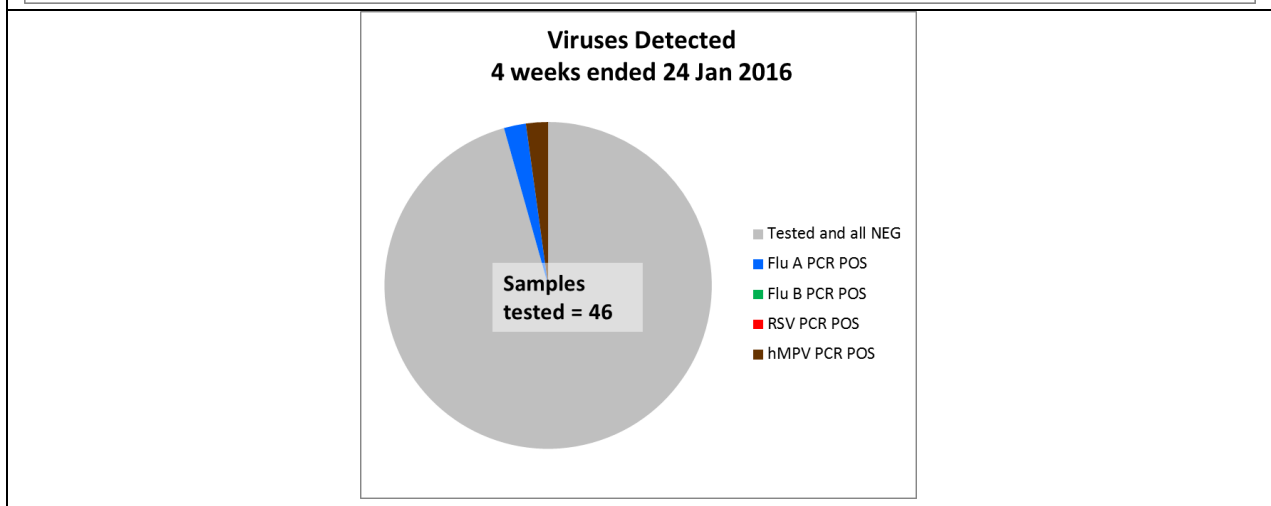
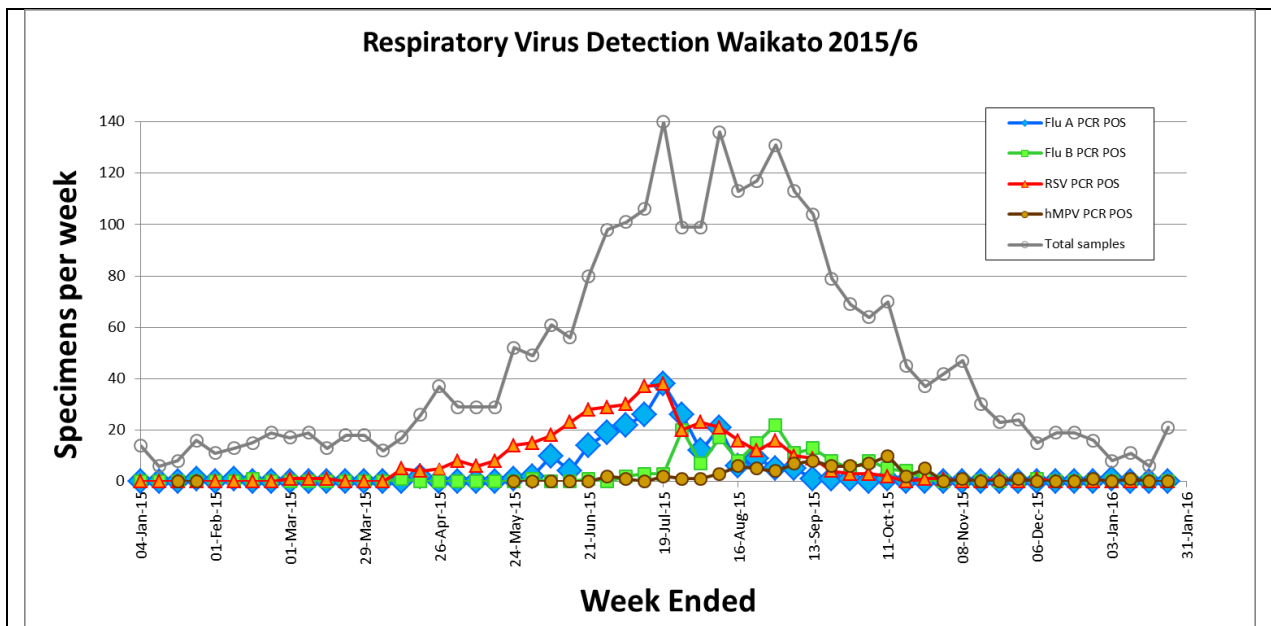


Waikato Respiratory Virus Report

Week 4 2016

Week to 24 January 2016

Respiratory virus activity remains at summer levels and specimen numbers are low. We are only testing once a week at present; if you have an urgent case, please contact the virology laboratory at Waikato Hospital (ext 98530) or clinical microbiologist Chris Mansell 021 833783. A few cases of severe adenovirus respiratory disease have been diagnosed since December. In 2016, an adenovirus PCR will be used for eye specimens only, but will not be routine for respiratory specimens. Rhinovirus is the other major cause of acute lower respiratory tract infections which we will not be able to test for routinely. Testing for a panel of 21 viruses will be standard for immunosuppressed patients and is available on request for selected patients negative for the “big four”, which are Influenza A and B, RSV and metapneumovirus.



Waikato Hospital laboratory web site: <http://lab.waikatodhb.health.nz/>
ESR influenza weekly report: <https://surv.esr.cri.nz/virology/virology.php>
Severe Acute Respiratory Illness surveillance (SHIVERS): <http://www.esr.cri.nz/health-science/our-work/shivers/reports/>