



# DEVELOPMENT OF A DIGITAL LABORATORY-BASED SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM FOR COVID-19 IN FRANCE

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# **Laboratory-based Surveillance : Before COVID-19**



- A partnership was established in 2012 with 2 private groups leader in specialized biology: Eurofins-Biomnis and Cerba (Inovie in 2020)
- Set-up a machine-to-machine surveillance system for the automatic transmission of data from laboratories to Santé publique France :
  - Collection of individual data and biology results for 20 infectious diseases
  - Used in epidemiological surveillance and/or alert and investigation, in addition to other surveillance systems
  - Flexible system that allows the integration of emerging diseases in a timely manner (vector-borne diseases; covid-19)

# **Laboratory-based Surveillance : Before COVID-19**



- Private laboratories
- Hospital-based laboratories

Sample transmission

# Data transmission

- Anonymize
- Recode
- Encrypt
- Format file (csv)









# Laboratory-based Surveillance: Before SI-DEP



- Collection of covid-19 data in 2020 for epidemiological surveillance:
  - Early use for epidemiological trends at a national level
  - Lack of representativeness at sub-national level
  - Unsuitable for contact-tracing due to lack of exhaustivity
- Necessity to build a national system including all the laboratory results for contact tracing and epidemiological use
- Partership between French ministry of Health, private and public laboratories,
   Software publishers, public health agencies and Public assistance-Hospitals of Paris
- → Building of a national information system for biological results (SI-DEP)



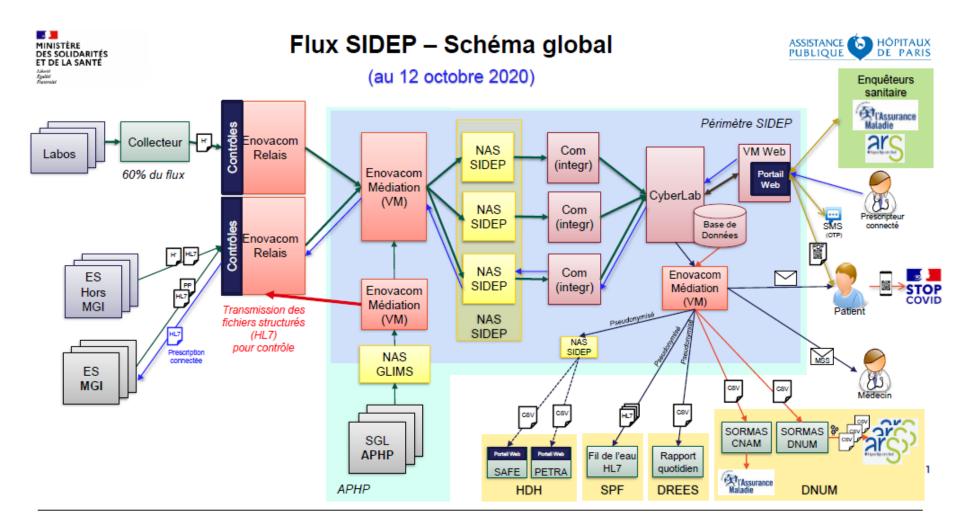
# **Objectives**

- Timely contact-tracing
  Regional health agencies, health
  insurance, medical staff
- 2 Epidemiological Surveillance Santé publique France, DREES
- Research
  Health Data Hub
- Digital health (machine-to-machine reporting)

#### SI-DEP in numbers

- 2 Months from development to deployment
- Laboratories connected (private & public): 5000 centers for sampling, 600 technical platforms)
- 13/05 Information System operational
- >3,5 M Tests per week







#### Technical overview

- Automated transmission from the medical laboratories IT system to the Sidep Datawarehouse
- Use of HL7 standard for data exchange
- Use of LOINC standard to code the biological information
- Use of Nexstrain standard for variant coding
- Real-time / daily transfer to the Public health authorities

### Data collected : a unique form for all laboratories

- **Individual data**: name, age, sexe, adress, phone number, e-mail, type of residence, health professional, presence or absence of symptoms
- Test results : PCR , serology , antigenic , sequencing

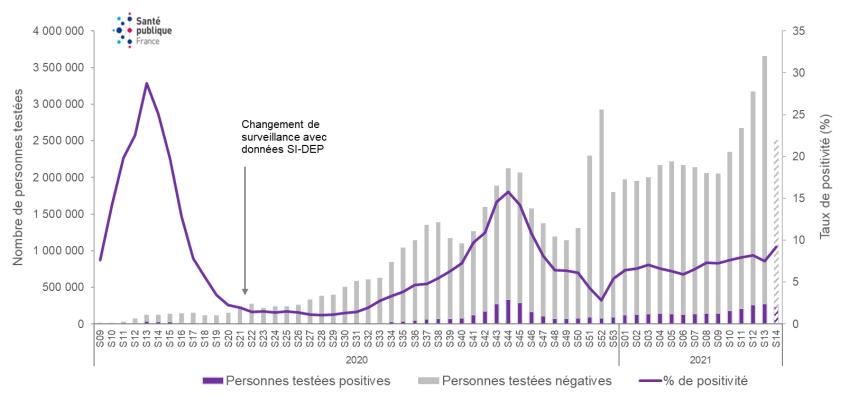




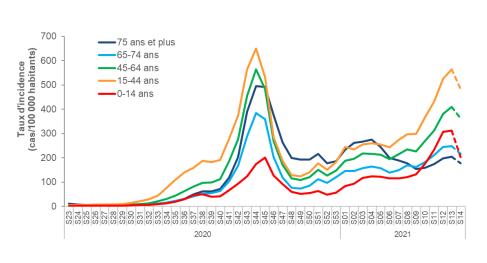
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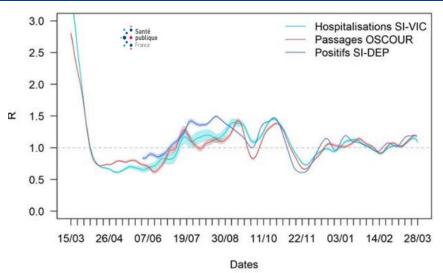
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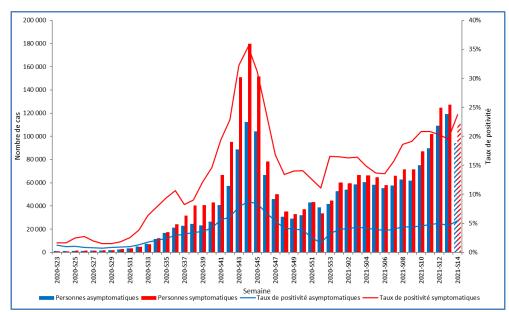
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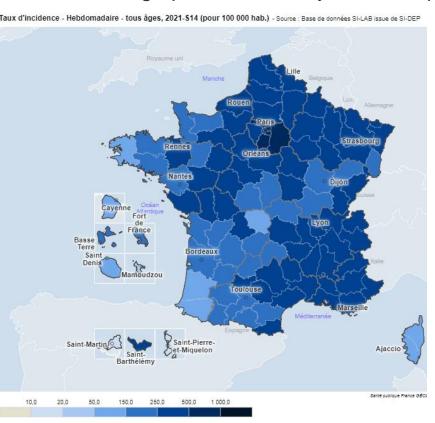


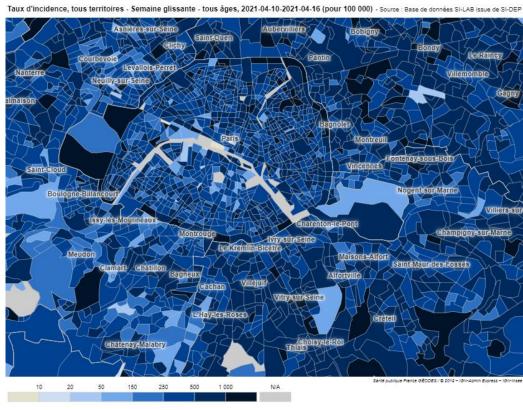






- Collect of Covid-19 data in 2020 for epidemiological surveillance
  - Data available on GEODES: <a href="https://geodes.santepubliquefrance.fr">https://geodes.santepubliquefrance.fr</a>
  - Cartographic observatory for Santé public France data





# Perspectives



#### SI-DEP:

- Young surveillance system in constant evolution/maintenance with many challenges
- Up to 1 million tests /day : Daily stress for IT infrastructures
- « Big data » requires new tools and habits for data-managers / data-scientists
- Need top adapt the surveillance system in real time with the pandemic evolution and gestion (New actors, new tests, new databases etc.)
- Operational for Covid-19 but not for other diseases

#### After Covid-19

- Take advantage of the partership with laboratories to build a national laboratory-based surveillance system beyond COVID-19 for other diseases