Influenza Surveillance Report
Week 45: November 8th – 14th, 2009

I. Influenza Summary to Date
Influenza surveillance for suburban Cook County** involves the weekly collection of data from a sample of hospitals, private physician’s offices, and laboratory data. Our sentinel participants reported the following aggregate measures: Syndromic Surveillance: 5.92% ILI1, Sentinel Sites: 15.24% ILI2. 573 (36.71%) specimens tested by participating laboratories3 were positive for influenza, of which 100% of sub-typed influenza A viruses were 2009 H1N1. This is the first week that influenza activity has decreased, and the activity level has decreased across all data sources. To date, suburban Cook County has had 369 hospitalized cases of confirmed 2009 H1N1, 10 2009 H1N1 deaths, and 1 pediatric influenza death. During weeks 44 and 45, eighty-three 2009 H1N1 hospitalizations were reported to CCDPH. Thank you to all of our surveillance partners for their help in collecting this information.

II. Syndromic Surveillance Data1

III. Syndromic Surveillance by Age Group Data1

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IV. Sentinel Provider Data

- Week Number
- % of Visits for ILI

V. Laboratory Surveillance Data

- Week Number
- Number of Positive Specimens

VI. 2009 H1N1 Hospitalization and Death Data

- Hospitalized Case Counts
- Total Cases: 369
- Total Deaths: 10
- Incidence by Age
- 0-4: 61
- 5-24: 126
- 25-49: 103
- 50-64: 59
- 65+: 18
- Unknown: 2
- Incidence by Region
- North: 138
- West: 86
- Southwest: 53
- South: 91

Hospitalized Confirmed Cases of 2009 H1N1 by Onset Week

- Week Number
- Number of Cases
VII. Regional Data


1. Syndromic surveillance influenza-like-illness (ILI) syndrome is defined as a symptom complex fever and cough or sore throat from ESSENCE. 32 hospital EDs participate in ESSENCE. ILI = # of ED visits for ILI / total # of ED visits.

2. ILI is defined as fever ≥ 100°F, cough and/or sore throat in the absence of a known cause other than influenza. 5 hospital EDs and 8 physician offices are participating CDC sentinel sites.

3. Laboratory surveillance includes viral culture, RT-PCR, and the rapid antigen test. Not all cases are suburban Cook County Residents. Participating laboratories: IDPH, NSUHS, and ACL.

4. Hospitalization and death data are only for suburban Cook County residents (excludes Evanston, Skokie, Oak Park, and Stickney). Data includes reported cases for the presented week.


† No activity: no laboratory confirmed cases of influenza and no reported increase in cases of ILI.

Sporadic: small number of laboratory confirmed influenza cases or a single laboratory confirmed influenza in a single region of the state.

Local: Outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI and recent laboratory confirmed influenza in a single region of the state.

Regional: Outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI and recent laboratory confirmed influenza in at least two but less than half the region of the state.

Widespread: Outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI cases and recent laboratory confirmed influenza in at least half the region in the state.