



## The SAPRIN Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic

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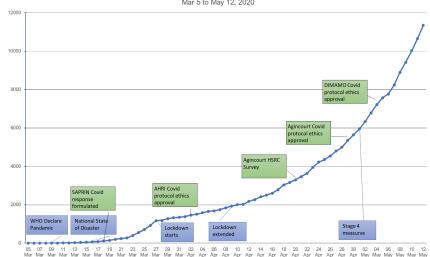
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350 000 study population

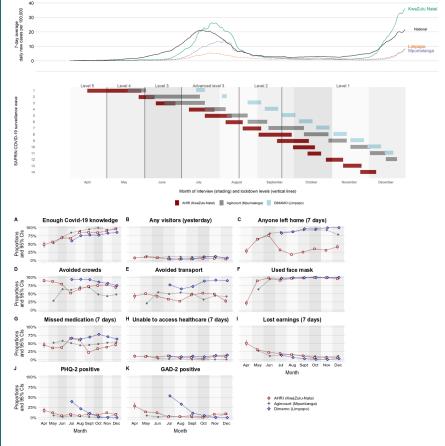


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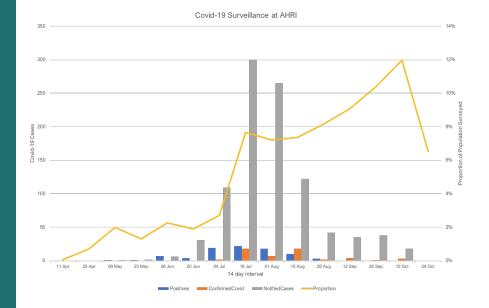
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- For acute transient conditions such as Covid-19 difficult to obtain complete detection across cohort
- Sero-prevalence better picture but looses temporal resolution and complicated by vaccine roll-out



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- Currently assessing vaccine hesitancy
- Done work on assessing impact of pandemic on access to care
- Potential to link to electronic vaccine registry and look at barriers to vaccine uptake
- Impact of Covid-19 on all cause mortality

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