

b Rotavirus season 2016

The 2016 rotavirus season began in week 28 (11 Jul) and ended in week 36 (11 Sep). The 2016 season started later (week 28 in 2016 compared to week 20 (11 May) in 2015) and was shorter (9 weeks in 2016 compared to 20 weeks in 2015) than the 2015 season.

For epidemiological weeks 1 - 41, the numbers of stools testing positive for rotavirus continues to be lower in 2016 (17.7%; 107/605) compared to 2015 (22.4%; 160/715).

Source: Centre for Enteric Diseases, NICD-NHLS; (nicolap@nicd.ac.za)

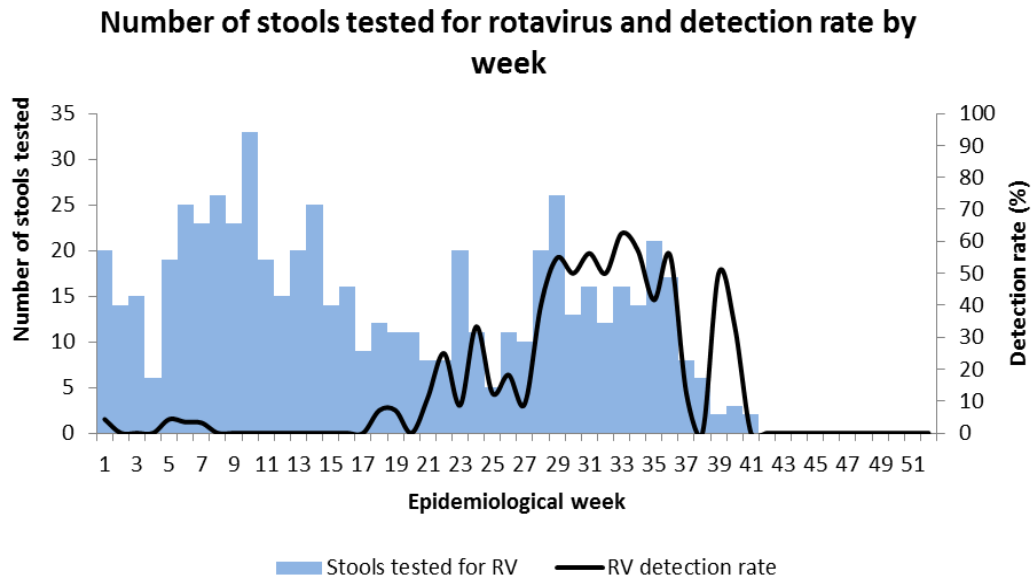


Figure 2. The rotavirus detection rate and the numbers of specimens tested by week for 9 sentinel surveillance sites in South Africa.