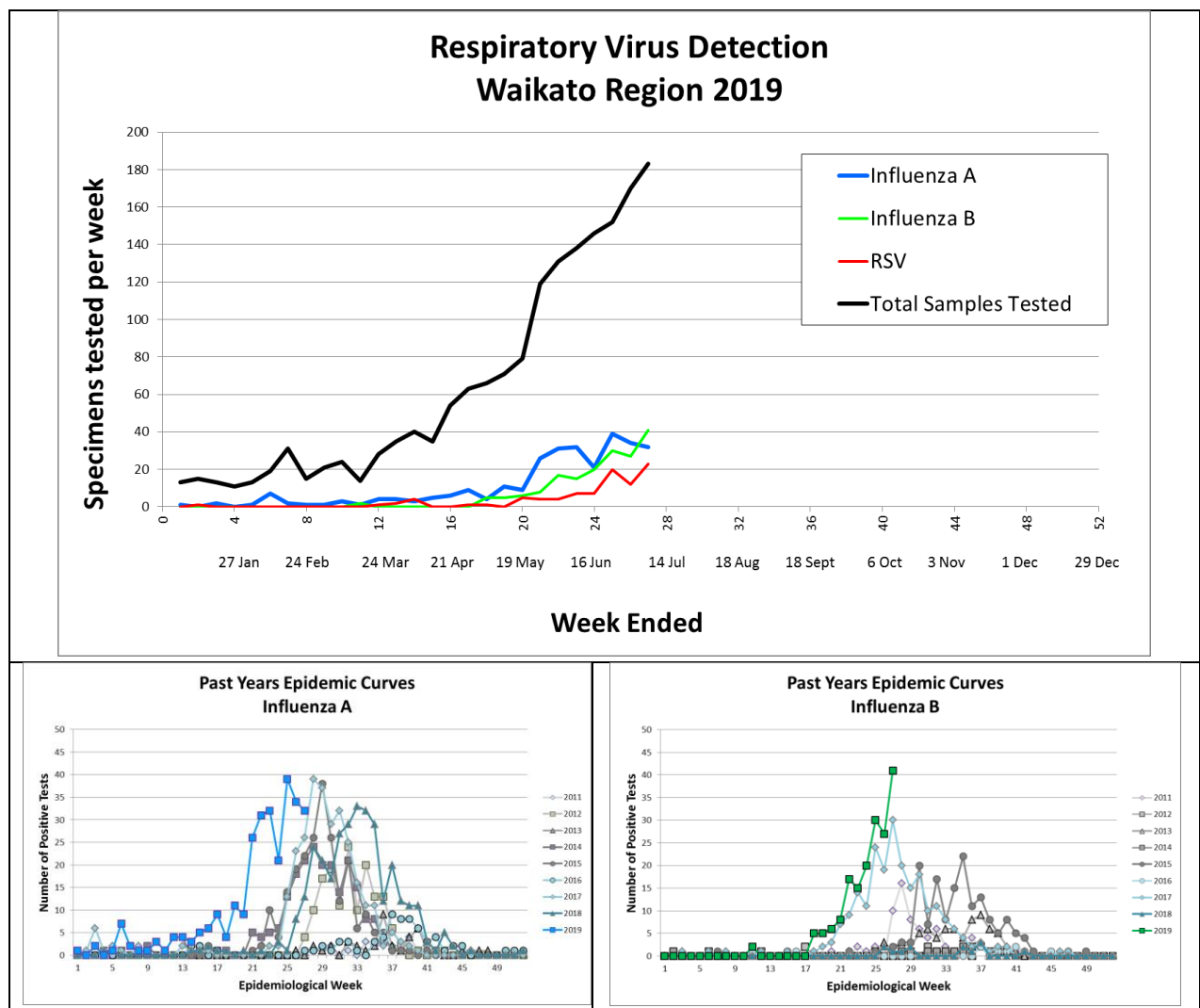


Waikato Respiratory Virus Report

Week 27 2019

Week to 7 July 2019

Both Influenza A and B numbers remain high and we have concurrent Influenza A and B seasonal epidemics. This is the earliest Influenza A season we have had for many years, about 6 weeks ahead of the usual timing. This could be due to the relatively higher number of interseasonal cases seen from January to April. Influenza B numbers are still increasing rapidly. Severity of illness seems to be less overall this year than in the past, perhaps reflecting a lower pathogenicity of Influenza B, compared to the A strains. RSV is approaching typical winter rates and a few severe cases have come into our ICU.



Waikato laboratory web site and virus report archive:

<https://lab.waikatodhb.health.nz/news/>

NZ National Surveillance:

<https://www.esr.cri.nz/our-services/consultancy/flu-surveillance-and-research>