## 2013-2014 Influenza Season

## Reporting through the week ending October 5, 2013

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

**Overview:** Surveillance for the 2013 –2014 Influenza Season officially began on September 29, 2013 and will run through May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014. 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 due to influenza, reporting of influenza-like illness (ILI) visits by selected sites, reporting of influenza testing activity by sentinel hospital labs, monitoring circulating influenza viruses through molecular typing at the state public health laboratory, and reporting of pediatric deaths due to influenza.

**Case Reporting:** Due to the currently low influenza activity and the concern of false positive results from rapid antigen tests, influenza-associated hospitalizations are currently being counted as cases only if they are positive by PCR, DFA or viral culture. This will change as influenza activity increases.

**Synopsis:** For the week ending October 5<sup>th</sup>, there was no confirmed influenza activity in the state.

- No influenza-associated hospitalizations have been confirmed since the official beginning of the 2013-14 influenza season on September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Influenza-like illness reported by Kaiser Permanente for the Denver-Boulder metropolitan area remained similar to summer "baseline" levels at less than 1.0%. Influenza-like illness reported by Mesa County was near 0%.

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

To view the weekly CDC flu (surveillance) Reports, go to: http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/index.htm