

Waikato Respiratory Virus Report

Thursday 29 July 2010

Influenza is now present in the Waikato Region but numbers are not high. We are picking up about 2 patients with Influenza A and one with RSV each day. About 10% of patients tested are positive for Influenza A.

In addition to Influenza A, we also have respiratory syncytial virus, parainfluenza viruses types 1 and 3, human metapneumovirus and rhinovirus circulating.

Specimen numbers are about 200 per week and our maximum capacity is about 250 specimens per week.

	Collect date	Specimens tested	Patients tested	RSV	Flu A	PIV1	hMPV	PIV3	Rhino-virus	Percent Influenza A positive
Week	Week ended									
28	18-Jul	110	69	5	8	2	4	1	1	12%
29	25-Jul	139	91	7	10	1	3	1	0	11%
30	Mon, Tues, Wed	80	50	5	4	3	1	0	0	8%*

* positive results may take 2 days for PCR and a week for culture..

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