

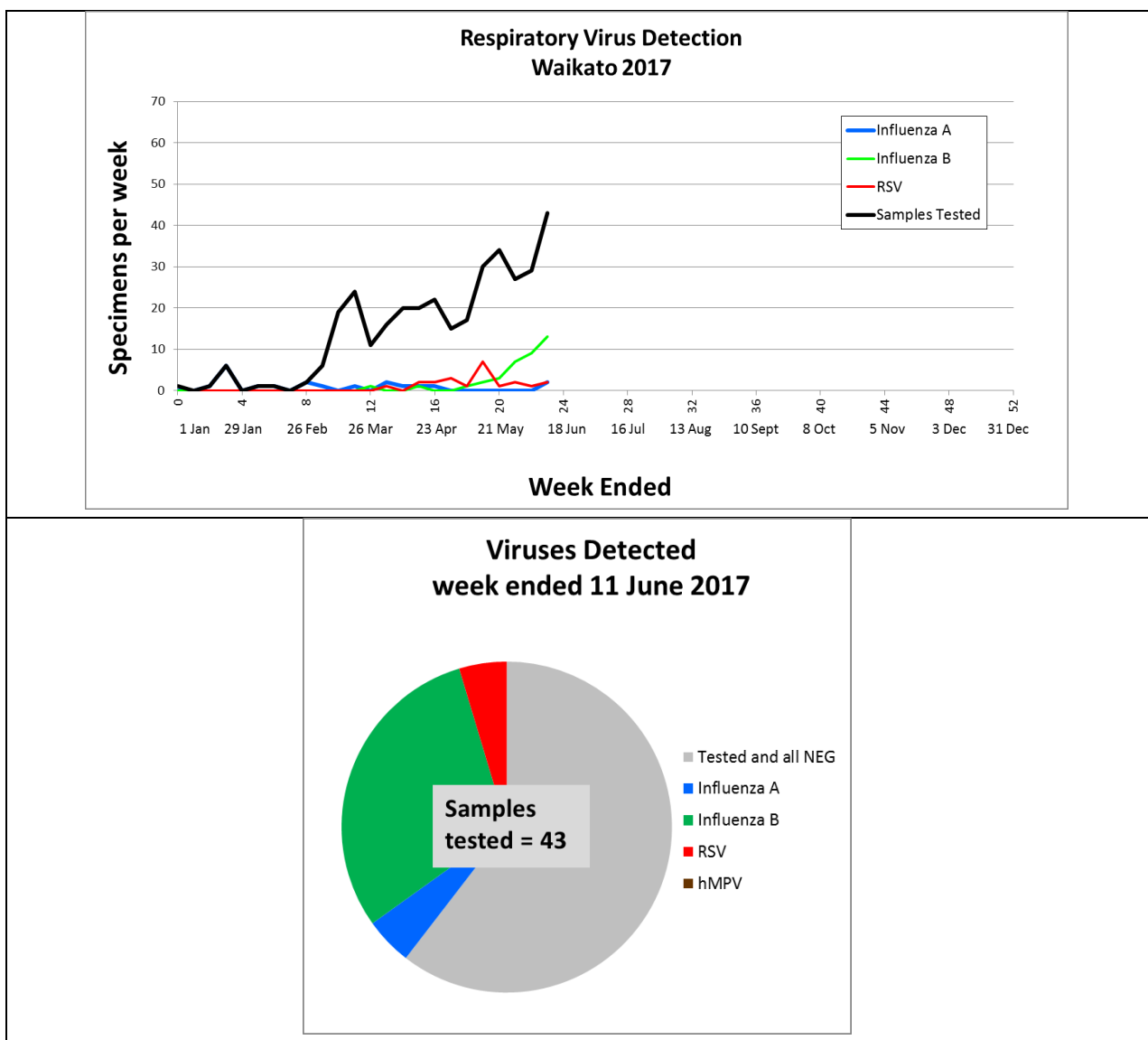
# Waikato Respiratory Virus Report

Week 23 2017

Week to 11 June 2017

Influenza B case numbers continue to increase, with 30% of specimens testing positive. We have also seen a handful of Influenza A cases. Influenza A H3 is predominating in the rest of the country. RSV diagnoses remain low.

We need samples to be collected and labelled as a nasopharyngeal swab, on the blue flexible wire swab. A large number of “nasal swabs” are arriving (25% of all swabs) and because they are an inferior specimen, they are not being tested. Another 12% had insufficient sample on the swab to issue a valid result. This wastes the patient’s, ward staff’s and lab staff’s time. Please refer to the swab collection guide and send in high quality specimens so the lab can give high quality results: <http://lab.waikatodhb.health.nz/assets/NewsItems/Viral-Resp-Swabs-flyer-2017.pdf>



Waikato Hospital laboratory web site: <http://lab.waikatodhb.health.nz/>

NZ Influenza Surveillance: [https://surv.esr.cri.nz/virology/influenza\\_weekly\\_update.php](https://surv.esr.cri.nz/virology/influenza_weekly_update.php)