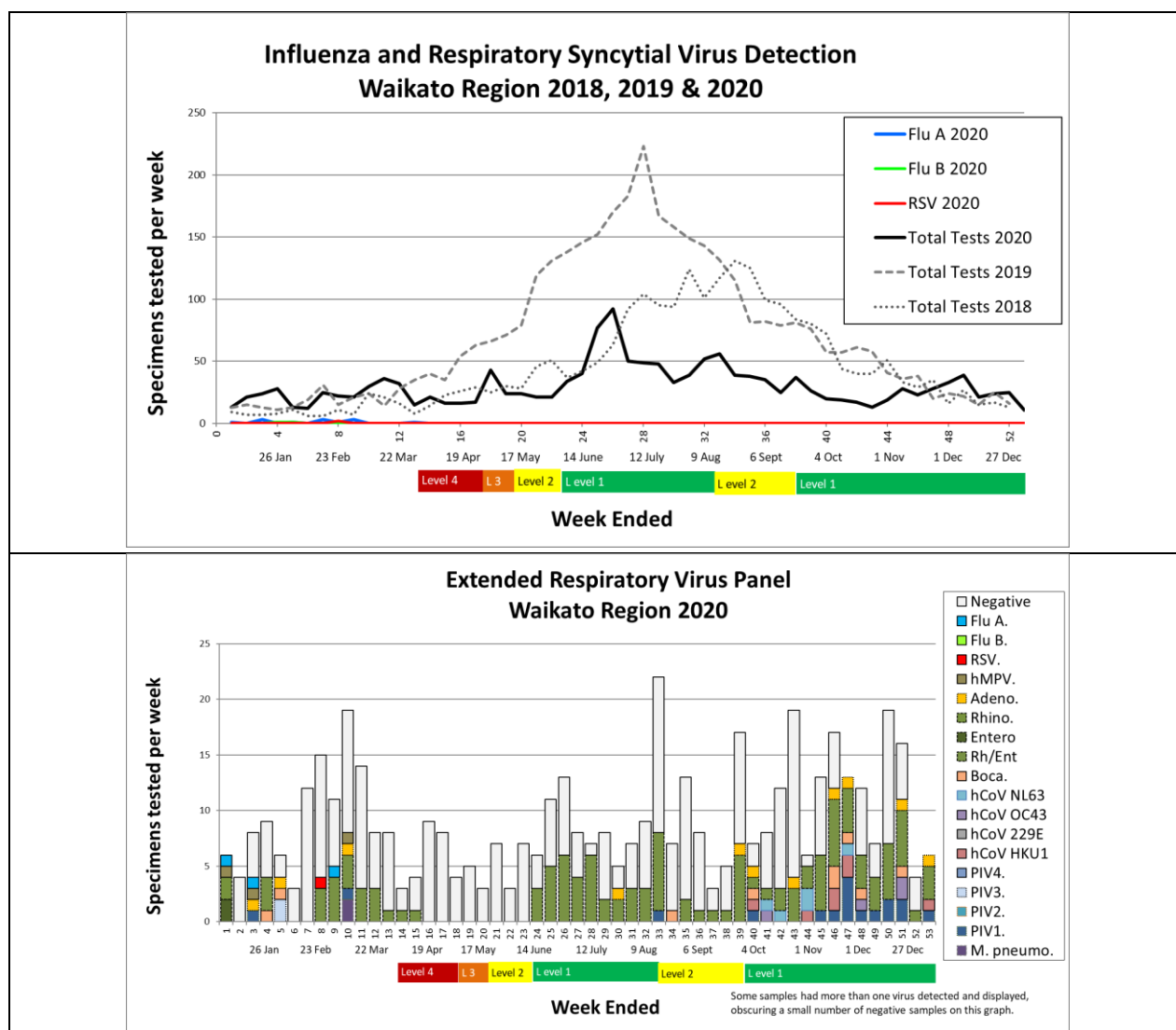


Week to 3 Jan 2021

In 2020, several major respiratory pathogens were eradicated during the March Level 4 lockdown and have not reappeared. Of note, we have had no Influenza A or B and no RSV detected in 1298 tests since 26 March 2020. Although the northern hemisphere is now in winter, Influenza is not circulating there either.

SARS-CoV-2 remains absent from the Waikato community (a few cases are being detected in returned travellers in the managed isolation facilities) and we have been testing about 1200 samples each week, during December. Rhinoviruses reappeared during the first Level 1 period and we now have a wide variety of other respiratory viruses present in the Waikato.



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

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

WHO global COVID situation page <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

NZ COVID numbers available at:

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