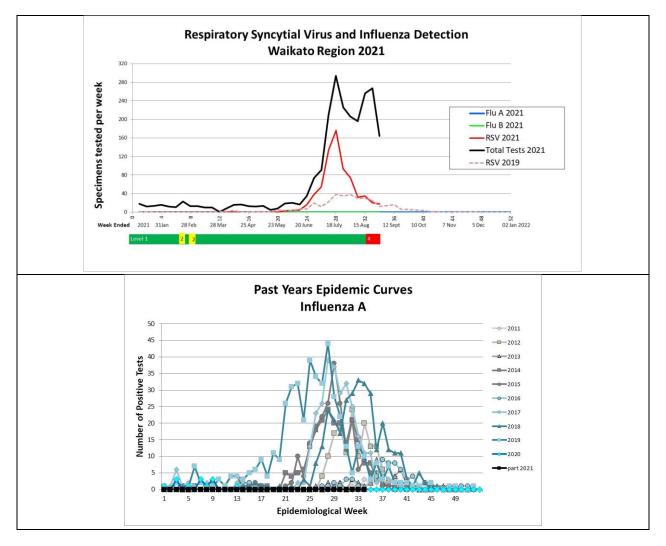
Waikato Respiratory Virus Report

Week to 29 Aug 2021

COVID testing in the Waikato and Coromandel has not found any community transmission. Test numbers are still in the range of 500 to 1000 per day, giving reasonable confidence that SARS-CoV-2 is not circulating here.

RSV cases continue to decline, in line with the usual incidence at this time last year.

Seasonal Influenza is a major risk and is likely to return next winter. Although in the past Influenza has circulated into September and October, we haven't had a winter flu season actually start as late as this. If cases are introduced to the Waikato, they are unlikely to result in sustained transmission at this time of year.



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

 Global Influenza surveillance:
 https://www.who.int/teams/global-influenza-programme/surveillance-and

 monitoring/influenza-updates/current-influenza-update

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

 NZ COVID information:
 https://covid19.govt.nz