

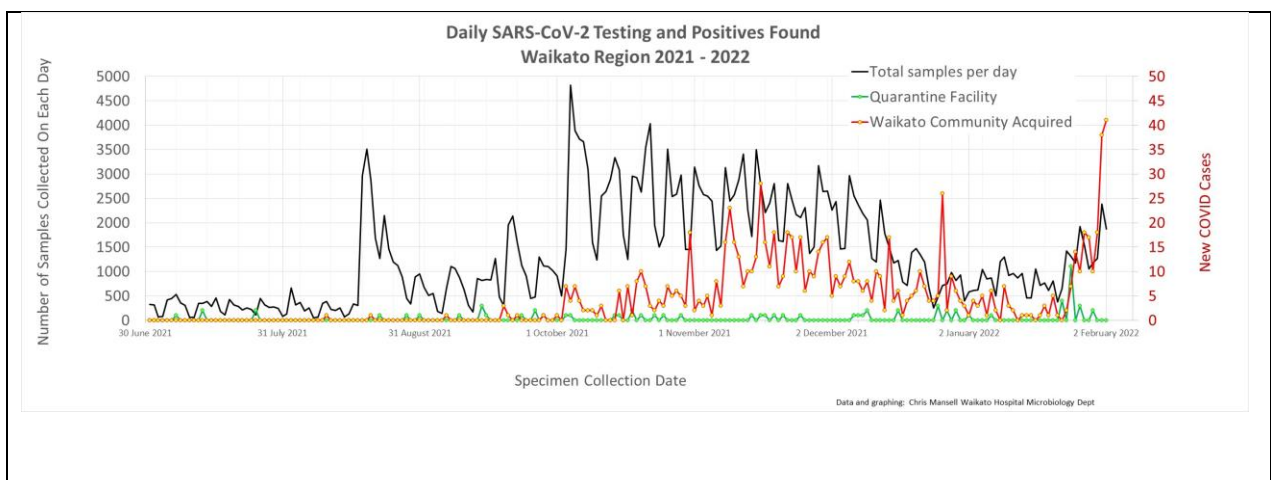
Waikato SARS-CoV-2 Laboratory Report

Week 04 2022

Spot report 4 Feb 2022

We now have a rapid increase in community cases of SARS-CoV-2 infection. PCR is being used to attempt to recognise every case and assist contact tracing.

We are also seeing a delay of more than one day in reporting some COVID results, so the numbers shown here for 2 Feb are an under estimate by about 20%. The sample positivity rate is 2.2% which generates extra work, out of proportion to the number of swabs tested. We are having to limit the service offered for other molecular testing, such as Herpes and Chlamydia. Bacteriology, such as blood cultures, CSF and urine testing is not affected at this stage.



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

NZ Ministry of Health COVID data page: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics>

Radio New Zealand data visualisation: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/in-depth/450874/covid-19-data-visualisations-nz-in-numbers>

WHO COVID-19 dashboard: <https://covid19.who.int/>