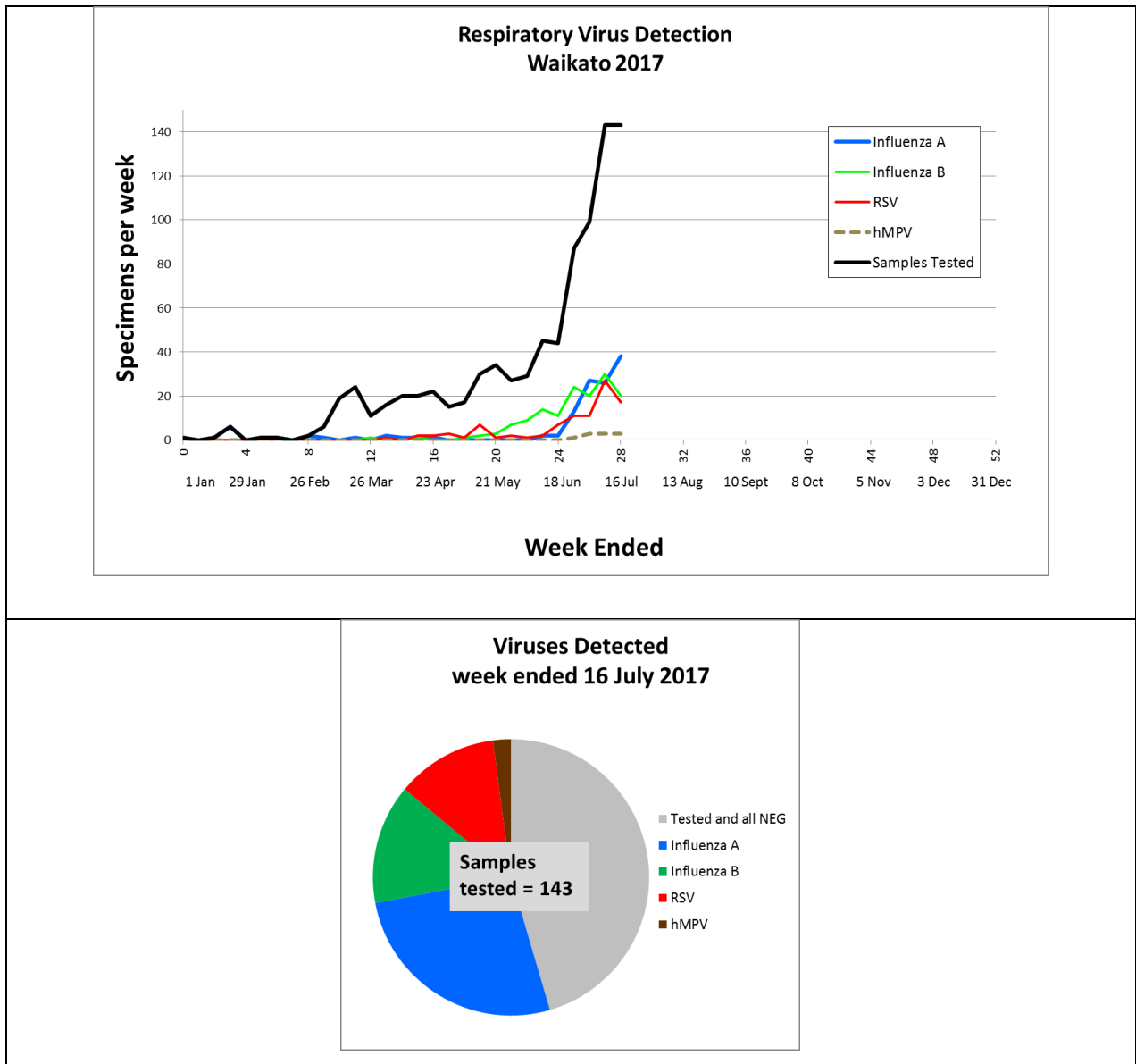


Waikato Respiratory Virus Report

Week 28 2017

Week to 16 July 2017

Specimen numbers remain at very high levels. Influenza A continues to increase. Influenza B and RSV numbers have flattened off. Still just over half of specimens are positive for one of the three main viruses. The situation is very similar in Auckland, the Bay of Plenty and Rotorua.



If your patient does not have a result, it will usually be because either: a green swab was used (should be light blue), the site was labelled as “nasal” (should be nasopharyngeal). Please label both swab and form “nasopharyngeal” or “NPS”. Only 17% of respiratory virus swabs were not processed last week due to these problems. Please phone the lab if you think a sample was rejected in error.

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

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

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