

Waikato Respiratory Virus Report

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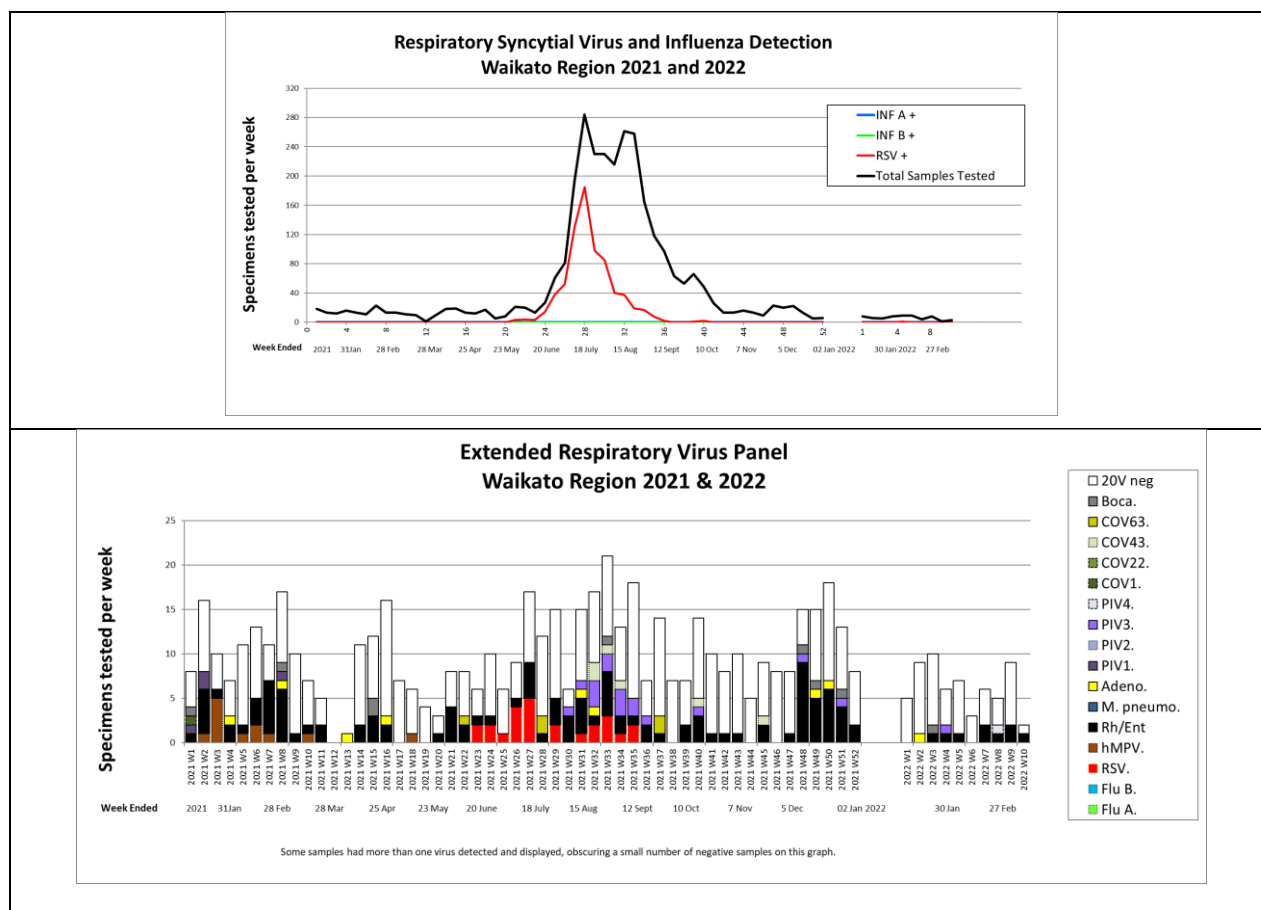
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Omicron SARS-CoV-2 is circulating in the Waikato, yet many swabs from symptomatic people are negative. What else is around ?

We have had one detection of RSV, on 5 Feb, so this may be still present at low levels. Border restrictions are likely to have prevented entry of new cases into New Zealand in recent months. We can expect a normal RSV season this winter.

No Influenza has been found in the Waikato for two years. With the borders reopening over the next month or two, we can expect a triple sized winter epidemic this year. This could be any or all of Influenza A H1, A H3, B Yamagata or B Victoria. The start date(s) of this will be quite unpredictable, as circulation is still reduced in the rest of the world.

Rhinoviruses are present and probably account for most non-COVID respiratory viral illness.



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>

NZ Ministry of Health COVID data page: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics>

Radio New Zealand data visualisation: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/in-depth/450874/covid-19-data-visualisations-nz-in-numbers>