

Weekly Report

2015 Week 49 (December 6 – December 12) through 2016 Week 49 (December 4 – December 10)

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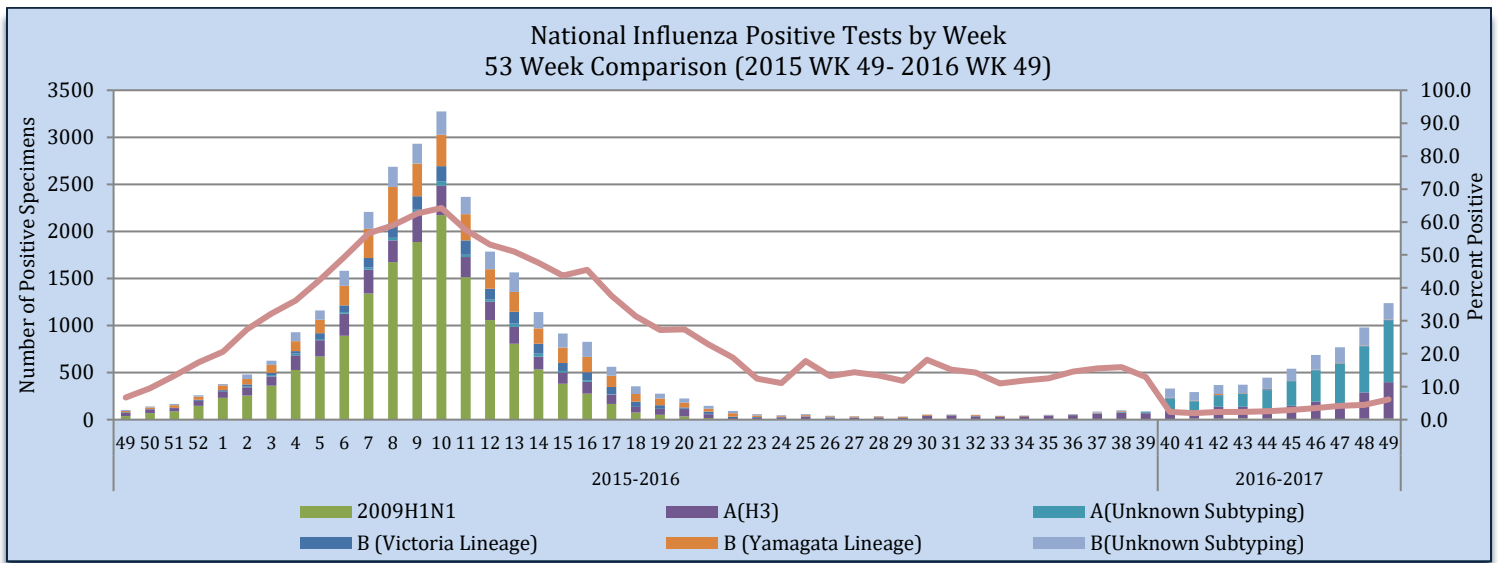
Purpose

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.

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 (NRVESS) collaborating laboratories by sub-type. During week 49, there were 20,183 specimens collected and tested for influenza, of those 1,239 were positive (6.1%).

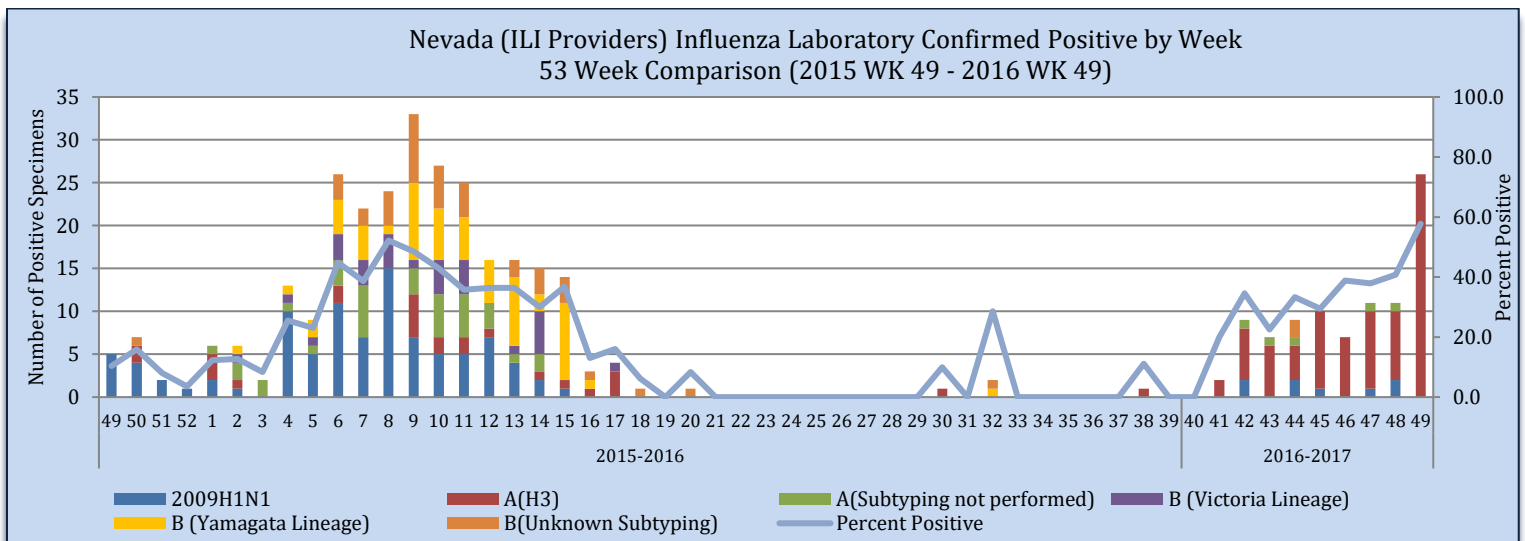
Figure 1



Source of Data: CDC: FluView Weekly Report.

The Nevada total includes laboratory tests for all Nevada residents tested by sentinel providers including out of state laboratories. During week 49, there were 45 specimens collected and 26 were positive (57.8%).

Figure 2



Source of Data: CDC: ILINet.

Nevada State Public Health Laboratory (NSPHL) has tested 102 specimens for influenza from sentinel providers, of which there have been 83 positive (81.4). Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory (SNPHL) has tested 33 specimens this season of which there have been 0 positives. Nationally, there have been 175,655 specimens sent to the WHO and NERVSS laboratories of which 6,019 have been positive (3.4%). 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.

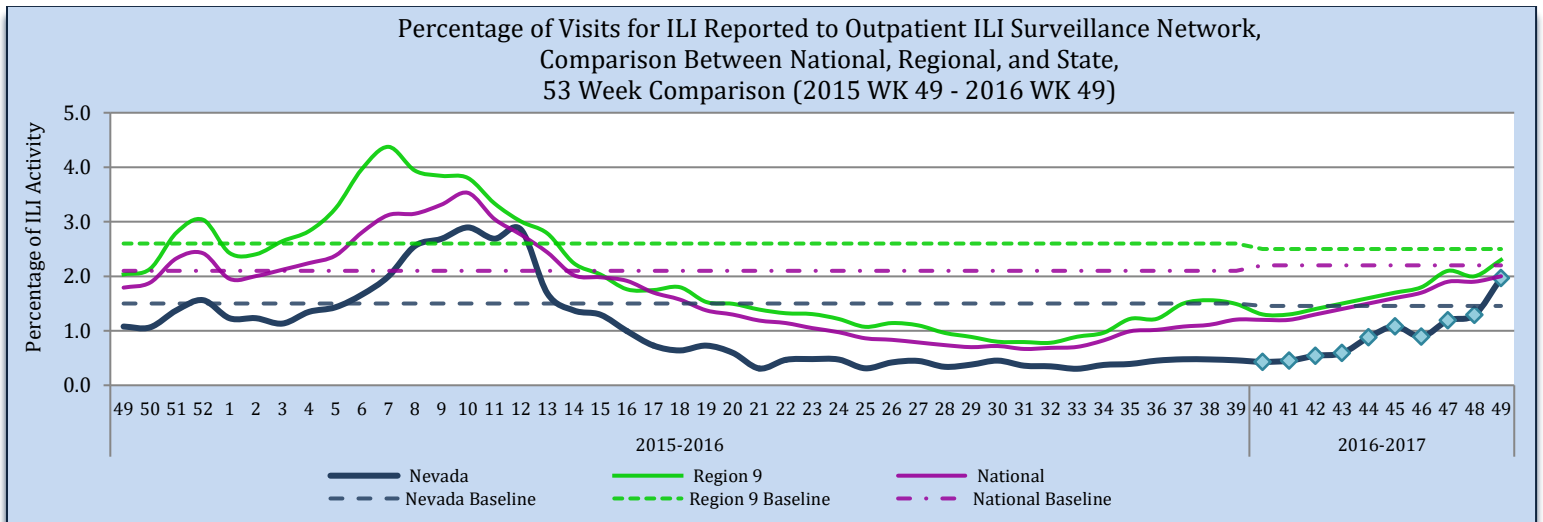
Table 1

	Influenza Specimens Tested State and Nationally through Sentinel Providers										
	NSPHL	SNPHL	All Other Laboratories	State of Nevada (Week 49)		State of Nevada (Season)		National (Week 49)		National (Season)	
				#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Specimens Tested	102	33	120	45		255		20,183		175,655	
Influenza Positives	83	0	9	26	57.8	92	36.1	1,239	6.1	6,019	3.4
Influenza A:	83	0	7	26	100	90	97.8	1,051	84.8	4,615	76.7
A (2009 H1N1)	7	0	1	0	0.0	8	8.9	10	1.0	95	2.1
A (H3)	76	0	1	26	100	77	85.6	387	36.8	1,652	35.8
A (Sub-typing not performed)	0	0	5	0	0.0	5	5.6	654	62.2	2,868	62.1
Influenza B:	0	0	2	0	0.0	2	2.6	188	15.2	1,404	23.3
B (Victoria Lineage)	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	9	4.8	62	4.4
B (Yamagata Lineage)	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	2.7	42	3.0
B (Sub-typing not performed)	0	0	2	0	0.0	2	100	174	92.6	1,300	92.6

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 49 is 2.0% which is above the state baseline of 1.5%. Region 9 ILI percentage for week 49 is 2.3% which is below the region baseline 2.5%. Region 9 includes the following states/territory: Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, and Nevada. The national ILI percentage for week 49 is 2.0% which is below the national baseline 2.2%.

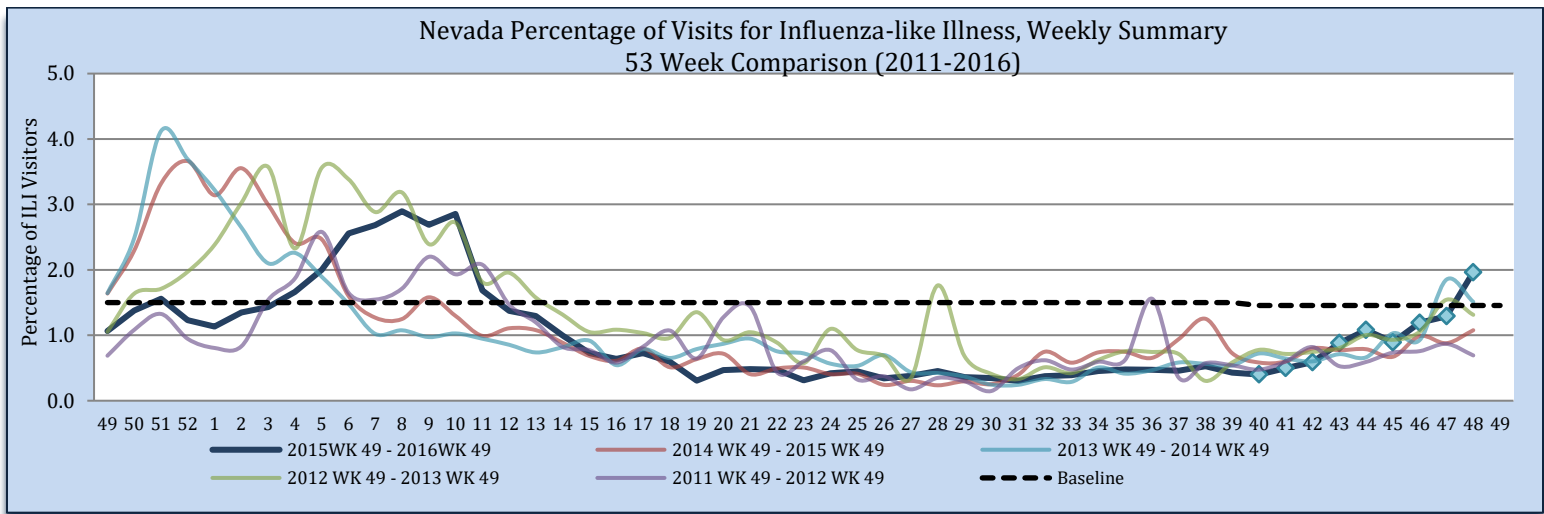
Figure 3



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

During week 49, 2.0% of visits to sentinel providers were due to ILI; this is higher than the 2015-2016 influenza season (1.1%). There were 16,699 patients seen by sentinel providers during week 49, of which 328 patients presented with ILI; week 49 of 2015, there were 188 patients seen with ILI (17,444 total patients seen).

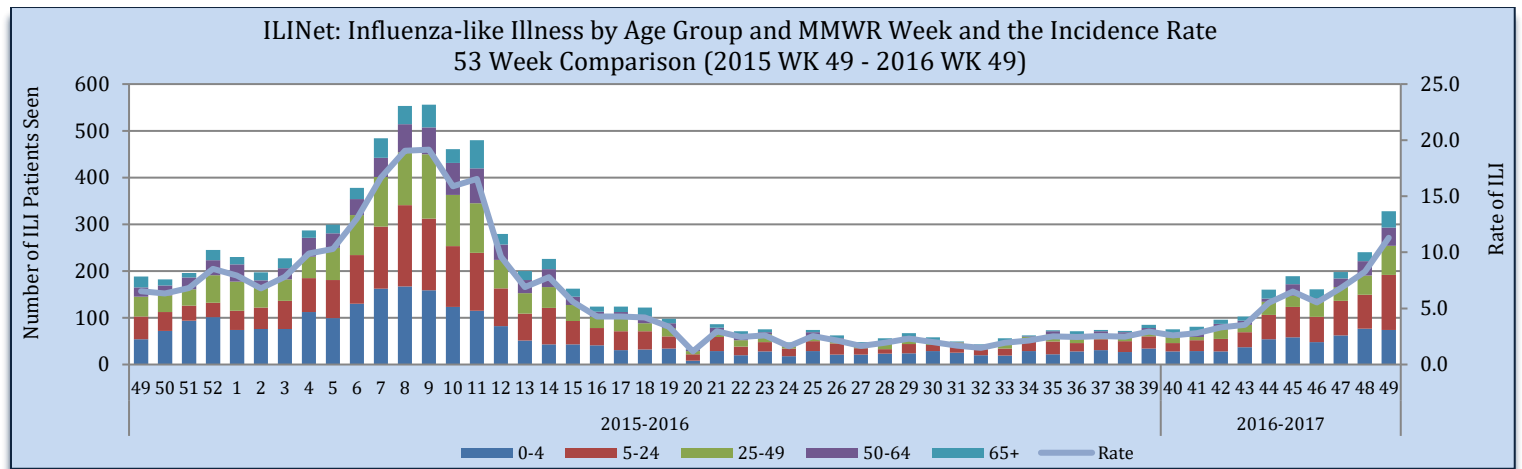
Figure 4



Source of Data: CDC: ILINet.

Influenza-like Illness is reported by age groups. During week 49, patients age 5-25 were the greatest number of patients seen with ILI, at 118 patients seen. The rate for week 49 is 11.3 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 2016 is 2,902,853.

Figure 5



Source of Data: CDC: ILINet.

Influenza Positive Surveillance (NBS and NETSS)

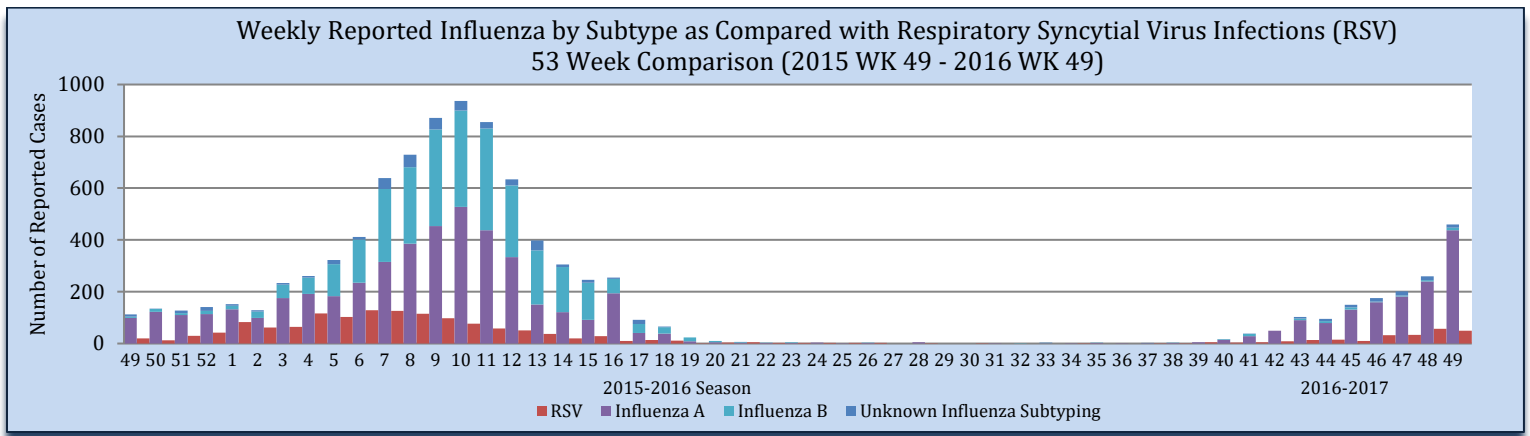
Positive cases of influenza are reported to the state health authority for surveillance purposes. Table 2 and Figure 6 reflect all positive influenza cases reported to the state. Types of influenza testing include commercial rapid diagnostic test (rapid), viral culture, fluorescent antibody, enzyme immunoassay, RT-PCR (PCR), and Immunohistochemistry. The two most common test types in Nevada are Rapid and PCR tests. During week 49, there were 460 influenza cases reported to the state, 438 influenza A, 9 influenza B and 13 unknown.

Table 2

Reporting Jurisdiction	Reported Influenza Cases by County Jurisdiction and Influenza Type							
	Current Week (Week 49)				Cumulative Influenza Season			
	A	B	Unknown	Total	A	B	Unknown	Total
Carson City Health and Human Services	124	0	0	124	247	0	2	249
Rural Community Health Services	19	0	2	21	165	8	11	184
Southern Nevada Health District	78	5	0	83	280	28	17	325
Washoe County Health District	217	4	11	232	722	17	54	793
State of Nevada	438	9	13	460	1,413	53	84	1,550

Source: OPHIE: NBS and SNHD: NETSS.

Figure 6



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

Hospitalizations

There were 43 hospitalization associated with influenza reported to the state health authority for week 49.

Table 3

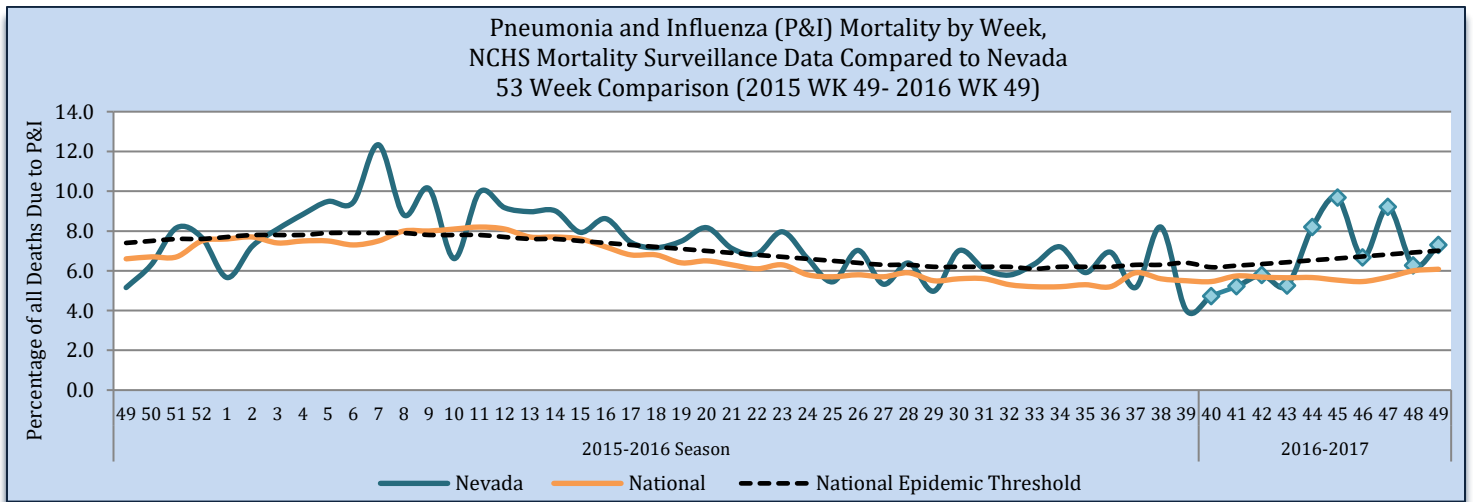
Reporting Jurisdiction	Influenza Hospitalizations		Cumulative Influenza Season	
	Current Week (Week 49)		#	%
Carson City Health and Human Services	1	2.3	3	2.3
Rural Community Health Services	0	0.0	1	0.8
Southern Nevada Health District	12	27.9	43	32.3
Washoe County Health District	30	69.8	86	64.7
State of Nevada	43	100	133	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 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 January 3rd, there were 29 P&I deaths and 398 total deaths for week 49 in Nevada. The P&I mortality percent for Nevada is at 7.3%, above the national threshold (7.0%). Nationally, the P&I mortality percent was 6.1% week 49.

Figure 7



Source: 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 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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