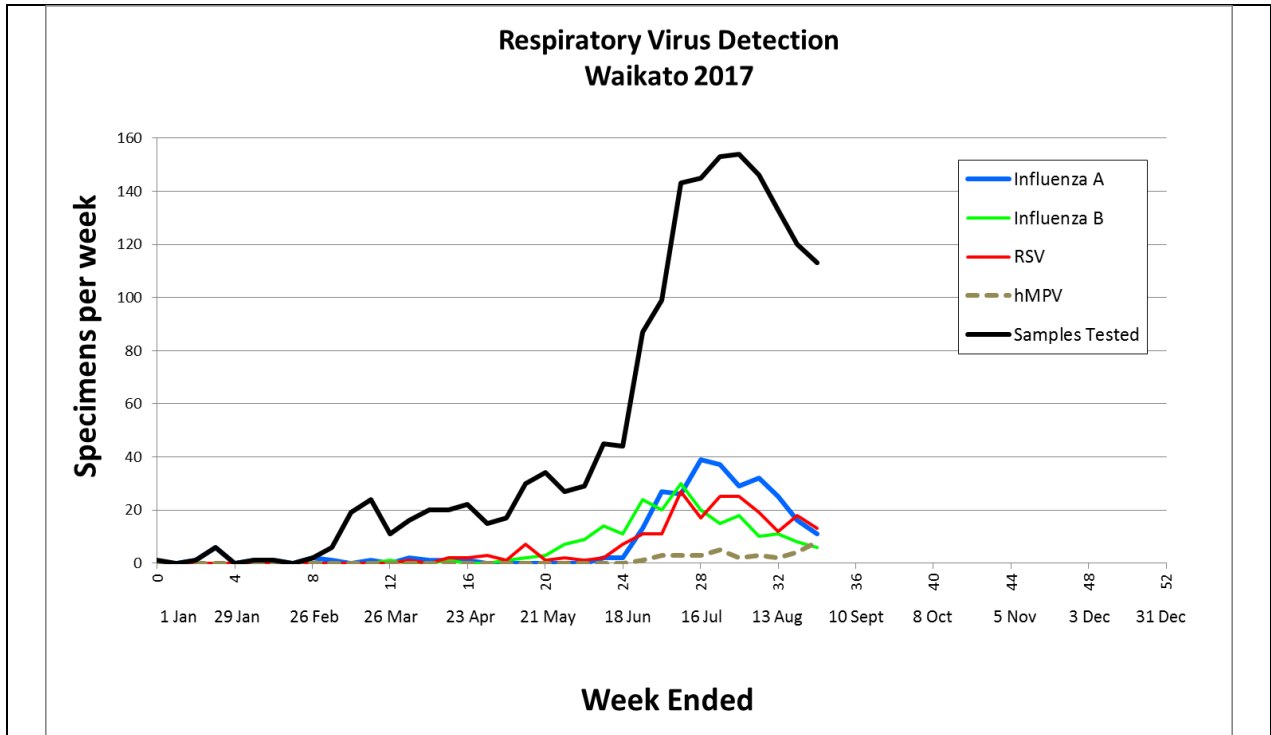
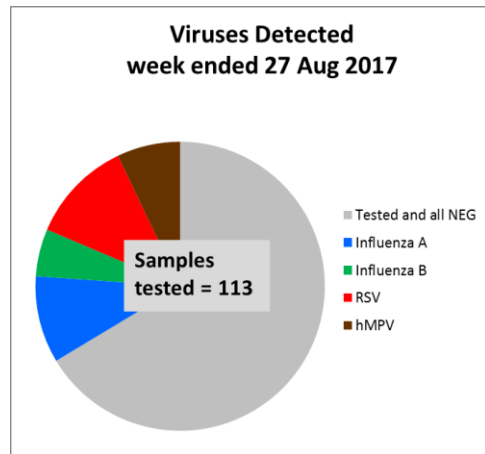


Respiratory viruses continue to fall week by week. Fewer tests are being requested. Only 15% of Waikato patients tested now have either influenza A or B. Rates of influenza like illness over NZ as a whole have been falling for several weeks.

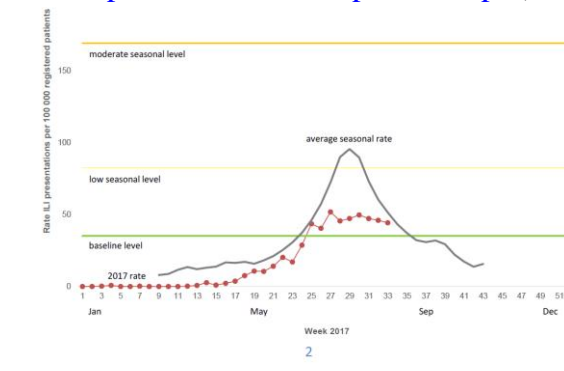


**Waikato virology testing.**



**NZ clinical "Influenza Like Illness" rates**

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

**Swab collection instructions:** <http://lab.waikatodhb.health.nz/assets/NewsItems/Viral-Resp-Swabs-flyer-2017.pdf>