

2 SEASONAL DISEASES

a The influenza season, South Africa, 2016

The 2016 influenza season that started in week 19 (the week starting 09 May 2016), continues. To date (21 July 2016) influenza has been detected in 400/3406 individuals tested for influenza from 3 surveillance programmes carried out by the NICD. Influenza B accounts for the majority of these detections i.e. 316/400 (79.0%), influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 for 21/400(5.3%), and influenza A(H3N2) for 63/400 (15.8%).

of influenza detections, the percentage of influenza B detections has declined from 100% in April to 60.7% in July. At the same time the percentage of influenza A(H3N2) detections has risen from 5.5% in May to 30.3% in July (to date).

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Although influenza B still accounts for the majority

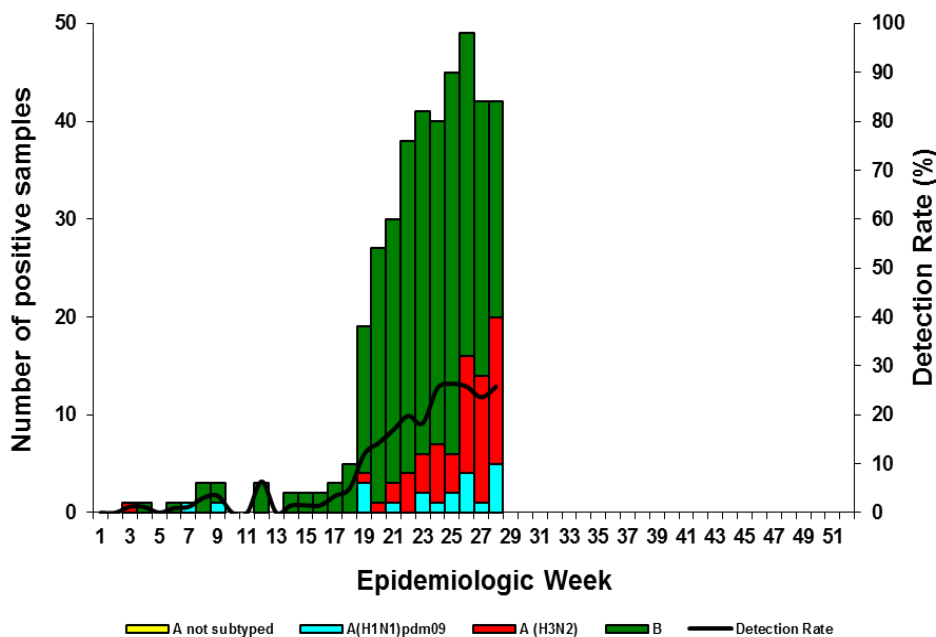


Figure 2. The number of positive influenza results by type and subtype, and the corresponding detection rate by epidemiological week of the year, according to data obtained from influenza-like illness (viral watch and public health clinics) and pneumonia surveillance programmes, 2016.