

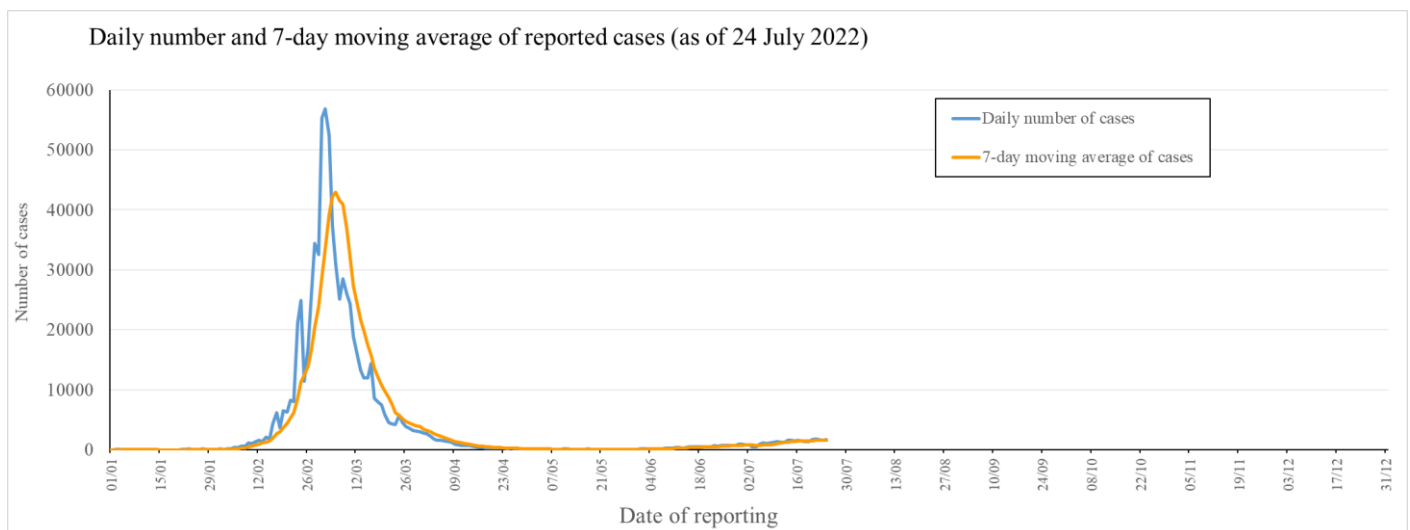
## **Latest situation of COVID-19 (as of 24 July 2022)**

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) today (24 July) announced the latest epidemic situation of COVID-19. As of 0.00am, 24 July 2022, the CHP was investigating 4064 additional locally acquired cases tested positive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus, including 1564 cases tested positive by nucleic acid tests and verified 2500 cases tested positive by rapid antigen tests (RATs) in the past 24 hours<sup>Note 1</sup>. Separately, 186 additional imported cases were reported, including 168 cases tested positive by nucleic acid tests and 18 cases tested positive by RATs. So far, Hong Kong has recorded a total of 807572 and 514421 cases tested positive by nucleic acid tests and RATs respectively for the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Since the 5th wave (31 December 2021), 794941 cases and 514421 cases were tested positive by nucleic acid tests and rapid antigen tests respectively.

In the recent 7-day period from 18 to 24 July 2022, an average of 1612.4 cases by nucleic acid tests were reported per day, as compared with 1486.9 cases per day reported in the previous 7-day period from 11 to 17 July 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**<sup>Note 2</sup>



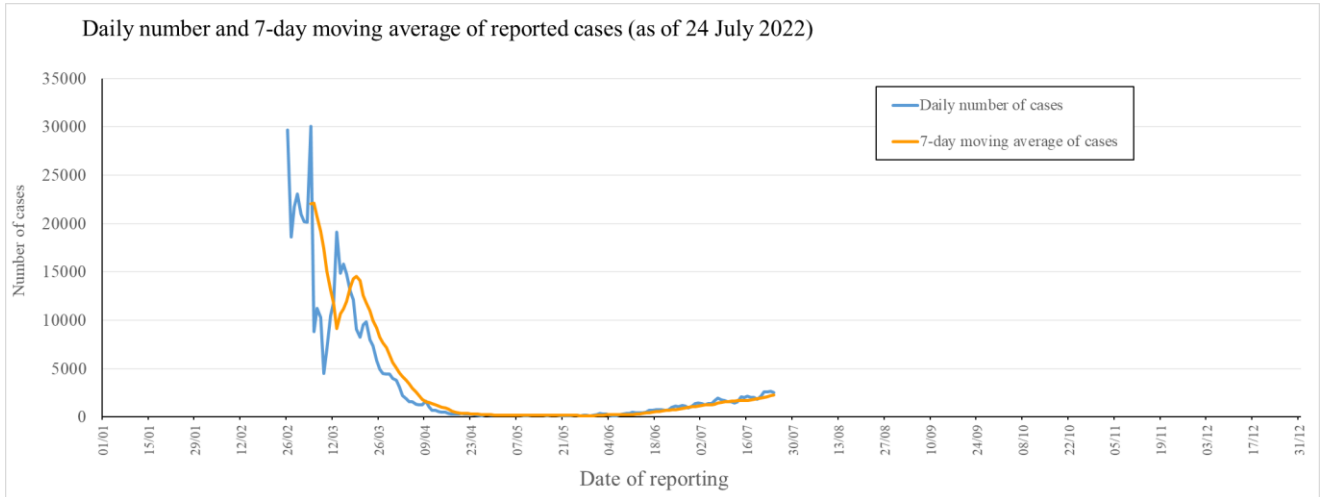
**Note 1:**

Starting from 7 June 2022, only cases reported via the "Declaration System for individuals tested positive for COVID-19 using Rapid Antigen Test" which had been verified with positive nucleic acid test results will be announced. These include RAT positive cases reported in the past few days.

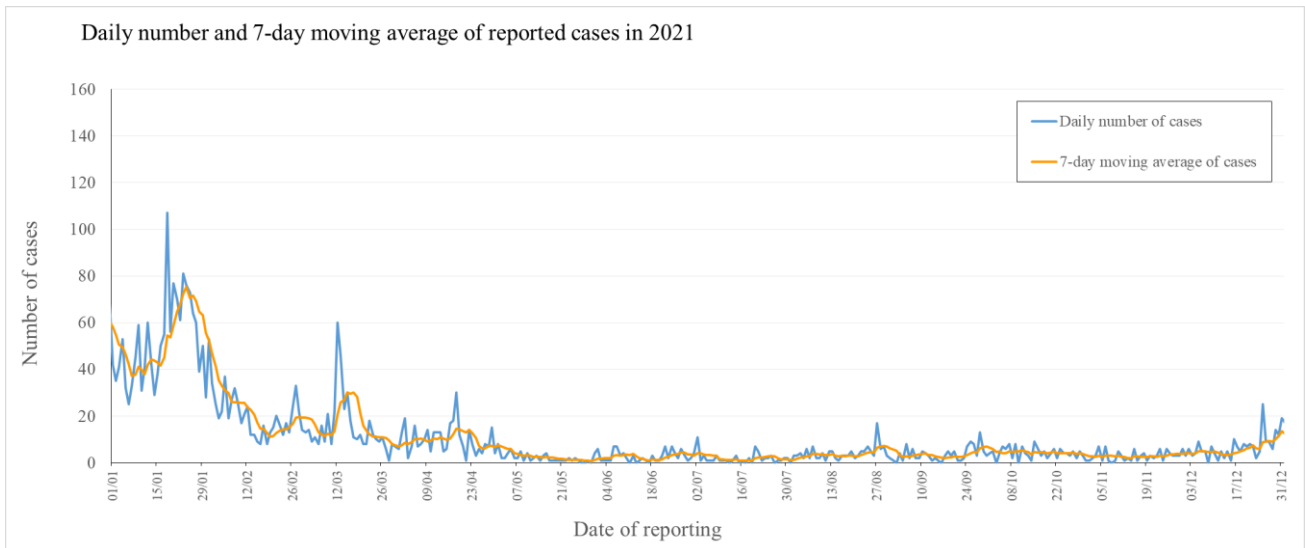
**Note 2:**

- Re-positive cases are excluded in Figure 1(i).
- 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&tl=1](https://www.news.gov.hk/eng/2022/02/20220215/20220215_172336_940.html?type=category&name=covid19&tl=1)) 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.

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

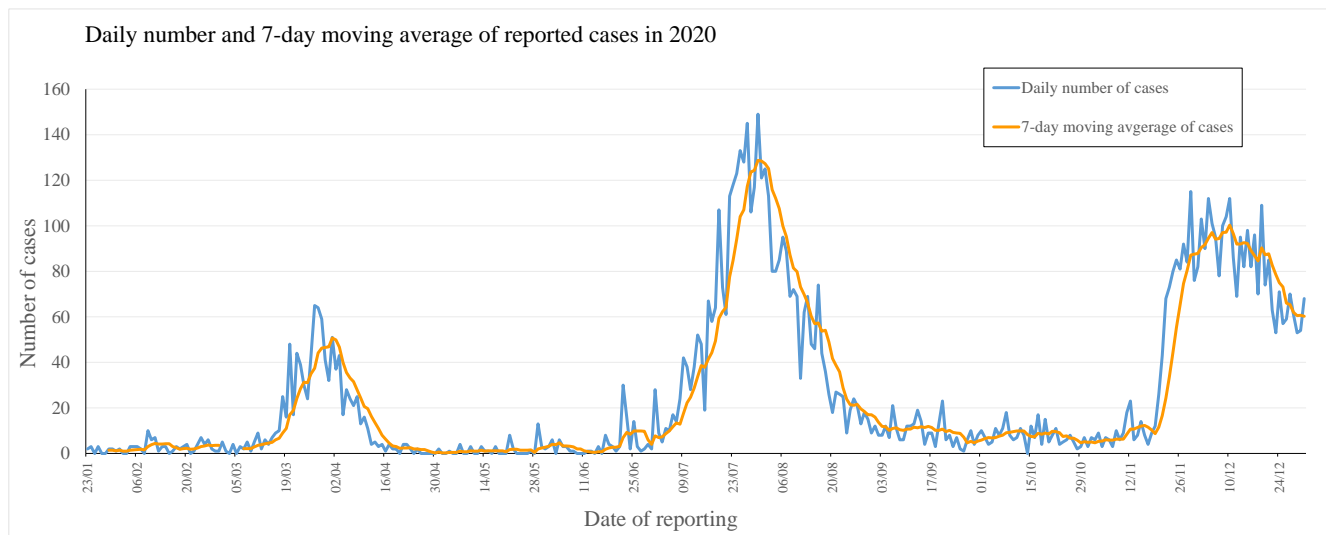


**Figure 1(iii): Daily number and 7-day moving average of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus by nucleic acid tests in 2021**



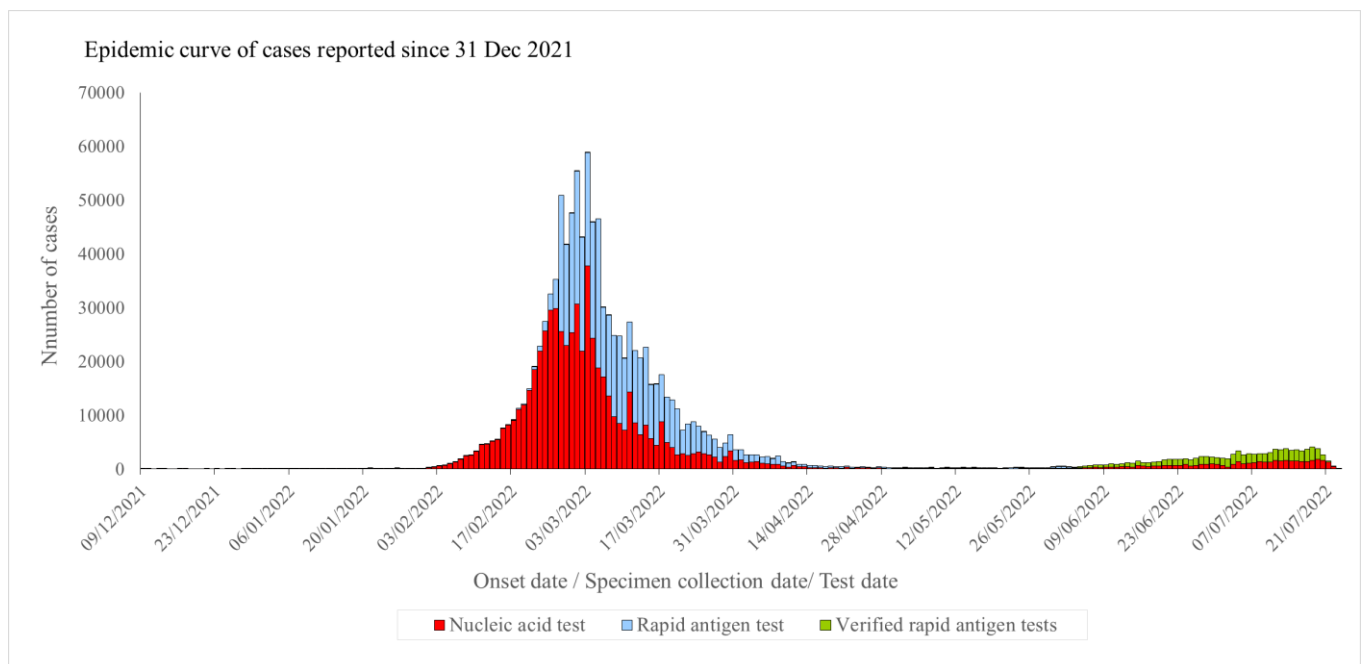
Note: Re-positive cases are excluded in Figure 1(iii).

**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**

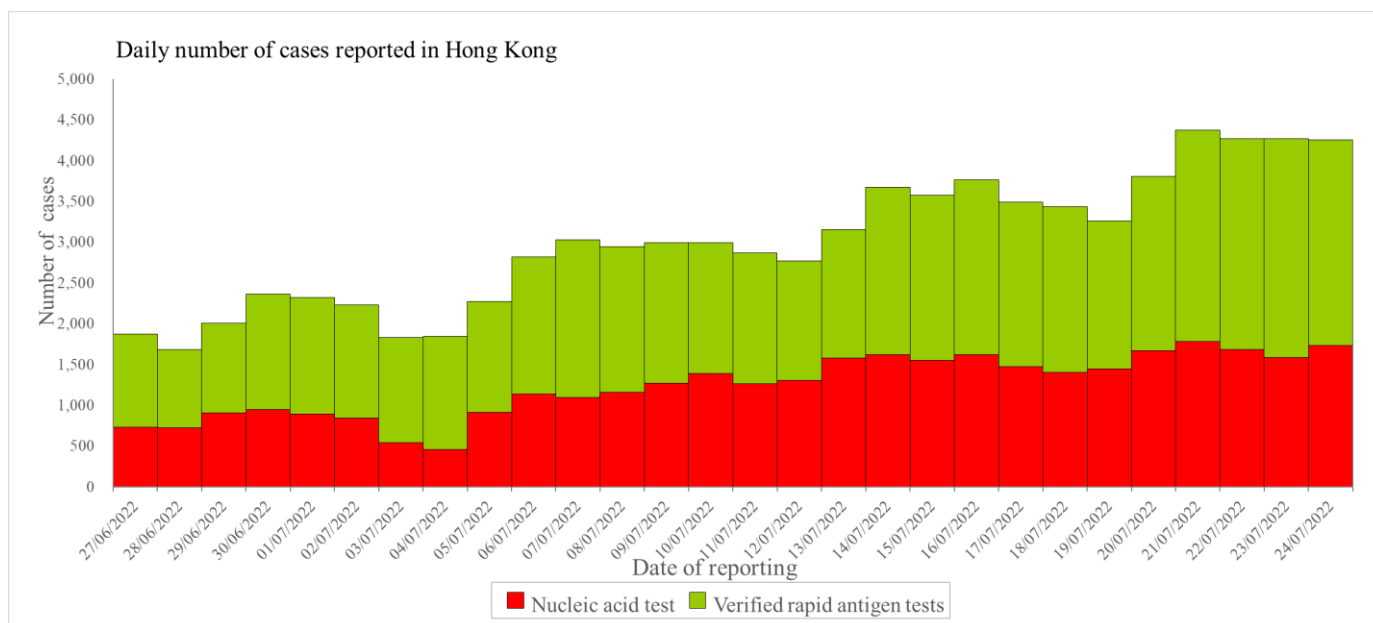


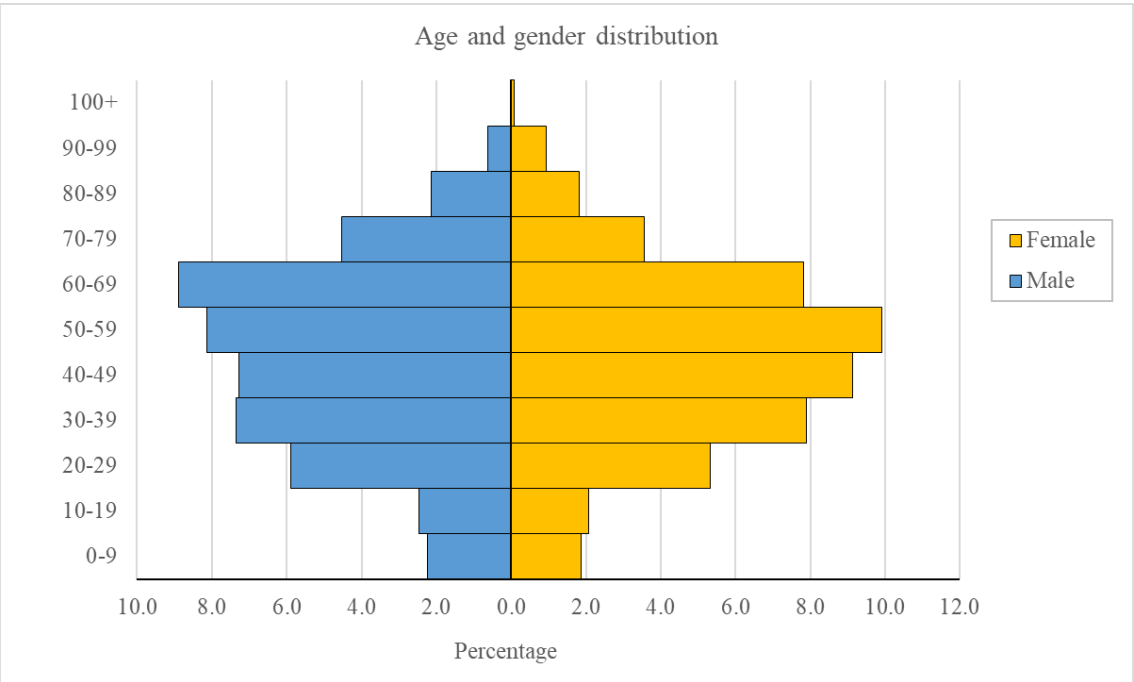
Table 1 shows the classification of cases reported since the 5<sup>th</sup> wave (since 31 December 2021).

**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    | 10171 (0.78%) | 1299191 (99.22%)      | 1309362 (100.00%) |
| In the past 4 weeks   |               |                       |                   |
| 27/6/2022 - 3/7/2022  | 1065 (7.45%)  | 13228 (92.55%)        | 14293 (100.00%)   |
| 4/7/2022 - 10/7/2022  | 1314 (6.96%)  | 17570 (93.04%)        | 18884 (100.00%)   |
| 11/7/2022 - 17/7/2022 | 1549 (6.65%)  | 21733 (93.35%)        | 23282 (100.00%)   |
| 18/7/2022 - 24/7/2022 | 1567 (5.67%)  | 26090 (94.33%)        | 27657 (100.00%)   |

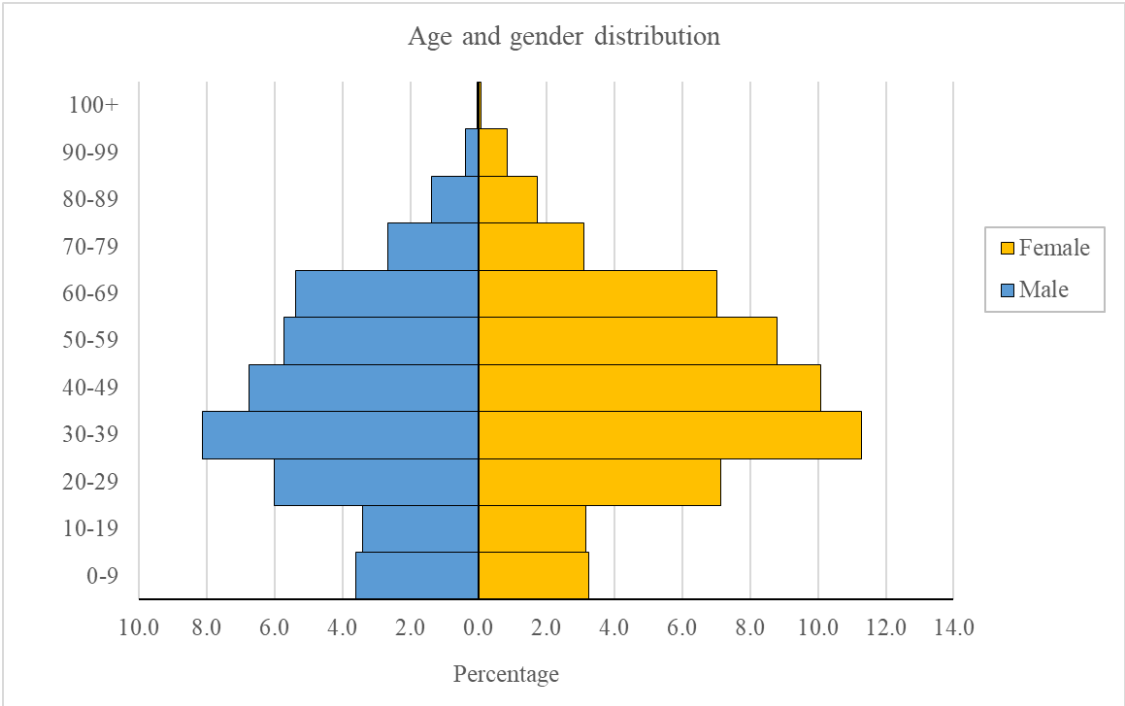
Figure 4 shows the age and gender distribution of the cases (since the 5<sup>th</sup> wave).

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



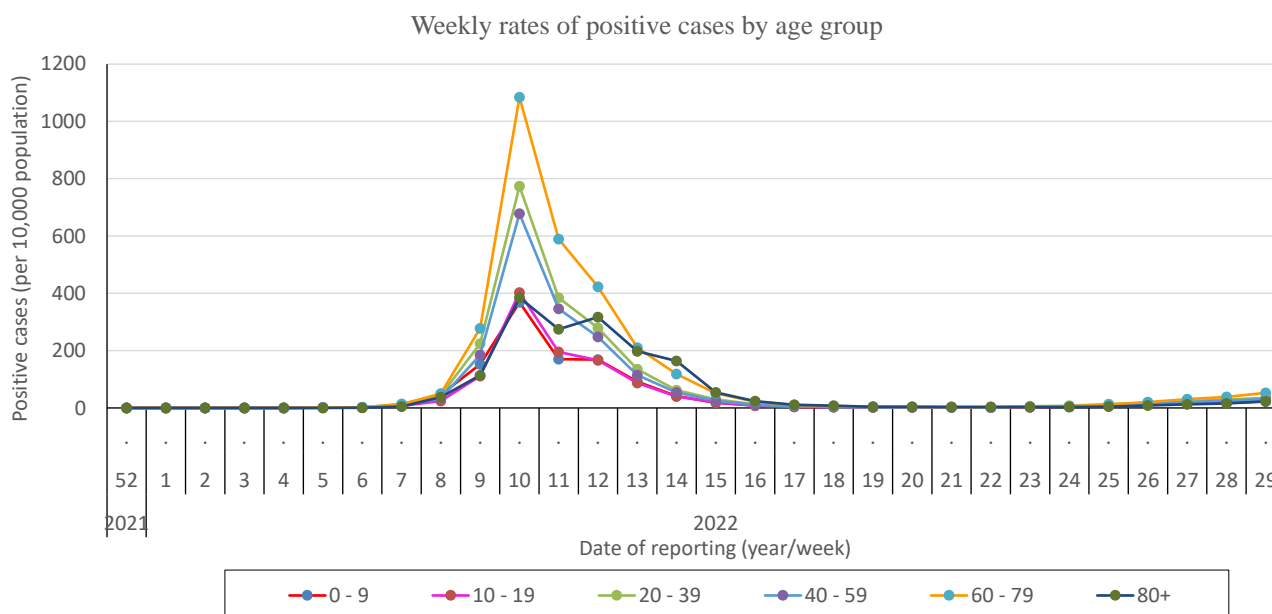
Note: Re-positive cases and cases pending investigation are excluded in Figure 4(i).

**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 5<sup>th</sup> wave**



Note:

1. Imported cases are excluded in Figure 5.
2. Figure 5 (with data as of the preceding week) will be updated every Tuesday.

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

| Region               | Cumulative Incidence | District            | Cumulative Incidence | Apr  | May  | Jun  | Jul  |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Hong Kong            | 833.7                | Central and Western | 708.4                | 26.5 | 12.3 | 54.9 | 39.5 |
|                      |                      | Wan Chai            | 626.8                | 22.7 | 8.1  | 52.8 | 39.9 |
|                      |                      | Eastern             | 893.2                | 41.2 | 8.1  | 39.1 | 51.0 |
|                      |                      | Southern            | 959.5                | 43.0 | 7.3  | 45.5 | 56.7 |
| Kowloon              | 1237.9               | Kowloon City        | 947.9                | 32.9 | 7.2  | 37.4 | 41.1 |
|                      |                      | Kwun Tong           | 1369.4               | 52.3 | 8.3  | 30.9 | 49.6 |
|                      |                      | Sham Shui Po        | 1240.7               | 38.8 | 9.8  | 28.1 | 41.2 |
|                      |                      | Wong Tai Sin        | 1378.5               | 62.2 | 6.7  | 26.2 | 43.1 |
|                      |                      | Yau Tsim Mong       | 1145.1               | 23.8 | 9.1  | 40.7 | 37.9 |
| New Territories East | 1013.1               | Islands             | 873.2                | 34.1 | 7.8  | 41.2 | 55.1 |
|                      |                      | North               | 1046.5               | 67.1 | 12.2 | 37.5 | 59.5 |
|                      |                      | Sai Kung            | 894.1                | 37.0 | 9.8  | 39.1 | 51.7 |
|                      |                      | Sha Tin             | 1121.9               | 65.9 | 9.7  | 36.7 | 51.5 |
|                      |                      | Tai Po              | 1008.1               | 51.3 | 8.8  | 51.7 | 85.5 |
| New Territories West | 1172.4               | Kwai Tsing          | 1334.7               | 54.1 | 9.1  | 25.8 | 41.3 |
|                      |                      | Tsuen Wan           | 1019.1               | 42.6 | 11.7 | 38.4 | 47.3 |
|                      |                      | Tuen Mun            | 1251.9               | 61.0 | 8.3  | 36.9 | 45.9 |
|                      |                      | Yuen Long           | 1066.3               | 42.3 | 8.9  | 34.8 | 51.3 |

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 (with data as of the preceding week) will be updated every Tuesday.

**Table 3 : Number of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus reported  
among schools in the past 4 weeks**

| Reporting Period        | No. of schools with case(s) reported | No. tested positive reported by schools |       |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-------|
|                         |                                      | Student                                 | Staff |
| 19/06/2022 - 25/06/2022 | 636                                  | 929                                     | 203   |
| 26/06/2022 - 02/07/2022 | 652                                  | 875                                     | 182   |
| 03/07/2022 - 09/07/2022 | 860                                  | 1307                                    | 289   |
| 10/07/2022-16/07/2022   | 991                                  | 1740                                    | 370   |

Note:

1. Number of schools is deduplicated based on the reporting week.
2. Table 3 (with data as of the preceding week) will be updated every Tuesday.

**Table 4 : Number of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus reported  
among residential care homes (RCHs) in the past 4 weeks**

| Reporting Period        | No. of RCHs with case(s) reported | No. tested positive reported by RCHs |       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|
|                         |                                   | Resident                             | Staff |
| 19/06/2022 - 25/06/2022 | 22                                | 34                                   | 21    |
| 26/06/2022 - 02/07/2022 | 21                                | 14                                   | 14    |
| 03/07/2022 – 09/07/2022 | 24                                | 26                                   | 9     |
| 10/07/2022-16/07/2022   | 29                                | 31                                   | 4     |

Note:

1. Number of RCHs is deduplicated based on the reporting week.
2. Table 4 (with data as of the preceding week) will be updated every Tuesday.

Since 31 December 2019, the CHP of the DH has recorded a total of 9469 fatal cases.

Since the 5<sup>th</sup> wave, a total of 9256 fatal cases have been recorded.

**Table 5: Case fatality rate (CFR) by age group and vaccination status (since the 5<sup>th</sup> wave)**

| <b>Age Group</b> | <b>CFR<br/>of locally acquired<br/>cases</b> | <b>CFR<br/>of locally acquired cases<br/>with history of at least 2<br/>doses of COVID-19 vaccine</b> | <b>CFR<br/>of locally acquired cases<br/>with history of 1 dose of<br/>COVID-19 vaccine or<br/>unvaccinated</b> |
|------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>0-9</b>       | 0.01%  | 0.00%   | 0.01%   |
| <b>10-19</b>     | 0.01%  | 0.00%   | 0.01%   |
| <b>20-29</b>     | 0.01%  | 0.01%   | 0.03%   |
| <b>30-39</b>     | 0.01%  | 0.00%   | 0.04%   |
| <b>40-49</b>     | 0.03%  | 0.01%   | 0.13%   |
| <b>50-59</b>     | 0.12%  | 0.04%   | 0.53%   |
| <b>60-69</b>     | 0.42%  | 0.11%   | 1.28%   |
| <b>70-79</b>     | 1.72%  | 0.45%   | 3.60%   |
| <b>80+</b>       | 10.03%                                       | 3.18%   | 13.20%  |
| <b>Overall</b>   | <b>0.73%</b>                                 | <b>0.13%</b>  | <b>2.20%</b>  |

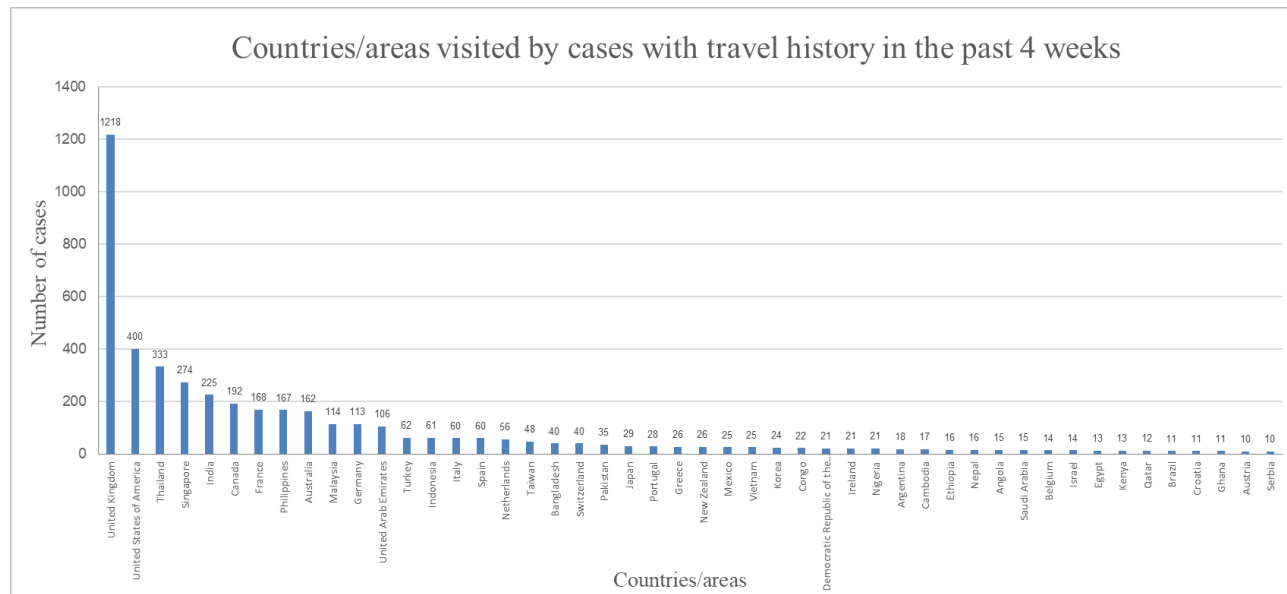
Source of data: Data from the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health with available information on age and vaccination status.

Note: Table 5 (with data as of the preceding week) will be updated every Tuesday.



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**



Note:

1. Some cases had visited more than one country/area.
2. Re-positive cases are excluded in Figure 6.
3. Only countries/ areas visited by 10 or more cases are included in Figure 6.