

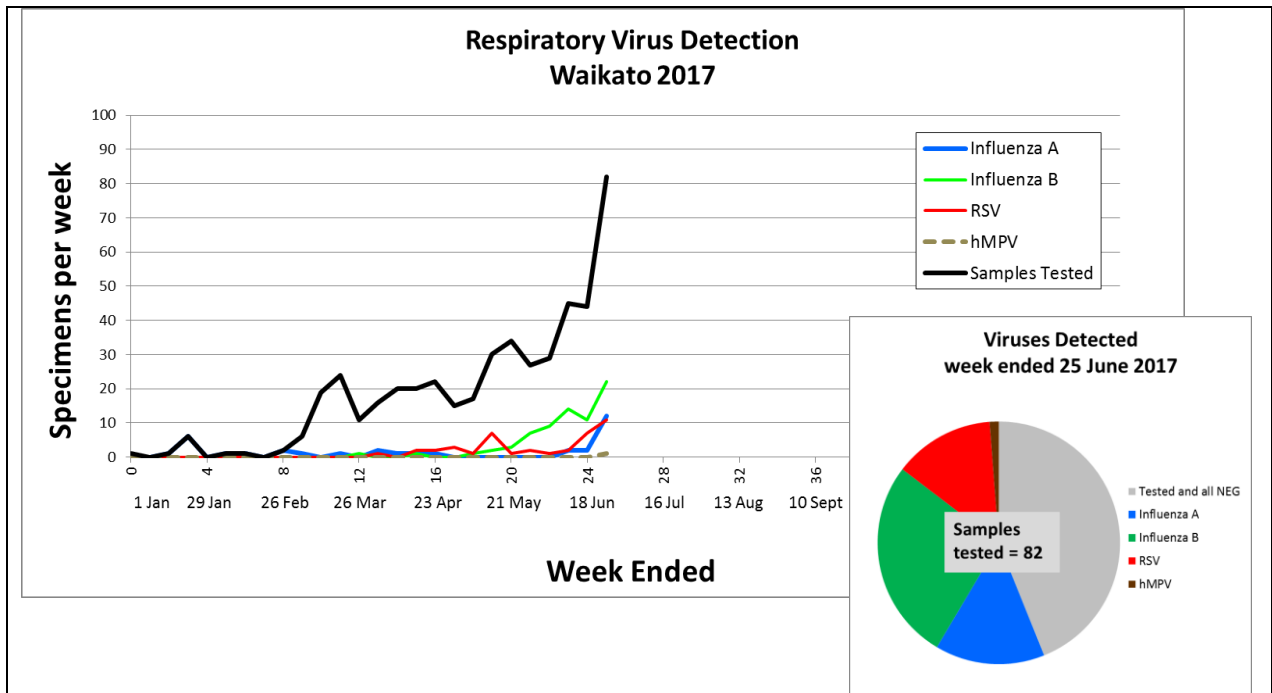
Waikato Respiratory Virus Report

Week 25 2017

Week to 25 June 2017

Last week saw a big rise in the number of specimens received. Influenza B continues to increase and Influenza A is also present now. RSV has also returned to usual winter levels. More than half of samples are now positive for one of the 3 main viruses.

Specimen quality has been good. Please send Nasopharyngeal swabs. Label swab and form "NPS". Do not label them as "Nasal"; they will not be processed. Use the blue cap flexible wire swabs. See instructions at <http://lab.waikatodhb.health.nz/assets/NewsItems/Viral-Resp-Swabs-flyer-2017.pdf>



For adults and children, one nasopharyngeal swab.

NASOPHARYNGEAL SWABS

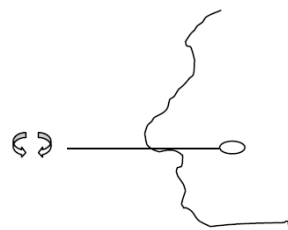
Use Blue flexible pernasal swab.
Oracle code 147201

Rest back of patient's head against wall or bed.

Insert swab 4-5 cm into nose in horizontal direction.

Rotate swab 3 x each way.

Pertussis testing can be performed on this swab



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

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