Influenza Weekly Report

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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 47, there were 9,710 specimens collected and tested for influenza, of those 1,228 were positive (12.6%).

**Figure 1**

![National Influenza Positive Tests by Week](chart1.png)


The Nevada total includes laboratory tests for all Nevada residents including out of state laboratories. During week 47, there were 23 specimens collected and for influenza all of which were negative.

**Figure 2**

![Nevada (ILI Providers) Influenza Laboratory Confirmed Positive by Week](chart2.png)

*Source of Data: CDC: ILINet.*
Nevada State Public Health Laboratory (NSPHL) has tested 20 specimens for influenza from sentinel providers, 3 of which have been positive (15.0%). Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory (SNPHL) has tested 125 specimens this season of which 3 were positive. Nationally, there have been 84,172 specimens sent to the WHO and NERVSS laboratories of which 5,841 were positive or 6.9%. 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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Influenza A:</th>
<th>NSPHL</th>
<th>SNPHL</th>
<th>State of Nevada (Week 47)</th>
<th>State of Nevada (Season)</th>
<th>National (Week 47)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Specimens Tested</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>125</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>148</td>
<td>9,710</td>
<td>84,172</td>
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<td>Positives to Influenza</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>6.0</td>
<td>1,228</td>
<td>12.6</td>
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**Influenza A:**

- A(2009 H1N1) 2 2 0 0.0 4 66.7 1,123 91.4 4,495 82.1
- A(H3) 2 2 0 0.0 4 100 353 31.4 2,737 57.1
- A(Sub-typing not performed) 0 0 0 0.0 0 0.0 769 68.5 2,031 42.4

**Influenza B:**

- 1 1 0 0.0 2 33.3 105 8.6 1,046 17.9

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 47 is 0.9% and is below the state baseline 1.4. Region 9 ILI percentage for week 47 is 2.0% and includes the following states/territory: Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, and Nevada. The national ILI percentage for week 47 is 2.0% and is at the national baseline 2.0.

### Figure 3

Percentage of Visits for ILI Reported to Outpatient ILI Surveillance Network, Comparison Between National, Regional, and State, 53 Week Comparison (2013 WK 47 - 2014 WK 47)

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

During week 47, 0.9% of visits to sentinel providers were due to ILI; this is a decrease of 0.2% from the 2013-2014 influenza season.
Influenza-like Illness is reported by age groups, during week 47, patients age 0-4 were the greatest number of patients seen with ILI. The rate for week 47 is 5.3 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 2014 is 2,819,321.

**Table 2**

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<th>BioSense: Influenza-like Illness Monitoring by County Jurisdiction</th>
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<td>Carson City Health and Human Services</td>
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<td>Community Health Nursing</td>
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<td>Southern Nevada Health District</td>
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<tr>
<td>Washoe County Health District</td>
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**Source of Data:** BioSense.
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Influenza-like Illness monitored through BioSense had the highest patient visits with ILI in the 5-24 age groups, which is different from the ILINet surveillance (age group 0-4). The total patient seen with ILI decreased from week 46, from 44 patients to 39 patients during week 47.

**Figure 6**

![Graph showing BioSense: Influenza-like Illness by Age Group and Percent of Total Visits 53 Week Comparison (2013 WK 47 - 2014 WK 47)](image)

**Source of Data: BioSense.**

**Influenza Positive Surveillance (NBS and NETSS)**

Positive cases of influenza are reported to the state health authority for surveillance purposes. Figure 6 and Table 2 reflects 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 47, there were 27 influenza cases reported to the state, 17 influenza A cases, 8 influenza B cases and 2 unknown subtyping.

**Figure 7**

![Graph showing Weekly Reported Influenza by Subtype as Compared with Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infections (RSV) 53 Week Comparison (2013 WK 47 - 2014 WK 47)](image)

**Source of Data: OPHIE: NBS and SNHD: NETSS.**
Table 3

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<th>Reporting Jurisdiction</th>
<th>Reported Influenza Cases by County Jurisdiction and Influenza Type</th>
<th>Cumulative Influenza Season</th>
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<td>Current Week (Week 47)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Carson City Health and Human Services</td>
<td>H1N1</td>
<td>A</td>
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<td>Community Health Nursing</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Southern Nevada Health District</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>State of Nevada</td>
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<td>17</td>
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Source: OPHIE: NBS and SNHD: NETSS.

Nevada State Public Health Laboratory (NSPHL) submits all influenza laboratory tests to OPHIE regardless of outcome. The percent positive is the total influenza positive influenza tests divided by the total influenza laboratory tests completed. For the current influenza season the percent positive is 20%. Only 12 tests have been submitted to OPHIE with two positive.

Figure 8

Hospitalizations

There have been 3 hospitalizations associated with influenza reported to the state health authority during week 47.

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<td>State of Nevada</td>
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<td>100</td>
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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. During week 47, there are 12 deaths associated with P&I, as of December 1, which is below the national epidemic threshold at 3.3% (threshold at 6.4%). Nationally, the P&I mortality is below the national epidemic threshold at 5.3%.
Figure 9

Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Mortality by Week, 122 U.S. Cities Compared to Nevada
53 Week Comparison (2013 WK 47 - 2014 WK 47)

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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