

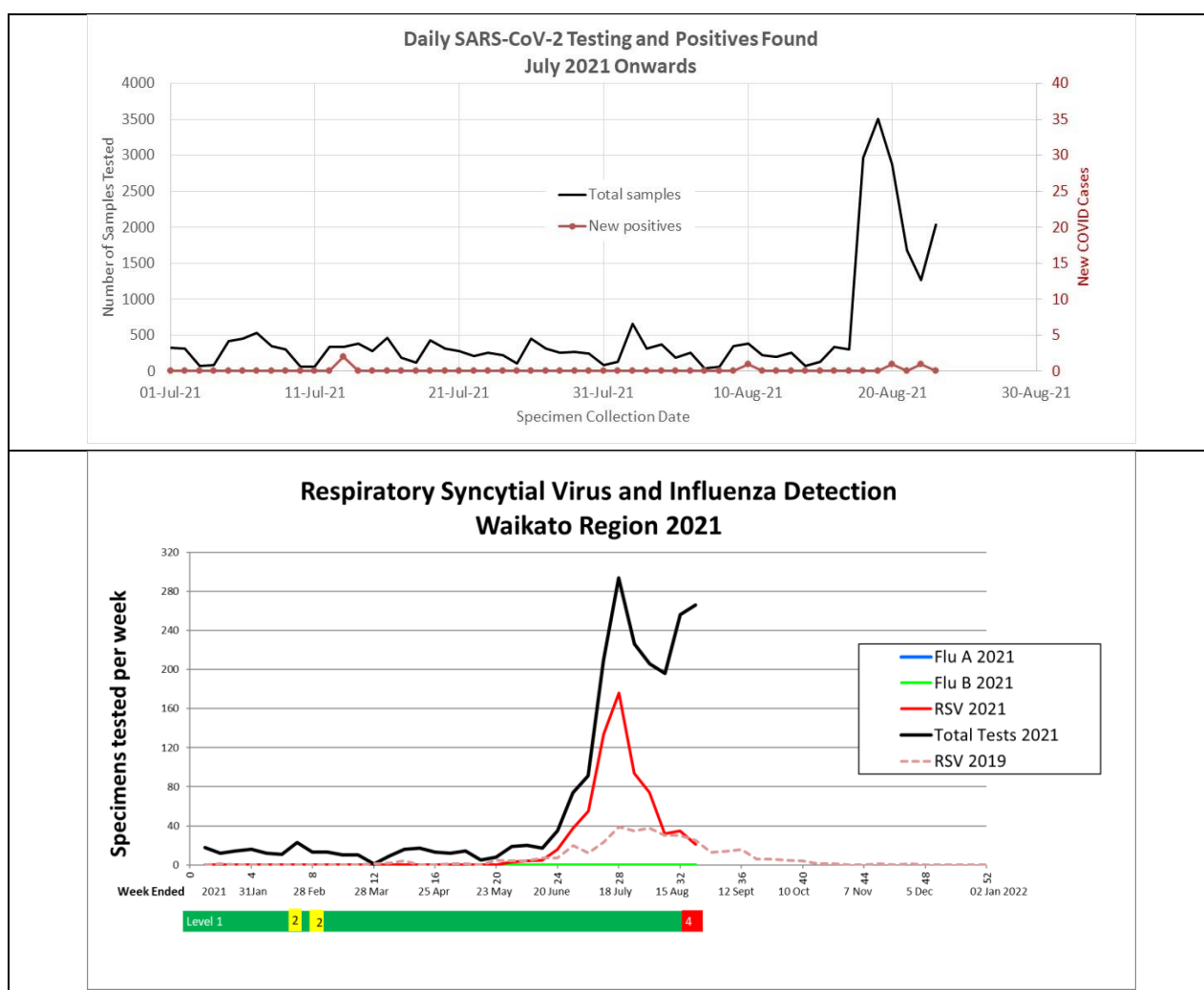
Waikato Respiratory Virus Report

Week 33 2021

Week to 22 Aug 2021

A COVID-19 outbreak has been found in Auckland, and a few cases in Wellington. Intensive testing has been undertaken in the Waikato and Coromandel, with 13933 samples tested over the 7 days to 23 August. Only two cases were detected, both of whom had COVID several months earlier and were not new cases from this outbreak. The test in use has a very low false positive rate and is very sensitive for detecting weak positives. The number of people tested gives high confidence that SARS-CoV-2 is not circulating in the Waikato community. Under the Level 4 precautions in place, we can expect any unrecognised chains of transmission to die out.

RSV cases continue to decline. Influenza is not present.



Waikato laboratory web site and virus report archive: <https://lab.waikatodhb.health.nz/news/>
 Global Influenza surveillance: <https://www.who.int/teams/global-influenza-programme/surveillance-and-monitoring/influenza-updates/current-influenza-update>
 WHO global COVID situation page <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>
 NZ COVID information: <https://covid19.govt.nz>