

# Influenza Weekly Report

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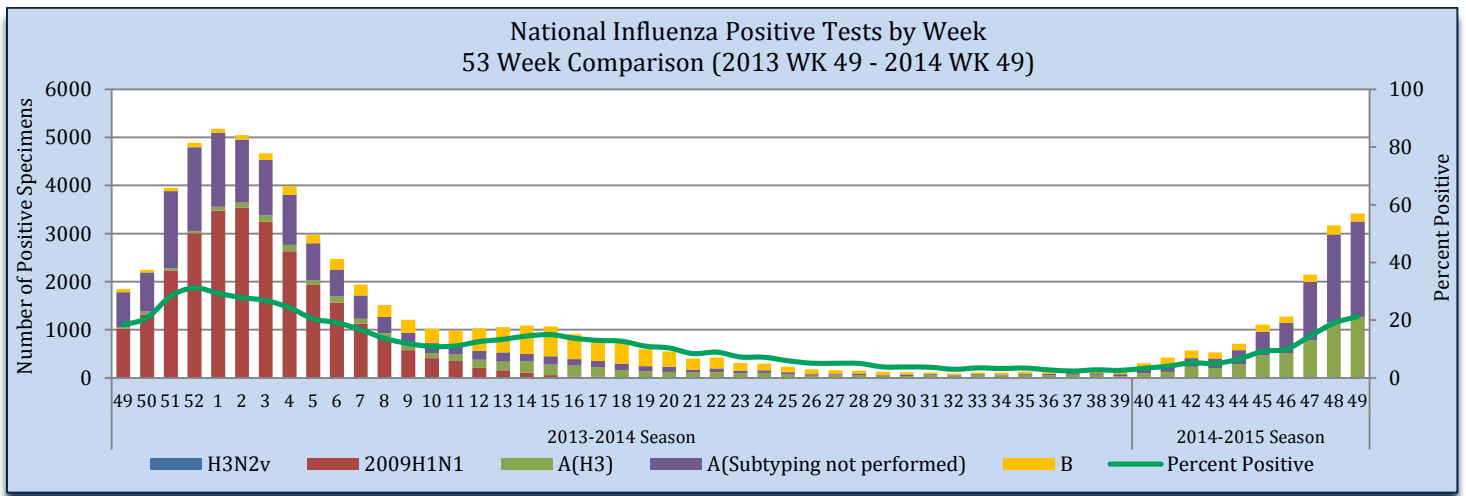
## Purpose

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 49, there were 16,093 specimens collected and tested for influenza, of those 3,415 were positive (21.2%).

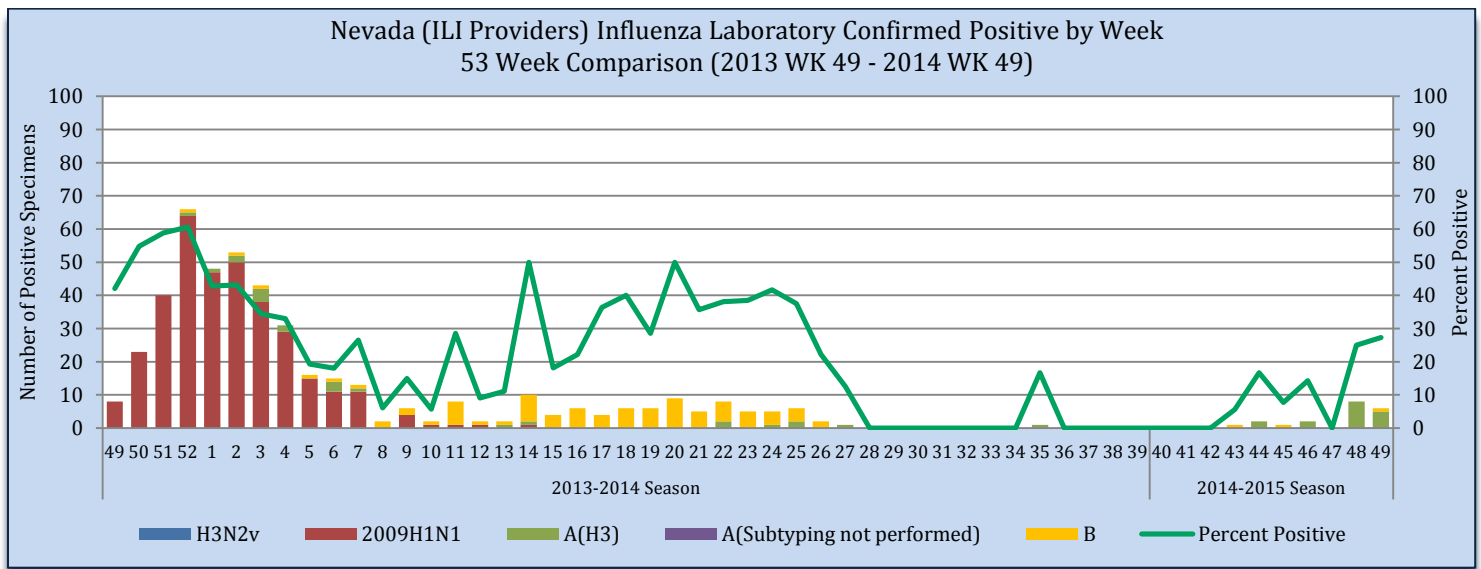
Figure 1



Source of Data: CDC: FluView Weekly Report.

The Nevada total includes laboratory tests for all Nevada residents including out of state laboratories. During week 49, there were 22 specimens collected and tested for influenza of which 6 were positive (27.3%).

Figure 2



Source of Data: CDC: ILINet.

Nevada State Public Health Laboratory (NSPHL) has tested 38 specimens for influenza from sentinel providers, of which 15 have been positive (39.5%). Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory (SNPHL) has test 161 specimens this season of which 5 were positive. Nationally, there have been 124,618 specimens sent to the WHO and NERVSS laboratories of which 13,641 were positive or 10.9%. 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**

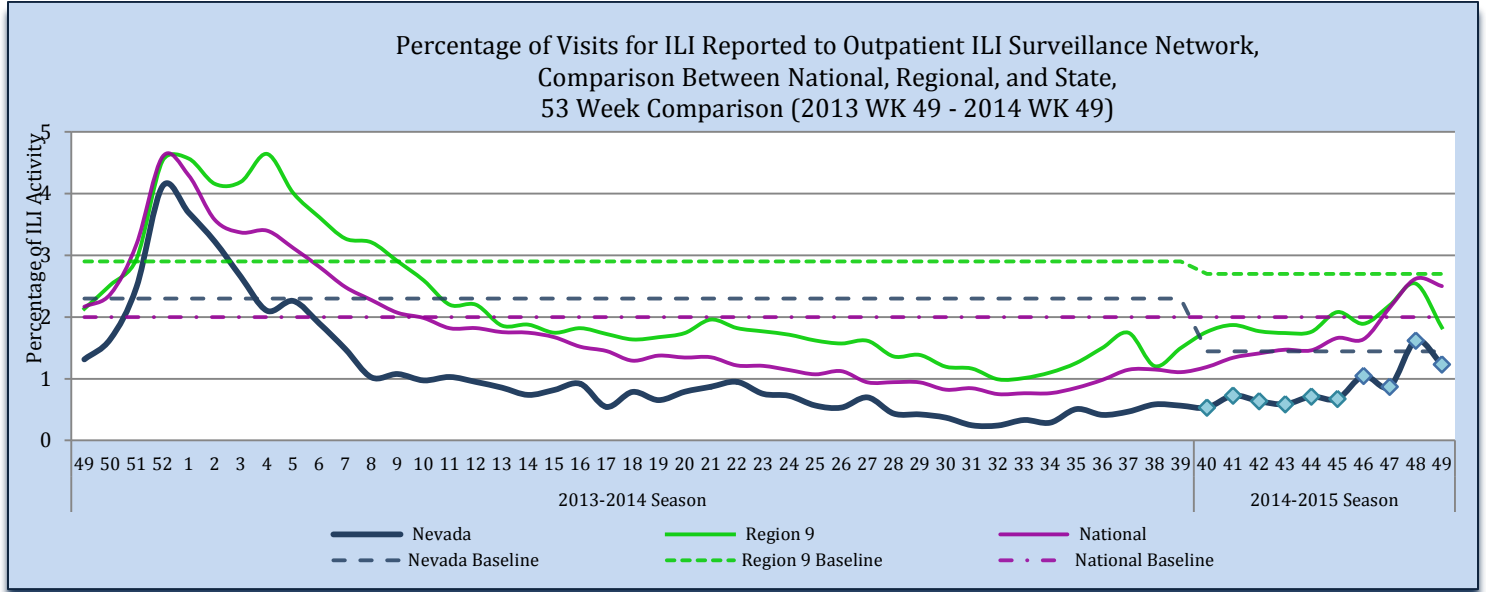
**ILINet Surveillance: Influenza Specimens Tested State and Nationally**

	NSPHL	SNPHL	State of Nevada (Week 49)		State of Nevada (Season)		National (Week 49)		National (Season)	
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
			Specimens Tested	38	161	22		202		16,093
Positives to Influenza	15	5	6	27.3	20	9.9	3,415	21.2	13,641	10.9
<b>Influenza A:</b>	13	4	5	83.3	17	85.0	3,252	95.2	12,174	89.2
A(2009 H1N1)	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	0.2	45	0.4
A(H3)	13	4	5	100	17	100	1,254	38.6	7,052	57.9
A(Sub-typing not performed)	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1,991	61.2	5,077	41.7
<b>Influenza B:</b>	2	1	1	16.7	3	15.0	163	4.8	1,466	10.7

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 49 is 1.2% and is below the state baseline 1.4. Region 9 ILI percentage for week 49 is 1.8% and is below the region baseline 2.7. Region 9 includes the following states/territory: Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, and Nevada. The national ILI percentage for week 49 is 2.5% and is above the national baseline 2.0.

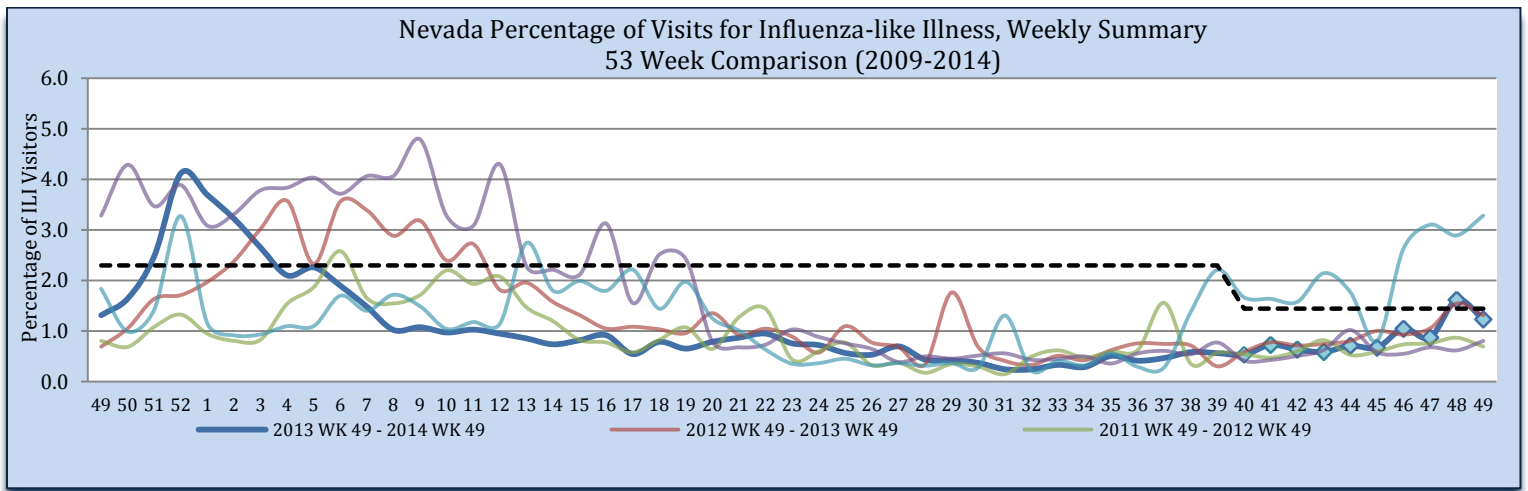
**Figure 3**



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

During week 49, 1.2% of visits to sentinel providers were due to ILI; this is a decrease of .1% from the 2013-2014 influenza season.

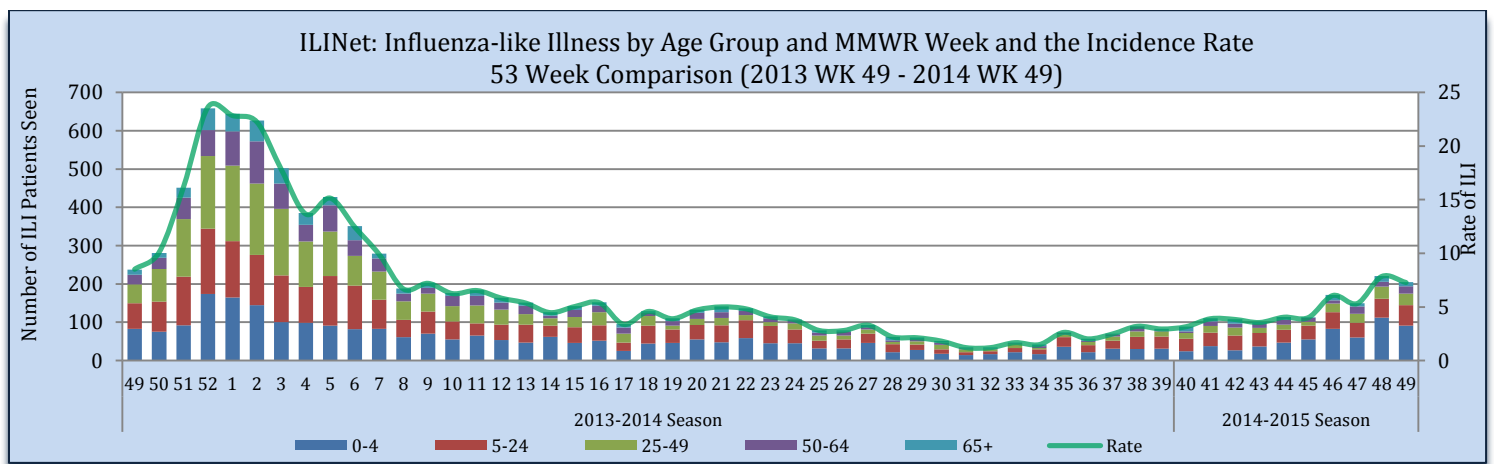
Figure 4



Source of Data: CDC: ILINet.

Influenza-like Illness is reported by age groups, during week 49, patients age 0-4 were the greatest number of patients seen with ILI, at 91 patients seen. The rate for week 49 is 7.3 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.

Figure 5



Source of Data: CDC: ILINet.

### BioSense

The BioSense application is a monitoring system of the CDC's National Syndromic Surveillance Program that aims to increase the ability of state health authorities to track and respond to harmful health efforts of exposure to disease or hazardous conditions. During week 49, 59 patients were seen with ILI through BioSense, 0.4% of the total patients seen.

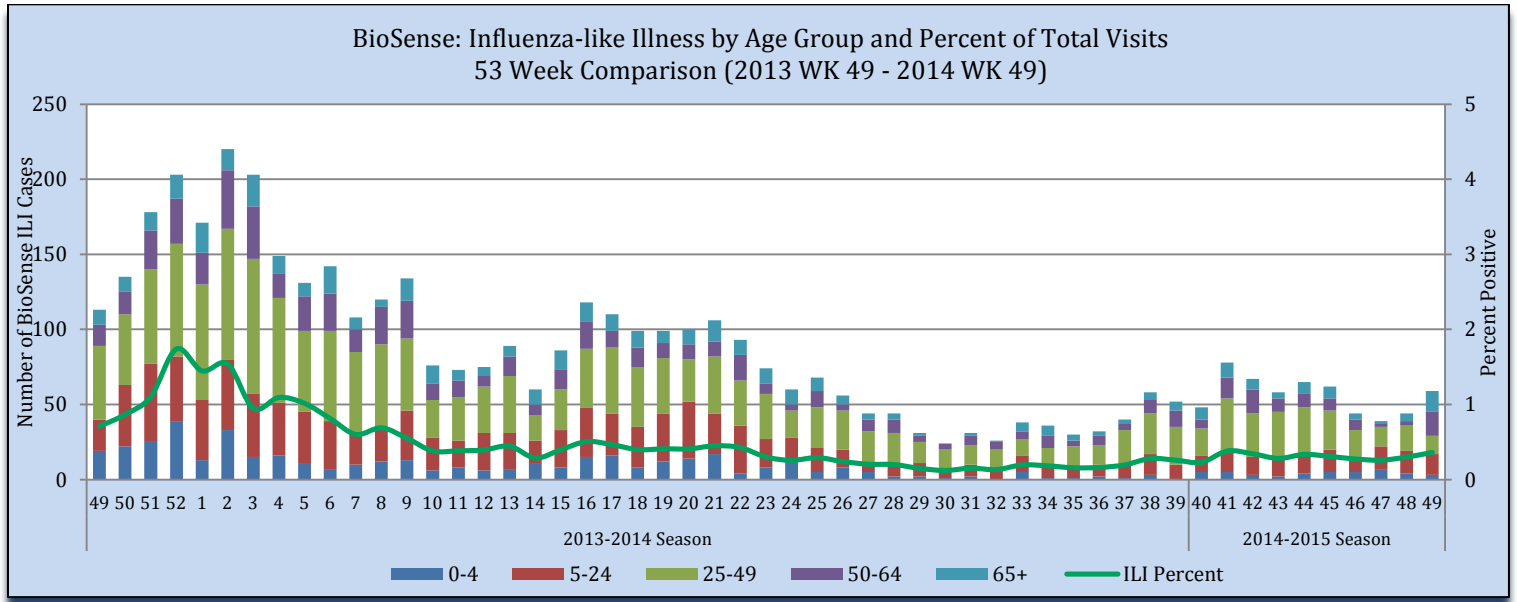
Table 2

BioSense: Influenza-like Illness Monitoring by County Jurisdiction				
Reporting Jurisdiction	Current Week (Week 49)		Cumulative Influenza Season	
	#	%	#	%
Carson City Health and Human Services	22	37.3	122	21.6
Community Health Nursing	10	16.9	17	3.0
Southern Nevada Health District	8	16.3	253	44.9
Washoe County Health District	19	32.2	172	30.5
State of Nevada	59	100	564	100

Source of Data: BioSense.

Influenza-like Illness monitored through BioSense had the highest patient visits with ILI in the 50-64 age groups, which is different from the ILINet surveillance (age group 0-4). The total patient seen with ILI increased from week 48, from 44 patients to 59 patients during week 49.

Figure 6

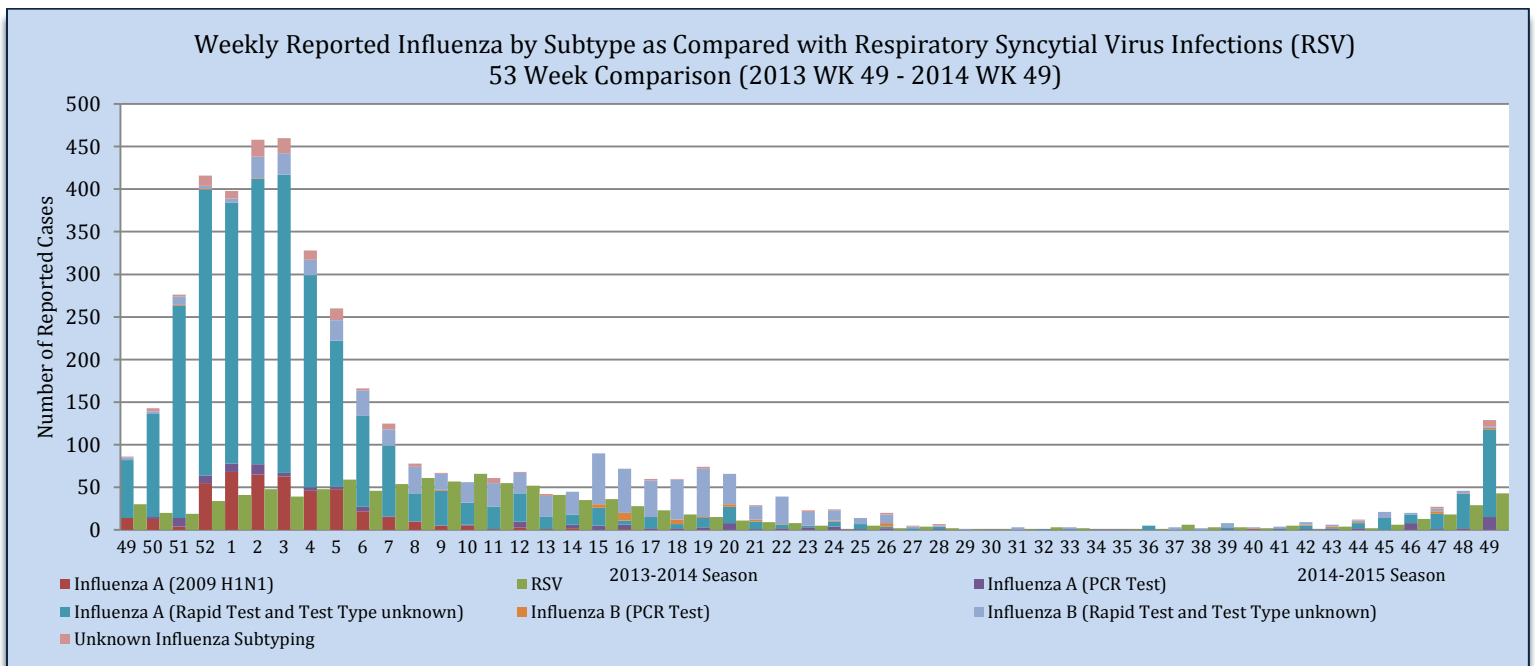


Source of Data: BioSense.

### 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 49, there were 129 influenza cases reported to the state, 118 influenza A cases, 3 influenza B cases and 8 unknown subtyping.

Figure 7



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

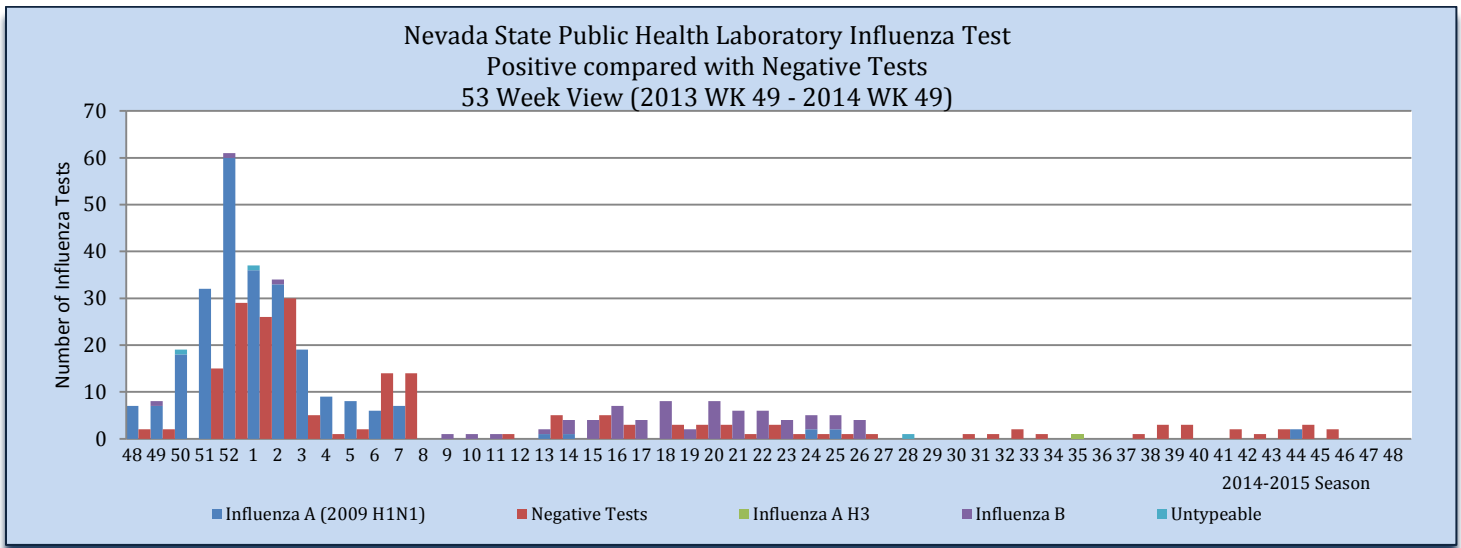
**Table 3**

Reporting Jurisdiction	Reported Influenza Cases by County Jurisdiction and Influenza Type									
	Current Week (Week 49)					Cumulative Influenza Season				
	H1N1	A	B	Unknown	Total	H1N1	A	B	Unknown	Total
Carson City Health and Human Services	0	5	0	0	5	0	9	1	0	10
Community Health Nursing	0	42	0	6	48	0	73	4	0	83
Southern Nevada Health District	0	61	1	2	64	0	127	16	3	148
Washoe County Health District	0	10	2	0	12	0	20	16	0	36
State of Nevada	0	118	3	8	129	0	229	37	3	277

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 2 positive.

**Figure 8**



Source: Reported to the Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology from Nevada State Public Health Laboratory.

## Hospitalizations

There have been 5 hospitalizations associated with influenza reported to the state health authority during week 49.

**Table 4**

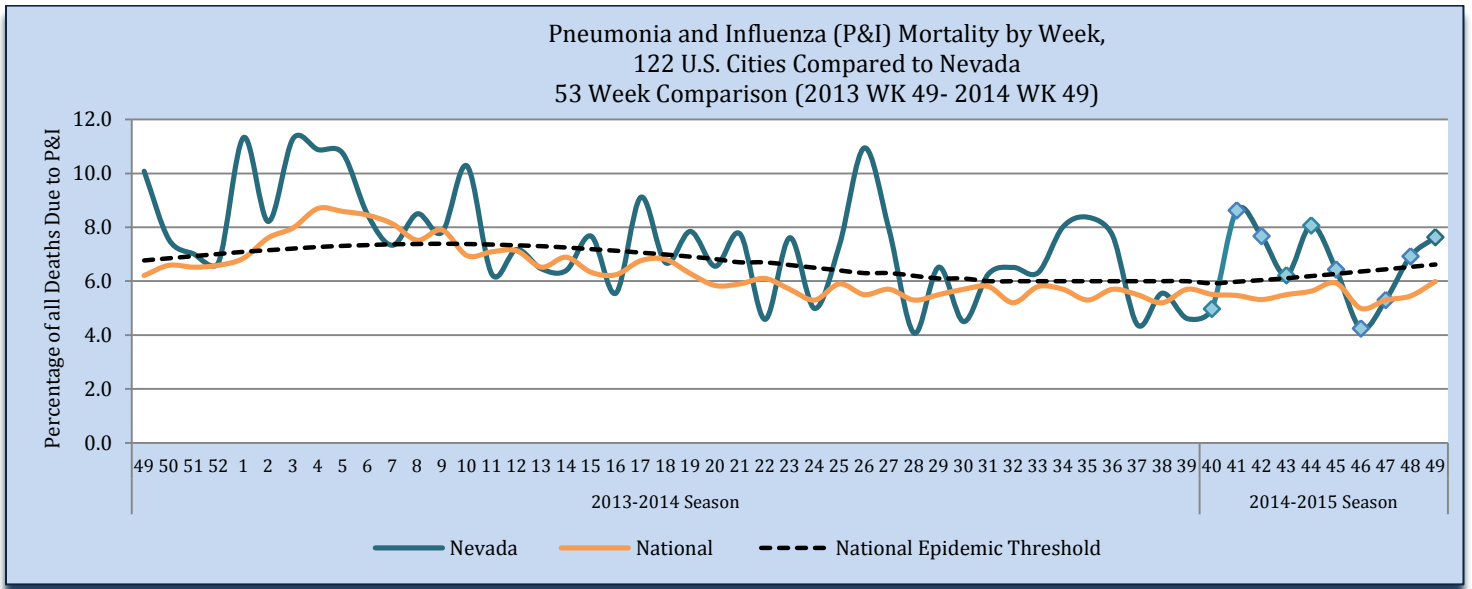
Reporting Jurisdiction	Influenza Hospitalizations			
	Current Week (Week 49)		Cumulative Influenza Season	
	#	%	#	%
Carson City Health and Human Services	0	0.0	0	0.0
Community Health Nursing	0	0.0	0	0.0
Southern Nevada Health District	3	60.0	17	77.3
Washoe County Health District	3	40.0	5	22.7
State of Nevada	5	100	22	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. During week 49, there are 20 deaths associated with P&I, as of December 12, which is above the national epidemic threshold at 7.6% (threshold at 6.6%). Nationally, the P&I mortality is at the national epidemic threshold at 6.0%.

Figure 9



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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