

# Waikato Respiratory Virus Report

Week 12 2018

Week to 25 March 2018

At present, we are seeing very few respiratory viruses. Sample numbers are low. Routinely, we test for Influenza A & B, RSV and human metapneumovirus. A 21 virus panel is available on request by phone or email for immunosuppressed or otherwise unusual cases. Over the past month 4, of the 20 patients tested have had Rhinovirus, so was the most common virus in March.

NZ Influenza vaccine for 2018 will cover 4 strains:

- A(H1N1) : A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus
- A(H3N2) : A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 (H3N2)-like virus \*
- B Yamagata : B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus \*
- B Victoria : B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus

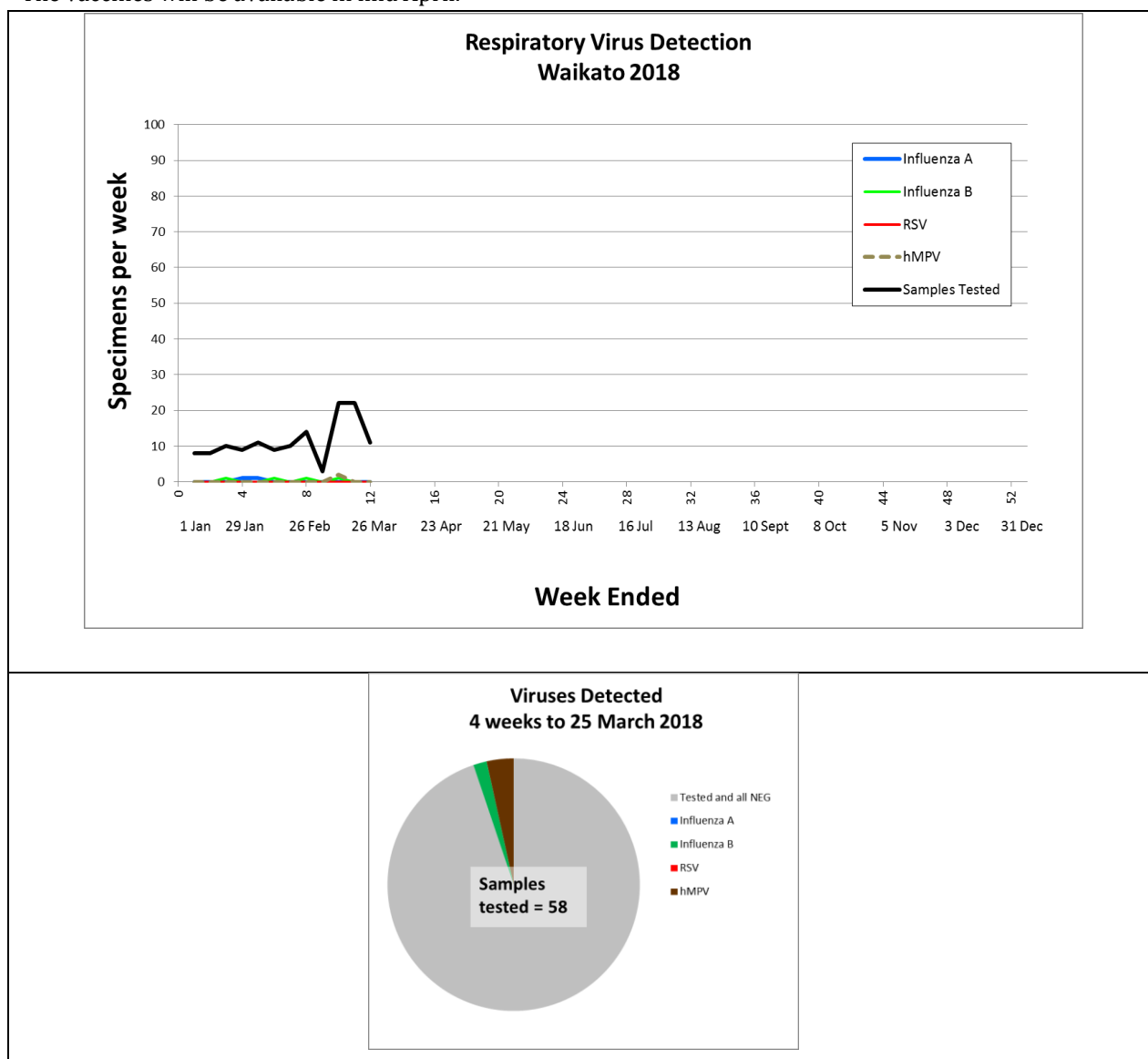
\* Updated strains since last year

Children 6-35 months: FLUARIX® TETRA

Adults and aged over 3: INFLUVAC® TETRA

Waikato DHB Staff: FluQuadri™

The vaccines will be available in mid April.



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

Report on Influenza in NZ for 2017 and vaccine recommendations:

[https://surv.esr.cri.nz/PDF\\_surveillance/Virology/FluVac/FluVac2018\(1\).pdf](https://surv.esr.cri.nz/PDF_surveillance/Virology/FluVac/FluVac2018(1).pdf)

NZ Influenza Vaccination information site: <https://www.influenza.org.nz/>