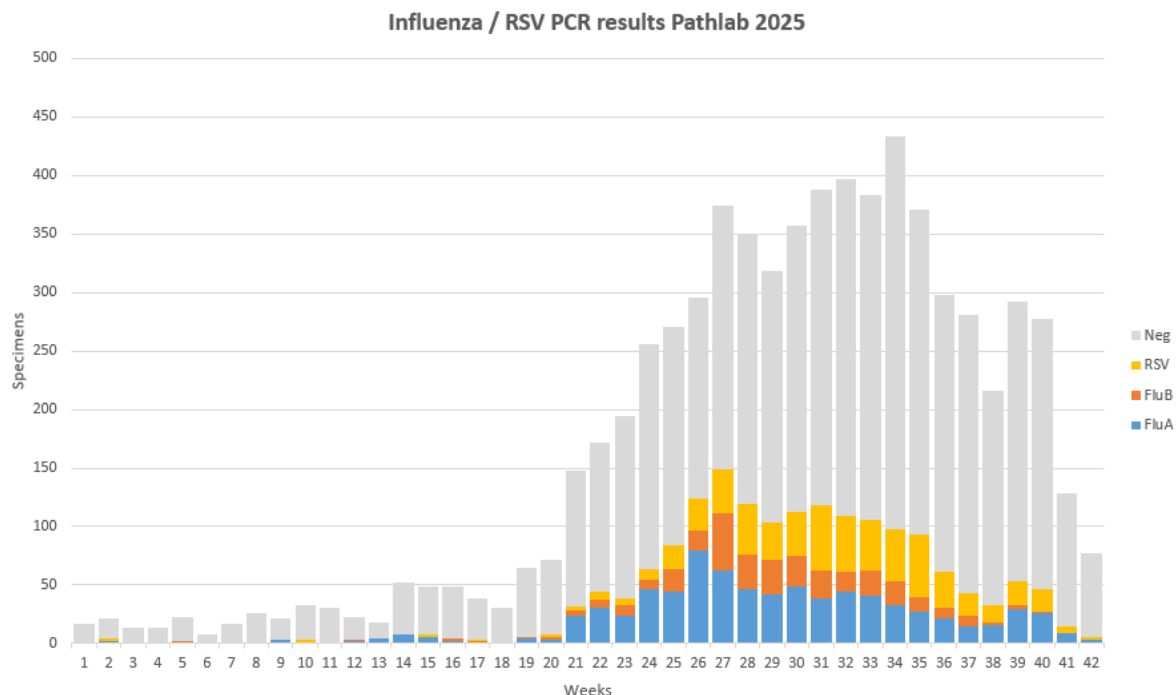




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## Hospital Influenza and RSV PCR Summer Testing Criteria

Summer is now upon us, and the RSV/Influenza season for 2025 appears to be over, with just occasional sporadic positive results now being observed.



CLINICAL UPDATE

From Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October, we will be putting in place summer Influenza/RSV testing criteria.

Testing for Influenza/RSV will only be performed in the following circumstances:

- **The patient is in ICU (or to be admitted to ICU),**
- **The patient is a baby ≤6 months old,**
- **The test has had prior approval by an ID Physician or Clinical Microbiologist.**

The reasons for testing must be clearly indicated on the laboratory request form, or the test may be rejected.

We will continue to monitor the PHF Science National dashboard [Respiratory illness dashboard](#) for any out of season Influenza/RSV and reinstitute appropriate testing if this occurs.

Thank you for assisting us in the responsible use of our diagnostic tests.

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