

Laboratory-based Virology Weekly Report

Week 25 ending 27 June, 2021

The laboratory-based surveillance for influenza and common respiratory viruses is carried out all-year-around by the NZ virus laboratory network consisting of the WHO National Influenza Centre (NIC) at ESR and six hospital laboratories in Auckland (2), Waikato, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. This laboratory network tests specimens ordered by clinicians for hospital inpatients and outpatients during normal clinical practice (serving ~70% of the NZ population). Sample collection is based on clinician's judgement, rather than systematic sampling approach. In addition, this laboratory network also conducts testing for public health surveillance including SARI, ILI and WellKiwis (i.e. SHIVERS) cohort surveillance. The below Tables and Figure show the weekly influenza and common non-influenza viruses reported from the laboratory network in 2021.

Table 1. Non-influenza respiratory viruses reported, since 1 January 2021

<i>Non-influenza respiratory viruses</i>	Week 25	Total
No. of positive specimens	907	4864
Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	538	989
Parainfluenza 1 (PIV1)	2	210
Parainfluenza 2 (PIV2)	0	2
Parainfluenza 3 (PIV3)	1	3
Rhinovirus (RV)	269	2784
Adenovirus (AdV)	34	319
Human metapneumovirus (hMPV)	30	166
Enterovirus	33	383
SARS-CoV-2	0	8

Table 2. Influenza respiratory viruses reported, since 1 January 2021

<i>Influenza viruses</i>	Week 25	Total
No. of positive specimens	0	2
Influenza A	0	0
A (not subtyped)	0	0
A(H1N1)pdm09	0	0
A(H1N1)pdm09 by PCR	0	0
A/Victoria/2570/2019 (H1N1)pdm09 - like	0	0
A(H3N2)	0	0
A(H3N2) by PCR	0	0
A/Hong Kong/2671/2019 (H3N2)-like	0	0
Influenza B	0	0
B (lineage not determined)	0	0
B/Yamagata lineage	0	0
B/Yamagata lineage by PCR	0	0
B/Phuket/3073/2013 - like	0	0
B/Victoria lineage	0	2
B/Victoria lineage by PCR	0	2
B/Washington/02/2019-like	0	0

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Figure 1. Respiratory viruses reported, since 1 January 2021, by week.

