Waikato Respiratory Virus Report

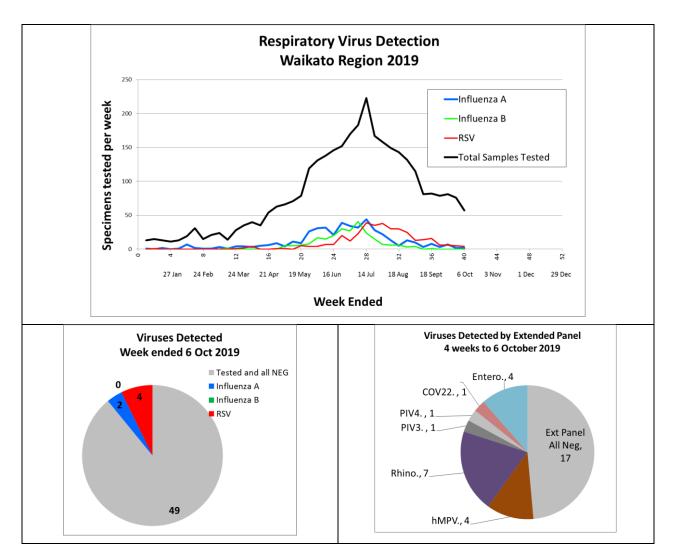
Week to 6 Oct 2019

We are now in the "summer season", with very small amounts of Influenza A and RSV still circulating. Requests for respiratory virus testing continue to fall.

Next year's vaccine for New Zealand will include updated strains for A H3N2 and B Victoria lineage. <u>http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2019/09/two-strains-changed-southern-hemisphere-2020-flu-vaccine</u> https://www.who.int/influenza/vaccines/virus/recommendations/2020_south/en/

In the Northern hemisphere, influenza has not yet begun.

This will be my last report for the year.



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

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

 Global surveillance:
 <u>https://www.who.int/influenza/resources/charts/en/</u>

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