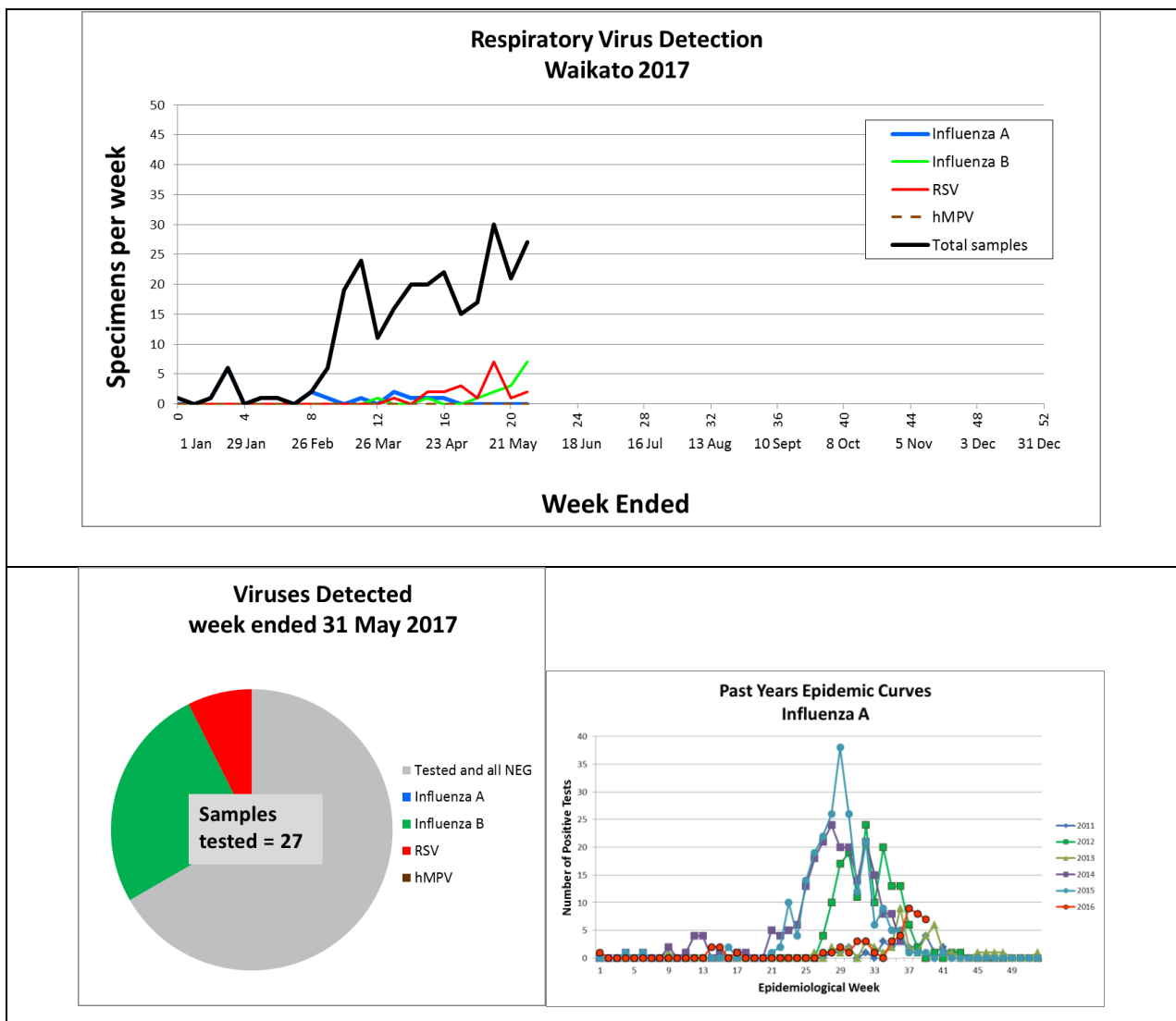


**Waikato Respiratory Virus Report**  
 Week to 28 May 2017

**Week 21 2017**

Specimen numbers continue to rise. We have several detections of Influenza B virus last week. If we see more this week, it would be a relatively early season for influenza. Previous years' Influenza A seasons have been heralded by more than about a dozen cases per week and peaked at around 20 / week, so it's not firmly established yet.

Influenza A H3 is also circulating, but we haven't seen much in the Waikato. We don't have strain typing results for the Waikato Influenza B positives but, across New Zealand this year, most Influenza B has been of the Yamagata lineage. This is covered by the 4 virus vaccine used by Waikato District Health Board Staff (but not in the 3 virus vaccine available to the general public). Australian influenza vaccine safety data is available at: <http://www.ncirs.edu.au/vaccine-safety/current-data/>. Among 19397 people vaccinated, 6.9% had an event: 2.4% a reaction at the injection site, 0.9% fever, 0.2% rash and 0.4% required medical attendance.



Waikato Hospital laboratory web site: <http://lab.waikatodhb.health.nz/>  
 NZ Influenza Surveillance: [https://surv.esr.cri.nz/virology/influenza\\_weekly\\_update.php](https://surv.esr.cri.nz/virology/influenza_weekly_update.php)