

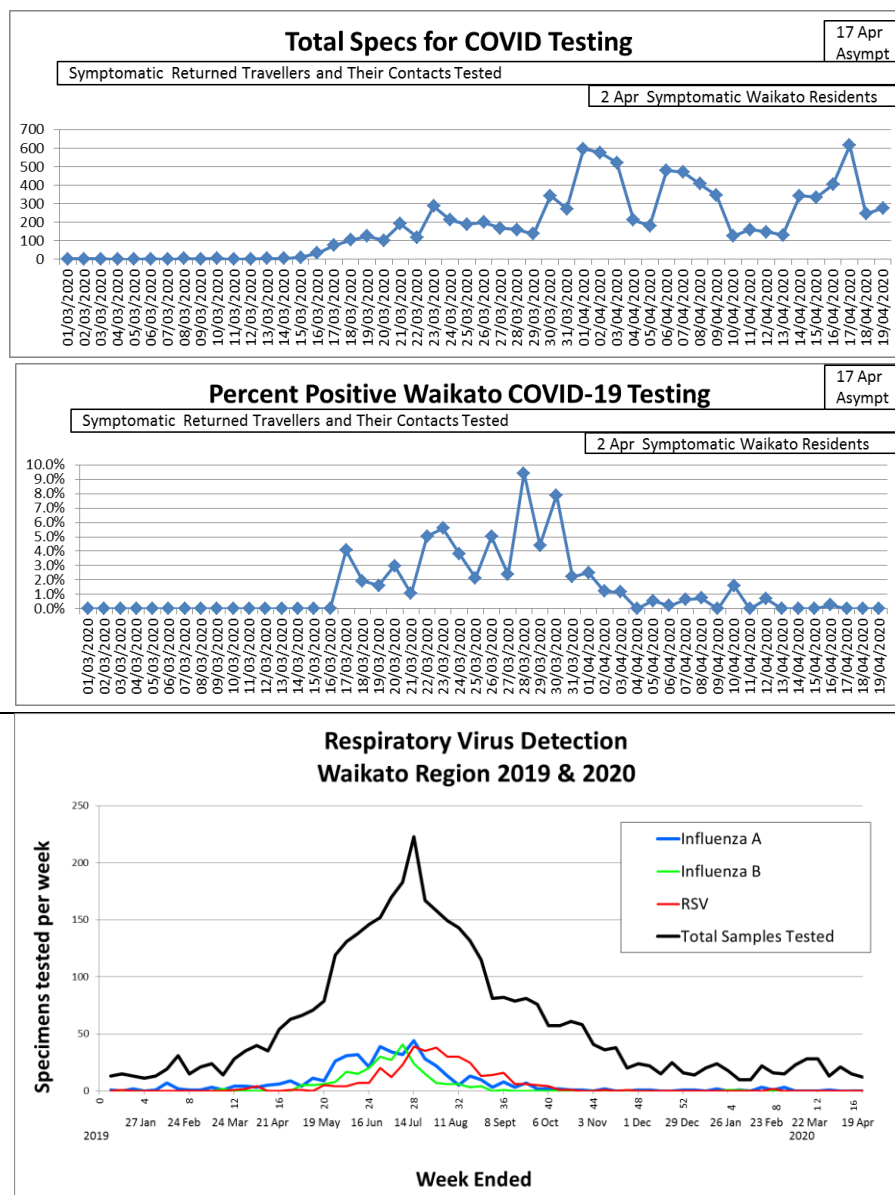
# Waikato Respiratory Virus Report

Week 16 2020

Week to 19 Apr 2020

The COVID-19 testing has progressed through stages of detecting the virus in returned travellers, then local residents who have been unwell and, this week, local people who are not sick at all. Of course, the test won't pick up everyone who is incubating infection or has a low level infection that causes no symptoms. Numbers of tests requested and percent positive shown below need to be interpreted with this in mind.

Few specimens have been received for testing for the usual viruses and unfortunately the samples couldn't be reused for more standard tests, due to workload. The number of COVID samples tested each day is currently about 5 times the peak weekly number for mid winter influenza season.



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

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