Influenza Weekly Report

Data for the graphs and tables on the following pages are provisional and may be updated as additional information becomes available.

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.

Sentinel Provider Data: 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 (NRVSS) collaborating laboratories by sub-type. During week 45, there were 18,252 specimens collected and tested for influenza, of those 1,073 were positive (5.9%).

Figure 1

![National Influenza Positive Tests by Week 53 Week Comparison (2016 WK 45 - 2017 WK 45)](source)

The Nevada total includes laboratory tests for all Nevada residents tested by sentinel providers including out of state laboratories. Laboratory data is obtained from CDC’s ILINet system. During week 45, where there were 39 specimens collected, in which 24 were positive. There is a two-week delay for laboratory surveillance. Data are subject to change as we receive additional reports.

Figure 2

![Nevada (ILI Providers) Influenza Laboratory Confirmed Positive by Week 53 Week Comparison (2016 WK 45 - 2017 WK 45)](source)

Nevada State Public Health Laboratory (NSPHL) has tested 38 specimens for influenza from sentinel providers, of which there have been 32 positive (84%). Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory (SNPHL) has tested 3 specimens this season of which there have been 0 positive.
Nationally, there have been 105,965 specimens sent to the WHO and NERVSS laboratories of which 4,244 have been positive (4.0%). 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 tested by sentinel providers, including out of state laboratories.

### Table 1

<table>
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<tr>
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<th>NSPHL</th>
<th>SNPHL</th>
<th>All Other Laboratories</th>
<th>State of Nevada (Week 45)</th>
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<td><strong>Specimens Tested</strong></td>
<td>38</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>161</td>
<td>18,252</td>
<td>105,965</td>
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<td><strong>Influenza Positives</strong></td>
<td>32</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>61.5</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>33.5</td>
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#### Influenza A:
- A (2009 H1N1): 32, 0, 22, 24, 100, 54, 100, 860, 80.1, 3,262, 76.9
- A (H3): 1, 0, 0, 1, 4.2, 1, 1.9, 26, 3.0, 109, 3.3
- A (Sub-typing not performed): 31, 0, 3, 12, 50, 34, 63, 240, 27.9, 1,036, 31.8

#### Influenza B:
- B (Victoria Lineage): 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 213, 19.9, 982, 23.1
- B (Yamagata Lineage): 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3, 1.4, 5, 0.5
- B (Sub-typing not performed): 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 19, 8.9, 89, 9.1

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

Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Surveillance Network has each sentinel provider report the number of patients seen that meet the ILI case definition and the total number of patients seen for any reason each week. The “percentage of visits for ILI” is the number of ILI patients divided by the total number of patients visit per week. Nevada’s percentage of ILI visits for week 45 is 1.5% which is equal to the state baseline of 1.5%. Region 9 ILI percentage for week 45 is 1.9% which is below the region baseline 2.4%. Region 9 includes the following states/territory: Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, and Nevada. The national ILI percentage for week 45 is 2.0% which is below the national baseline 2.2%.

### Figure 3

**Percentage of Visits for ILI Reported to Outpatient ILI Surveillance Network, Comparison Between National, Regional, and State, 53 Week Comparison (2017 WK 45 - 2018 WK 45)**

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

During week 45, 1.5% of visits to sentinel providers were due to ILI; this is greater than the 2016-2017 influenza season (1.1%). There were 10,758 patients seen by sentinel providers during week 45, of which 162 patients presented with ILI; week 45 of 2016, there were 189 patients seen with ILI (17,530 total patients seen). Data availability depends on sentinel provider reporting.
Influenza-like Illness is reported by age groups. During week 45, patients ages 5-24 were the greatest number of patients seen with ILI, at 50 patients seen. The rate for week 45 is 5.6 per 100,000 population. 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 2017 is 2,935,490.

**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 45, there were 181 influenza cases reported to the state, 163 influenza A, 11 influenza B and 7 unknown subtyping.

**Table 2**

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<tr>
<th>Reporting Jurisdiction</th>
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<tr>
<td>Carson City Health and Human Services</td>
<td>A 56 B 0 Unknown 0 Total 56</td>
<td>A 2017 157 B 2 Unknown 0 Total 159</td>
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<td>Rural Community Health Services</td>
<td>A 10 B 0 Unknown 10 Total 10</td>
<td>A 2017 43 B 3 Unknown 3 Total 46</td>
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<td>Southern Nevada Health District</td>
<td>A 12 B 0 Unknown 12 Total 12</td>
<td>A 2017 264 B 27 Unknown 27 Total 291</td>
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<td>Washoe County Health District</td>
<td>A 86 B 10 Unknown 7 Total 103</td>
<td>A 2017 179 B 34 Unknown 34 Total 234</td>
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<td>State of Nevada</td>
<td>A 163 B 11 Unknown 7 Total 181</td>
<td>A 2017 643 B 66 Unknown 66 Total 730</td>
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*Source: OPHIE: NBS and SNHD: NETSS.*
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**Hospitalizations**

There were 36 hospitalizations associated with influenza reported to the state health authority for week 45.

Table 3

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<td>Carson City Health and Human Services</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>14</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rural Community Health Services</td>
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<td>Southern Nevada Health District</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>58</td>
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<td>Washoe County Health District</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>28</td>
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<td>State of Nevada</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>101</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 all 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 November 28th, there were 20 P&I deaths and 336 total deaths for week 45 in Nevada. Please note that the CDC does not have updated P&I counts for week 45.

Source of Data: OVR: WEVRRS and CDC: FluView.
Technical Notes

- Data are subject to changes, additionally, there is a lag in reporting.
- Influenza surveillance procedures vary by jurisdiction.
- 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 subtyping 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.

Citations


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