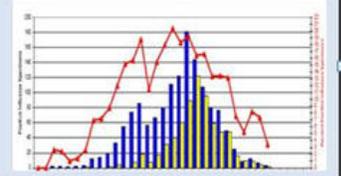


COLORADO FLU REPORT



2012-2013 Influenza Season

Reporting through the week ending February 3, 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, and monitoring circulating influenza viruses through molecular typing at the state public health laboratory.

Synopsis: For the week ending February 3rd, influenza activity remained elevated but continued to decrease in most areas of the state. Influenza-associated hospitalizations clearly peaked during the week ending 1/5/2013. Influenza-like illness reported by Kaiser Permanente for the Denver-Boulder metropolitan area peaked the week ending 1/19/2013.

- There were 106 additional hospitalizations reported; 49 with a collection date during a previous week and 57 with a collection date during the most recent week. The cumulative total of hospitalizations was 1042 from 43 counties.
- Influenza-like illness reported by Kaiser Permanente for the Denver-Boulder metropolitan area continued to decrease from 3.5% to 3.1%. KP ILI peaked the week during the ending 1/19/2013 at 4.2%. Influenza-like illness reported by Mesa County decreased from 2.4% to 1.8%.
- Sentinel hospital labs (16/19 reporting) tested 1344 specimens and provisionally 214 (15.9%) were positive. Sentinel hospital lab data appears to have peaked during the week ending 12/29/2012.
- Five additional outbreaks were reported in a LTCF, four with an onset during a previous week and one with an onset during the most recent week. The cumulative total of influenza-associated outbreaks in LTCF is at 24.
- No additional pediatric deaths were reported. There have been five pediatric deaths as of the week ending 2/3/13.

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

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