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## WHO & WHEN

All COVID19 swabs processed by Qld Pathology 19 Jan – 4 June 2020

- 103,984 swabs ; 97,476 patients
- 958 (0.98%) positive

## WHAT

Exploratory analysis of retrospective data

## POSITIVITY RATES

Less likely to be positive if

- Female (OR 0.80, 95% CI 0.70, 0.91);
- 16y and under (p<0.01, test for trend).

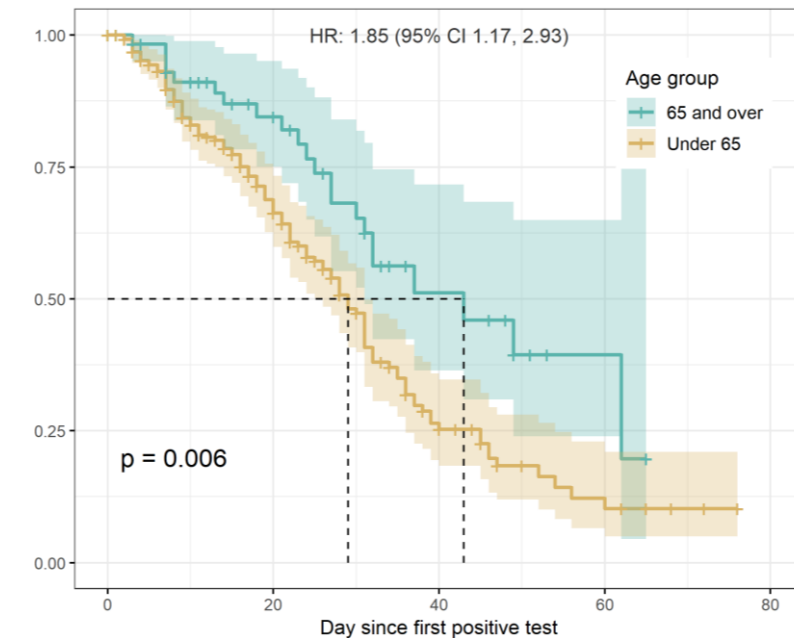
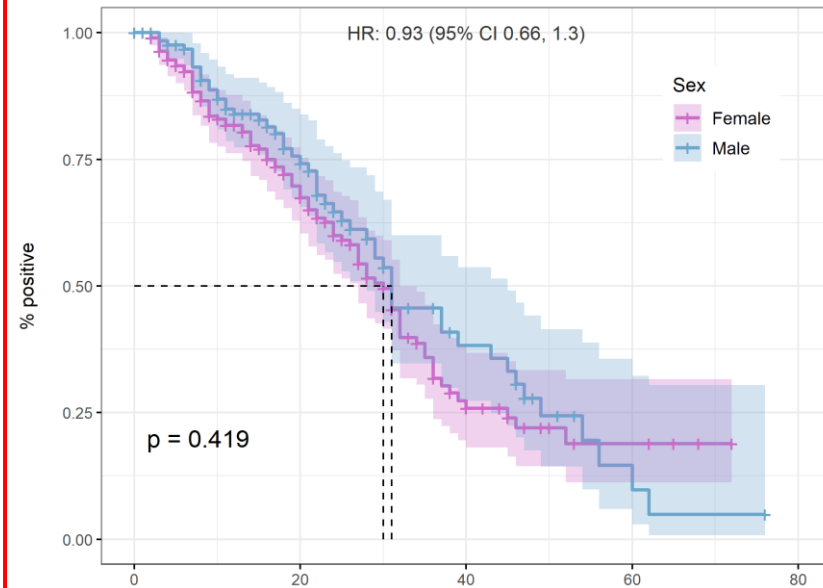
## REPEAT TESTING

n = 243



## VIRAL CLEARANCE RATE

n = 958; Median = 20 days



**BOTTOM LINE:**  
Viral RNA persistence is common.  
Clearance is slower in older age groups