

# VIDARIS NEWSLETTER

## INFLUENZA SEASON

June has arrived, which is the traditional "influenza season" in New Zealand. Nationally the consultation rate for Influenza-like illnesses is within the expected range, however for Canterbury the expected rates of consultations for Influenza-like illnesses is low.

Up to the end of May, a total of 52 influenza viruses have been identified in New Zealand, with the pandemic H1N1 strain accounting for over half: Of these viruses, 23 were pandemic (H1N1) 09, eight were seasonal A (H3N2), and nine were influenza B.

A similar pattern of influenza virus detection has been seen in Canterbury.

The current circulating influenza strains are all covered by the 2011 influenza vaccine.

## NASOPHARYNGEAL SWAB UPDATE

So far we have received the results for 189 nasopharyngeal swab samples. The samples were collected between February and August 2010.

98 of those samples were positive for at least one of the viruses that we tested for.

25 had more than 1 virus detected.

The viruses that were detected can be seen in the graph below.

The other viruses that we are testing for include: Influenza A, Influenza H1N1 (Swine Flu), Influenza B, Respiratory Syncytial virus and Adenovirus.

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