

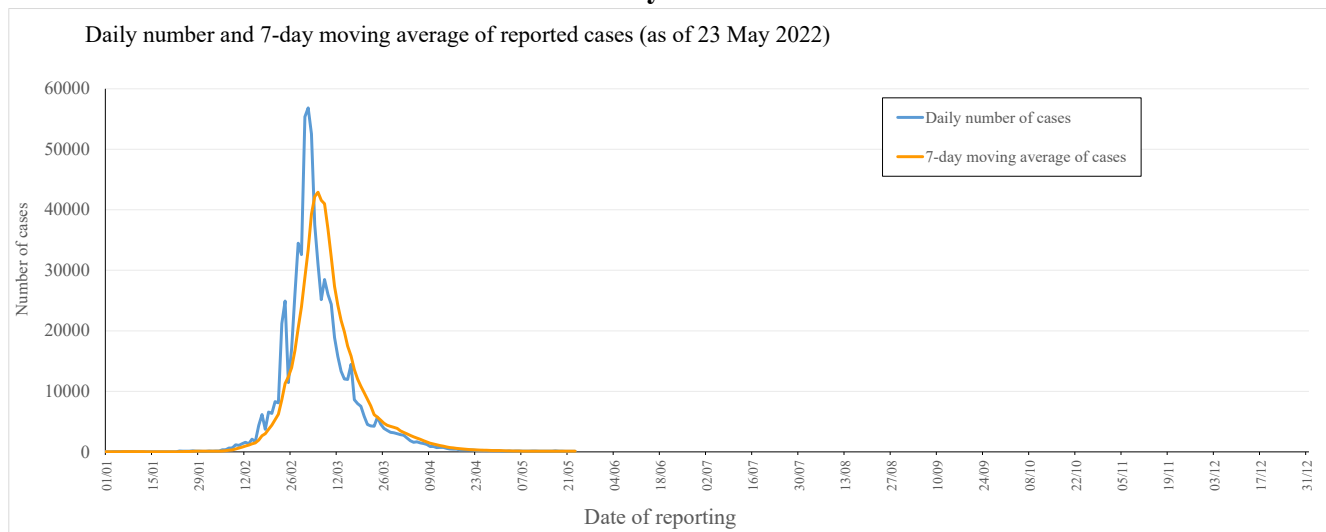
Latest situation of COVID-19 (as of 23 May 2022)

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) today (23 May) announced the latest epidemic situation of COVID-19. As of 23 May 2022, the CHP was investigating 94 additional cases tested positive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus by nucleic acid tests in the past 24 hours. Separately, 96 additional positive cases through rapid antigen tests (RAT) were reported. Hong Kong has recorded a total of 761316 and 449270 cases tested positive by nucleic acid tests and RAT respectively for the SARS-CoV-2 virus so far.

Since the 5th wave (31 December 2021), 748685 cases and 449270 cases were tested positive by nucleic acid test and rapid antigen test respectively.

In the recent 7-day period from 17 to 23 May 2022, an average of 114.4 cases by nucleic acid tests were reported per day, as compared with 121.7 cases per day reported in the previous 7-day period from 10 to 16 May 2022 (Figure 1(i)).

Figure 1(i): Daily number and 7-day moving average of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus by nucleic acid tests in 2022



Note:

1. Re-positive cases are excluded in Figure 1(i).
2. As announced by the Government on 15 February 2022 (https://www.news.gov.hk/eng/2022/02/20220215/20220215_172336_940.html?type=category&name=covid19&title=) and 25 February 2022 (<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202202/25/P2022022500816.htm>), positive cases detected by the Hospital Authority and testing contractors are now directly deemed as confirmed cases.

As of 23 May 2022, a total of 449270 cases have been recorded through the "Declaration System for individuals tested positive for COVID-19 using Rapid Antigen Test".

Figure 1(ii): Daily number and 7-day moving average of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus by rapid antigen tests

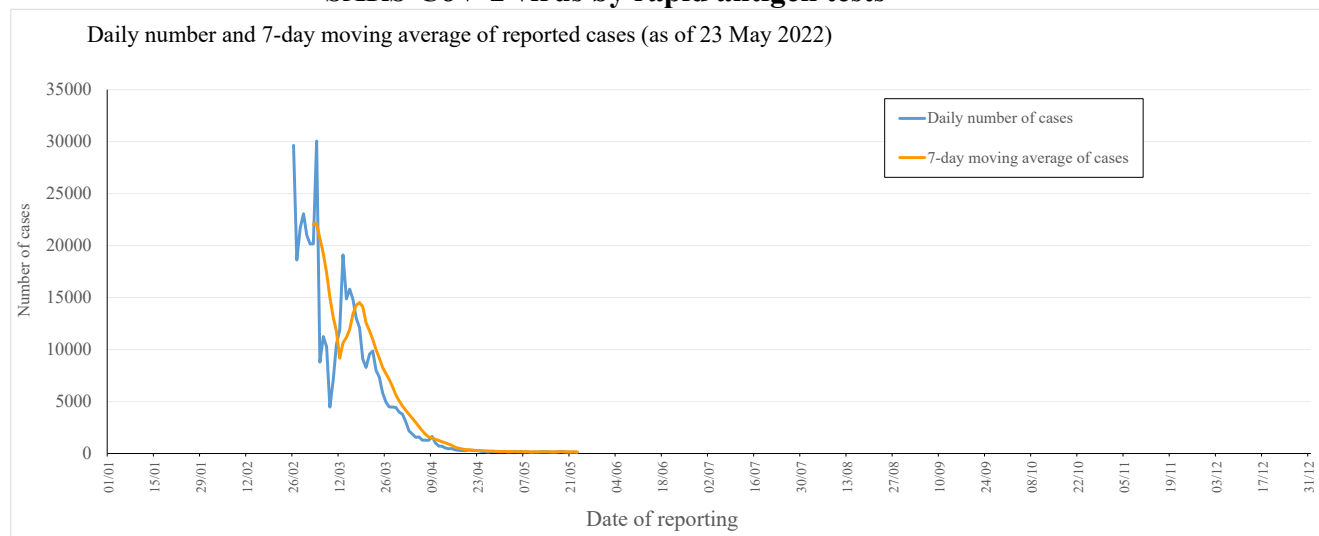
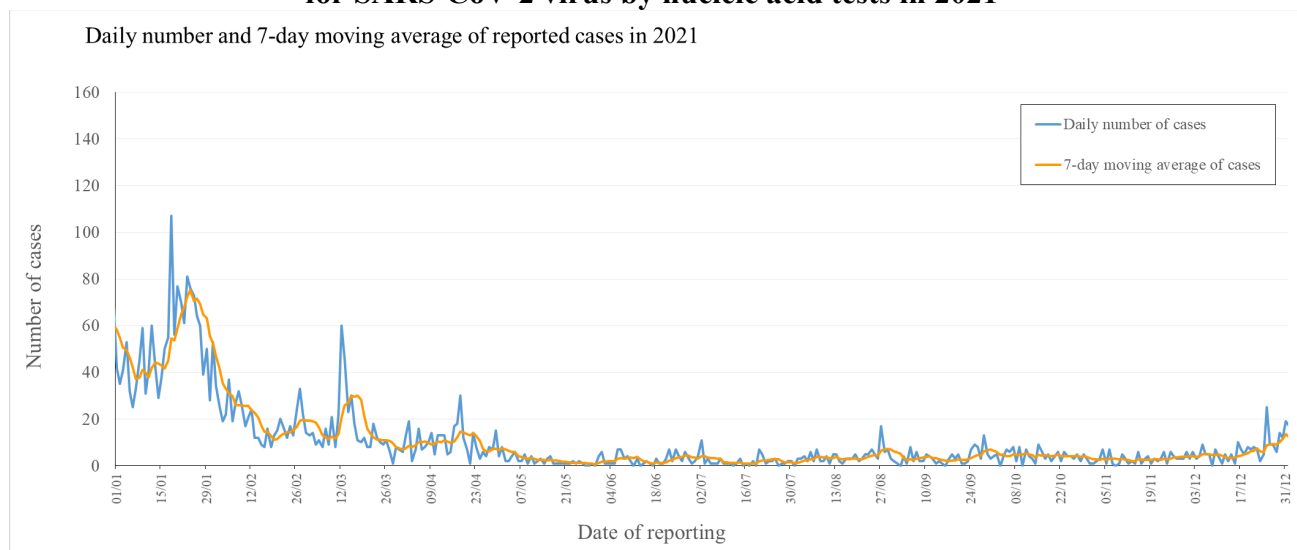
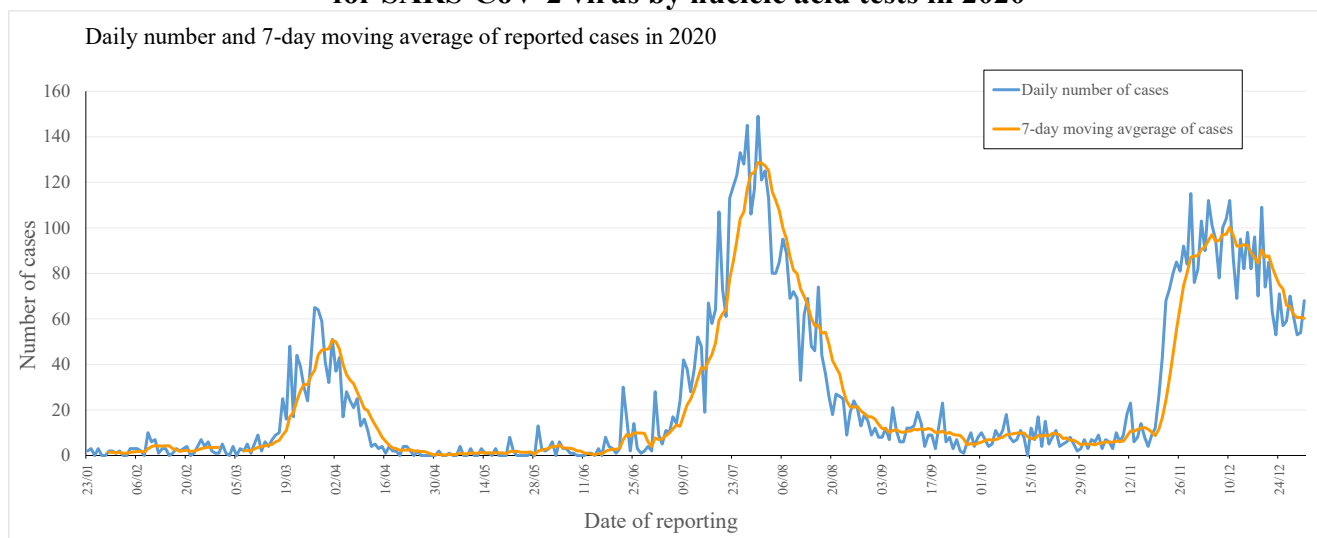


Figure 1(iii): Daily number and 7-day moving average of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus by nucleic acid tests in 2021



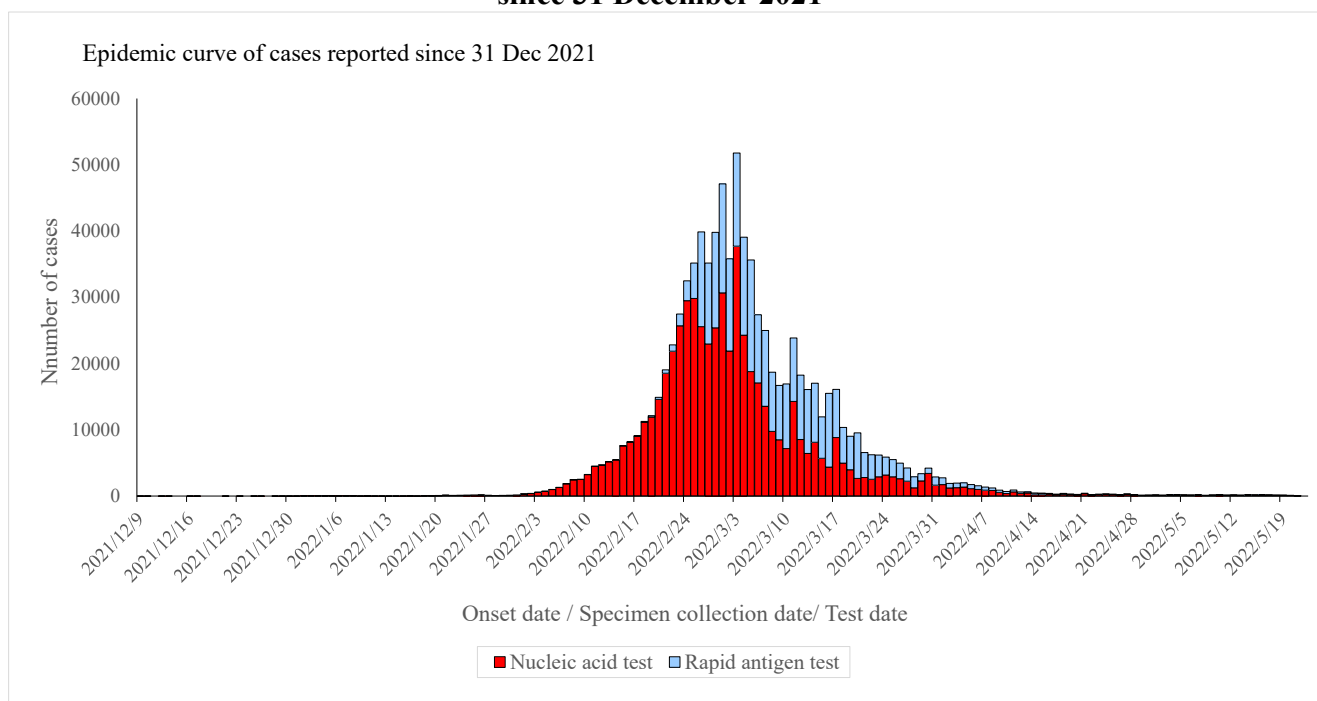
Note: Re-positive cases are excluded in Figure 1(iii).

Figure 1(iv): Daily number and 7-day moving average of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus by nucleic acid tests in 2020



Note: Re-positive cases are excluded in Figure 1(iv).

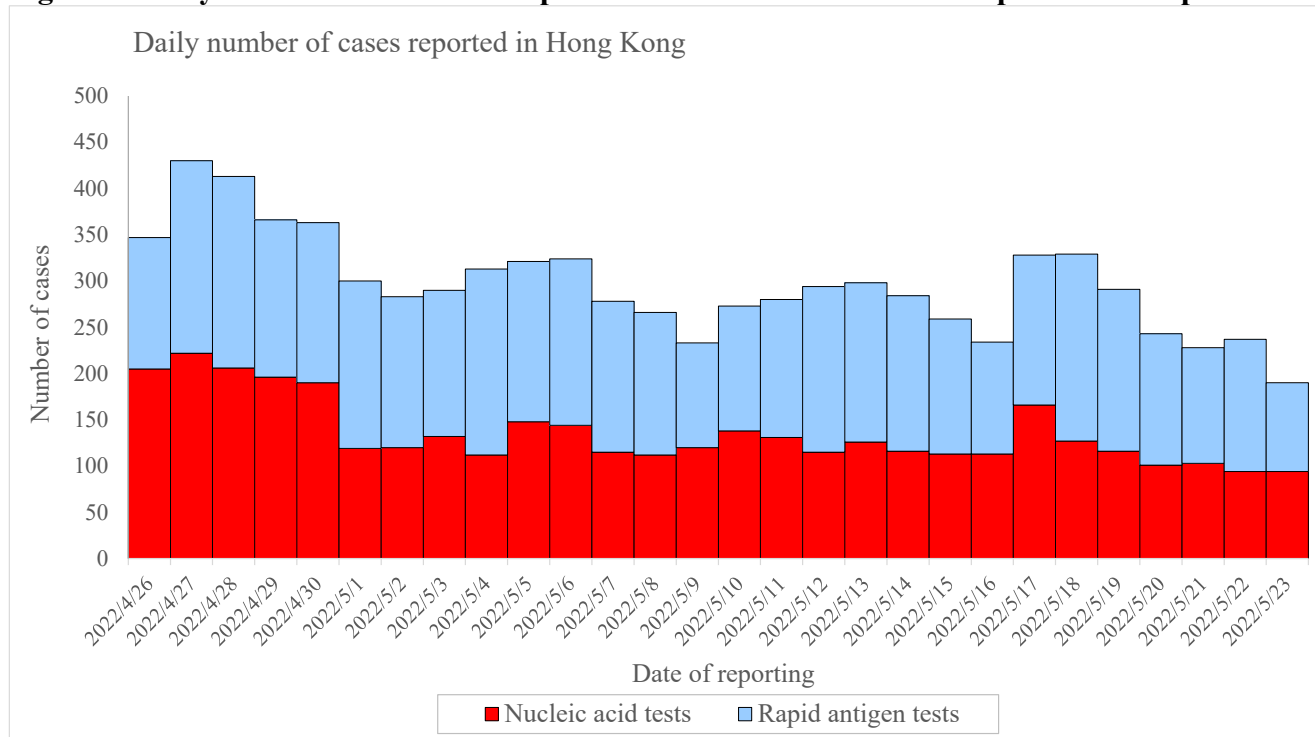
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus in Hong Kong since 31 December 2021



Note:

1. Specimen collection dates are used for cases without information of onset dates.
2. Cases still under investigation are excluded in Figure 2.

Figure 3: Daily number of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus reported in the past 4 weeks



Note: Specimen collection dates were used for RAT positive cases from 25/02/2022 to 09/03/2022, and reporting dates were used for RAT positive cases from 10/03/2022 onwards.

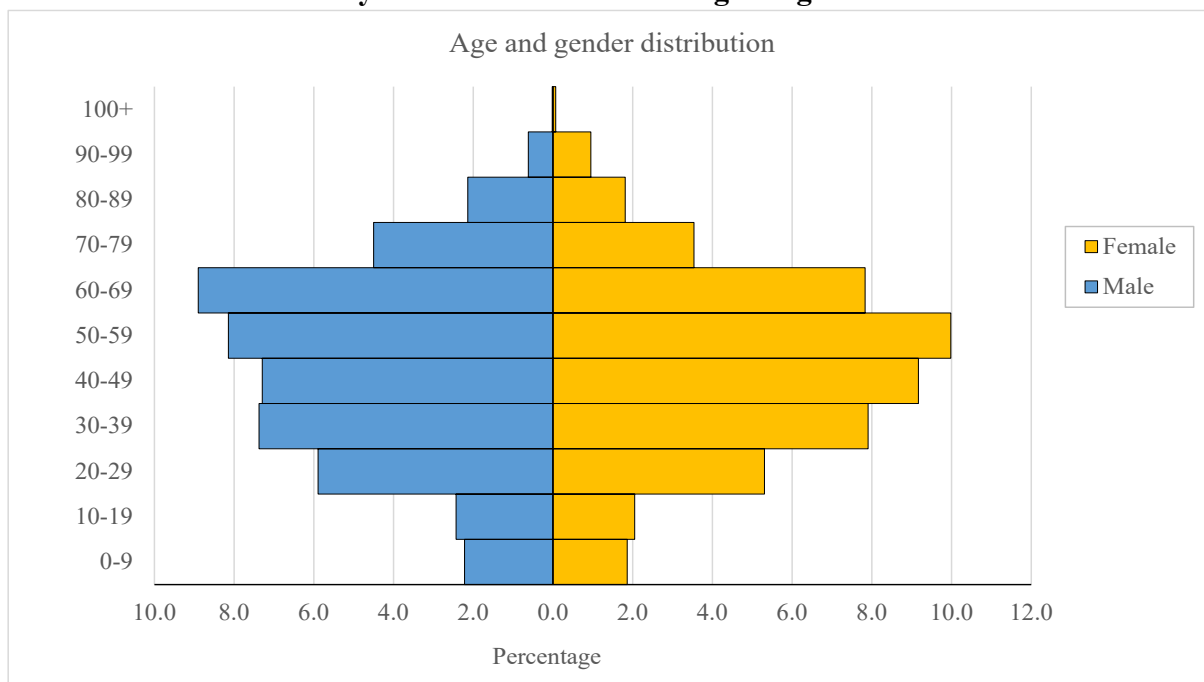
Table 1 shows the classification of cases reported since the 5th wave (since 31 December 2021).

Table 1: Number of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus by nucleic acid tests and rapid antigen tests by classification

Reporting period	Imported case	Locally acquired case	Period total
Since the 5th wave	2017 (0.17%)	1195938 (99.83%)	1197955 (100.00%)
In the past 4 weeks			
26/4/2022 - 2/5/2022	122 (4.88%)	2380 (95.12%)	2502 (100.00%)
3/5/2022 - 9/5/2022	164 (8.10%)	1861 (91.90%)	2025 (100.00%)
10/5/2022 - 16/5/2022	226 (11.76%)	1696 (88.24%)	1922 (100.00%)
17/5/2022 - 23/5/2022	203 (11.00%)	1643 (89.00%)	1846 (100.00%)

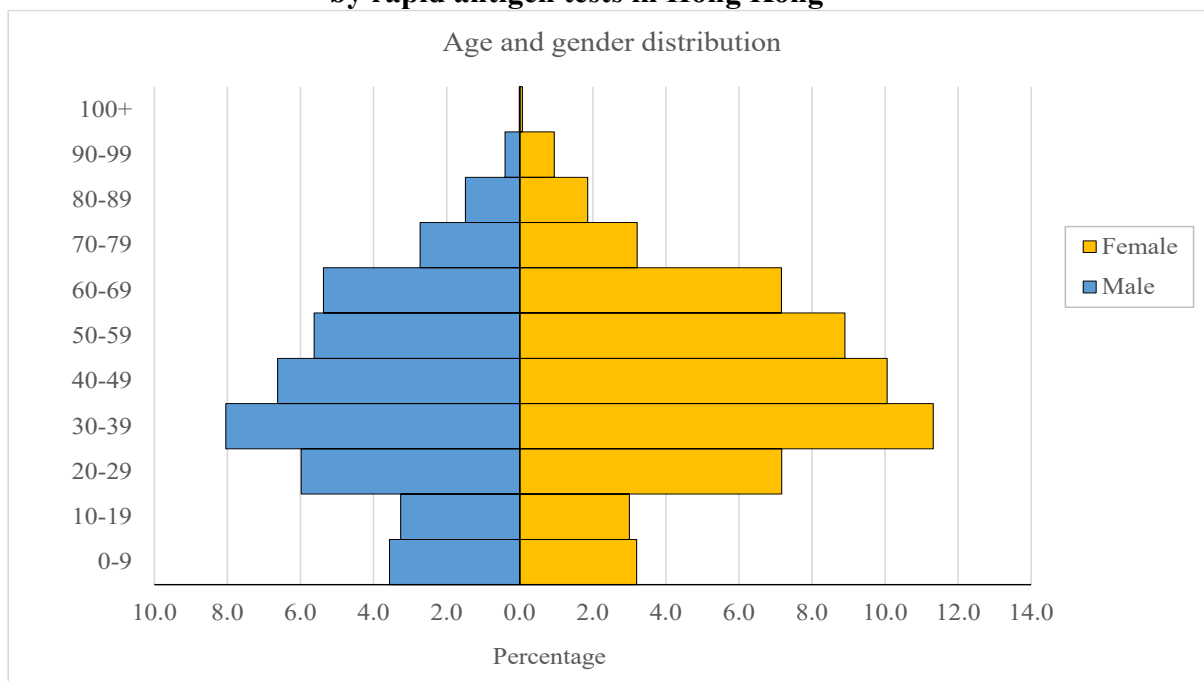
Figure 4 shows the age and gender distribution of the cases (since the 5th wave).

Figure 4(i): Age and gender distribution of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus by nucleic acid tests in Hong Kong



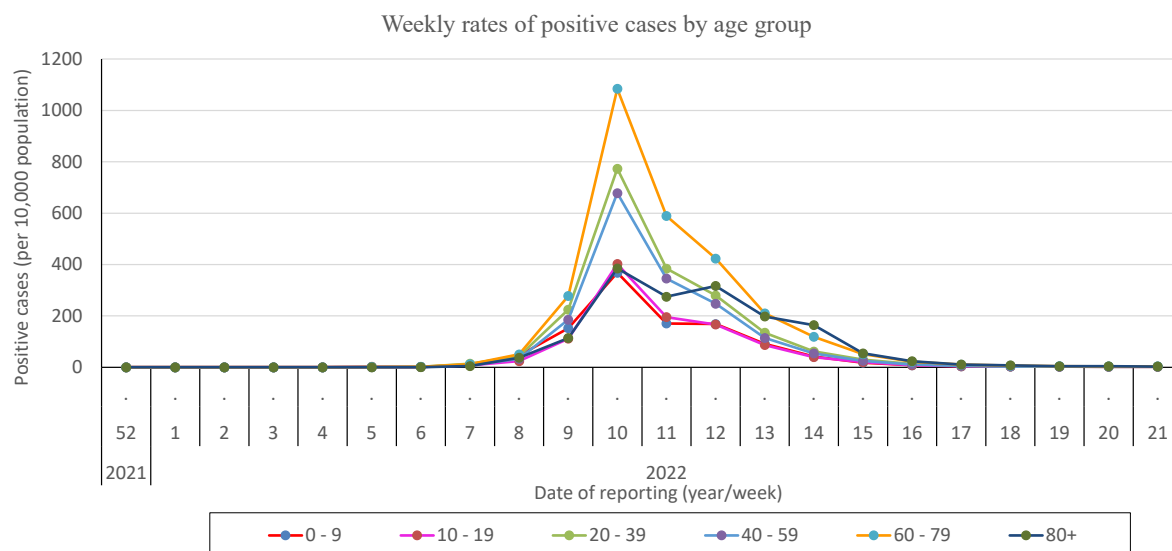
Note: Re-positive cases and cases pending investigation are excluded in Figure 4(i).

Figure 4(ii): Age and gender distribution of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus by rapid antigen tests in Hong Kong



Source of data: Data from the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health with available information on age and gender.

Figure 5: Weekly rates of positive cases tested by nucleic acid tests and rapid antigen tests (by age group) since the 5th wave



Note:

1. Imported cases are excluded in Figure 5.
2. Data in Figure 5 are updated up to week 21 (week ending on 21 May 2022).
3. Data in Figure 5 will be updated on every Monday.

Table 2 : Incidences of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus by nucleic acid tests and rapid antigen tests by residential district in 2022

Region	Cumulative Incidence	District	Cumulative Incidence	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Hong Kong	736.0	Central and Western	609.9	0.1	120.6	454.1	26.4	8.7
		Wan Chai	530.5	0.5	117.0	385.0	22.7	5.1
		Eastern	799.5	0.5	107.1	645.5	41.2	5.3
		Southern	853.1	0.4	144.3	661.3	42.9	4.3
Kowloon	1158.1	Kowloon City	865.8	0.7	201.6	626.2	32.9	4.5
		Kwun Tong	1284.7	0.4	178.7	1047.9	52.2	5.5
		Sham Shui Po	1167.0	1.0	259.1	861.2	38.7	7.1
		Wong Tai Sin	1305.8	1.8	207.7	1029.2	62.2	4.9
		Yau Tsim Mong	1061.4	0.3	348.3	683.2	23.8	5.8
New Territories East	910.6	Islands	773.3	3.4	187.2	543.8	34.1	4.8
		North	945.0	0.4	132.8	736.0	67.0	8.9
		Sai Kung	800.3	0.2	122.4	633.3	37.0	7.5
		Sha Tin	1029.9	0.5	187.6	769.2	65.8	6.8
		Tai Po	866.2	0.7	126.0	682.7	51.3	5.5
New Territories West	1088.4	Kwai Tsing	1264.5	10.2	169.5	1023.8	54.1	6.9
		Tsuen Wan	929.3	1.5	132.5	744.0	42.6	8.6
		Tuen Mun	1165.6	0.5	166.0	932.0	61.0	6.2
		Yuen Long	976.9	0.2	232.1	695.7	42.2	6.7

Note:

1. Cases with multiple/ pending/ unknown residential address are excluded in Table 2.
2. Data in Table 2 are shown as number of cases per 10,000 population.
3. Table 2 will be updated on every Monday. Data shown in the table are as of 21 May 2022.

Since 31 December 2019, the CHP of the DH has recorded a total of 9370 fatal cases.

Since the 5th wave, a total of 9157 fatal cases have been recorded.

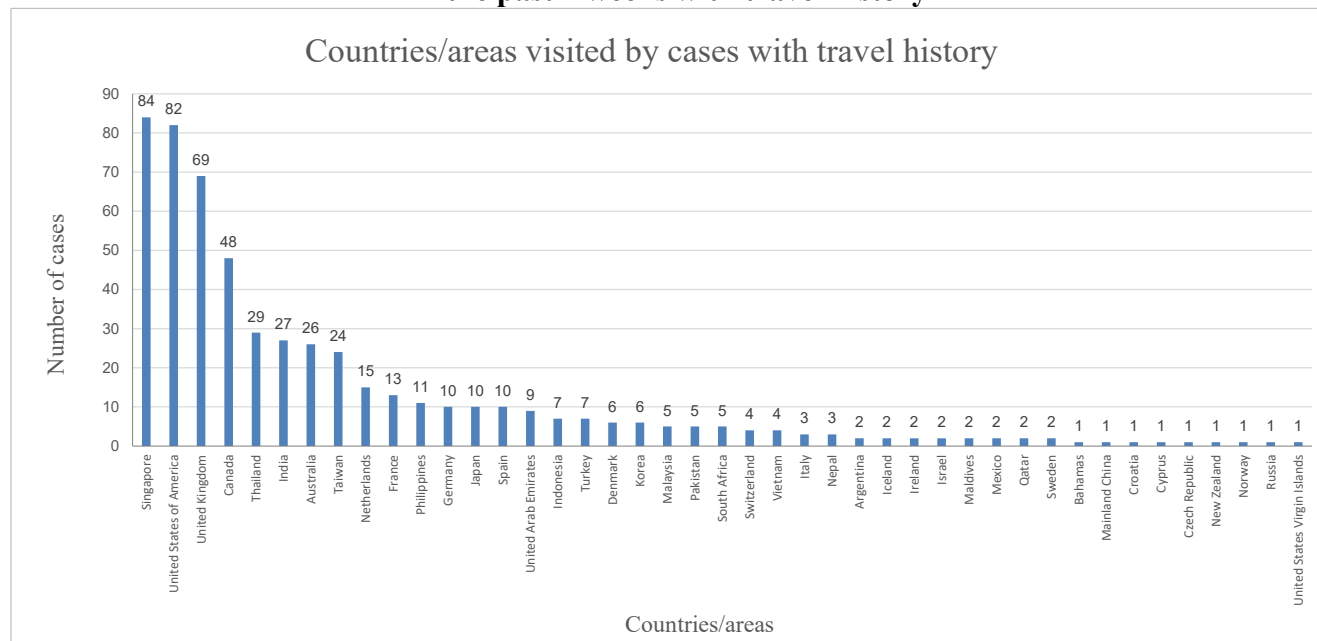
Table 3: Case fatality rate (CFR) by age group and vaccination status (since the 5th wave)

Age Group	CFR of locally acquired cases	CFR of locally acquired cases with history of at least 2 doses of COVID-19 vaccine	CFR of locally acquired cases with history of 1 dose of COVID-19 vaccine or unvaccinated
0-9	0.01%	0.00%	0.01%
10-19	0.01%	0.00%	0.01%
20-29	0.01%	0.01%	0.03%
30-39	0.01%	0.00%	0.04%
40-49	0.03%	0.01%	0.13%
50-59	0.13%	0.04%	0.54%
60-69	0.43%	0.12%	1.30%
70-79	1.80%	0.48%	3.64%
80+	10.44%	3.42%	13.38%
Overall	0.77%	0.14%	2.26%

Source of data: Data from the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health with available information on age and vaccination status.

Figure 6 shows the countries/areas visited by the cases tested positive by nucleic acid tests reported in the past 4 weeks with travel history outside Hong Kong during the incubation period.

Figure 6: Countries/areas visited by cases tested positive by nucleic acid tests reported in the past 4 weeks with travel history



1. Some cases had visited more than one country/area.
2. Re-positive cases are excluded in Figure 6.