

Occupation-and age-associated risk of SARS-CoV-2 test-positivity, the Netherlands, June - October 2020

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Abstract

The incidence of COVID-19 in the Netherlands is currently among the highest globally. We analyzed weekly test-positivity in public test locations by population subgroup between 1 June 2020 – when population-wide testing became available – and 17 October 2020. Employees working in the hospitality sector and public transport, driving instructors, hairdressers and estheticians had higher test-positivity compared to a reference group of employees without a close-contact occupation. Employees working in childcare, education and healthcare showed lower test-positivity.