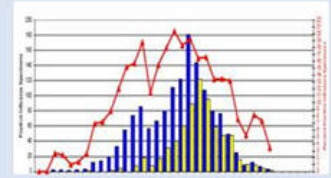


COLORADO FLU REPORT



2011-2012 Influenza Season

Reporting through the week ending May 26, 2012

(All data are provisional and may change as more reports are received.)

Overview: Surveillance for the 2011 – 2012 Influenza Season officially began on October 2nd, 2011. The Colorado Flu Report is published weekly to provide a concise and up to date summary of influenza activity in the State of Colorado. Current surveillance activities include: reporting of hospitalizations and deaths due to influenza, reporting of influenza-like illness (ILI) visits by selected sites, reporting of influenza testing activity by sentinel hospital labs, and monitoring circulating influenza viruses through molecular typing at the state public health laboratory.

Synopsis: For the week ending May 26th, influenza activity was minimal.

- A cumulative total of 543 hospitalizations from 42 counties have been reported.
- Influenza-Like Illness reported by Kaiser Permanente for the Denver-Boulder metropolitan area decreased to 0.4% (compared to 0.7% the previous week). Influenza-like illness reported by Mesa County was 0.0% (compared to 0.1% the previous week).
- Sentinel hospital labs (16/18 reporting) tested 152 specimens and provisionally 3.3% were positive (compared to 0.9% the previous week).
- There were two additional specimens submitted to the state laboratory during the last two weeks. Cumulatively, 560 (94%) of 596 PCR positive specimens have subtyped as H3, 34 (5.5%) as 2009 H1N1, and 2 (0.3%) have confirmed as type B.
- A cumulative total of 22 LTCF outbreaks have been reported

To view the weekly Colorado Flu (surveillance) Report (available as of 5/24/12), go to:
<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPHE-DCEED/CBON/1251607766255>

To view the weekly CDC flu (surveillance) Report, go to:
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/flu-season-2011-2012.htm>

****Week ending 5/26/12 marked the end of the official influenza season, although reporting of influenza-like illness (ILI) will continue throughout the summer. Reporting of hospitalization and death surveillance due to influenza, testing activities by sentinels hospital labs, outbreak reporting, and virology typing at the state lab will be suspended over the summer and resume in week 40 of the 2012-13 season.**