

Strong Memorial Hospital Seasonal Respiratory Virus Report – week ending 14 May 2016

Report highlights: Flu A and RSV are in steep decline, but Flu B is stubbornly holding on. Flu B tends to drag on more than Flu A, which typically demonstrates a sharper and shorter seasonal rise and fall. While parainfluenza can be seen sporadically year-round, parainfluenzas 1, 2, and 4, tend to peak in the Fall, whereas parainfluenza 3 occurs in the late Spring. Parainfluenza 3 activity this Spring has been relatively modest.

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).









