

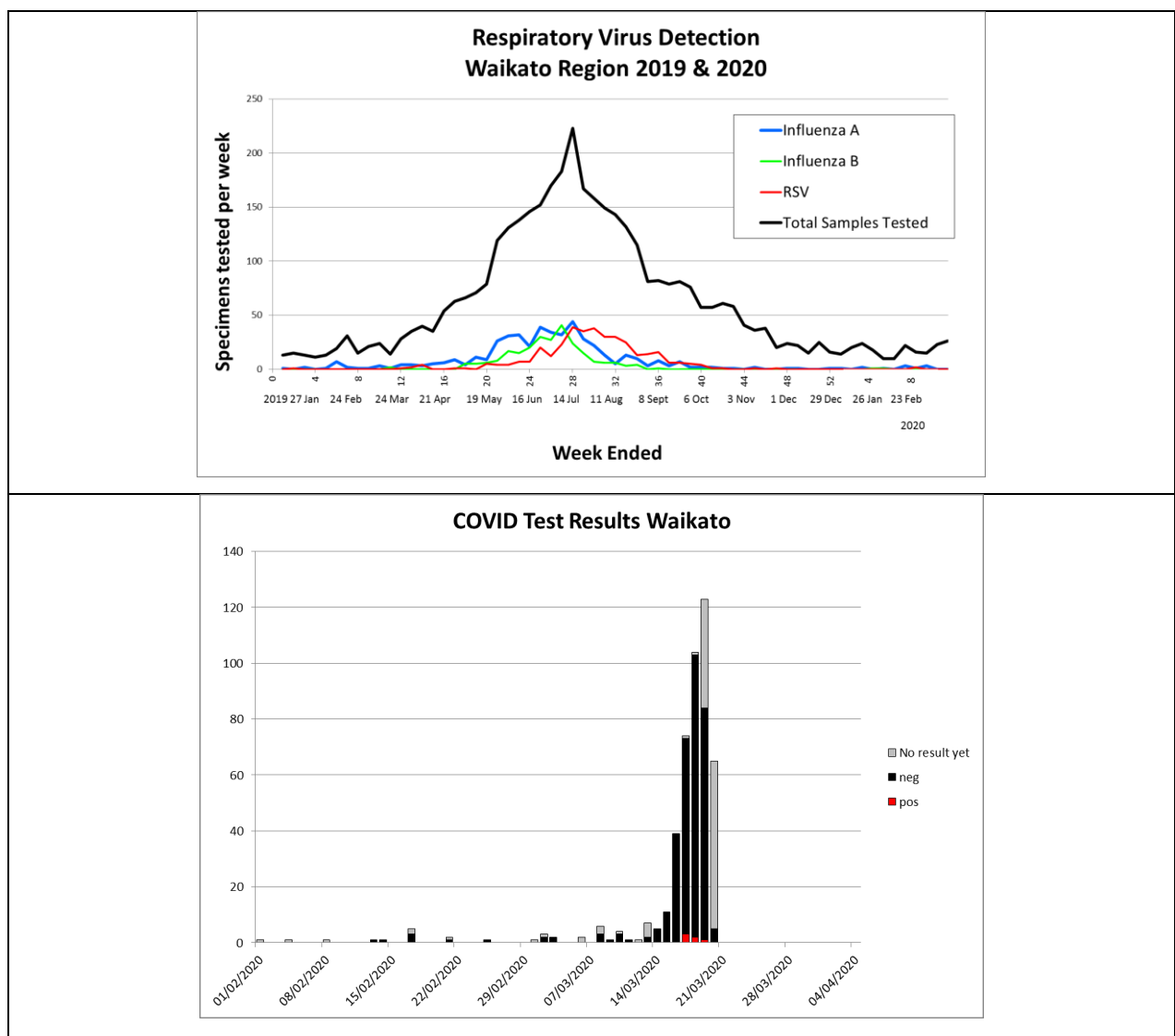
Waikato Respiratory Virus Report

Week 11 2020

Week to 15 Mar 2020

There are very few of the traditional winter viruses circulating yet. We found zero cases of Influenza and RSV last week (26 patients tested). The New Zealand situation is still not conducive to rapid spread of respiratory viruses.

Testing for SARS-CoV-2, the cause of COVID-19 illness, is now under way at Waikato Hospital lab. Testing was expanded to travellers who had arrived from any overseas country after 1 March (<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>). So far, very little testing has been done to search for local transmission within NZ. Please refer to the Ministry of Health site for the current number of positive patients, as this changes daily. <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-current-cases>.



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/>

WHO global COVID situation page: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>