

ECDC network meeting

Disease Programmes, Epidemic-Prone Diseases, Respiratory viruses

EU/EEA Respiratory Virus Network meeting

12 – 14 June 2024, Stockholm

Scope and purpose

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The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), together with the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe), coordinates surveillance activities related to the prevention and control of acute respiratory infections, including SARS-CoV-2, influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in Europe. ECDC organises a biannual meeting for the respiratory virus network in EU/EEA focused on the epidemiological and virological aspects of respiratory viruses, including surveillance, vaccine effectiveness and the situation regarding outbreaks and emerging respiratory pathogens.

Purpose

The overall aim of the meeting is to further the establishment of a well-designed and representative surveillance system for respiratory viruses as well as provide a forum for collaboration and information sharing among network members and key stakeholders.

Objectives

The objectives of the annual meeting are to:

1. Review the epidemiology and virology of respiratory virus illness during the winter period 2023/2024
2. Share experiences in conducting integrated epidemiological and virological assessments and discuss the future strategic direction of indicator and event-based surveillance
3. Explore priorities, opportunities and challenges for RSV surveillance within integrated surveillance of respiratory viruses
4. Assess the suitability of current national severe disease surveillance systems for: a) routine epidemiological assessment; b) detection of novel/unexpected severe respiratory illnesses