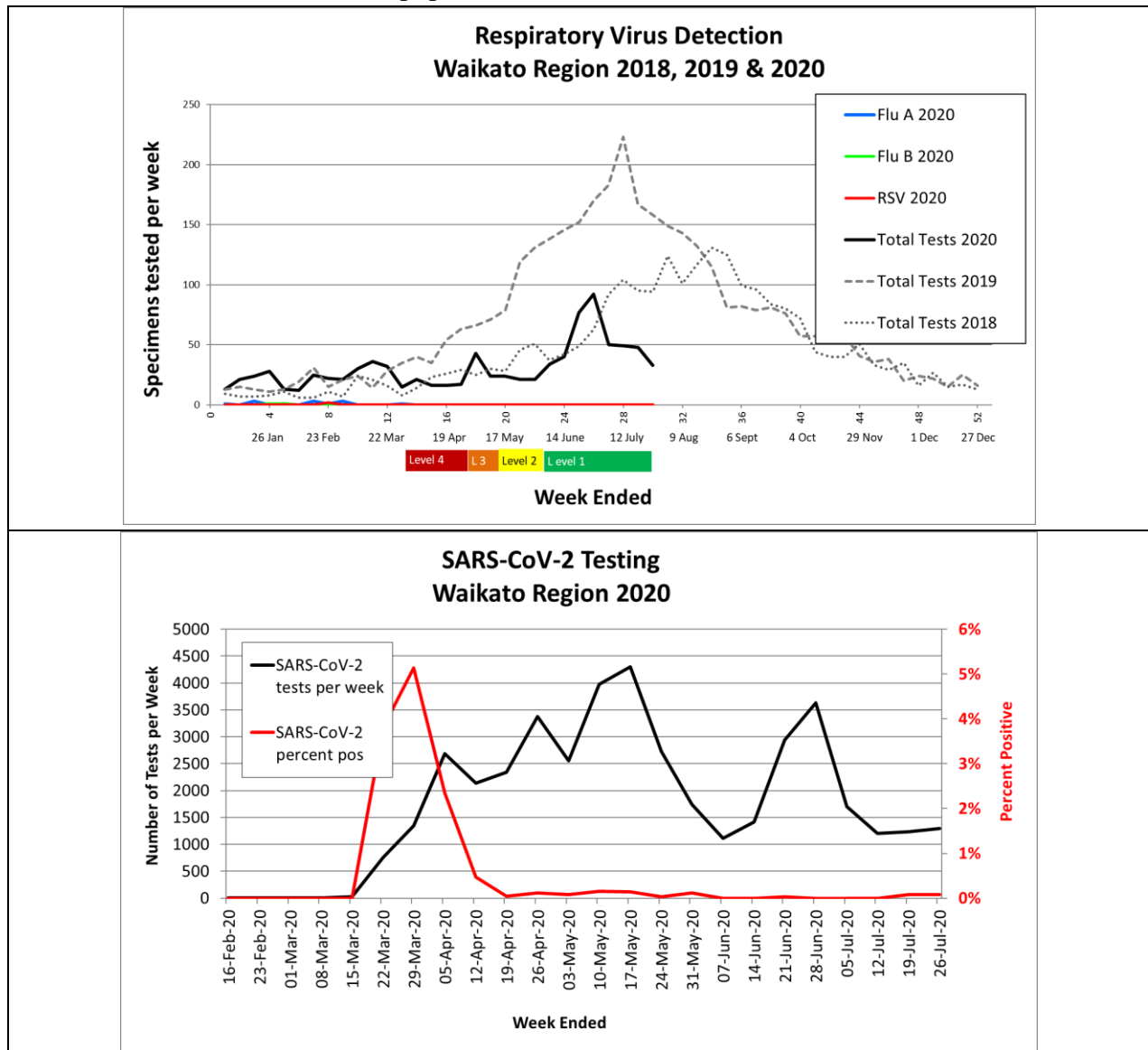


Waikato Respiratory Virus Report

Week 30 2020

Week to 26 July 2020

Sample numbers have fallen after the peak of interest when unrecognised COVID cases were released from isolation. This suggests that acute respiratory illness remains at a low level in our region. Note that nasopharyngeal swabs are required for Influenza testing For COVID testing only, throat swabs are accepted from patients with active symptoms who decline an NPS. We have picked up a few weakly positive SARS-CoV-2 tests in asymptomatic travellers at the Waikato Managed Isolation Facilities. There have been no COVID cases detected in the Waikato resident population. Influenza and RSV have still not arrived.



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>
 NZ COVID numbers available at: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-current-situation/covid-19-current-cases#summary>