

SEASONAL DISEASES

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), 2021

In 2021 to date, RSV has been circulating since the first week of the year. Of the 3 101 cases hospitalised for severe respiratory illness who were tested for RSV at sentinel sites, 368 (12%) tested positive. The majority of RSV positive cases were subgroup A

(48%, 175/368). The highest detection rate was reported in week 12, 22% (26/116) and the detection rate has been decreasing in the past few weeks (Figure 6).

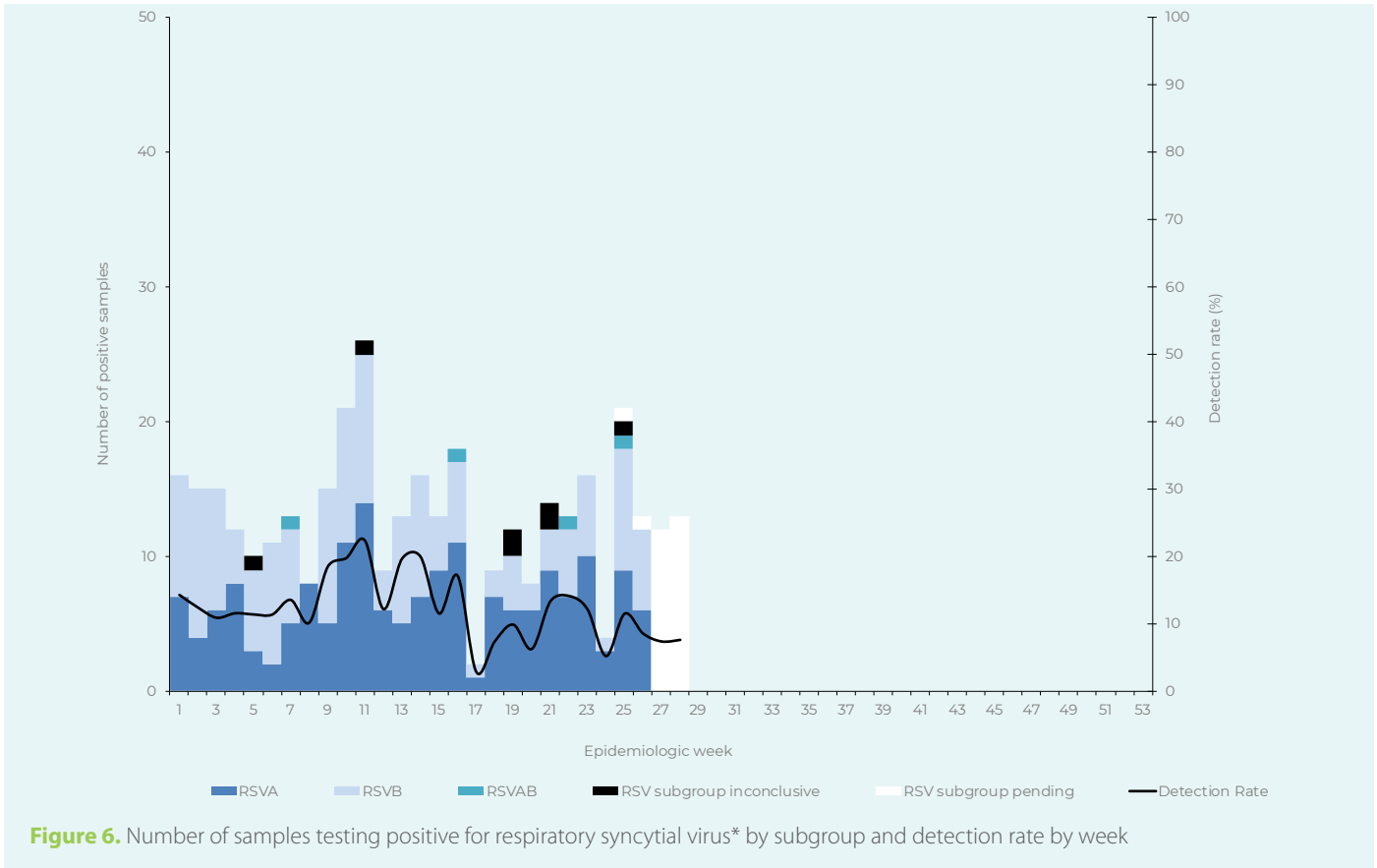


Figure 6. Number of samples testing positive for respiratory syncytial virus\* by subgroup and detection rate by week