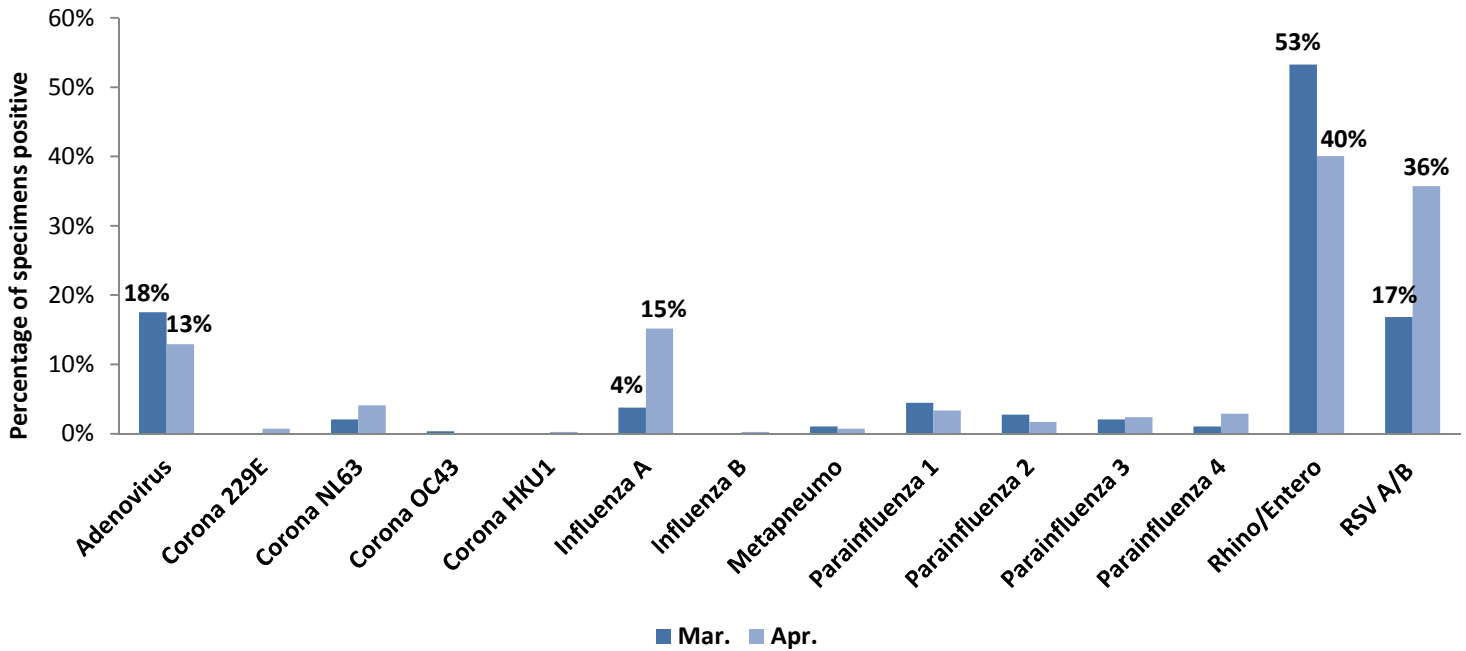


**March & April 2019**

**Respiratory Virus Multiplex PCR**



**Respiratory Virus Multiplex PCR: Findings during April 2019**

The most frequently detected viruses during April were rhino/enterovirus (40%) and RSV (36%).

RSV activity has increased from 17% of specimens testing positive during March, to 36% of specimens testing positive during April.

Influenza A activity has increased from 4% of specimens testing positive in March, to 15% of specimens testing positive during April. The majority of these influenza A viruses tested H3 positive.

***B. pertussis***

The amount of positive specimens tested countrywide by Ampath during April was similar to March.

***B. pertussis* PCR: Positive specimens (Ampath Countrywide)**

