

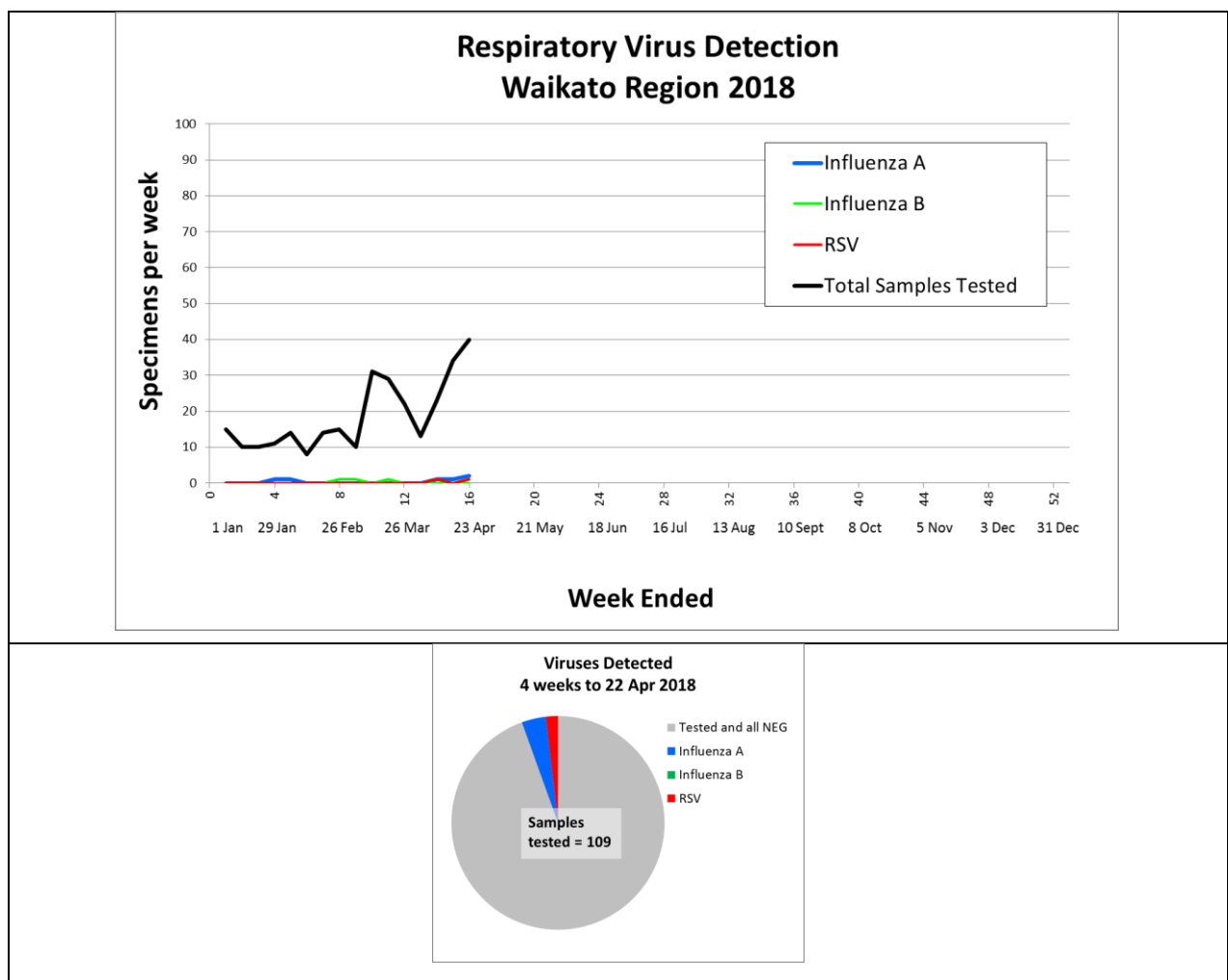
# Waikato Respiratory Virus Report

Week 16 2018

Week to 22 April 2018

Sample numbers are increasing slowly. We have had just a few cases of Influenza A in the Waikato and some Influenza B in samples referred from the Bay of Plenty (not shown on these charts).

Only half the swabs received last week were of the correct type and body site for respiratory virus testing. Please ask the people collecting swabs to check the swab type required and label both sample and request form as “Nasopharyngeal Swab”. We do not process throat or “nasal” swabs. <http://lab.waikatodhb.health.nz/assets/NewsItems/2018-respiratory-flyer-v4.pdf>



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/>