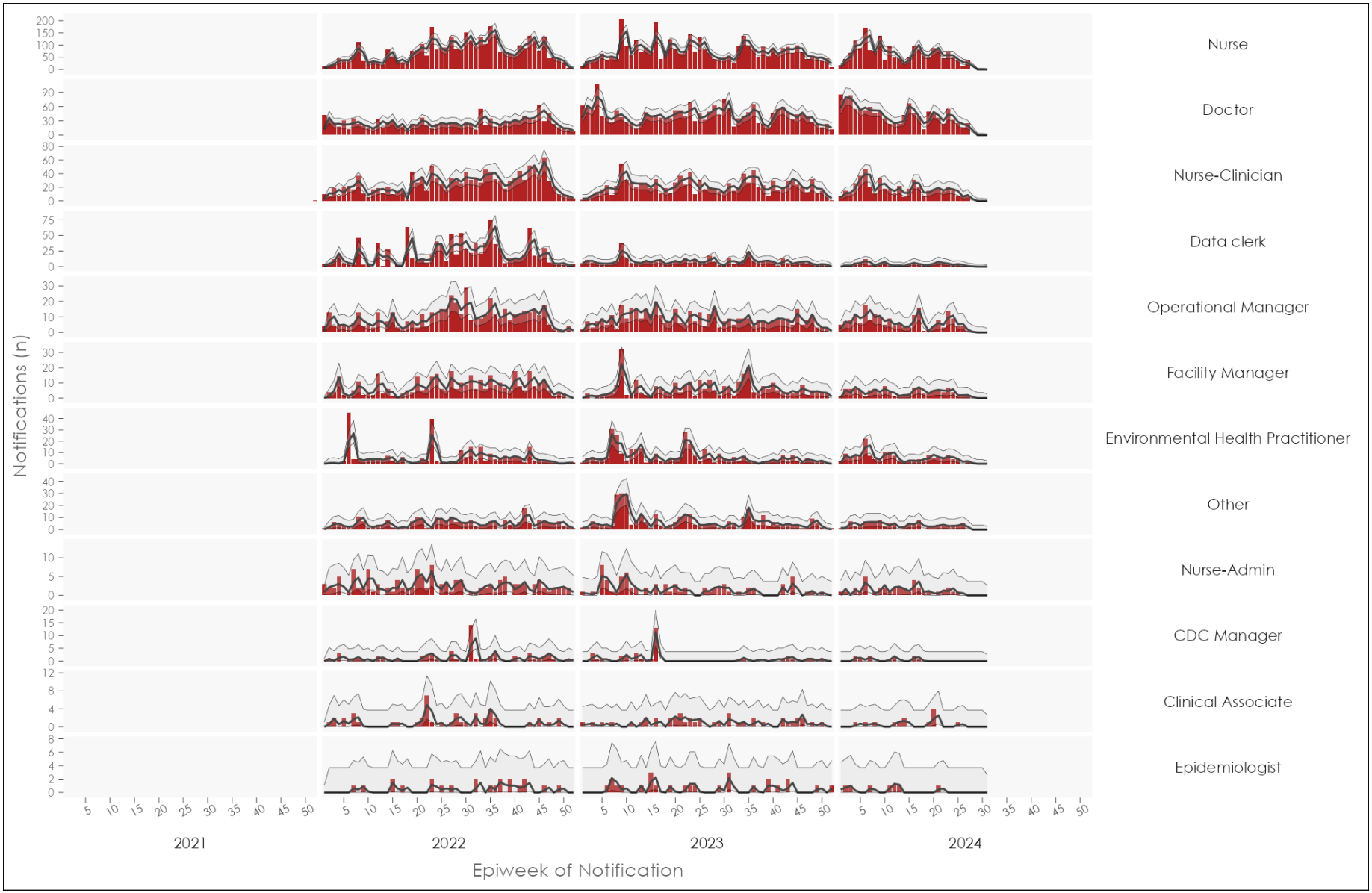


***Figure 6**: Trends of new users registered by occupation in South Africa, Jan 2022- May 2024*

Data quality

Completeness
ID number completeness

Table 7: *Length of ID numbers inputted on the NMC system during March 2024.*

Length of ID number	**Android**, N = 2 380[1]	**MicroStrategy/SDW**, N = 3 272[1]	**Paper-based**, N = 162[1]	**Web**, N = 4 529[1]	**iOS**, N = 491[1]
Not complete	954 (40%)	3 169 (97%)	87 (54%)	1 376 (30%)	195 (40%)
4	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (<0.1%)	0 (0%)
5	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (<0.1%)	1 (0.2%)
6	1 (<0.1%)	15 (0.5%)	0 (0%)	402 (8.9%)	61 (12%)
7	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	9 (0.2%)	0 (0%)
8	1 (<0.1%)	3 (<0.1%)	0 (0%)	62 (1.4%)	4 (0.8%)
9	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	22 (0.5%)	0 (0%)
10	0 (0%)	2 (<0.1%)	0 (0%)	97 (2.1%)	4 (0.8%)
11	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (<0.1%)	0 (0%)
12	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	30 (0.7%)	3 (0.6%)
13	1 424 (60%)	83 (2.5%)	75 (46%)	2 526 (56%)	223 (45%)

[1]n (%)

Hospital Form Completeness

Table 8: *Completion of hospitalisation form for notifications reported as inpatients with category 1 conditions. March 2024 \ Complete refers to >80% of variables completed.*

Hospital Form Completed	**Complete**, n = 23 (12%)	**Incomplete**, n = 35 (18%)	**Not Attempted**, n = 36 (19%)	**Only Symptoms completed**, n = 100 (52%)
Acute flaccid paralysis	1 (4.5%)	3 (8.8%)	2 (5.6%)	13 (15%)
Acute rheumatic fever	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Anthrax	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Botulism	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Cholera §	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Congenital rubella syndrome	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (5.6%)	0 (0%)
Diphtheria *	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid fever)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (11%)	1 (1.2%)
Foodborne illness outbreak	1 (4.5%)	3 (8.8%)	8 (22%)	17 (20%)
Haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Listeriosis	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (1.2%)
Malaria	6 (27%)	9 (26%)	11 (31%)	34 (40%)
Ebola virus (VHF)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Marburg virus (VHF)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Measles	1 (4.5%)	2 (5.9%)	2 (5.6%)	5 (6.0%)
Meningococcal disease	2 (9.1%)	7 (21%)	2 (5.6%)	1 (1.2%)
Mpox	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Pertussis	8 (36%)	8 (24%)	2 (5.6%)	12 (14%)
Plague	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Poliomyelitis	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Rabies	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Respiratory disease caused by a novel respiratory pathogen	1 (4.5%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Rift Valley fever (human)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Rubella	2 (9.1%)	2 (5.9%)	3 (8.3%)	0 (0%)
Smallpox	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Crimean-Congo viral haemorrhagic fever (human)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Yellow fever	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Unknown	1	1	0	16

Timeliness

Time to notification is measured by the number of days from the time of diagnosis of the NMC to the time of notification. Overall, it took a median (IQR) of 0 (0, 2) days to report category 1 NMCs.

Table 9: *Symptoms of patients clinically notified and merged with lab notifications to the NMC, notified during March 2024*

Characteristic	**Category 1**, n = 850	**Category 2**, n = 9 882	**Category 3**, n = 143
Time to Notification	0 (0, 2)	2 (0, 7)	4 (3, 6)
Unknown	89	1 036	0
Back Capture Classification			
Back capture	41 (5%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Current	663 (78%)	7 685 (78%)	120 (84%)
Delayed	146 (17%)	2 197 (22%)	23 (16%)

Conclusion

The majority of notifications were clinical notifications. Patients who are hospitalised with a category 1 condition and notified still have poor completeness of the hospital form with most notifications only having symptoms completed. ID numbers are poorly completed in notifications from Trak/SDW.

Recommendations

- We recommend clinicians complete all patient clinical and demographic details to improve hospital form completeness.
- We strongly recommend complete ID number capture in the SDW system to improve data quality and the ability for the NMCSS to merge clinical and laboratory notifications.
- We welcome stakeholders to send feedback and suggestions for the report. We also encourage reaching out for ingestion of data from data from data sources that existed before the launch of the NMCSS. Feel free to reach out to **brianb@nicd.ac.za** or **matimbam@nicd.co.za**.

Appendices

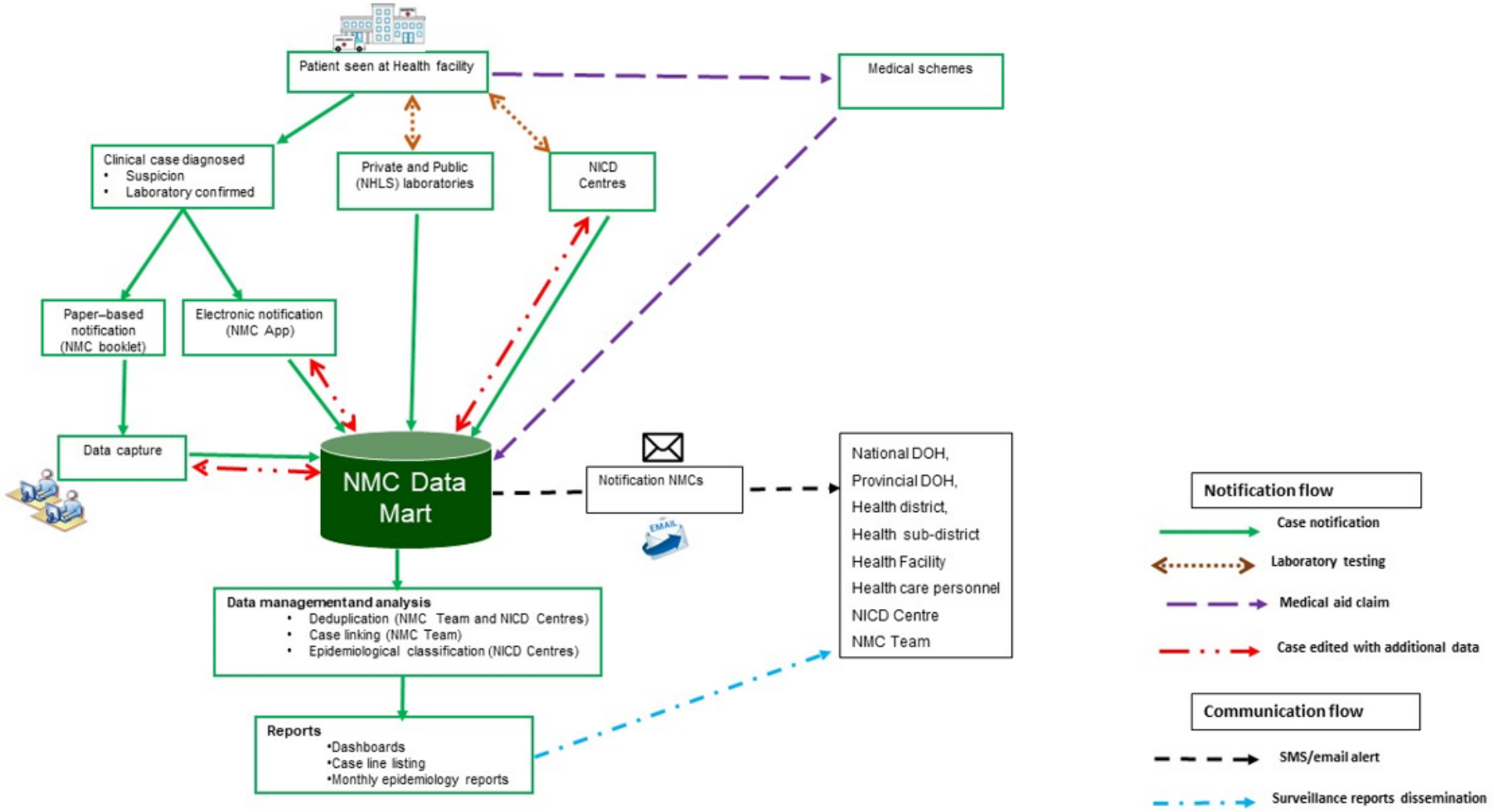
Appendix No. 1: Back-captured clinical notifications

*Table 10: Back captured notifications by reporting province notified during March \ *Back captured notifications use the diagnosis date, and the recommended time to notification depending on the NMC category. See Appendix No. 3 for details*

	Overall	**Province**								**Case Source**				
Condition	**Overall**, (41)	**EC**, (2)	**GP**, (8)	**KZN**, (2)	**LP**, (2)	**MP**, (3)	**NC**, (6)	**NW**, (1)	**WC**, (17)	**Android**, (3)[1]	**Paper-based**, (1)[1]	**SDW**, (13)[1]	**Web**, (21)[1]	**iOS**, (3)[1]
Rubella	14 (34%)	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	10	1	0	5	8	0
Malaria	7 (17%)	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	5	1
Pertussis	6 (15%)	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	2
Measles	5 (12%)	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0
Foodborne illness outbreak	3 (7.3%)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0
Listeriosis	3 (7.3%)	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Congenital rubella syndrome	2 (4.9%)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Acute flaccid paralysis	1 (2.4%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0

[1]SDW – Surveillance data warehouse/ MicroStrategy

Appendix No.2: Summary of NMCSS Data Flow



Appendix No.3: NMC Categories, and Case Classification Definitions

NMC categories

Category 1: NMCs are notified by the most rapid means available upon diagnosis, followed by a written or electronic notification to the Department of Health within 24 hours of diagnosis by healthcare providers, private health laboratories or public health laboratories. These conditions must be notified based on clinical suspicion irrespective of laboratory confirmation.

Category 2: NMCs notified through a written or electronic notification to the Department of Health of clinical or laboratory diagnosis within 7 days by healthcare providers, private health laboratories or public health laboratories.

Category 3: NMCs are notified through a written or electronic notification to the Department of Health within 7 days of diagnosis by public and private health laboratories.

Category 4: NMCs are notified through a written or electronic notification to the Department of Health within 1 month of diagnosis by public and private health laboratories.

Case Classification definitions

Clinical cases: are cases reported to the NMC by health care providers at facilities, either through completion of a paper form that is faxed, emailed to the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), or by direct data entry into the NMC application on a PC, laptop or mobile device. The diagnosis is made by the clinician on the basis of case definitions published on the NICD website.

Laboratory cases: are cases that are downloaded into the NMC database directly from the National Health Laboratory Services (NHLS) laboratory information system. The NMC application applies the case definitions that are published on the NICD website. Private sector data is being sourced.

Merged cases: are cases where a case was notified by a health care provider at the facility (a 'clinical case') AND the laboratory issued a report with a positive result for the same case (a 'laboratory case). The NMC App is set up to automatically detect and link clinical and laboratory case notifications. The NICD specialist Centres and NMC data team review all cases and manually link any remaining clinical and laboratory cases

Notification capture times definitions

Current notification: Category 1 conditions notified within 2 days of diagnosis date. Category 2 and 3 conditions are notified within 7 days of diagnosis. All lab notifications without diagnosis date are classified as current.

Delayed notification: Category 1 conditions are notified within between 3 and 7 days of diagnosis date. Category 2 and 3 conditions are notified between 8 and 30 days of diagnosis.

Back capture notification: Category 1 conditions notified more than 7 days after the diagnosis date. Category 2 and 3 conditions were notified more than 30 days after diagnosis date.

Epi-weeks: Epi-weeks used the CDC definition of a week starting on a Sunday and ending on a Saturday. The first Epi-week of the year is the week that contains the first Saturday of January. Epi-week 1 of 2024 started on 31 December 2023 and ended on 6 January 2024.

Appendix no.4: IDSR reporting template for IDSR conditions existing on NMC by under-5 and 5-and-over years and vital status.

Table 11: The number of IDSR conditions the +laboratory notified to the NMC using the IDSR reporting template of under and 5-and-above years by vital status.

Condition	Notified/Suspected				Confirmed
	Under 5 A, N = 292[1]	**5 & over A**, N = 215[1]	**5 & over D**, N = 0[1]	**Under 5 D**, N = 0[1]	**N = 300**[1]
Acute flaccid paralysis	21	3	0	0	0
Acute rheumatic fever	0	0	0	0	0
Anthrax	0	0	0	0	0
Botulism	0	0	0	0	0
Cholera	12	10	0	0	3
Congenital rubella syndrome	13	0	0	0	1
Diphtheria	3	0	0	0	0
Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid fever)	5	1	0	0	8
Foodborne illness outbreak	36	19	0	0	0
Haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS)	0	0	0	0	0
Listeriosis	1	0	0	0	1
Malaria	0	0	0	0	197
Ebola virus (VHF)	0	0	0	0	0
Marburg virus (VHF)	0	0	0	0	0
Measles	121	115	0	0	6
Meningococcal disease	6	2	0	0	7
Mpox	0	0	0	0	0
Pertussis	11	2	0	0	46
Plague	0	0	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis	0	0	0	0	0
Rabies	0	0	0	0	0
Respiratory disease caused by a novel respiratory pathogen	2	0	0	0	0
Rift Valley fever (human)	0	0	0	0	0
Rubella	61	63	0	0	31
Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0
Crimean-Congo viral haemorrhagic fever (human)	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow fever	0	0	0	0	0

[1]A = Cases who are alive.
D = Cases who are deceased.

Appendix no.5: Trends and Epi-table of all Category 1 notifications 2022 to March 2024.

All Notifications

Epi-table

Table 12: Number of notifications on NMCSS per Epi-week in 2024. The Average notifications are calculated based on notifications received in 2022 and 2023 with a confidence interval.

	Average Notifications		Epi-weeks													
Characteristic		**95% CI**[1]	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**
Acute flaccid paralysis	3.51	3.5, 4.0	2	9	6	6	7	1	8	4	6	10	7	5	1	0
Acute rheumatic fever	0.26	1.0, 1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Anthrax	0.0090	NA, NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Botulism	0.0493	1.0, 1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cholera	6.7	3.5, 8.5	0	2	12	8	48	12	12	11	14	5	8	6	3	0
Congenital rubella syndrome	1.91	2.0, 2.5	0	3	2	2	5	3	2	6	2	4	6	2	4	0
Covid-19	1 230	602, 1 068	129	118	130	126	107	130	112	143	133	110	123	101	99	0
Crimean-Congo viral haemorrhagic fever (human)	0.12	1.0, 1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0.55	1.0, 1.5	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	0
Ebola virus (VHF)	0.0045	NA, NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid fever)	3.40	3.5, 4.5	3	2	2	8	4	3	2	4	3	1	5	6	1	0
Foodborne illness outbreak	9	6.0, 9.0	30	10	18	11	24	27	36	48	11	19	4	31	4	0
Haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS)	0.0404	NA, NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Listeriosis	1.65	2.0, 2.5	0	1	1	5	2	1	1	6	4	0	1	2	0	0
Malaria	90	70, 90	35	120	217	187	109	116	61	48	61	48	60	52	34	0
Marburg virus (VHF)	0.0045	NA, NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Measles	24	17, 28	40	49	44	35	35	42	45	61	48	72	71	52	46	0
Meningococcal disease	1.99	2.5, 3.0	3	3	4	5	4	0	3	2	3	2	6	3	3	0
Pertussis	19	19, 28	21	50	47	27	30	29	18	18	19	21	15	16	13	0
Plague	0.0045	NA, NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis	0.0090	NA, NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rabies	0.62	1.5, 2.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Respiratory disease caused by a novel respiratory pathogen	9	3.0, 9.0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Rubella	9	4.5, 5.5	6	34	16	28	15	13	10	18	12	38	45	32	49	0
Smallpox	0.0448	1.0, 2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waterborne illness outbreak - undefined	0.21	1.0, 1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Yellow fever	0.0493	1.0, 1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

[1]CI = Confidence Interval

Trends Plot

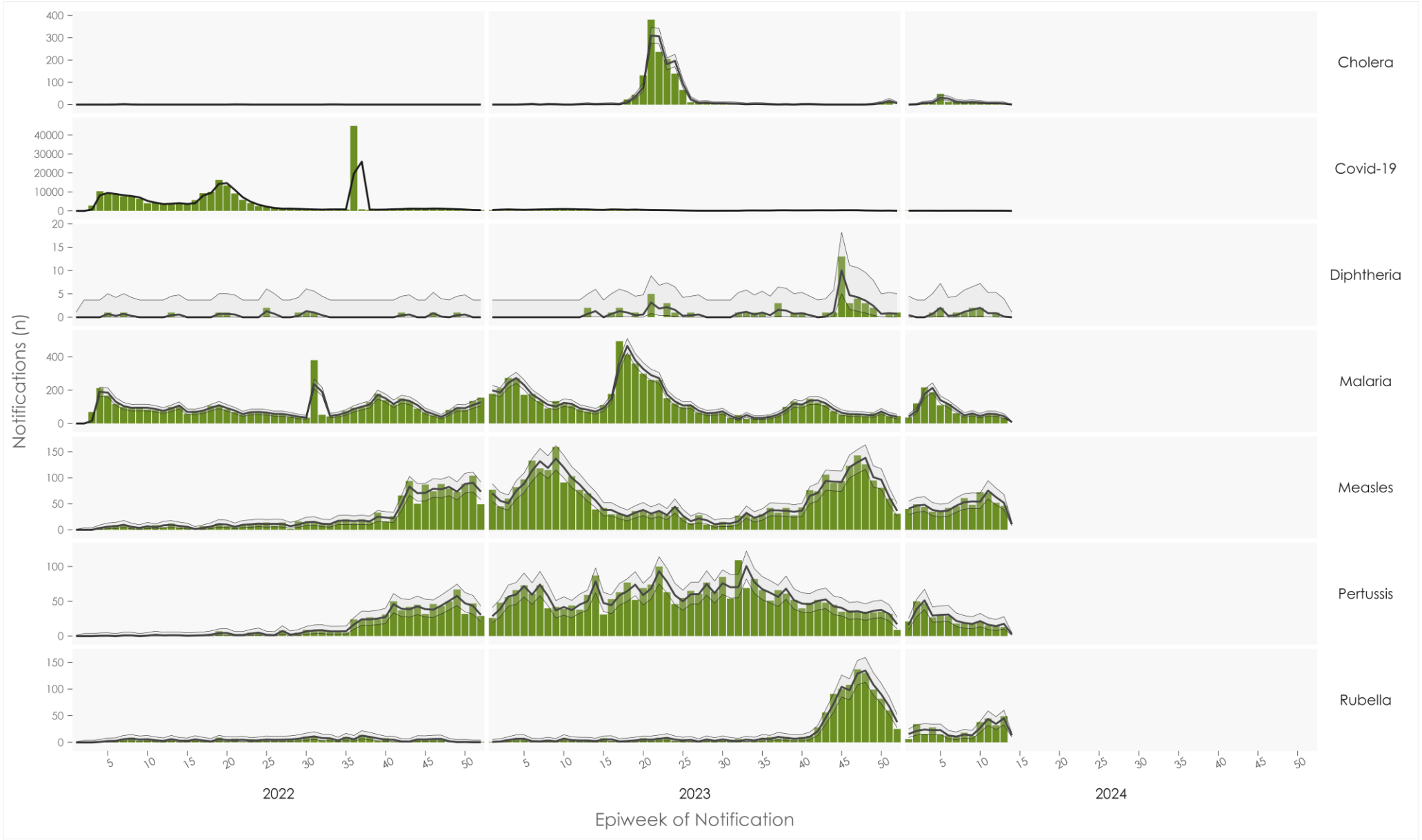


Figure 6: Trend of weekly number of all notifications for selected conditions reported to the NMC, in South Africa, January, 2022-March

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