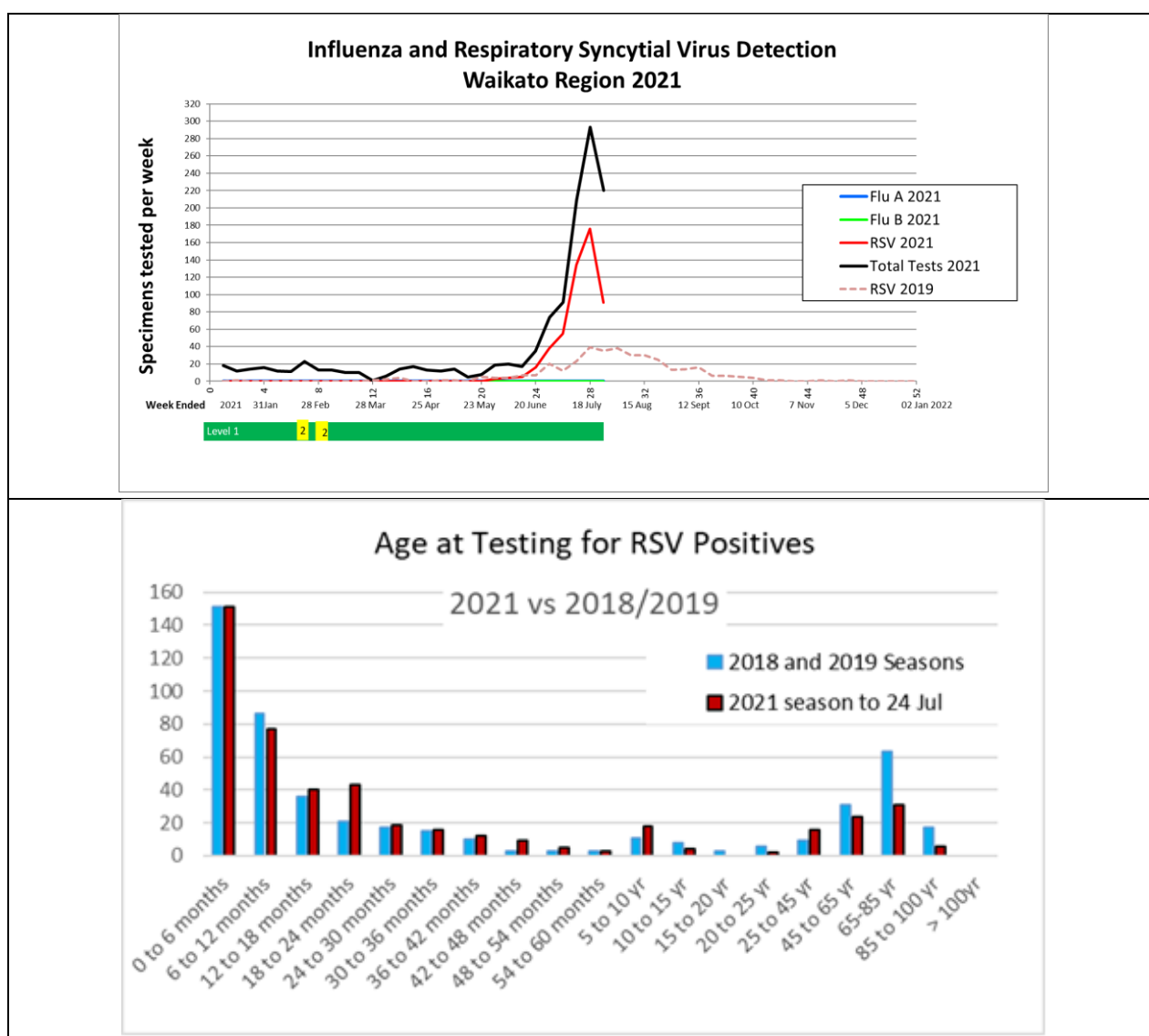


Week to 25 July 2021

Respiratory Syncytial Virus case numbers started to fall in the Waikato last week, as they have around the rest of NZ. Whether this will translate into a more intense but shorter season remains to be seen. The age group graph shows that RSV is predominantly a disease affecting preschool children and specially under 1 year olds. Numbers of children affected this year are equal to both 2018 and 2019 combined, making up for zero cases in 2020. Proportionally, the spillover to adults hasn't been as great as usual, but we already have more adult cases than in a normal winter, and this epidemic has a few weeks to go yet.

We still have no Influenza in New Zealand and no community circulation of SARS-CoV-2. Most strains seen in returning travellers are now the Delta variant (B.1.617.2).



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

Global Influenza surveillance: <https://www.who.int/influenza/en/>

WHO global COVID situation page <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>