Dropped out or declined mailed correspondence 28

Joined the surveillance 4365

Were sent a questionnaire 4337

Non-responders 1281

Returned a questionnaire 3056

Technical error in reporting instrument 1

Excluded from analysis
- No birth year stated: 64
- Incorrect birth year stated: 26
- Technical error in questionnaire: 1

Returned a valid response 2964

Excluded due to too little follow-up time 1

Included in descriptive analysis 2963

Excluded because of risk of reverse causality* 78

Excluded because of unusual hand-washing pattern 20

Included in analyses 2865

* Please see text for details.