The WHO has released a Global Influenza Strategy for 2019-2030 aimed at protecting people in all countries from the threat of influenza. The goal of the strategy is to prevent seasonal influenza, control the spread of influenza from animals to humans, and prepare for the next influenza pandemic. Please see the following link to the WHO news release for more details.


Influenza-associated Pediatric Mortality

One (1) pediatric influenza (A/H1N1-09) death has been confirmed by MDHHS for the 2018-2019 flu season. Nationally, 68 influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported thus far for the 2018-2019 flu season.
Regional baseline is developed by calculating the mean percentage of patient visits for ILI during non-influenza weeks for the previous three seasons and adding two standard deviations.

- Number of reports by region: 36 total [C(12), N(3), SE(15), SW(6)]
- Proportion of visits due to ILI: ↓2.7% (regional baseline*: 1.8%)
- A total of 368 patient visits due to ILI were reported out of 13,832 office visits

*Regional baseline is developed by calculating the mean percentage of patient visits for ILI during non-influenza weeks for the previous three seasons and adding two standard deviations.

MI Statewide ILI NET and Syndromic Surveillance Rates, 2018-2019

National Surveillance

In the United States, 4.5% of outpatient visits were due to influenza-like illness (ILI), which is above the national baseline of 2.2%.

Become a sentinel provider!
Contact Shelly Doebler at DoeblerM@michigan.gov
Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Project

The CDC Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Project (IHSP) provides population-based rates of hospitalization due to severe influenza-related illness through active surveillance and chart review of lab-confirmed cases from Oct. 1, 2018 until Apr. 30, 2019, for Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Genesee, and Washtenaw counties. Since Oct. 1, there have been 470 (74 pediatric, 396 adult) influenza-related hospitalizations reported in the catchment area for the 2018-2019 season.
Laboratory Surveillance

Week Ending March 9

MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories reported 38 new positive influenza results (17C, 1N, 2SE, 18SW)

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<tr>
<th>Respiratory Virus</th>
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<th>Overall Total</th>
<th>2017-18 Total</th>
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Michigan Sentinel Clinical Lab
Respiratory Virus Data

Ten (10) sentinel clinical labs (2SE, 1SW, 6C, 1N) reported during this week

SE Region
- Influenza A: moderate; some increases
- Influenza B: slightly elevated; some increases
- Parainfluenza: low
- RSV: slightly elevated; downward trend
- Adenovirus: slightly elevated
- hMPV: slightly elevated

Central Region
- Influenza A: moderate; increasing
- Influenza B: low
- Parainfluenza: low
- RSV: low or slightly elevated
- Adenovirus: low
- hMPV: sporadic-low

SW Region
- Influenza A: moderate; increasing
- Influenza B: sporadic-low
- Parainfluenza: sporadic-low
- RSV: moderate; steady
- Adenovirus: low
- hMPV: slightly elevated

North Region
- Influenza A: slightly elevated
- Influenza B: slightly elevated
- Parainfluenza: no data available
- RSV: low
- Adenovirus: no data available
- hMPV: no data available

Influenza Positive Test Results, 2018-2019

Based on STARLIMS MDHHS BOL Testing Portal
Note: Flu B subtyping will be reported based on MDHHS BOL testing runs (roughly each month) and will be backtracked into this graph
Most recent MDHHS BOL Flu B subtyping run: March 6, 2019
There were four (0N, 0C, 2SE, 2SW) new respiratory viral outbreaks reported to MDHHS during this time period.

Respiratory outbreaks for the 2018-2019 season are listed in the table below.

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**Did you know?**

Congregate setting outbreaks of viral respiratory illnesses are required to be reported to your local health department? See:

- [Influenza Guidance for Healthcare Providers](#)
- [Guideline for influenza and Respiratory Virus Outbreaks in Long-Term Care Facilities](#)

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**FluBytes**

- CHOP: Vaccine Decision Making Among Families
- Multi-agency Vaccine Education Website Launched
- WHO Announces New Global Influenza Strategy
- Getting a Flu Shot May Reduce Risk of Heart Attack
- Flu Activity Surveillance Update

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