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# Introducing **CSverse**

## CSIDS approach to Automated Public Health Surveillance

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# About this talk

## Situational reports

The old way  
&  
The CSIDS way

## CSIDS::csverse

The R ecosystem  
for automated PH  
surveillance

## Ways forward

“How to prevent the  
next pandemic”

# Disclaimers

The opinions are my own, and do not reflect the views of my employer.

Regulations and policies are constantly changing. Please check the official documents for each data source for most updated information.

# Situational reports

# Daily situational reports

## Nation, 11 counties, 356 municipalities

Situational reports on **covid cases**, hospitalisation, vaccine among other outcomes of interest

Used by FHI leadership and Ministry of Health

Historically (pre 2020.12) made **manually** for **selected locations per request**

Need to deliver **in the early morning: overtime 6–8am**

**Expensive, time consuming, prone to error**

How can we do better?



**Demo**

Dagens foreløpige (u.off) tall. Rapporten er generert kl. [redacted]. Der annet ikke er oppgitt er figurene basert på prøvedato i MSIS. Tallene er midlertidige og kan bli endret.

### Status oppdatering

Totalt [redacted] nye tilfeller ble registrert siste døgn. De to foregående dagene ble det registrert henholdsvis [redacted] tilfeller.

Til sammenligning ble det for en uke siden, den 06.10.2021 rapportert [redacted] registrerte tilfeller siste døgn.

Antall meldte basert på prøvedato så langt uke 41 er [redacted] mot [redacted] på samme tid sist uke (uke 40). Antall meldte basert på registrert dato så langt denne uka (uke 41) er [redacted], mot [redacted] på samme tid sist uke (40).

Totalt er [redacted] personer vaksinert mot covid-19 i Norge, av disse er [redacted] personer vaksinert med både 1 og 2. dose med koronavaksine [redacted] av hele befolkningen er vaksinert med minst en dose og [redacted] vaksinert med to doser med koronavaksine. Blant personer 18 år og eldre er [redacted] % vaksinert med minst en dose med koronavaksine, og av disse er [redacted] % vaksinert med to doser med koronavaksine. Blant personer 45 år og eldre er [redacted] % vaksinert med minst en dose, og [redacted] % av personer 65 år og eldre er vaksinert med minst en dose med koronavaksine. Data er hentet fra BeredtC19, SYSVAK, per 12.10.2021.

# Open source transition

## Why should I switch?

Consider the following aspects:

Cost

Ease of use (e.g well documented)

Efficiency (e.g. automation)

Collaboration and teamwork

Reproducibility

Research and new method adoption

From



To





# Daily situational reports: automated


## Nation, 11 counties, 356 municipalities


Everyday, before 7am


Delivered to N folder so that everyone with access can **view / modify**


**35 pages, 17 tables, 21 figures** (e.g. national report)


**Consistent style** with NIPH documents


 Agder\_fylke\_dagsrapport\_covid19\_2021-10-20.docx


 Innlandet\_fylke\_dagsrapport\_covid19\_2021-10-20.docx


 Møre\_og\_Romsdal\_fylke\_dagsrapport\_covid19\_2021-10-20.docx


 Nordland\_fylke\_dagsrapport\_covid19\_2021-10-20.docx


 Oslo\_fylke\_dagsrapport\_covid19\_2021-10-20.docx


 Rogaland\_fylke\_dagsrapport\_covid19\_2021-10-20.docx

 Troms\_og\_Finnmark\_fylke\_dagsrapport\_covid19\_2021-10-20.docx

 Trøndelag\_fylke\_dagsrapport\_covid19\_2021-10-20.docx

 Vestfold\_og\_Telemark\_fylke\_dagsrapport\_covid19\_2021-10-20.docx

 Vestland\_fylke\_dagsrapport\_covid19\_2021-10-20.docx

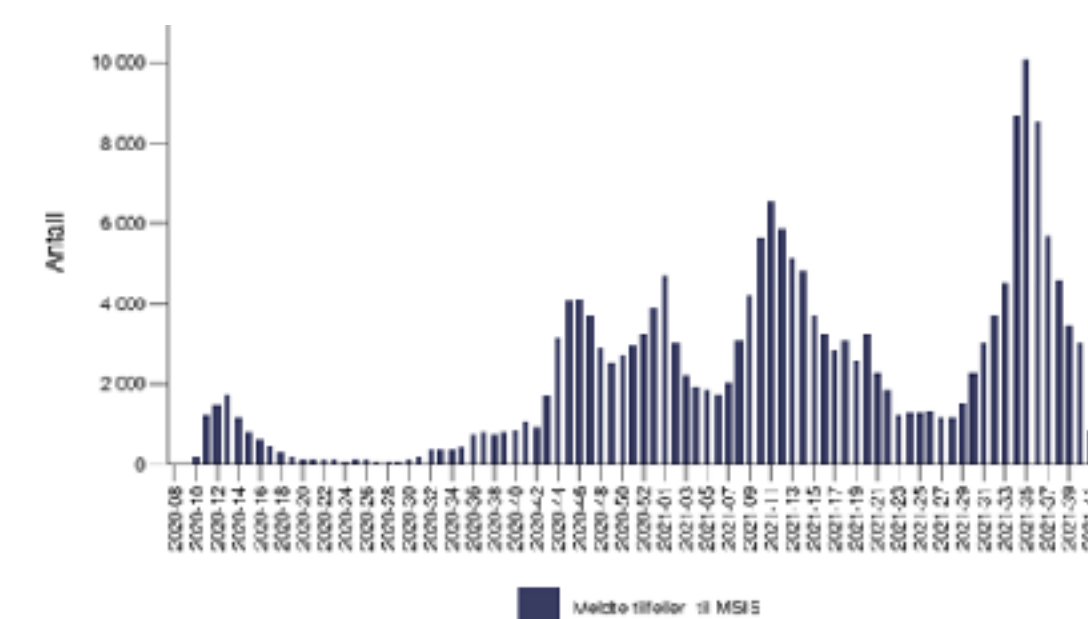
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**Tabell 1** Covid-19 status og utvikling, uke 2021-37 til uke 2021-41.

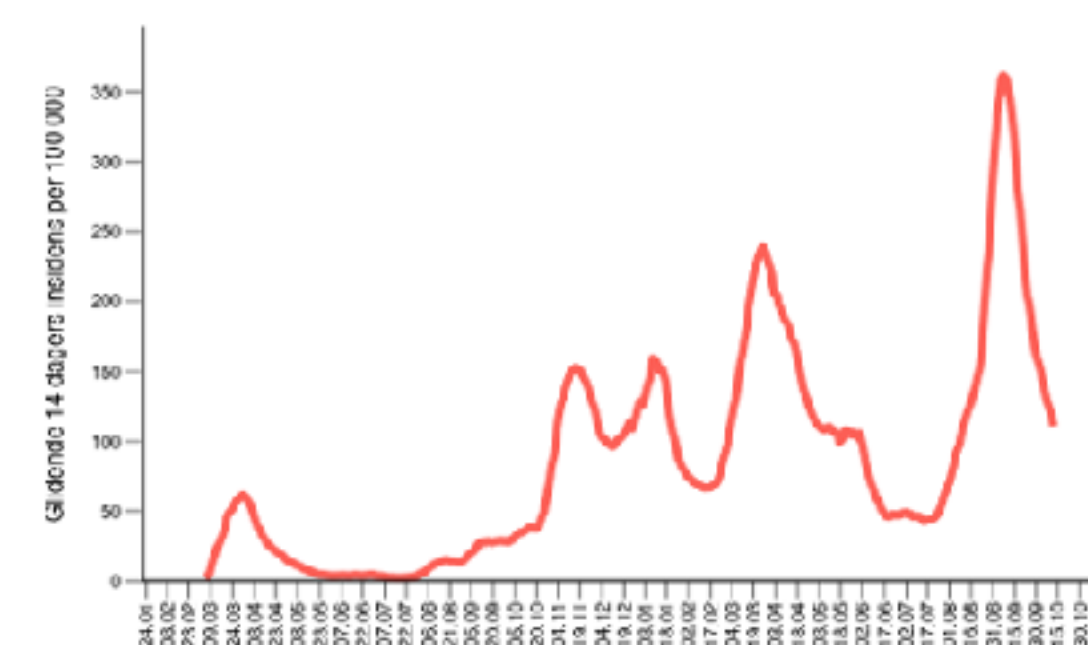
Overvåkingssystem/ Indikatorer	2021-37	2021-38	2021-39	2021-40	2021-41	Totalt av de siste 5 ukene
Meldte tilfeller til MSIS (prøvedato)						
Meldte tilfeller til MSIS (registrertdato)						
Antall personer testet for SARS-CoV-2 (PCR)						
Nye covid-19 positive pasienter innlagt i sykehus (alle årsaker)						
Nye pasienter innlagt i sykehus med covid-19 som hoved-årsak						
Nye pasienter med bekrftet covid-19 innlagt i intensiv- avdeling						
Covid-19-assosierte dødsfall						

\*Visualiseringen på nettsidene våre oppdateres ca kl 13.00 hver dag.

**Merk:** Denne tabellen og visualiseringen på [www.fhi.no](http://www.fhi.no) viser antall personer testet med PCR, vi jobber med å inkludere antigen hurtigtester. Se ukesrapport for framstilling av antall testede med PCR og hurtigtester samlet. Totalt har [redacted] personer blitt diagnostisert i Norge frem til kl 24.00, 12.10.2021, og tilsammen [redacted] personer er registrert testet for covid-19 (per 12.10.2021).



**Figur 1.** Antall tilfeller av covid-19 per uke basert på prøvedato gjennom hele pandemiperioden, Norge.



**Figur 2.** Glidende 14-dagers insidens per 100 000 innbyggere per dag basert på prøvedato gjennom hele pandemiperioden, Norge.

# Automation **saves time and money**

## Among other good things

National + 11 counties + 356 municipalities = 368 reports

From Secure zone (data extraction) to reports = **40**min (8 CPU in parallel)

One year deliverables	Manual report	CSIDS / csverse
Number of reports	$5 * 365 = 1\,825$	$368 * 365 = 134\,320$
Overtime hours	700	0
Number of people needed	4	0
Overtime costs	700 000 kr	0

700 000 kr is approximately 67 400 Euro, 70 245 USD (2022.06.15)

Overtime estimated by one employee work from 6 to 8am for one year (2h per day)

One employee is allowed 200h overtime per year



CSIDS::csverse

# CSIDS

## Consortium for Statistics in Disease Surveillance

2022.11 – **CSIDS** (reads see-sids) was founded, collaboration between Norwegian Institute of Public Health, University of Oslo

Promote **collaborative development** of open source R packages for automated public health **surveillance and reporting**

Standardised, reproducible, open and free

Anyone is welcome to use our R packages, and welcome to contribute



[www.csids.no](http://www.csids.no)

# csverse

## CSIDS R package ecosystem

### Public health surveillance algorithms

csalert, attrib, nowcast

### Analysis planning and file organization

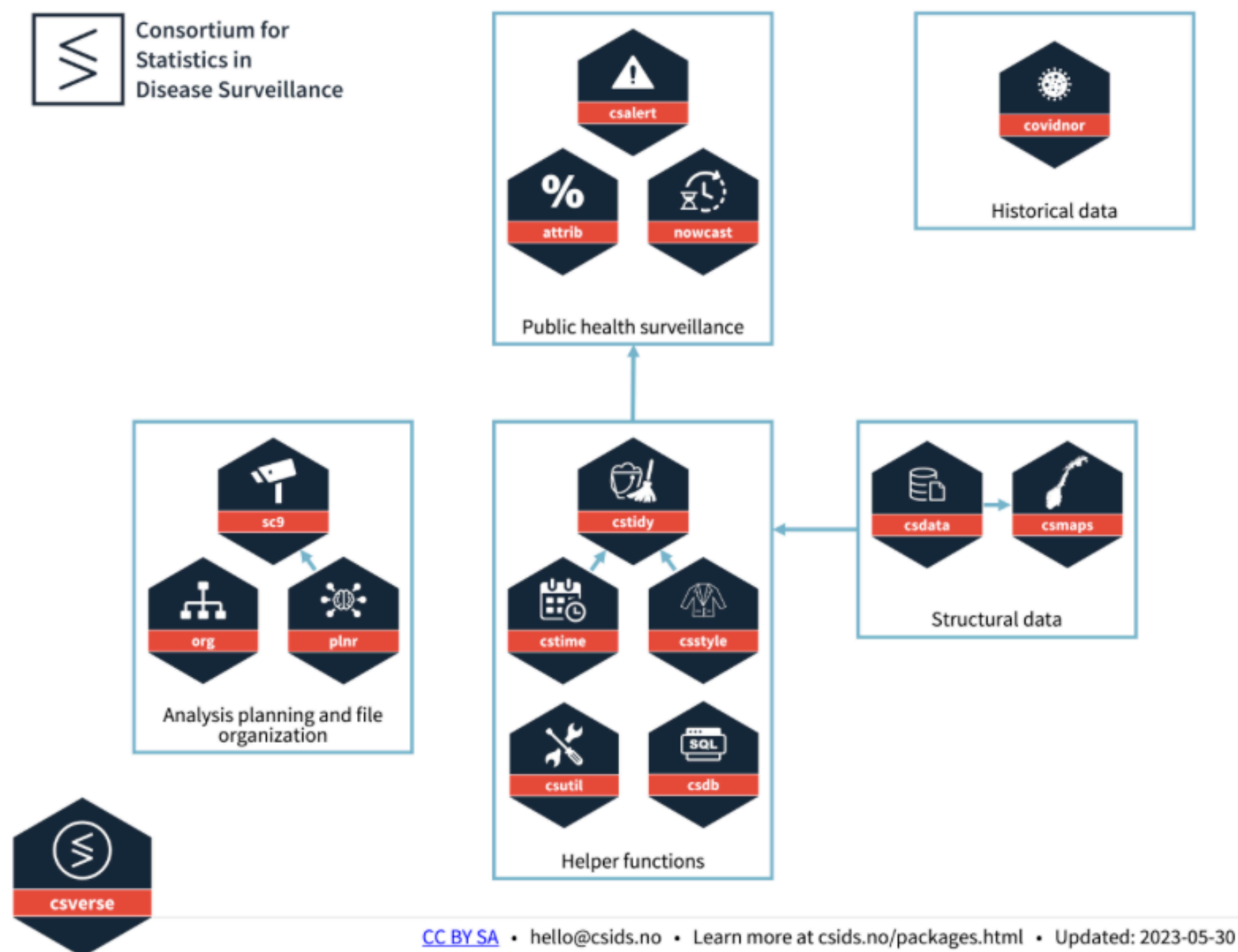
sc9, org, plnr

### Historical and structured data

csdata, csmaps, covidnor (now respiranor)

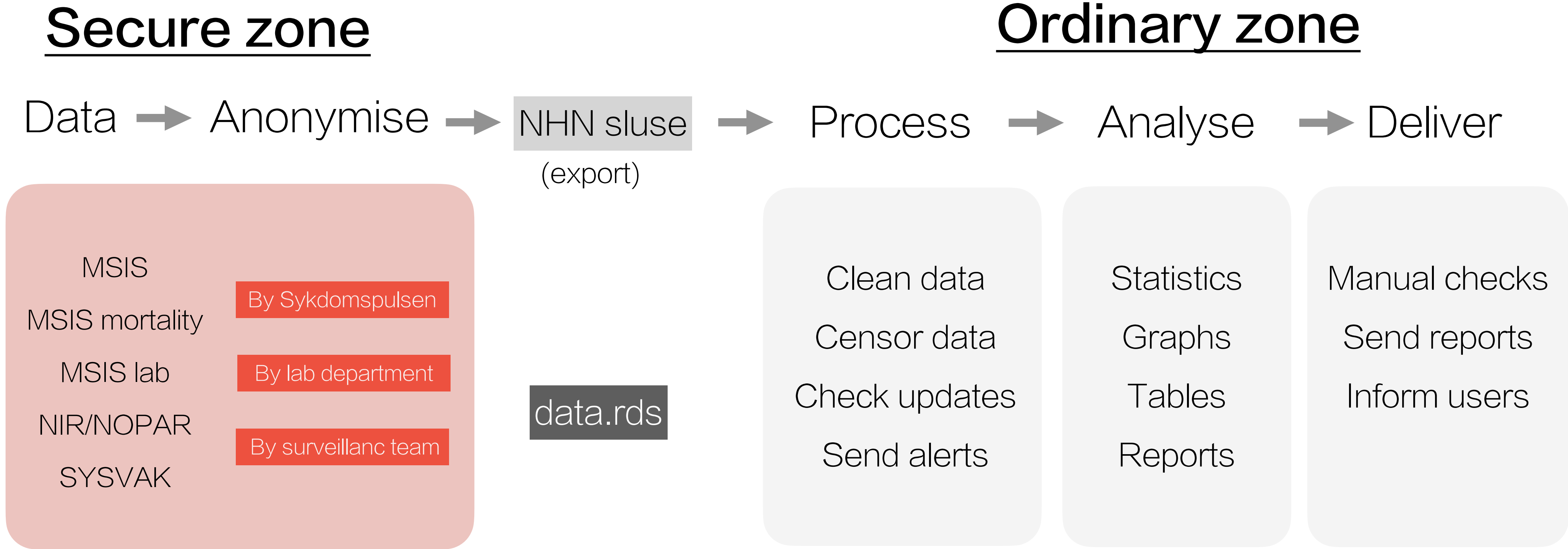
### Helper functions

cstidy, cstime, csstyle, csdb, csutil



**Packages are under active development, please check each pkg documentation for latest update**

# From data to report



Sykdomspulsen: CSIDS until 2022.11  
MSIS: Norwegian Surveillance System for Communicable Diseases  
NIR: Norwegian Intensive Care Registry  
SYSVAK: Norwegian Immunisation Registry  
NOPAR: Norwegian Pandemic Registry



# cstidy cstime

## Produce standardized formatted data

We use **data.table** instead of **dplyr** for efficient data manipulation

CSIDS style guide for **names** of variable on time, location, age groups, sex etc

**Fixed fields** (granularity\_time, granularity\_geo , ... ) available for all datasets

**Task specific fields:** used for computation

[https://www.csids.no/cstidy/articles/csfmt\\_rts\\_data\\_v1.html](https://www.csids.no/cstidy/articles/csfmt_rts_data_v1.html)

```
d <- cstidy::generate_test_data()[1:5]
cstidy::set_csfmt_rts_data_v1(d)

# Looking at the dataset
d[]
#>   granularity_time granularity_geo country_iso3 location_code border age sex
#> 1:      isoyearweek      county      nor county_nor42      NA <NA> <NA>
#> 2:      isoyearweek      county      nor county_nor32      NA <NA> <NA>
#> 3:      isoyearweek      county      nor county_nor33      NA <NA> <NA>
#> 4:      isoyearweek      county      nor county_nor56      NA <NA> <NA>
#> 5:      isoyearweek      county      nor county_nor34      NA <NA> <NA>
#>   isoyear isoweek isoyearweek season seasonweek calyear calmonth
#> 1:   2022      3   2022-03 2021/2022      26      NA      NA
#> 2:   2022      3   2022-03 2021/2022      26      NA      NA
#> 3:   2022      3   2022-03 2021/2022      26      NA      NA
#> 4:   2022      3   2022-03 2021/2022      26      NA      NA
#> 5:   2022      3   2022-03 2021/2022      26      NA      NA
#>   calyearmonth      date deaths_n
#> 1:      <NA> 2022-01-23      6
#> 2:      <NA> 2022-01-23      4
#> 3:      <NA> 2022-01-23      6
#> 4:      <NA> 2022-01-23      3
#> 5:      <NA> 2022-01-23      6
```

- **covid19\_testevents/\_n**: Number of covid-19 test events (i.e. a person getting tested within a 7 day period).
- **covid19\_testevents\_pos/\_pr1**: Proportion (0-1) of covid-19 test events that were positive.
- **covid19\_testevents\_pos/\_pr100**: Percentage (0-100) of covid-19 test events that were positive.
- **covid19\_testevents\_pos/\_sum0\_13/\_pr100**: Percentage (0-100) of covid-19 test events that were positive over the last 14 days.
- **covid19\_testevents\_pos/\_daymean0\_13/\_pr100**: For each of the last 14 days, calculate the percentage (0-100) of covid-19 test events that were positive, and then take the mean of these 14 values.
- **covid19\_testevents\_pos/\_isoweekmean0\_13/\_pr100**: For each of the last 7 day periods (0-6 days, 7-13 days), calculate the percentage (0-100) of covid-19 test events that were positive, and then take the mean of these 2 values.



# csalert

## Analyse trend, produce predictions

### Function reference

#### All functions

`add_holiday_effect()`

Holiday effect ----

`prediction_interval()`

Prediction thresholds

`prediction_interval(<glm>)`

Prediction thresholds

`short_term_trend()`

Determine the short term trend of a timeseries

`signal_detection_hlm()`

Determine the short term trend of a timeseries

`simulate_baseline_data()`

Simulate baseline data ---- Simulation of baseline data.

`simulate_seasonal_outbreak_data()`

Simulate seasonal outbreaks ----

`simulate_spike_outbreak_data()`

Simulate spiked outbreaks ----

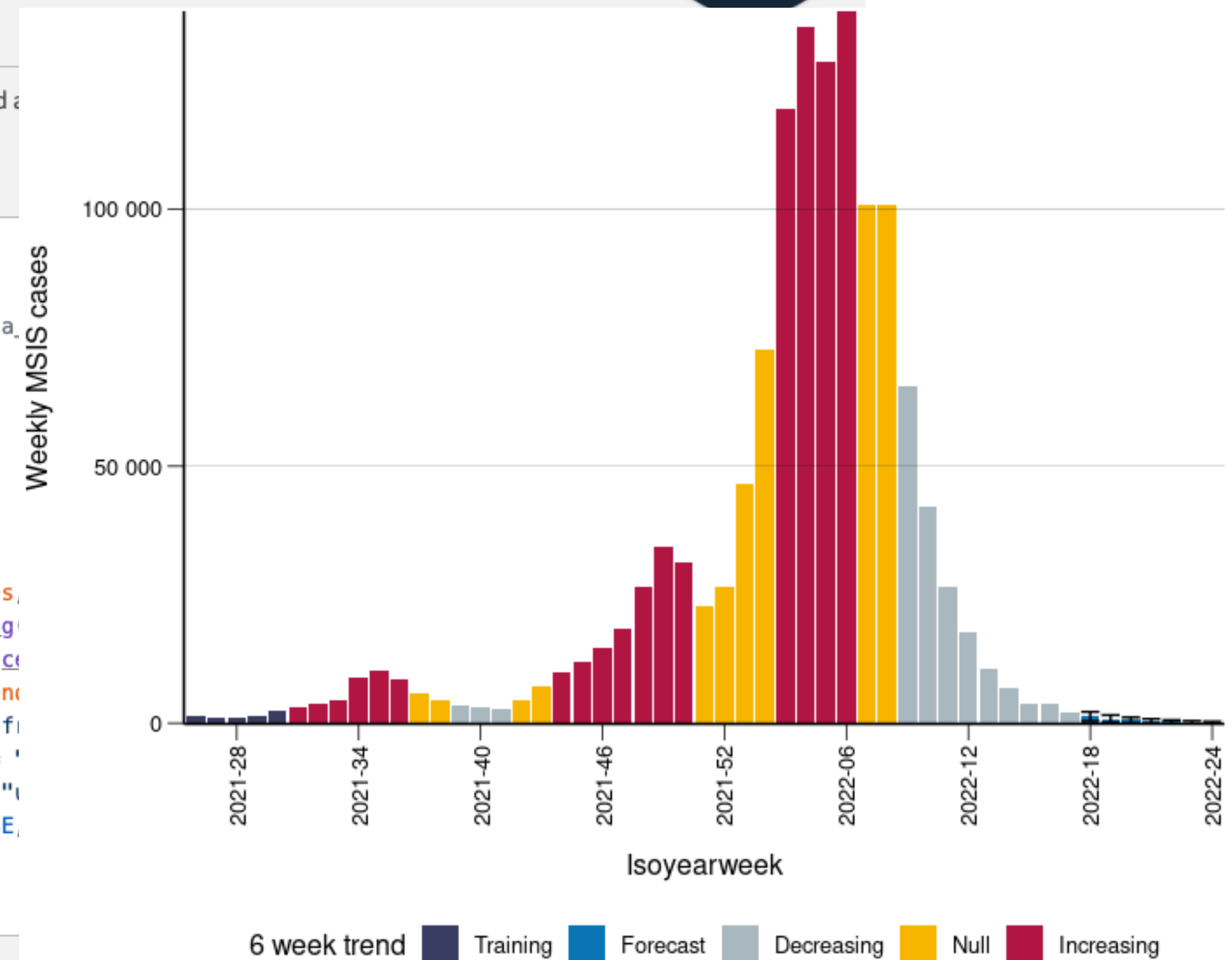
### Determine the short term trend of a timeseries

Source: [R/short\\_term\\_trend.R](#)

The method is based upon a published a

#### Usage

```
short_term_trend(x, ...)  
  
# S3 method for csfmt_rts_data  
short_term_trend(  
  x,  
  numerator,  
  denominator = NULL,  
  prX = 100,  
  trend_dates = 42,  
  remove_last_dates = 0,  
  forecast_dates = trend_dates,  
  trend_isoyearweeks = ceiling,  
  remove_last_isoyearweeks = c,  
  forecast_isoyearweeks = trend,  
  numerator_naming_prefix = "f",  
  denominator_naming_prefix = "d",  
  statistics_naming_prefix = "s",  
  remove_training_data = FALSE,  
  ...  
)
```



# csmaps

## Create maps with rich information

Norway maps for **county**, **municipality** levels and **Oslo**

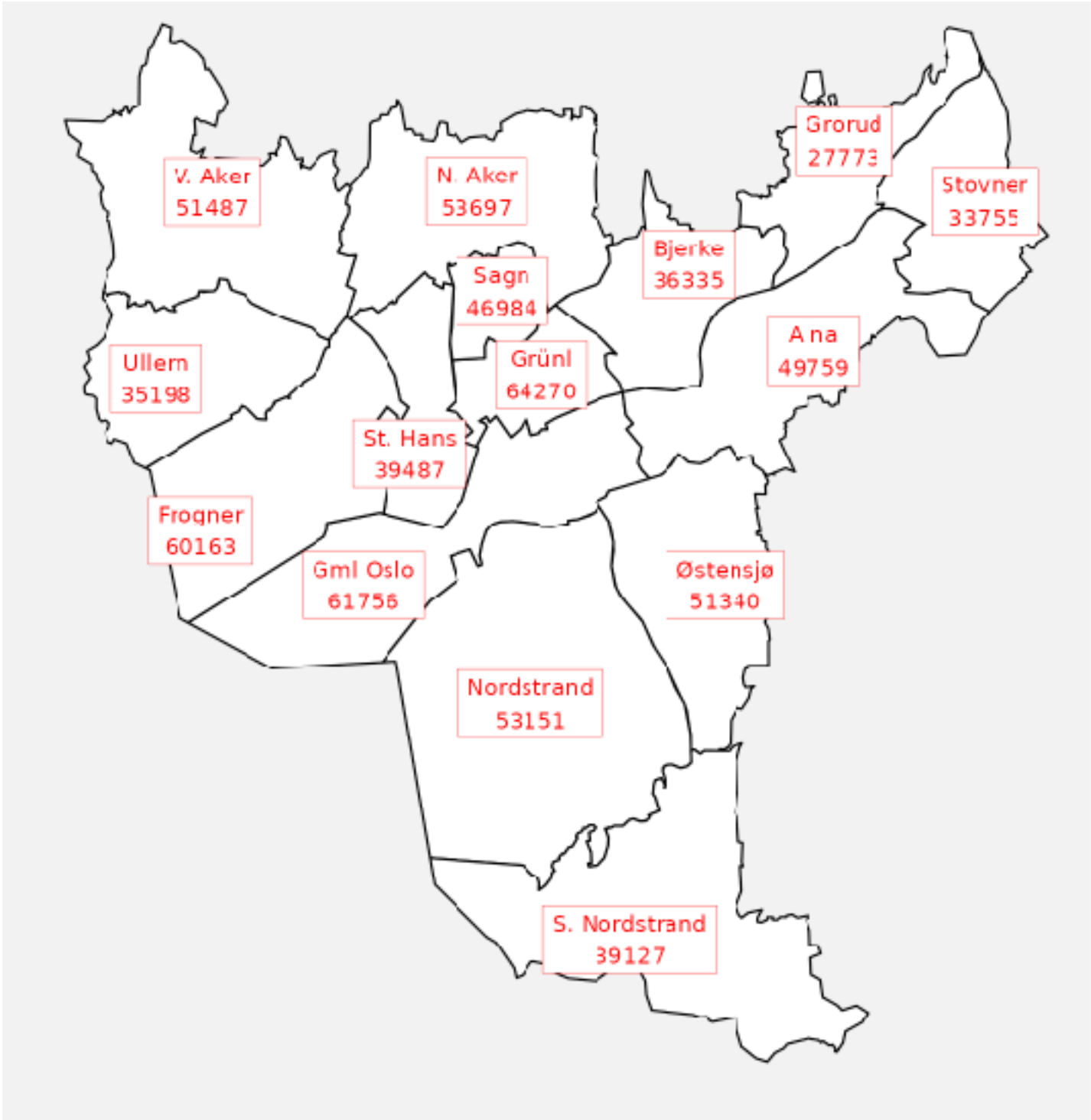
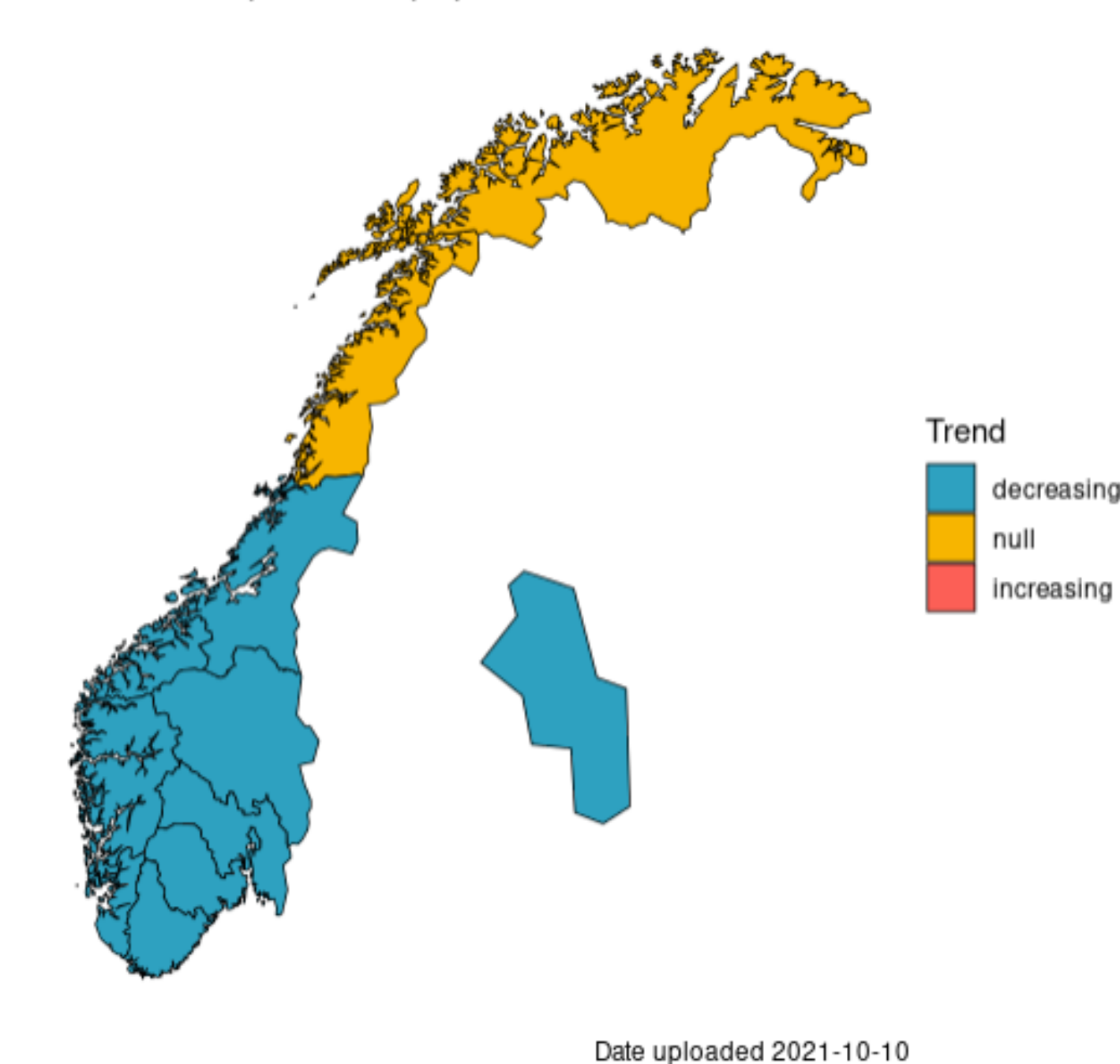
```
pd <- copy(csmaps::nor_municip_map_b2024_default_dt)
q <- ggplot()
q <- q + geom_polygon(
  data = pd,
  aes(
    x = long,
    y = lat,
    group = group
  ),
  color="black",
  fill="white",
  linewidth = 0.2
)
q <- q + theme_void()
q <- q + coord_quickmap()
q <- q + labs(title = "Default layout")
q
```



# CSmaps

## Create maps with rich information

MSIS cases per 100k population for week 2021-40





# plnr

## Structured analysis planning

Structured way of planning analysis combinations for large dataset  
(e.g. 400 **locations** \* 10 yr **daily** data \* 10 **age groups** \* 50 **codes**)

- pull once from DB
- develop **analysis code for one subset**
- repeat for all combinations. Can be paralleled!

## Plan

```
location_code = c('norge', 'county03', 'county15')  
age_group = c('00_04', '05_14')  
tag_outcome = c('covid19_n_cases', 'influenza_n_cases')
```

## Expanded list of combinations

```
Plan1: location_code = 'norge', age_group = '00_04', tag_outcome = 'covid19_n_cases'  
Plan2: location_code = 'county03', age_group = '00_04', tag_outcome = 'covid19_n_cases'  
...
```

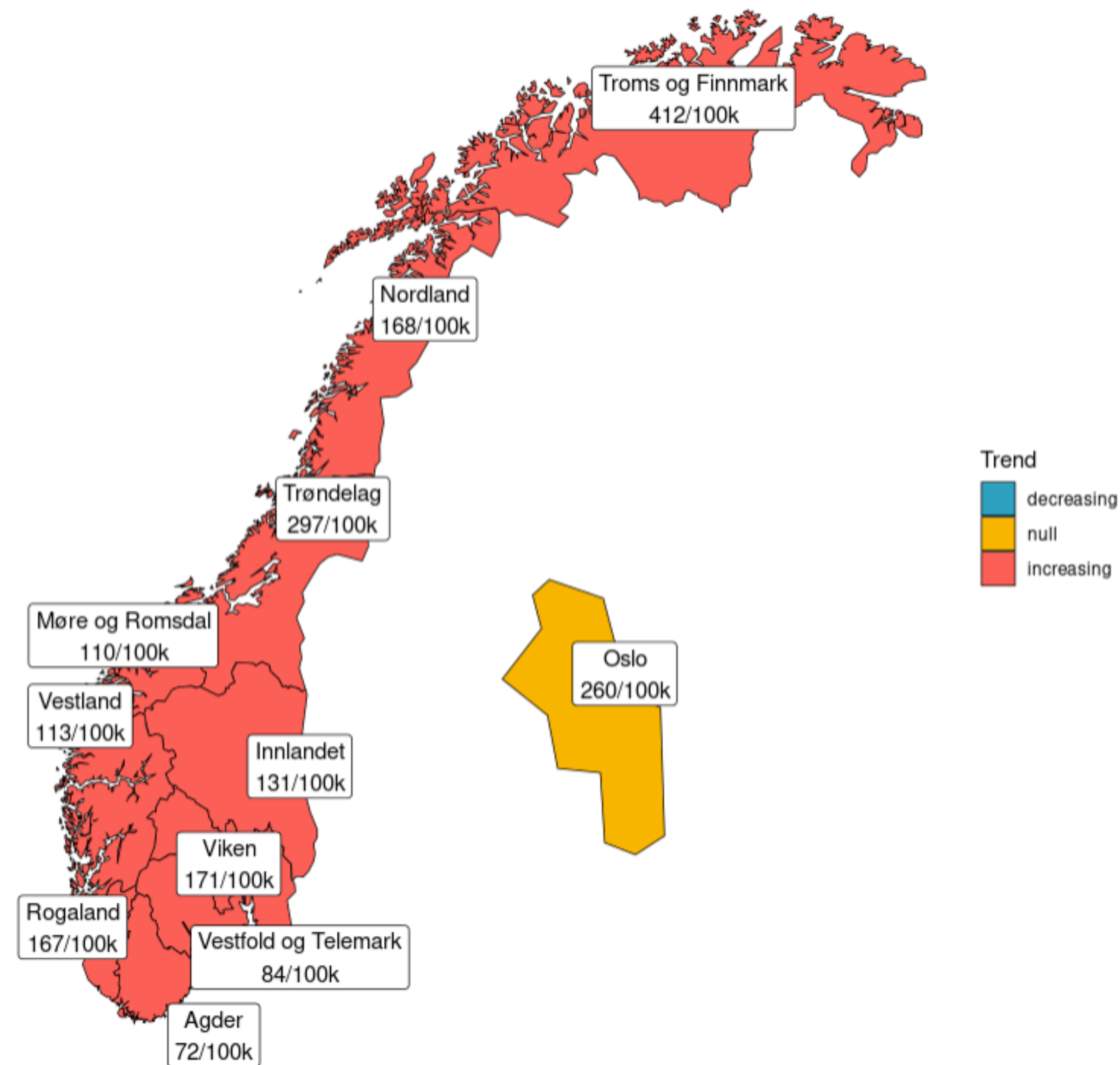
```
# 2. add argset  
# check location codes  
location_codes <- p$get_data()$covid19_cases$location_code %>%  
  unique() %>%  
  print()  
  
p$add_argset_from_list(  
  plnr::expand_list(  
    location_code = location_codes,  
    granularity_time = "isoweek"  
  )  
)  
# Examine the argsets that are available  
p$get_argsets_as_dt()
```

# Visualize trends

## Trend for 11 counties

```
> d_msis_this_isoyearweek
  location_code      date isoyearweek covid19_cases_testdate_pr100000 c
1: county03 2021-11-07    2021-44    260.25452
2: county11 2021-11-07    2021-44    167.41083
3: county15 2021-11-07    2021-44    109.58636
4: county18 2021-11-07    2021-44    167.67563
5: county30 2021-11-07    2021-44    170.63457
6: county34 2021-11-07    2021-44    130.86780
7: county38 2021-11-07    2021-44     84.14675
8: county42 2021-11-07    2021-44     71.55739
9: county46 2021-11-07    2021-44    112.86417
10: county50 2021-11-07    2021-44    297.16168
11: county54 2021-11-07    2021-44    411.69766
```

MSIS cases per 100k population for week 2021-44



Date updated 2021-11-07

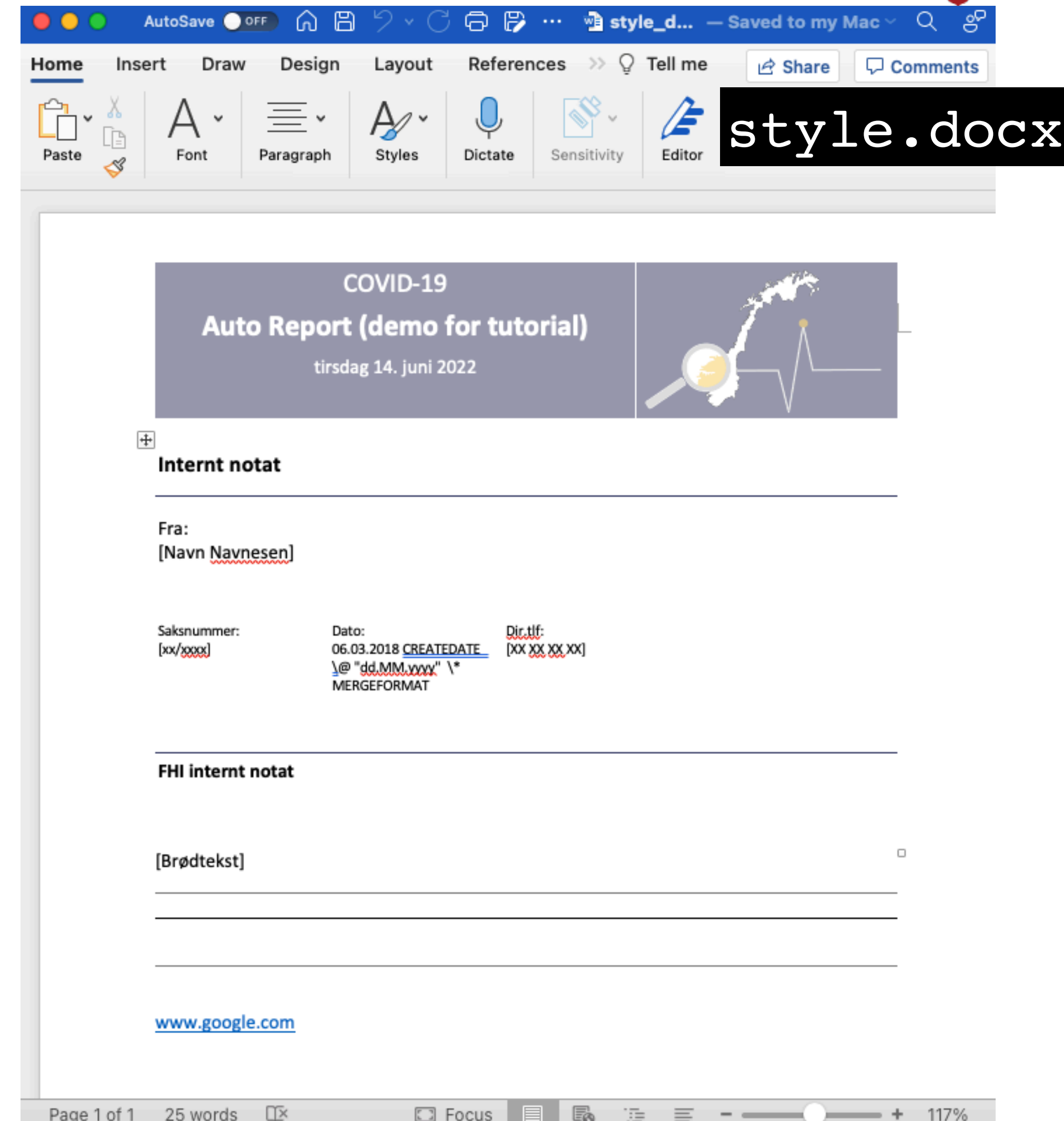


# Automated reports



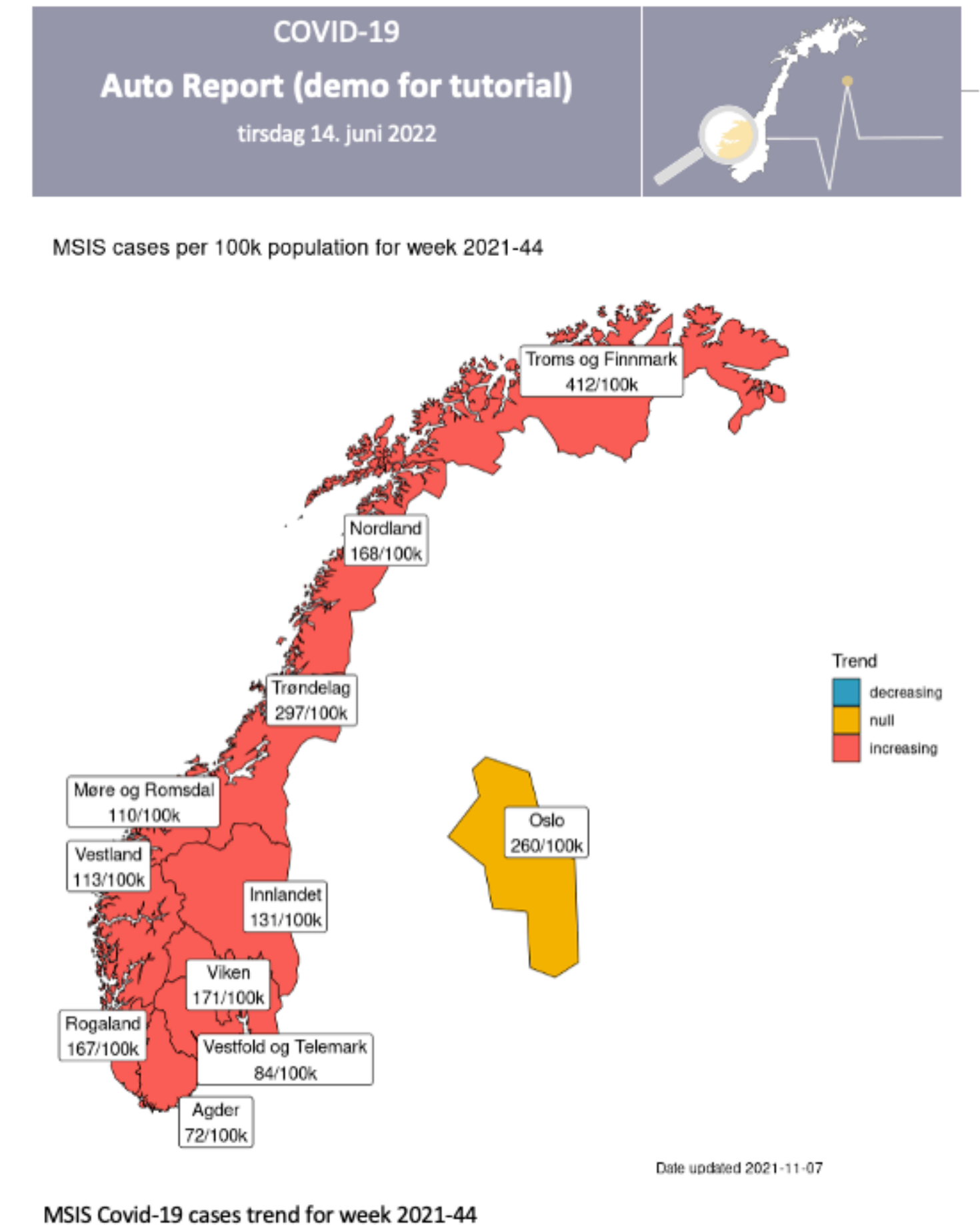
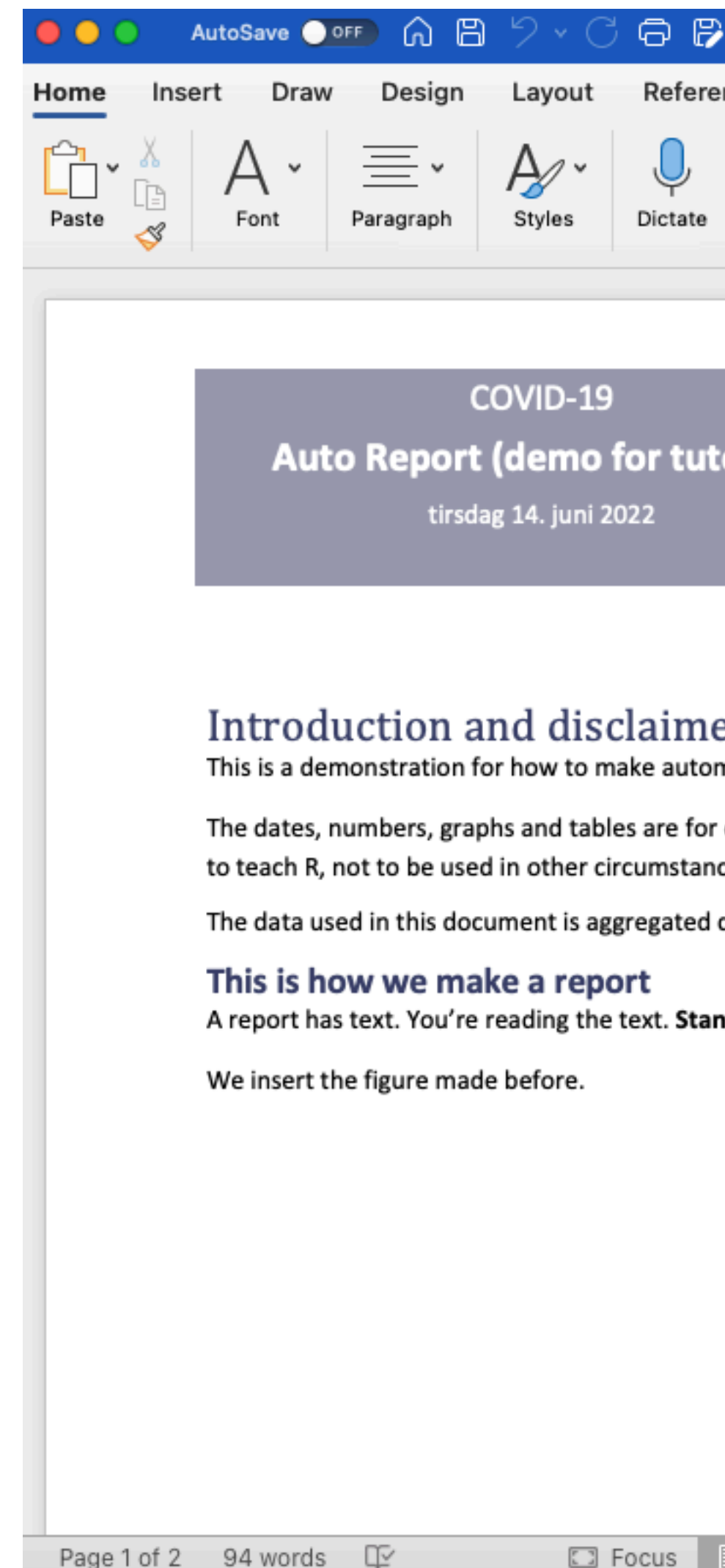
Requires

- `style.docx`
  - `report.Rmd`
- Input
- `report.docx`
- Output
- `script.R`
- Automate



# Automated reports

```
report_demo.Rmd x report_demo_auto.Rmd x run_autoreport.R x
Go to file/function Addins
report.Rmd
1 ---
2 title: "Test Report"
3 output:
4   word_document
5   reference_docx: style_demo.docx
6
7
8 {r setup, include=FALSE}
9 knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = TRUE)
10
11
12 # Introduction and disclaimers
13
14 This is a demonstration for how to make automated reports with Rmarkdown and MS Word.
15
16 The dates, numbers, graphs and tables are for educational purposes only. The text is made to teach R, not to be used in other circumstances.
17
18 The data used in this document is aggregated data, and it is public available.
19
20
21 ## This is how we make a report
22
23 A report has text. You're reading the text. *Standard markdown style works here as well*.
24
25
26
27 We insert the figure made before.
28
29 ![MSIS Covid-19 cases trend for week 2021-44](map_covid_demo.png)
30
31
32
23:46 This is how we make a report R Markdown
```



# Automated reports

```
report_demo.Rmd x run_autoreport.R x report_demo_auto.Rmd x
Source on Save
1 # set a date ----
2 today <- as.character(lubridate::today())
3
4 # set report path ----
5 file_path <- './tutorial_autoreport/autoreport_cov'
6
7 file_output_name <- glue::glue('report_demo_auto_')
8 file_output_name
9
10 file_rmd <- paste0(file_path, 'report_demo_auto.Rm
11 file_docx <- paste0(file_path, file_output_name)
12
```

```
report_demo.Rmd x run_autoreport.R x report_demo_auto.Rmd x
Knit
1 ---
2 title: "A more automated report made on `r today`"
3 output:
4   word_document:
5     reference_docx: style_demo.docx
6 editor_options:
7   chunk_output_type: console
8 ---
9
10 ```{r setup, include=FALSE}
11 knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = TRUE)
12 ```
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20 made to teach R, not to be used in other circumstances.
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22 The data used in this document is aggregated data, and it is public available.
23
24 This is a more flexible report, made on `r today`.
```

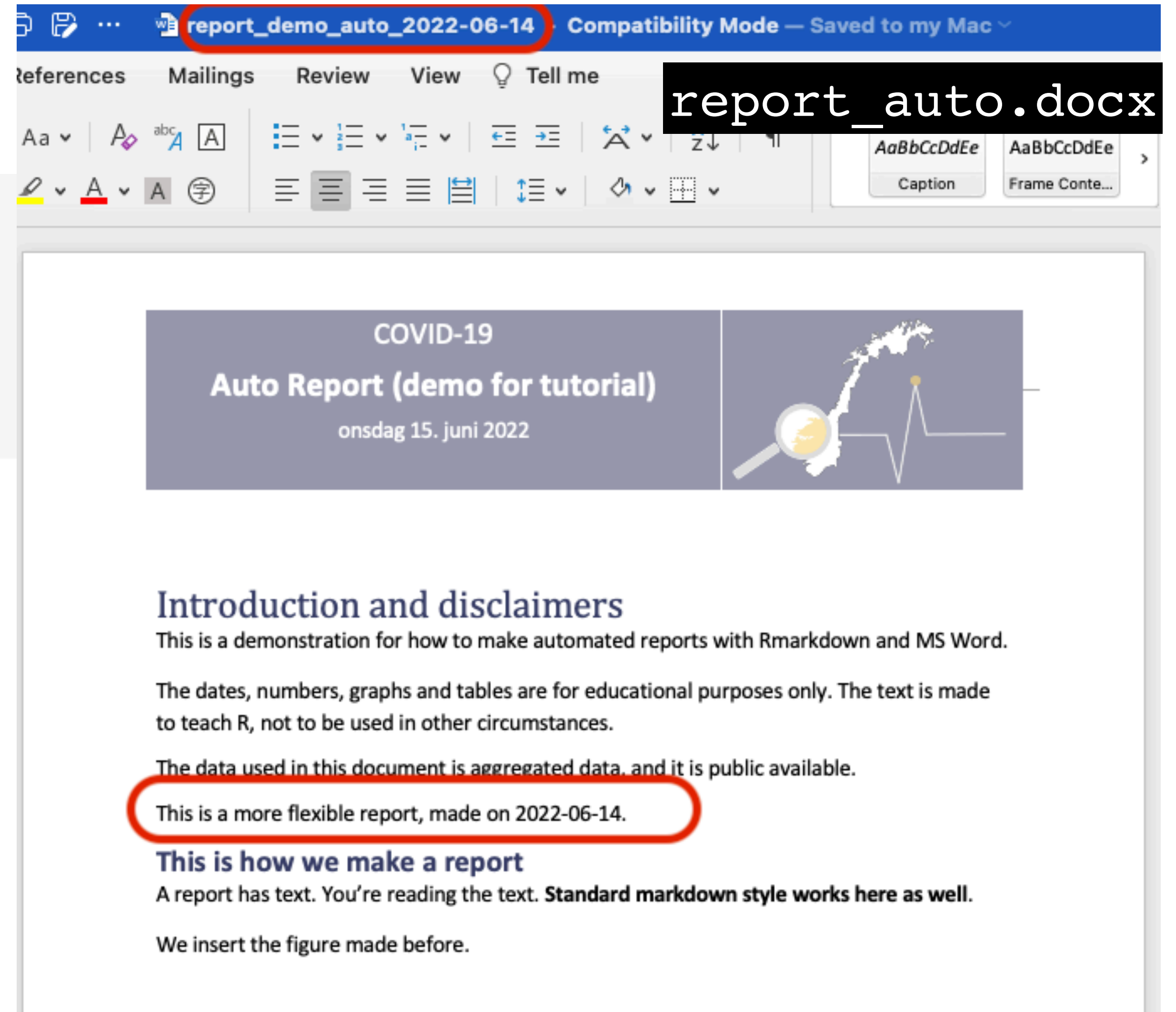
report\_auto.Rmd



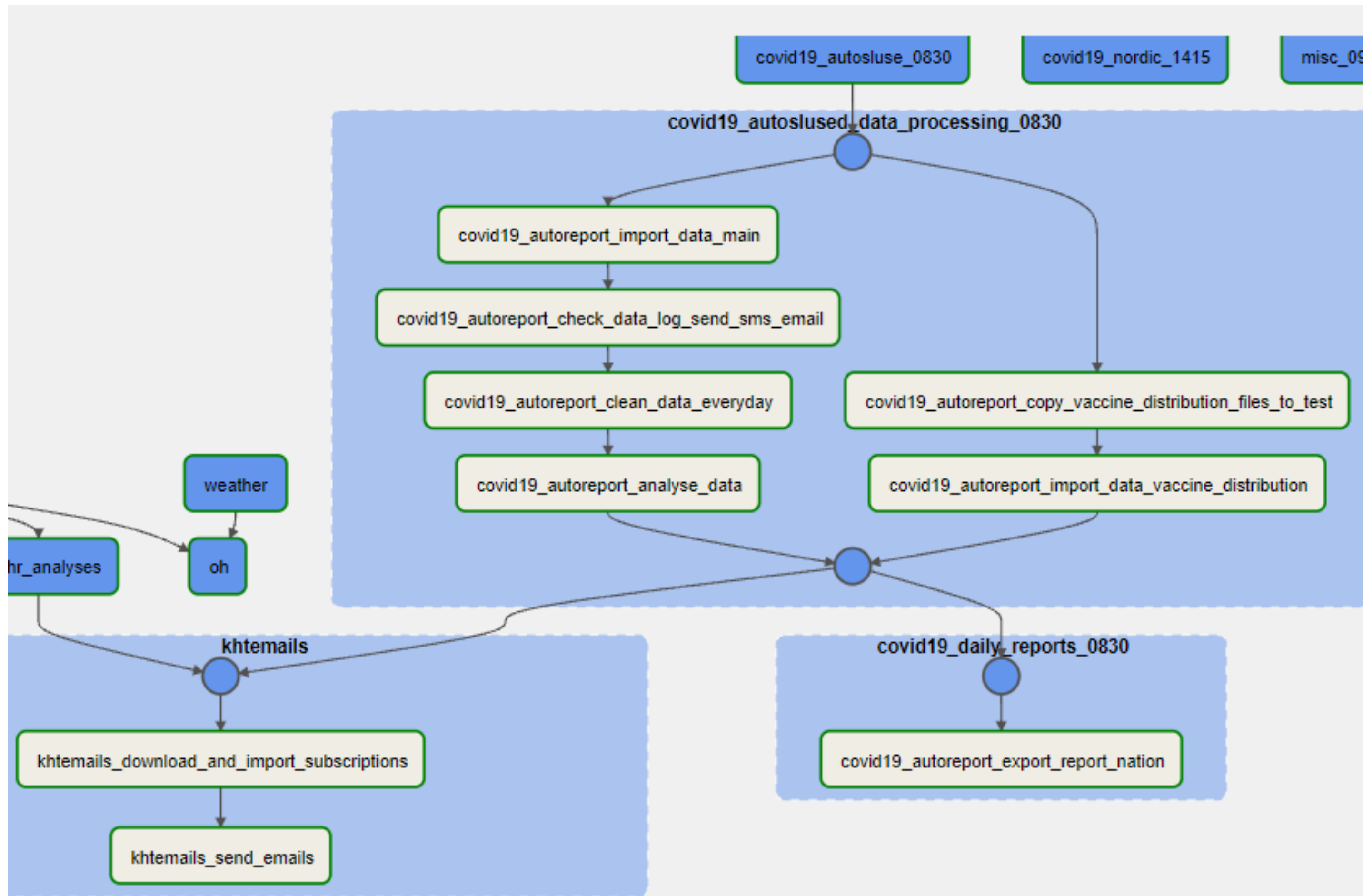
# Automated reports

```
14 # render report ----
15 rmarkdown::render(
16   input = file_rmd,
17   output_dir = file_path,
18   output_file = file_output_name
19 )
```

script.R



# Development, Automation, QC



We run 150+ tasks in airflow

**Alert system:** Email + SMS

**Quality check:** vakt  
(debug, check report output)



# Ways forward

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## Prevention is better than treatment

### Monitoring and surveillance

Infectious diseases in human  
Zoonotic diseases (One Health)

Invest in **infrastructure and manufacturing**

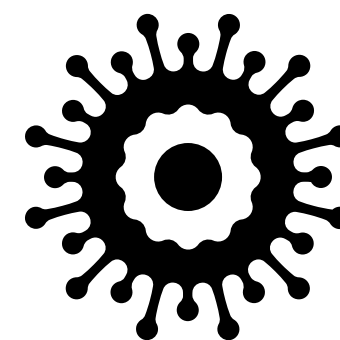
Vaccine production and distribution  
high protective gears, ...

Lab security; training and education; ...

**Rapid** development of tests and vaccine

**Collaboration** is key!

Data and information sharing, open  
source software can make it easier !



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# Resources

## Public health surveillance and preparedness

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guide on public health surveillance** <https://www.cdc.gov/training/publichealth101/surveillance.html>

**Book** on covid and pandemic ( “Preventable” by Devi Sridhar)

**Coursera course** (JHU) on surveillance <https://www.coursera.org/learn/epidemiology-surveillance-systems-analysis/>

**Our world in data** <https://ourworldindata.org/coronavirus/country/norway>

**Johns Hopkins COVID data repository** <https://github.com/CSSEGISandData/COVID-19>

## FHI data and reports

**Weekly report** <https://www.fhi.no/publ/2020/koronavirus-ukerapporter/>

**Statistics bank** <https://statistikk.fhi.no>

## CSIDS

**Repository of CSIDS** <https://github.com/csids>

**Reporting automation** <https://www.rstudio.com/resources/webinars/rethink-reporting-with-automation/>