



Respiratory Virus Multiplex PCR: January findings

- The most frequently detected viruses during January were Rhinovirus (27%), Adenovirus (7%) and Parainfluenzavirus types 1-4 (6%).
- RSV was circulating at low levels during January (1%).
- The routine respiratory viral PCR tests offered by Ampath does not include testing for Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) which has been confirmed as the causative virus of Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). For more information please refer to the NICD website: http://www.nicd.ac.za/diseases-a-z-index/novel-coronavirus-infection/
- Please note: the Graph includes the combined data from different Respiratory Multiplex assays offered by Ampath laboratories.
- Refer to the Ampath website for the current and previous respiratory viral statistics both countrywide and per region: https://www.ampath.co.za/respiratory-tract-infection