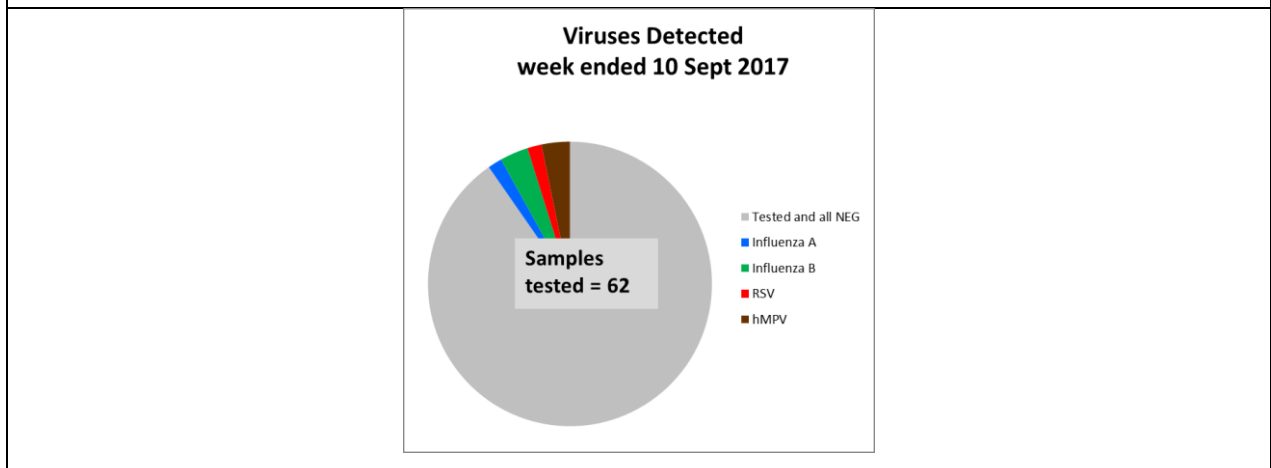
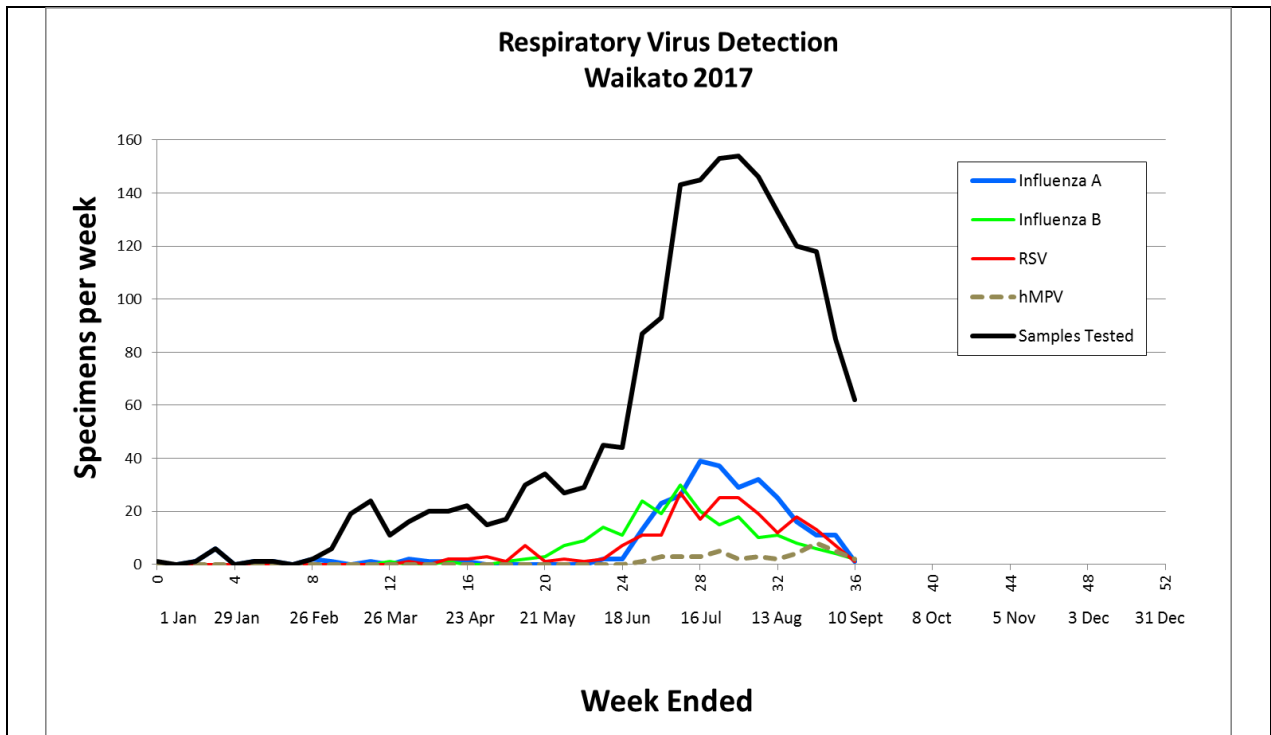


All viruses took a sharp decline last week. However, both RSV and human metapneumovirus usually circulate well into spring. Although we don't expect they have gone away altogether, conditions seem to have turned against the viruses, specially influenza. The continued fall in specimen numbers also indicates that there is much less respiratory illness in the Waikato than a fortnight ago.



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>