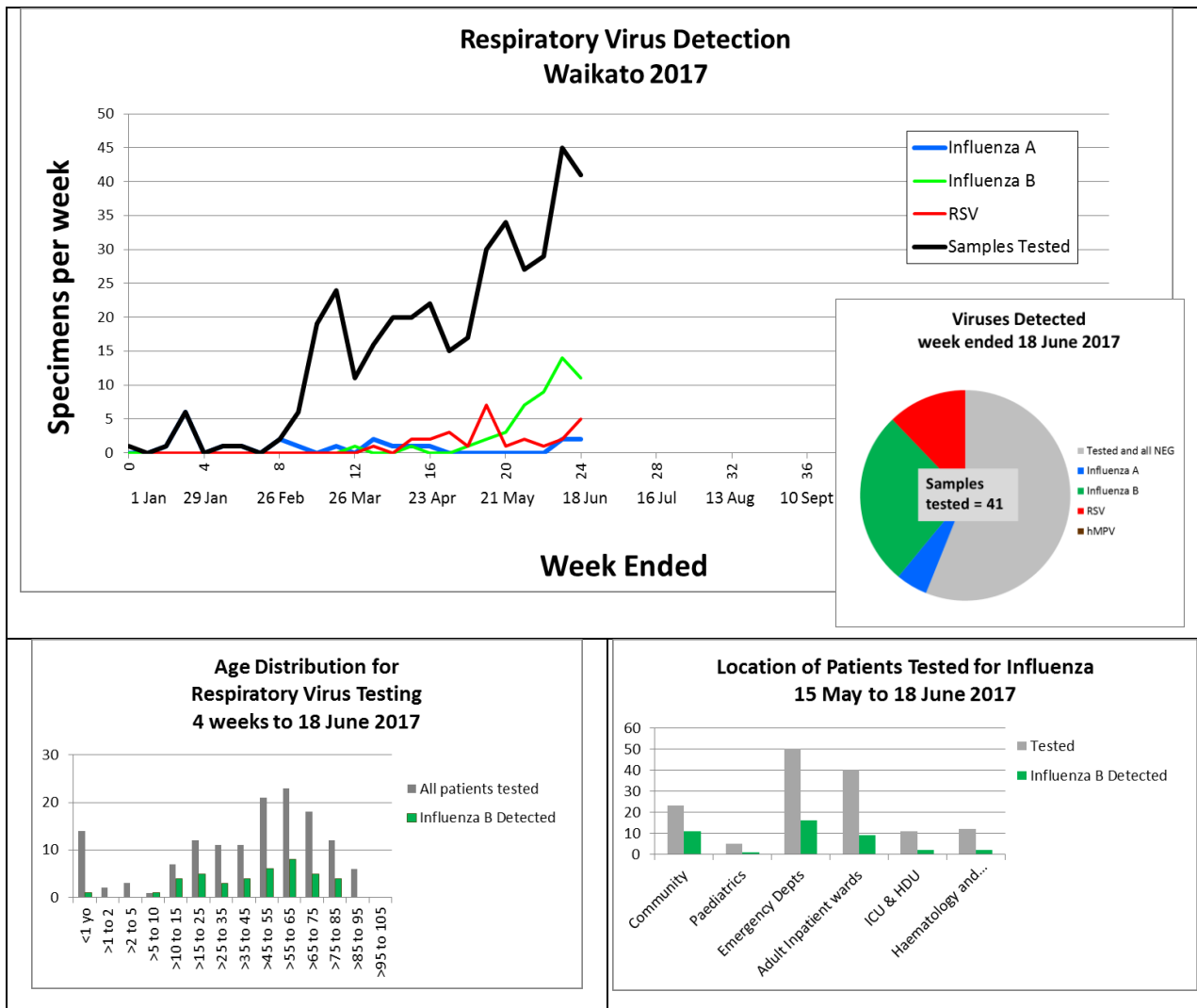


Waikato Respiratory Virus Report

Week 24 2017

Week to 18 June 2017

Influenza B case numbers remain high, with 27% of specimens testing positive. Test positivity rates are higher in adult patients rather than children. Adults presenting with typical influenza like illness (abrupt onset of fever, some respiratory features, myalgia, malaise and prostration) have about a 1/3 likelihood of benefit from oseltamivir, if commenced within 48 hr of onset of symptoms (12 – 24 hr is even better). The trivalent vaccine does not offer protection against the B Yamagata lineage in NZ at present. Influenza B has been circulating for 4 weeks and numbers are likely to decline from now on. We have also seen a handful of Influenza A cases. Influenza A H3 is predominating in the rest of the country and we expect this to increase in the Waikato in weeks to come.



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

NZ Influenza Surveillance: https://surv.esr.cri.nz/virology/influenza_weekly_update.php