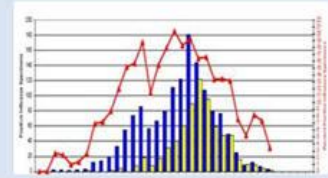


COLORADO FLU REPORT



2012-2013 Influenza Season

Reporting through the week ending May 18, 2013

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

Overview: Surveillance for the 2012–2013 Influenza Season officially began on October 7th, 2012. 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 pediatric deaths due to influenza, reporting of influenza-like illness (ILI) visits by selected outpatient sites, reporting of influenza testing activity by sentinel hospital labs, reporting of ILI outbreaks in long term care facilities (LTCF), and monitoring circulating influenza viruses through molecular typing at the state public health laboratory.

Synopsis: For the week ending May 18th, influenza activity was minimal.

- There were two additional hospitalizations reported; 1 with a collection date during a previous week and 1 with a collection date during the most recent week. The cumulative total of hospitalizations was 1530 from 47 counties.
- Influenza-like illness reported by Kaiser Permanente for the Denver-Boulder metropolitan area remained below 1.0% (0.5%). Influenza-like illness reported by Mesa County was 0%.
- For the most recent week, no additional specimen tested positive for influenza by PCR. Since the season began on October 7th, among 631 PCR positive specimens tested at the state laboratory, 368 (58%) have subtyped as H3, 60 (9%) as 2009 H1N1, and 203 (32%) as type B.
- No additional pediatric deaths were reported. There have been five pediatric deaths as of the week ending 5/18/13.

To view the weekly Colorado Flu (surveillance) Reports, go to: <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPHE-DCEED/CBON/1251607766255>

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