

Influenza Weekly Report

2014 Week 15 (April 6 – 12) through 2015 Week 15 (April 12 – 18)

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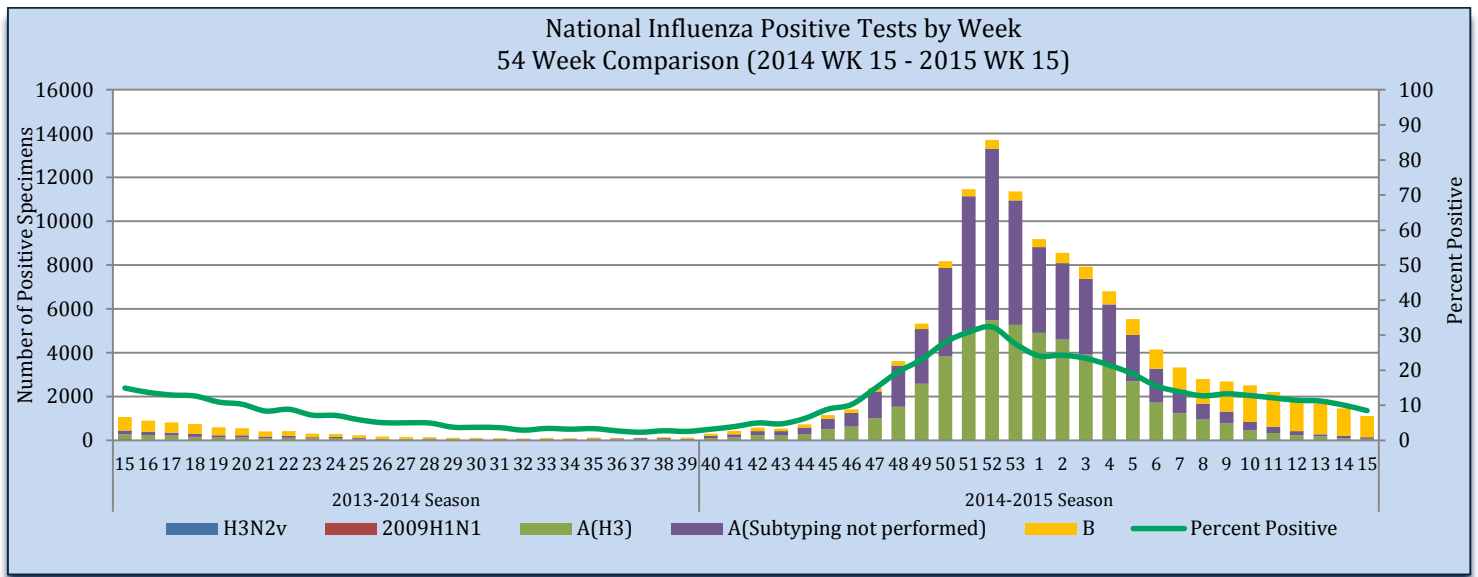
Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of and statistics for the influenza season in Nevada for the local public health authorities, sentinel providers and the public.

Influenza-Like Illness Network Surveillance (ILINet)

Respiratory specimens are tested for influenza by the World Health Organization (WHO) and National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NRVESS) collaborating laboratories by sub-type. During week 15, there were 13,081 specimens collected and tested for influenza, of those 1,114 were positive (8.5%).

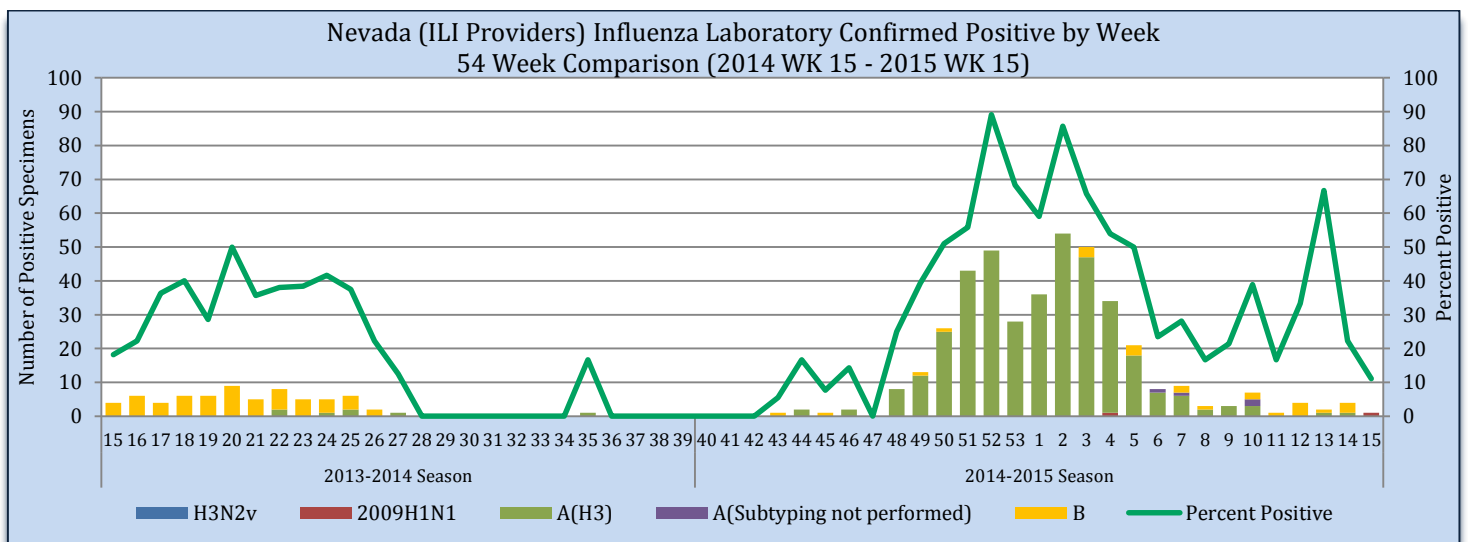
Figure 1



Source of Data: CDC: FluView Weekly Report.

The Nevada total includes laboratory tests for all Nevada residents including out of state laboratories. During week 15, there was 9 specimen collected and tested for influenza, of those 1 was positive (11.1%).

Figure 2



Source of Data: CDC: ILINet.

Nevada State Public Health Laboratory (NSPHL) has tested 402 specimens for influenza from sentinel providers, of which 278 have been positive (69.2%). Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory (SNPHL) has test 449 specimens this season of which 107 were positive. Nationally, there have been 646,799 specimens sent to the WHO and NERVSS laboratories of which 123,094 were positive or 19.0%. The national numbers in Table 1 are reflected in Figure 1. The state of Nevada data in Table 1 is reflected in Figure 2. The Nevada total includes laboratory test for all Nevada residents including out of state laboratories.

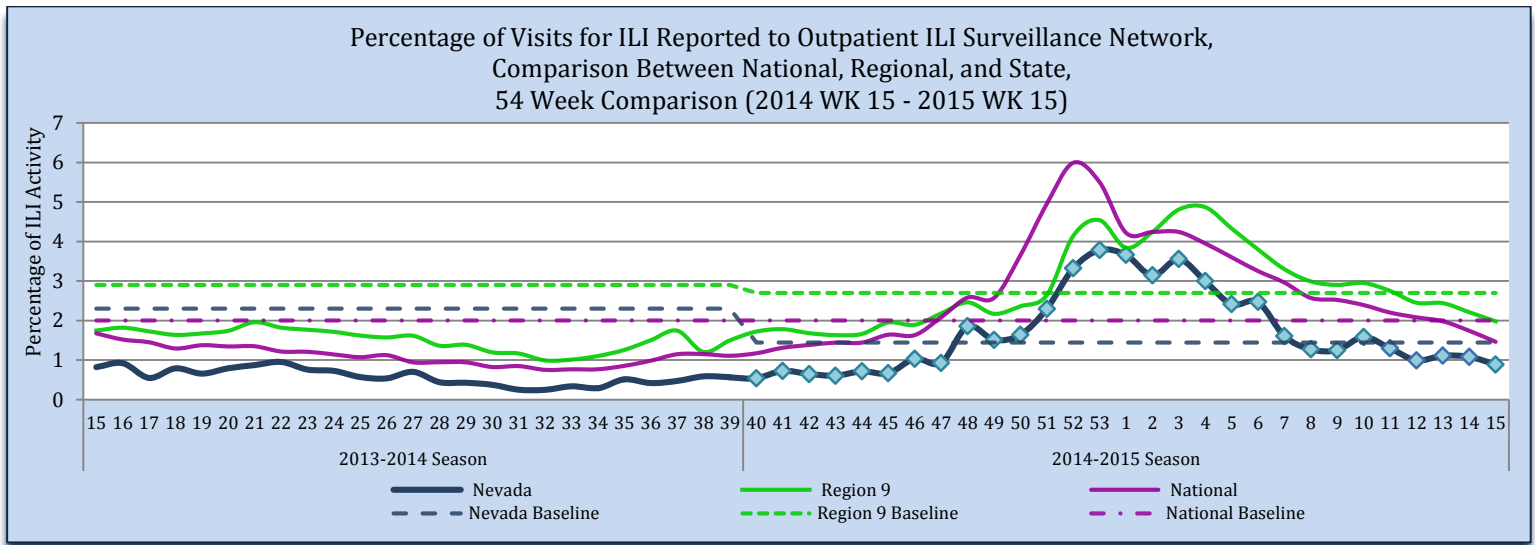
Table 1

ILINet Surveillance: Influenza Specimens Tested State and Nationally										
	NSPHL	SNPHL	State of Nevada (Week 15)		State of Nevada (Season)		National (Week 15)		National (Season)	
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Specimens Tested	402	449	9		906		13,081		646,799	
Positives to Influenza	278	107	1	11.1	410	45.3	1,114	8.5	123,094	19.0
Influenza A:	257	103	1	100	382	93.2	150	13.5	104,581	85.0
A(2009 H1N1)	2	0	1	100	2	0.5	12	8.0	211	0.2
A(H3)	255	103	0	0.0	380	99.5	60	40.0	52,168	49.9
A(Sub-typing not performed)	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	78	52.0	52,202	49.9
Influenza B:	17	4	0	0.0	24	5.9	964	86.5	18,512	15.0

Source of Data: CDC: FluView Report and CDC: ILINet.

Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Surveillance Network has each sentinel providers report the number of patients that meet the ILI case definition and number of patients that visit the provider weekly. The “percentage of visits” is the number of ILI patients divided by the total number of patients visit per week. Nevada’s ILI percentage of visits to providers for week 15 is 0.9% and is below the state baseline 1.4%. Region 9 ILI percentage for week 15 is 2.0% and is below the region baseline of 2.7%. Region 9 includes the following states/territory: Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, and Nevada. The national ILI percentage for week 15 is 1.5% and is below the national baseline 2.0%.

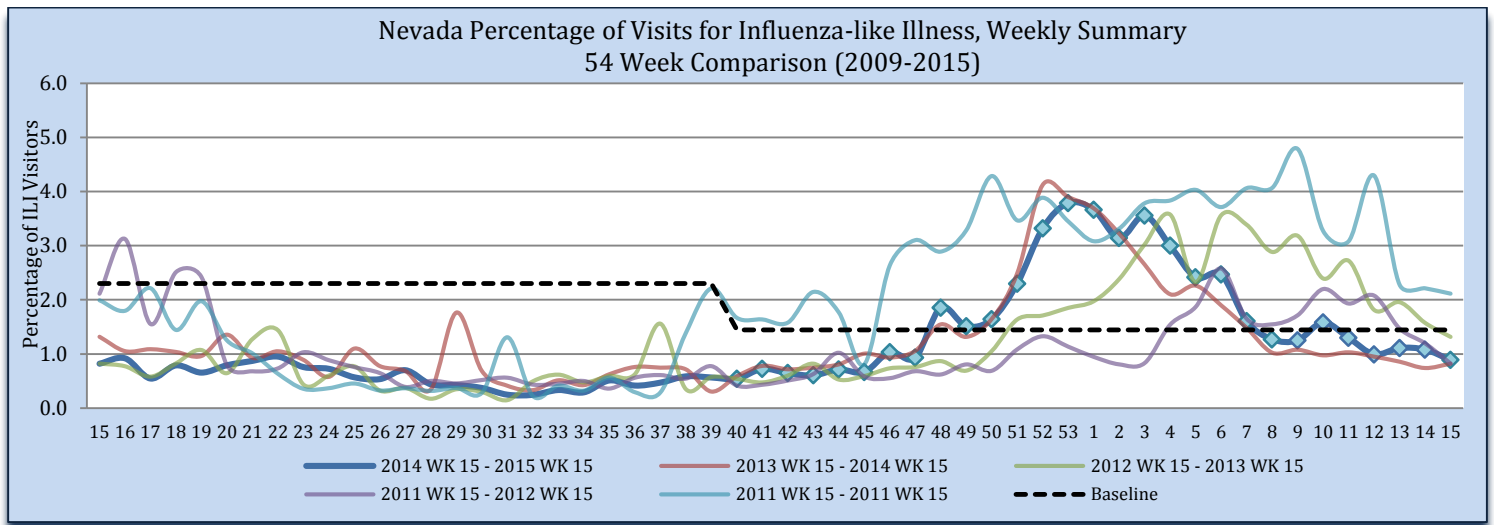
Figure 3



Source of Data: CDC: Flu View Report and CDC: ILINet.

During week 15, 0.9% of visits to sentinel providers were due to ILI; this is higher than the 2013-2014 influenza season (0.8%). There were 17,619 patients seen by ILI providers during week 15, of which 156 patients presented with ILI; week 15 of 2014, there were 142 patients seen with ILI. There was no week 53 in the previous influenza season displayed below; therefore the week 53 data point for those seasons is an average of week 52 and 1.

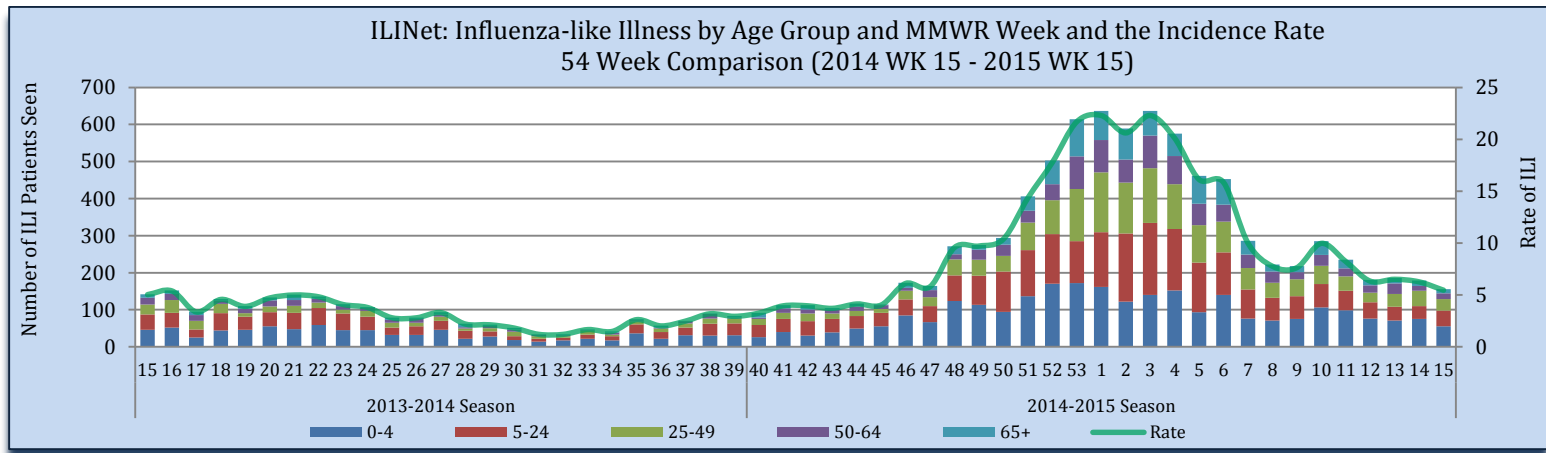
Figure 4



Source of Data: CDC: ILINet.

Influenza-like Illness is reported by age groups, during week 15, patients age 0-4 were the greatest number of patients seen with ILI, at 55 patients seen. The rate for week 15 is 5.5 per 100,000. The rate is calculated by the number of patients presented with ILI, divided by the state population, multiplied by 100,000. The estimated state population for 2015 is 2,855,061.

Figure 5



Source of Data: CDC: ILINet.

Influenza Positive Surveillance (NBS and NETSS)

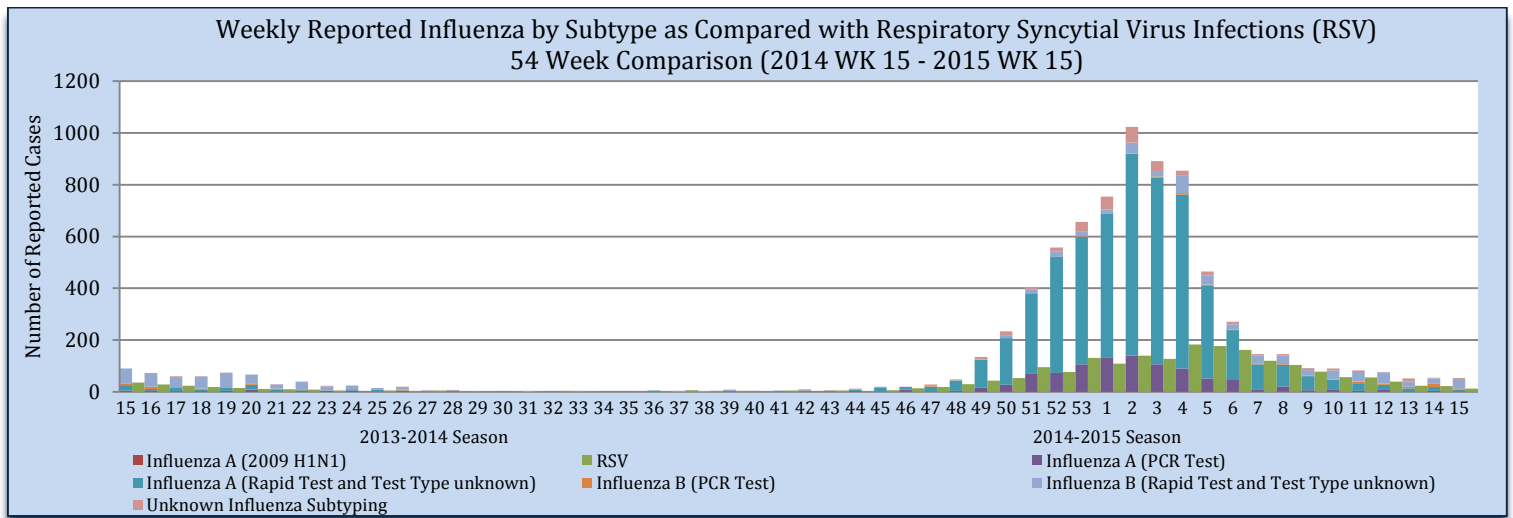
Positive cases of influenza are reported to the state health authority for surveillance purposes. Table 2 and Figure 6 reflect all positive influenza cases reported to the state. Types of influenza testing include commercial rapid diagnostic test (rapid), viral culture, fluorescent antibody, enzyme immunoassay, RT-PCR (PCR), and Immunohistochemistry. The two most common test types in Nevada are Rapid and PCR tests. During week 15, there were 53 influenza cases reported to the state, 8 influenza A cases, 41 influenza B cases and 4 unknown subtyping.

Table 2

Reporting Jurisdiction	Reported Influenza Cases by County Jurisdiction and Influenza Type									
	Current Week (Week 15)					Cumulative Influenza Season				
	H1N1	A	B	Unknown	Total	H1N1	A	B	Unknown	Total
Carson City Health and Human Services	0	0	4	0	4	0	936	110	3	1,049
Rural Community Health Services	0	1	6	0	7	0	563	54	48	665
Southern Nevada Health District	0	4	28	4	36	1	3,211	323	226	3,761
Washoe County Health District	0	3	3	0	6	1	1,493	160	51	1,705
State of Nevada	0	8	41	4	53	2	6,203	647	328	7,180

Source: OPHIE: NBS and SNHD: NETSS.

Figure 6



Source of Data: OPHIE: NBS and SNHD: NETSS.

Hospitalizations

There were 1 hospitalization associated with influenza reported to the state health authority during week 15.

Table 3

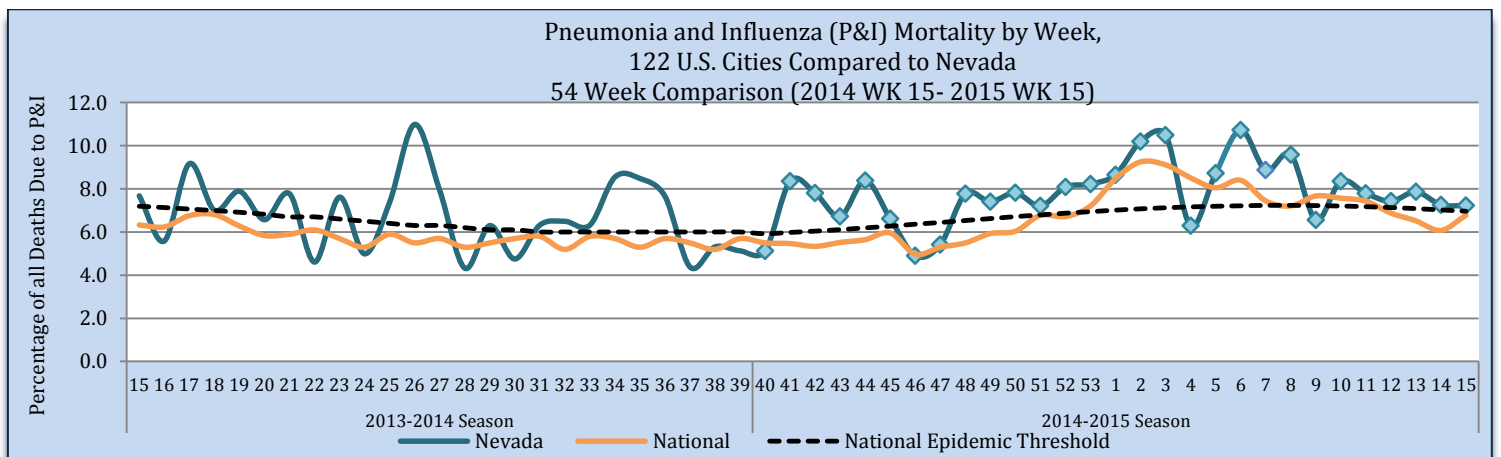
Reporting Jurisdiction	Influenza Hospitalizations			
	Current Week (Week 15)		Cumulative Influenza Season	
	#	%	#	%
Carson City Health and Human Services	0	0.0	43	7.3
Rural Community Health Services	0	0.0	30	5.1
Southern Nevada Health District	1	100	296	50.4
Washoe County Health District	0	0.0	218	37.1
State of Nevada	1	100	587	100

Source: Reported to Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology from each Jurisdiction.

Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Mortality Surveillance

The Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) mortality percentage is the deaths, where Pneumonia or Influenza is listed as the underlying or contributing cause of death, divided by the total deaths in Nevada for each week. As of June 17, there were 31 P&I deaths and 429 total deaths for week 15. The P&I mortality percent is above the threshold at 7.2% (threshold 7.0 %). Nationally, the P&I mortality is below the national epidemic threshold at 6.8% for week 15.

Figure 7



Source: OVR: WEVRRS and CDC: FluView.

Technical Notes

- Influenza-like illness (ILI): a fever greater than or equal 100°F with cough and/or sore throat
- Percent positive: The number of positive influenza laboratory tests divided by the total number of tests performed.
- Incidence rate is per 100,000 population as estimated by the state demographer.

This report contains information from national and state-level data sources. Influenza surveillance data is collected by a various systems, including:

- Influenza-like Illness Network (ILINet): a sentinel surveillance system in collaboration with the Centers for the Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) where outpatient providers report ILI information weekly.
- National Electronic Telecommunication System for Surveillance (NETSS): a system whereby data is transmits to CDC. Influenza data collected through NETSS does not provide influenza sub-typing information.
- National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS): a system for collecting data and monitoring disease trends and outbreaks.
- NEDSS Based System (NBS): an implementation of the NEDSS standards. It provides a secure, accurate, and efficient means of collecting, transmitting, and analyzing public health data.

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