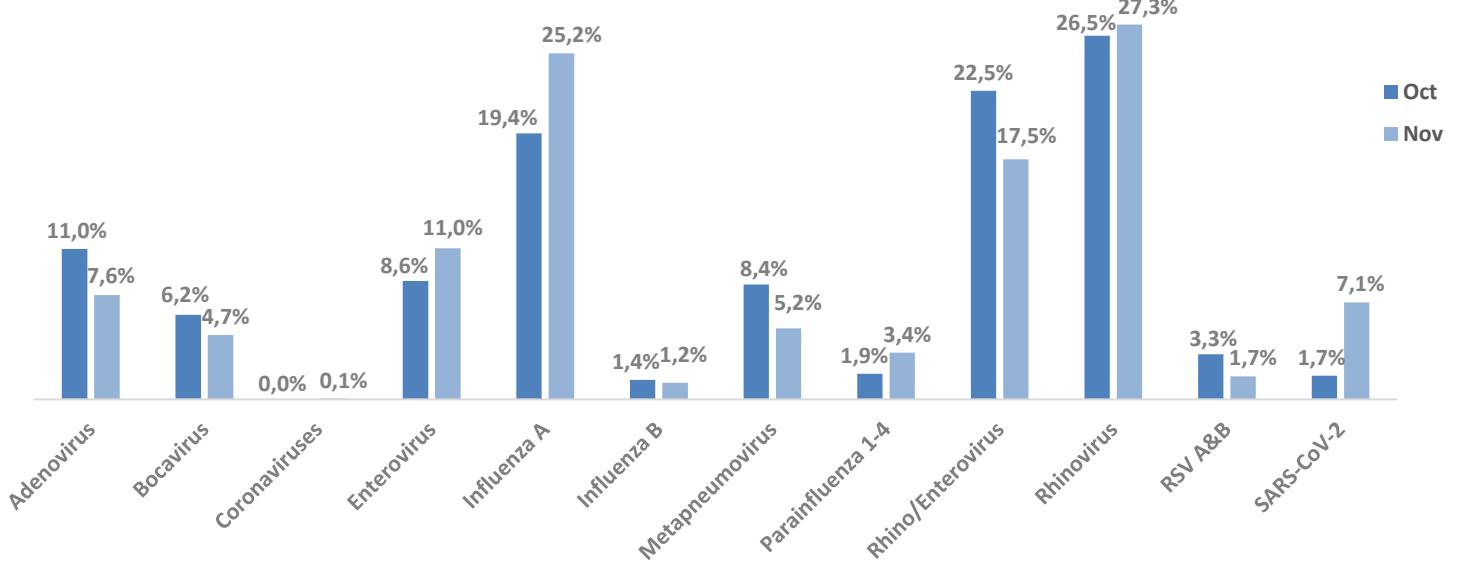


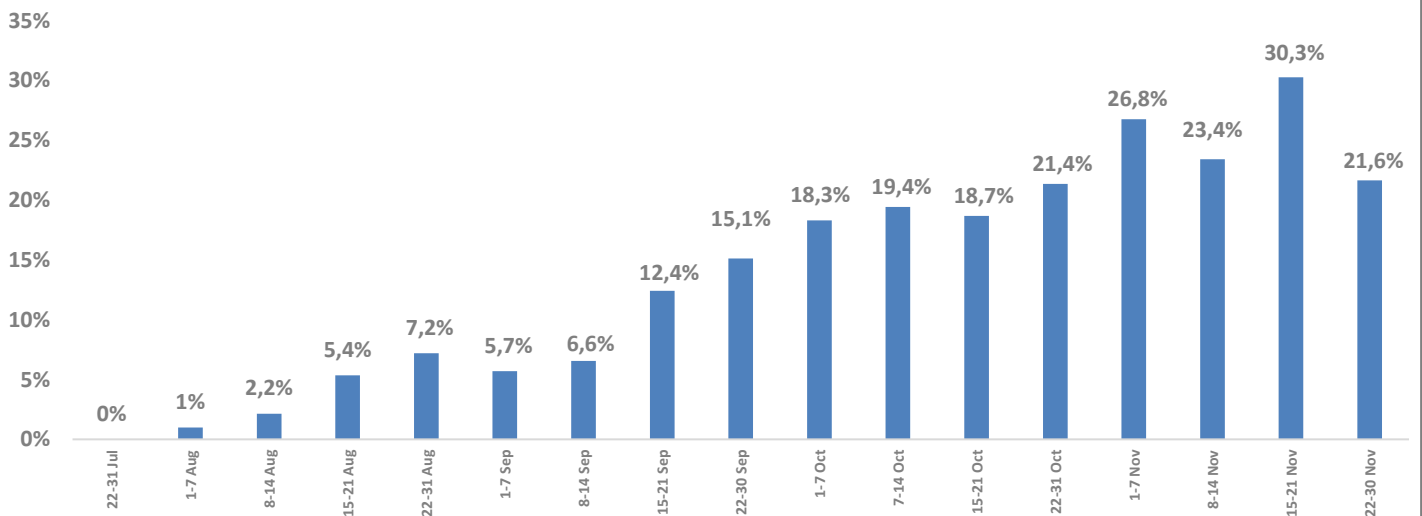
RESPIRATORY VIRUS STATISTICS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2021



Percentage of Specimens Positive
Respiratory Viral Multiplex PCR and SARS-CoV-2 PCR



Percentage of Specimens Positive: Influenza A PCR



Comments

- The most frequently detected viruses during November were rhinovirus (27.3%), influenza A virus (25.2%) and Rhino/Enterovirus (17.5%).
- A week by week breakdown of the influenza A PCR data, show a steady increase in the percentage of positive specimens from the middle of September onwards, with a decrease during the last week of November.
- As COVID-19 and influenza virus present with similar symptoms, it is important to test for both in patients with compatible symptoms.
- Ampath is now offering a SARS-CoV-2/Influenza A&B/RSV A&B Multiplex PCR test.
- SARS-CoV-2 has increased from 1.7% during October to 7.1% during November.