

Strong Memorial Hospital Seasonal Respiratory Virus Report – week ending 7 May 2016

Report highlights: Similarly to last week, the incidence of influenza A infection continues a steady decline, however, influenza B positive results remain elevated despite reductions in pertinent test volume (% positive is increasing for influenza B). RSV positive results are in steady decline. Parainfluenza 3 in our region usually occurs in the late Spring, and we have started to see a few cases. Peak activity for parainfluenza 3 in previous years at SMH has been limited to 20-30 cases per month.

Results from the Strong Memorial Hospital microbiology lab for the previous 8 weeks are shown graphically as described below. The graphs display several components of testing, including changes in positive test results and testing volume with time, and positive test results divided into relevant age groups. The example below describes the different features of the graphs. Graphs will only be shown in the report when there is recent activity (>2 cases in the current week, or >5 cases in a given week in the reporting period).









