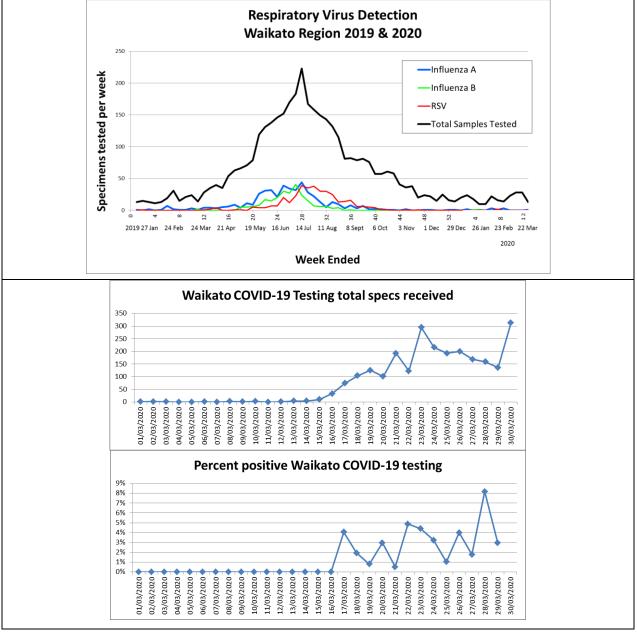
Waikato Respiratory Virus Report

Week to 29 Mar 2020

There are still very few of the traditional winter viruses circulating. Test numbers are low, possibly because attention is focussing on COVID-19.

The COVID-19 Case Definition up till now has generally required an overseas travel connection, so little testing for local transmission has been done. Specimen numbers had been declining for several days, presumably as recently returned travellers with symptoms have been cleared. The spike in testing yesterday may follow an outbreak and superspreading event in Matamata.



 Waikato laboratory web site and virus report archive:
 https://lab.waikatodhb.health.nz/news/

 Global Influenza surveillance:
 https://www.who.int/influenza/resources/charts/en/

 WHO global COVID situation page:
 https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019