

Waikato Respiratory Virus Report

Week 10 2020

Week to 8 Mar 2020

We are still in the “summer season”, with occasional cases of Influenza and RSV being detected, but not propagating widely. About half the cases of Influenza A over January and February were returned travellers or their contacts. It appears that the New Zealand situation is not conducive to rapid spread of respiratory viruses at present.

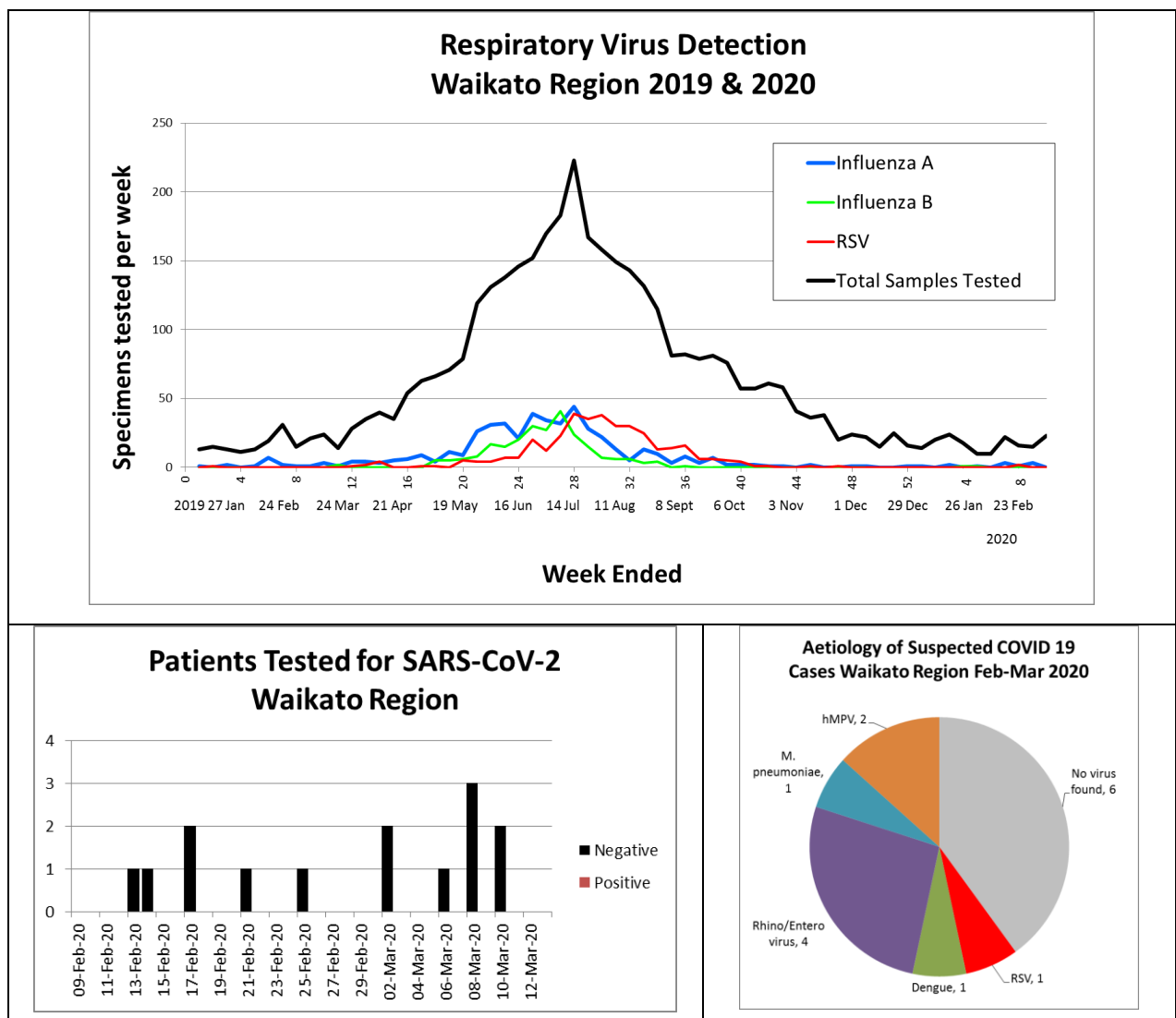
A small number of patients with suspected COVID 19 in the Waikato have been tested, but all have been negative so far.

WHO has characterised COVID 19 as a pandemic. The reference page:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

NZ Ministry of Health COVID 19 information page (updated daily):

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>



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

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