

# RESPIRATORY VIRUS DETECTION REPORT

August 29, 2021 to September 4, 2021  
(Surveillance Week 2021-35)



In this Respiratory Virus Report, the number of detections of coronavirus reflects only seasonal human coronaviruses, not the novel pandemic coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) that causes COVID-19. For information on COVID-19, see the [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): Outbreak update](#).

## Overall Summary

Respiratory virus detections continue to increase in Canada

- Enterovirus/rhinovirus (554 detections; 22.4% positive), respiratory syncytial virus (286 detections; 5.0% positive), and human parainfluenza virus (156 detections; 6.0% positive) are the most common seasonal respiratory viruses detected in Canada
  - Activity of enterovirus/rhinovirus is slightly below expected levels; activity of enterovirus/rhinovirus has been fluctuating in recent weeks
  - Activity of respiratory syncytial virus is above expected levels; detections of respiratory syncytial virus are increasing in Quebec
  - Activity of human parainfluenza virus is above expected levels
- Detections of other respiratory viruses are low
- The number of tests performed for all viruses are above expected levels
- 33/34 sentinel laboratories reported surveillance data

## Abbreviations

Flu: Influenza

Flu A(H1N1)pdm09: Influenza A(H1N1)pdm09

Flu A(H3): Influenza A(H3N2)

Flu A (UnS): Influenza A(Unsubtyped)

RSV: Respiratory syncytial virus

HPIV: Human parainfluenza virus

HMPV: Human metapneumovirus

ADV: Adenovirus

EV/RV: Enterovirus/Rhinovirus

HCoV: Human coronavirus

Atl: Atlantic Canada

BC: British Columbia

Can: Canada

EORLA: Eastern Ontario Regional Laboratory Association

HSC: Health Sciences Centre

N.C.: Data not collected

N.R.: Data not reported for current week

ON: Ontario

PR: Prairies

P.H.O.L.: Public Health Ontario Laboratory

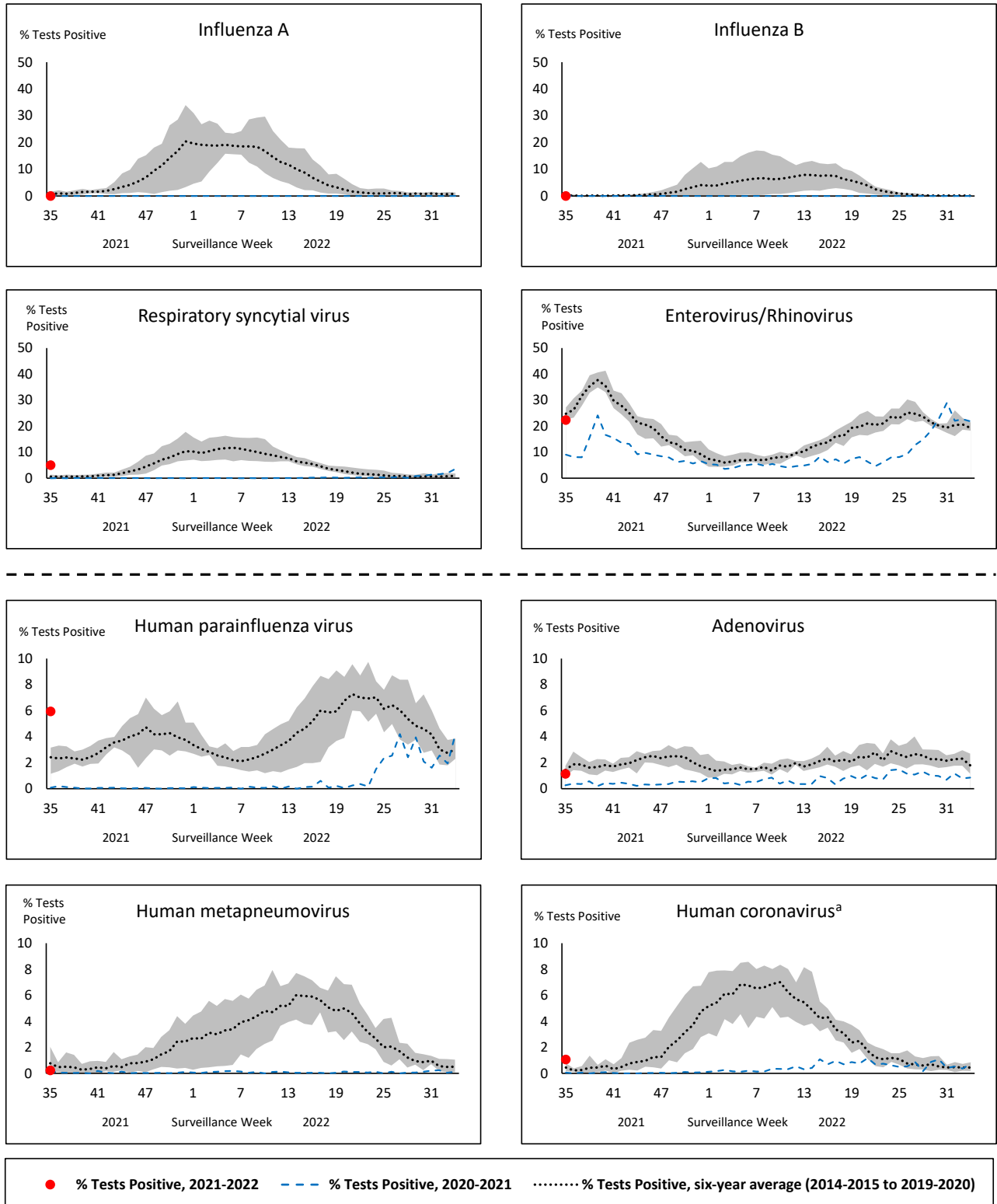
QC: Quebec

Terr: Territories of Canada

UHN: University Health Network



**Figure 1: Positive respiratory virus tests (%) reported by participating laboratories in Canada by surveillance week compared to average and range from 2014-2015 to 2019-2020 season**



Shaded area represents the maximum and minimum % of respiratory virus tests positive reported by week from seasons 2014-2015 to 2019-2020

Note: Data from week 11 of the 2019-2020 season onwards is excluded from the historical comparison due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Note: % Tests Positive scale changes across the dashed line

<sup>a</sup> Human coronavirus excludes human coronaviruses SARS-CoV, MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2; Includes seasonal human coronaviruses HCoV-229E, HCoV-OC43, HCoV-NL63, HCoV-HKU1.

**Table 1: Respiratory virus detections for the week ending September 4, 2021 (surveillance week 2021-35)**

Reporting Laboratory	Flu Tested	A(H1)pdm09 Positive	A(H3) Positive	A(UnS) Positive	Total Flu A Positive	Total Flu B Positive	RSV Tested	RSV Positive	HPIV Tested	HPIV 1 Positive	HPIV 2 Positive	HPIV 3 Positive	HPIV 4 Positive	Other HPIV Positive	ADV Tested	ADV Positive	HMPV Tested	HMPV Positive	EV/RV Tested	EV/RV Positive	HCoV Tested	HCoV Positive
Newfoundland	482	0	0	0	0	0	482	0	482	0	0	1	0	2	482	4	482	0	482	103	N.C.	N.C.
Prince Edward Island	53	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	53	0	0	2	0	0	53	2	53	0	53	18	53	0
Nova Scotia	46	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	38	0	0	3	0	0	38	0	38	0	38	2	38	0
New Brunswick	44	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	7	0
<b>Atlantic</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>0</b>
Région Nord-Est	203	0	0	0	0	0	26	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N.C.	N.C.	0	0
Québec-Chaudière-Appalaches	29	0	0	0	0	0	50	7	28	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	28	0	N.C.	N.C.	28	0
Centre-du-Québec	10	0	0	0	0	0	11	3	11	0	0	5	0	0	11	0	11	0	N.C.	N.C.	11	0
Montréal-Laval	561	0	0	1	1	0	561	224	98	0	0	2	0	0	98	6	98	3	N.C.	N.C.	98	0
Ouest du Québec	24	0	0	0	0	0	24	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	N.C.	N.C.	1	0
Montérégie	21	0	0	0	0	0	21	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N.C.	N.C.	0	0
<b>Province of Québec</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>N.C.</b>	<b>N.C.</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>0</b>
P.H.O.L. - Ottawa	298	0	0	0	0	0	298	14	298	0	0	0	0	71	298	10	298	2	298	129	298	10
EORLA	89	0	0	0	0	0	89	3	25	0	0	2	0	0	25	0	0	0	25	3	25	1
P.H.O.L. - Kingston	28	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	28	0	0	0	0	8	28	2	28	0	28	10	28	0
UHN / Mount Sinai Hospital	400	0	0	0	0	0	400	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	16	0	16	1	16	0
P.H.O.L. - Toronto	152	0	0	0	0	0	152	1	152	0	0	0	0	12	152	1	152	0	152	23	152	0
Sick Kids Hospital - Toronto	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	1	0	0	28	0	28	0	28	11	28	0
Sunnybrook & Women's College HSC	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
P.H.O.L. - Sault Ste. Marie	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0
P.H.O.L. - Timmins	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0
St. Joseph's - London	17	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	17	0	0	1	0	0	17	0	17	0	17	3	17	0
P.H.O.L. - London	25	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	25	0	0	0	0	1	25	0	25	0	25	3	25	0
P.H.O.L. - Orillia	14	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	14	0	14	4	14	0
P.H.O.L. - Thunder Bay	16	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	16	0	16	9	16	0
P.H.O.L. - Sudbury	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	8	0	8	1	8	0
P.H.O.L. - Hamilton	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0
P.H.O.L. - Peterborough	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	7	0	7	1	7	0
St. Joseph's - Hamilton	212	0	0	0	0	0	212	1	212	0	0	25	0	0	212	0	212	1	212	29	0	0
<b>Province of Ontario</b>	<b>1306</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1278</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>CANADA</b>	<b>6831</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5665</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>2620</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>2612</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2648</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2478</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>21</b>

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**Figure 2: Number of positive respiratory virus tests reported by participating laboratories in Canada by surveillance week**

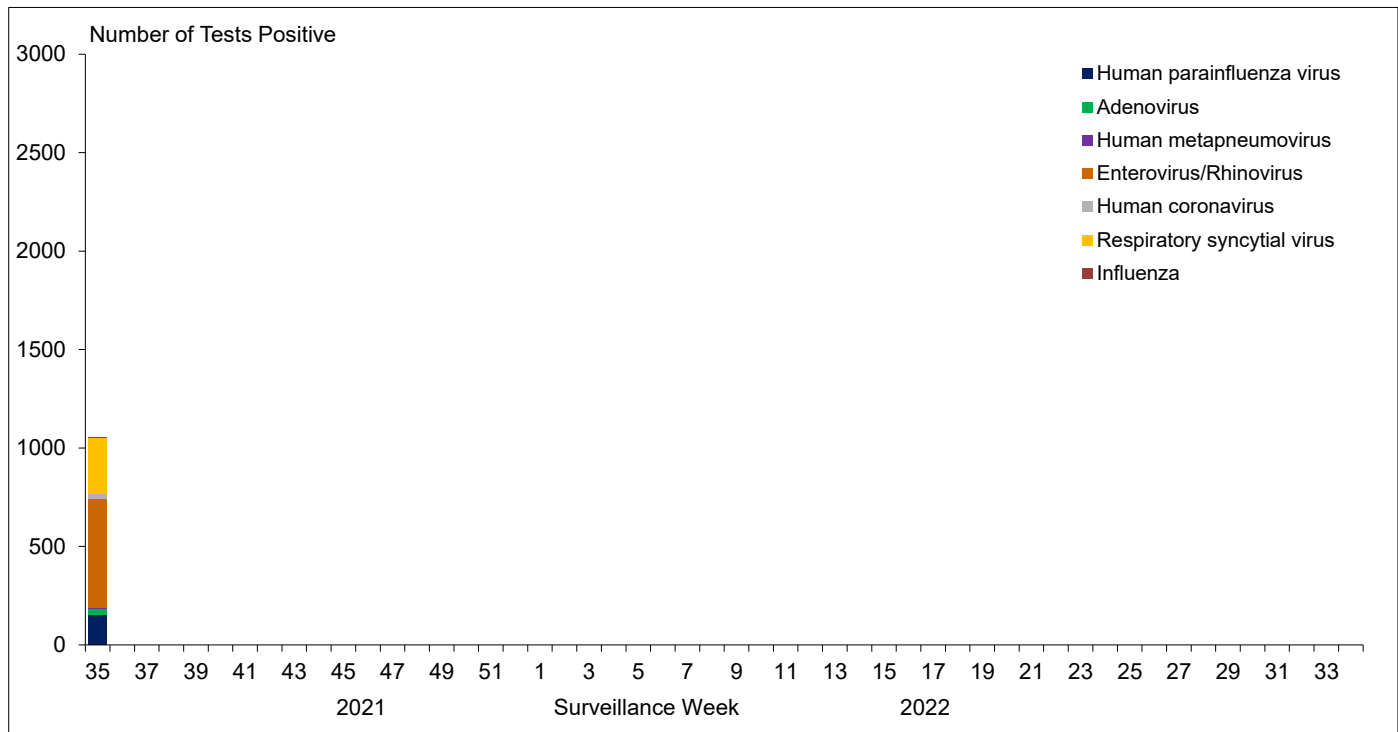


Figure 3: Positive Influenza (Flu) tests (%) in Canada by region by surveillance week

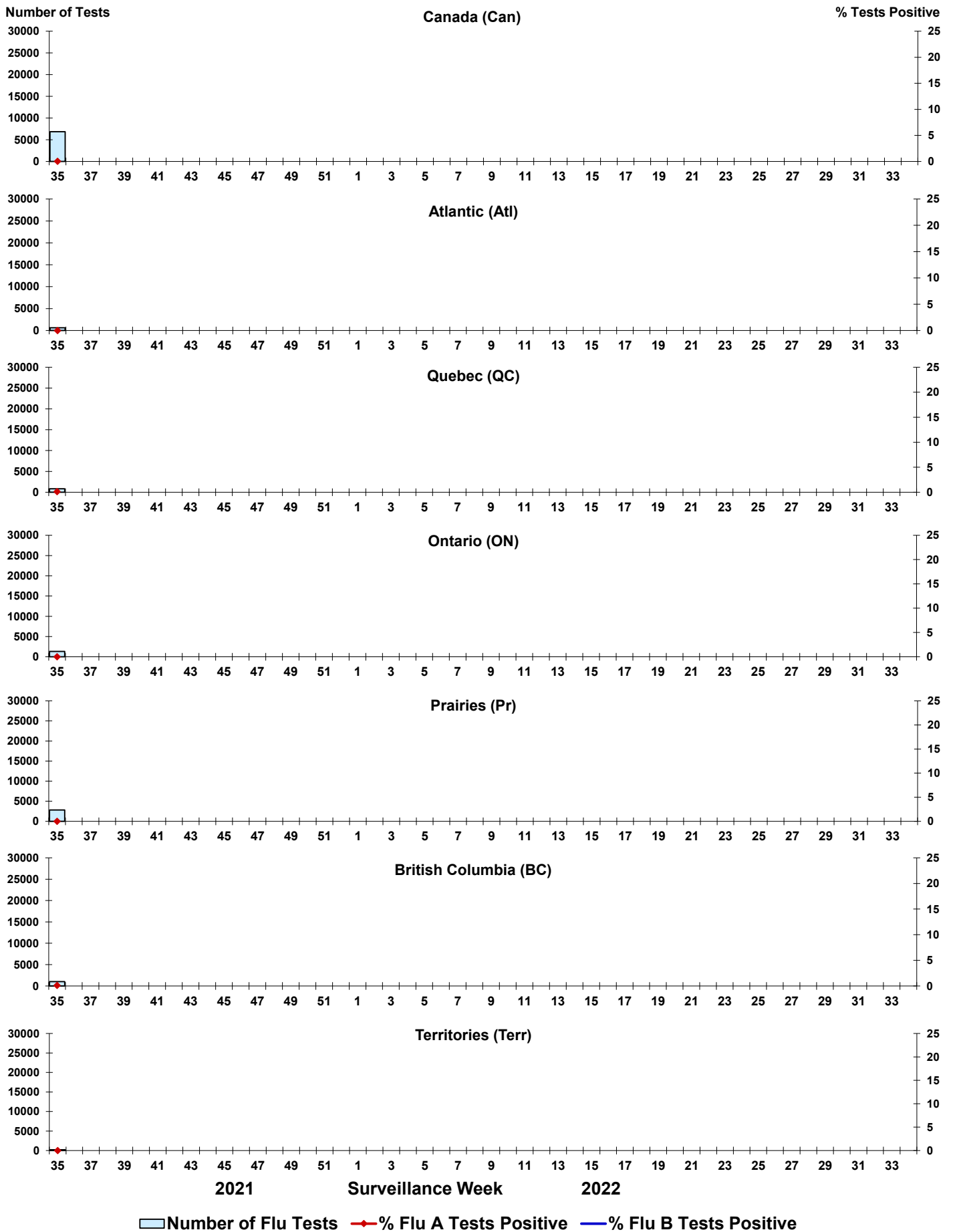


Figure 4: Positive Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) tests (%) in Canada by region by surveillance week

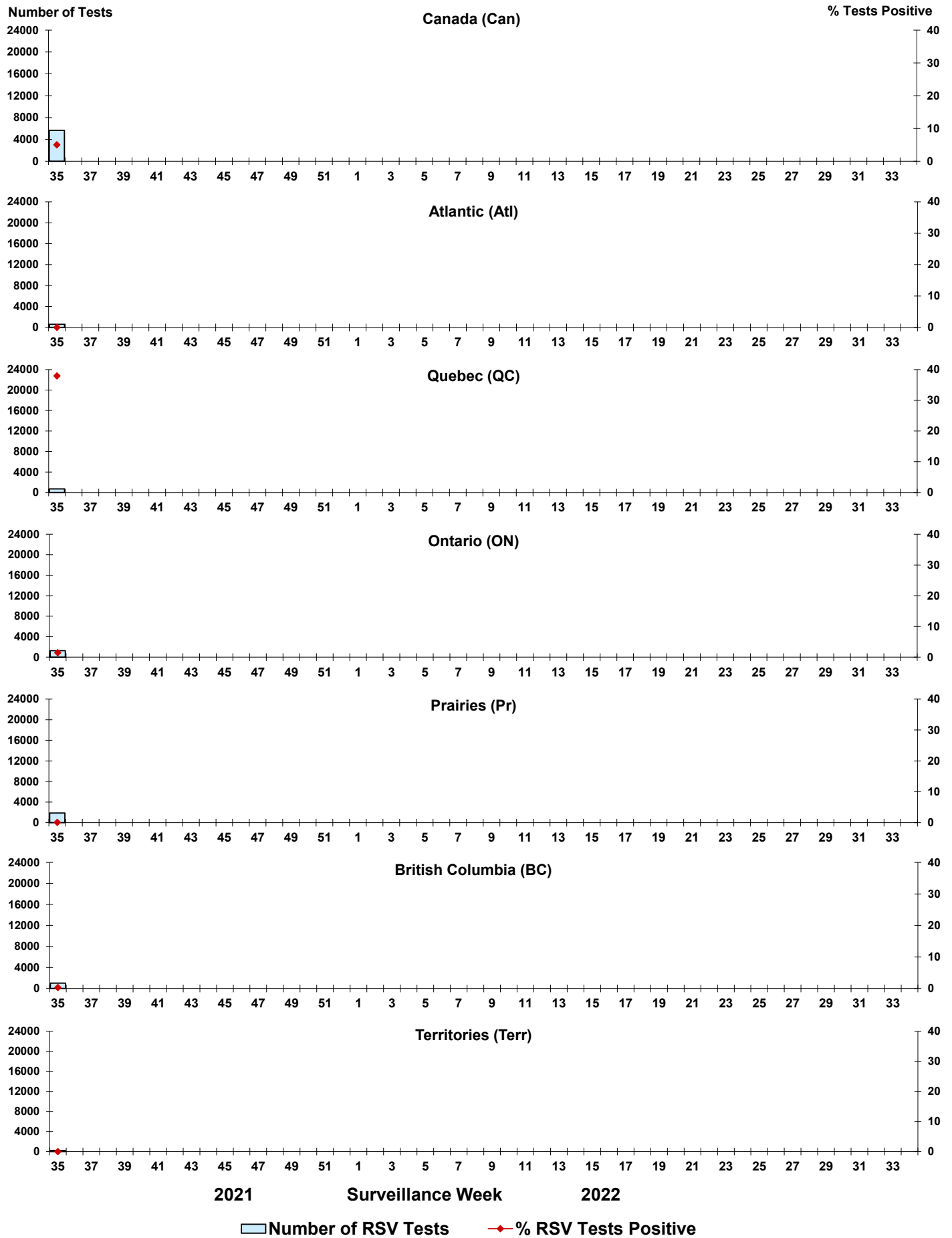


Figure 5: Positive Human parainfluenza virus (HPIV) tests (%) in Canada by region by surveillance week

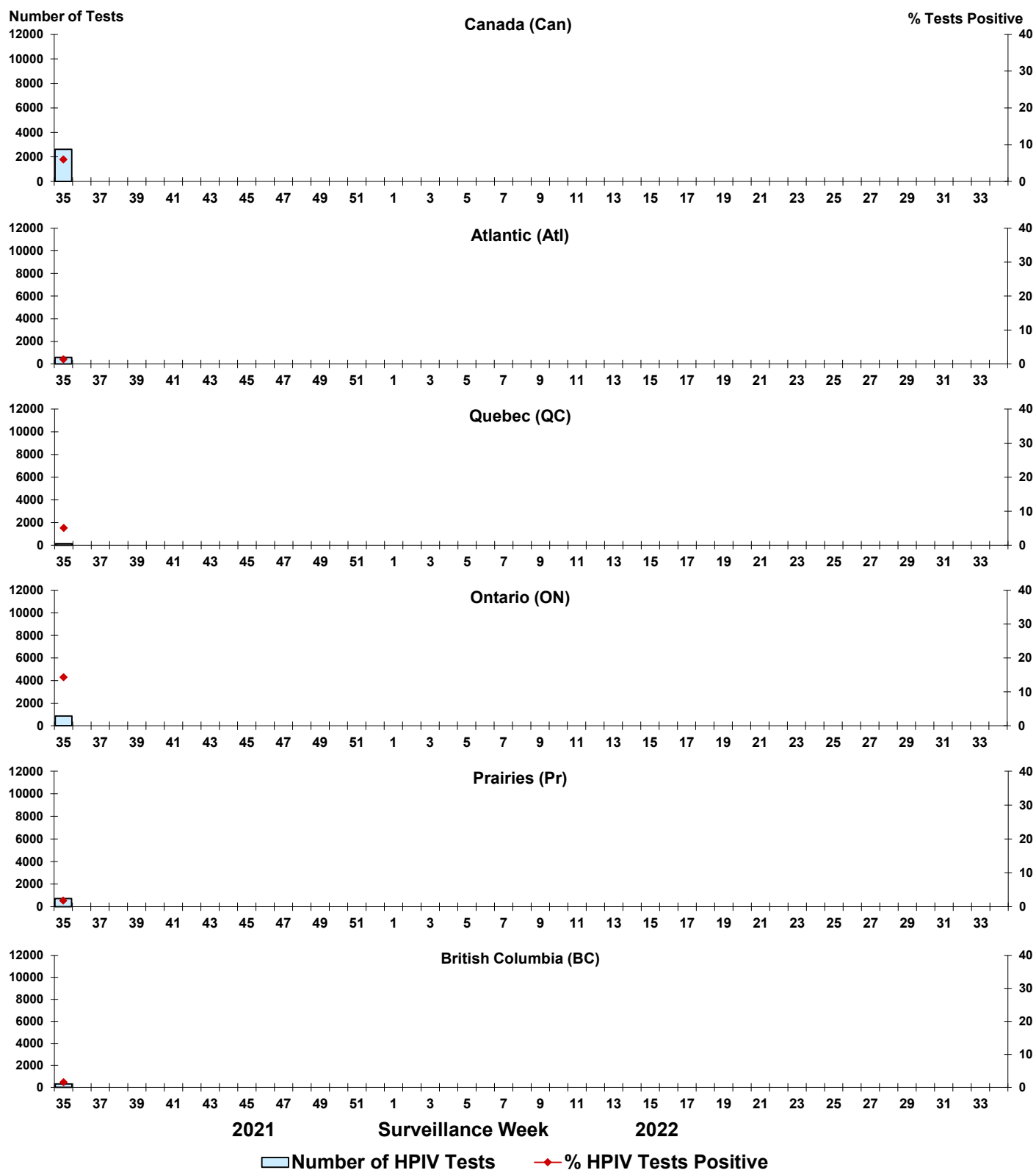




Figure 6: Positive Adenovirus (ADV) tests (%) in Canada by region by surveillance week

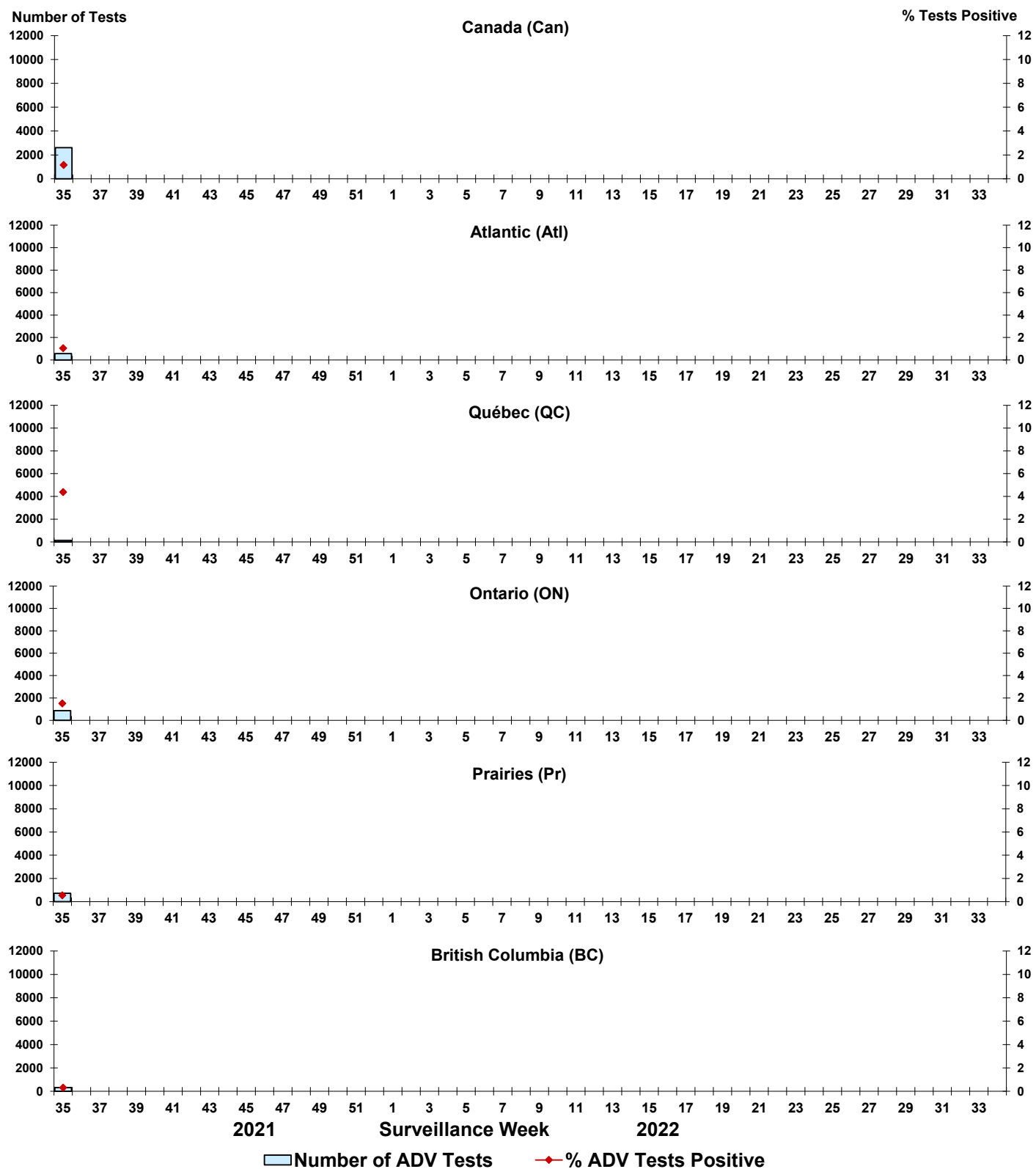


Figure 7: Positive Human metapneumovirus (HMPV) tests (%) in Canada by region by surveillance week

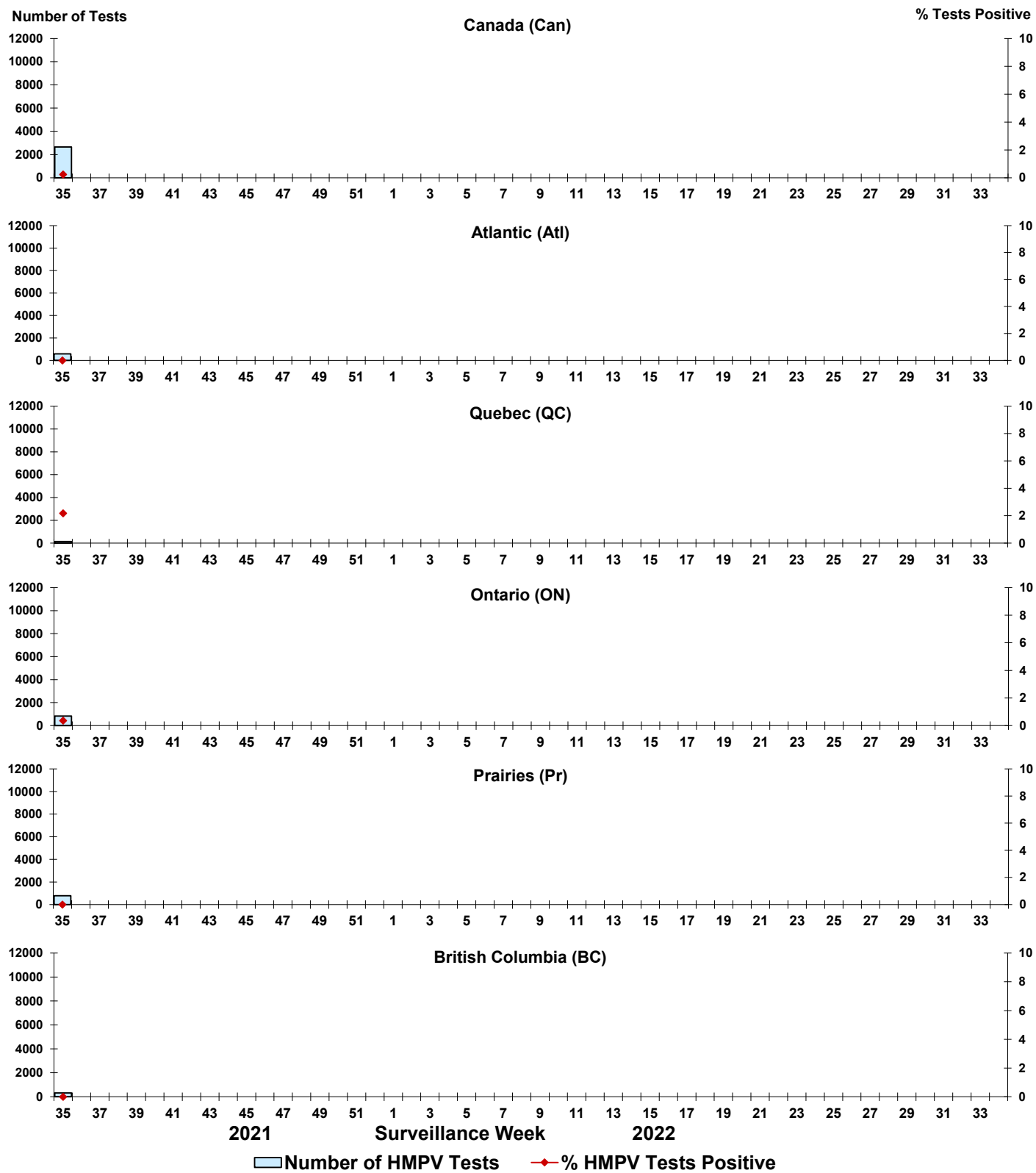


Figure 8: Positive Enterovirus/Rhinovirus (EV/RV) tests (%) in Canada by region by surveillance week

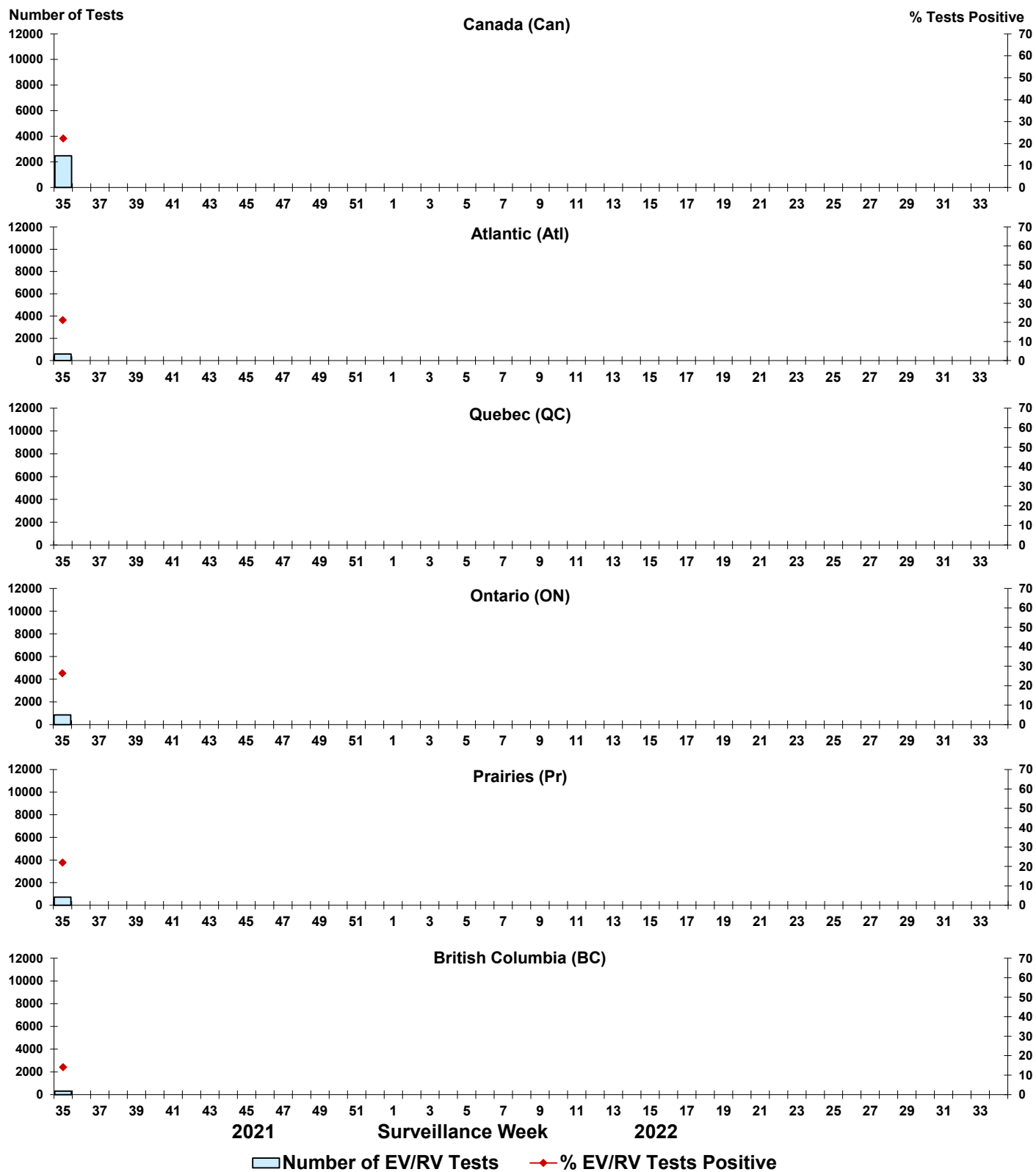


Figure 9: Positive Human coronavirus (HCoV) tests (%) in Canada by region by surveillance week

