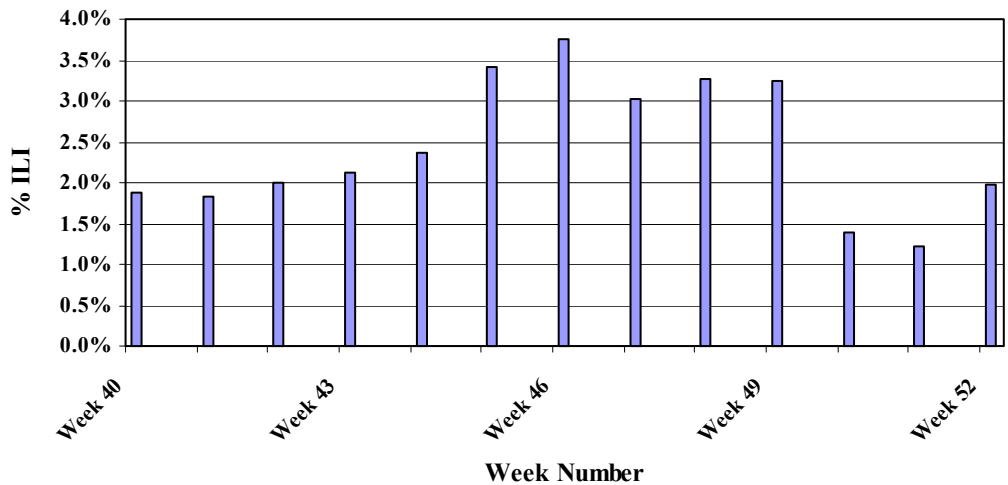


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To: Health Care Provider
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Subject: Influenza Report for Week 52 (December 22-28, 2002)

Criteria for inclusion as a case of Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) are fever $\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$ (37.8°C) and cough or sore throat. Health care providers wishing to participate in the ongoing Clark County Health District (CCHD) Influenza Surveillance Program should contact Linh Nguyen, Surveillance Coordinator, at (702) 383-1378.

Sixty-three cases of ILI were reported during week 52. The weighted average over the eight reporting sites was **2.0%**, which is similar the national baseline of 1.9%. The percentage of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) in Las Vegas was **6.2%**. The national P&I mortality for week 52 is not yet available. The national P&I mortality for week 51 was 7.0%. The percentages of ILI cases in Clark County for week 40 to week 52 for the 2002-2003 surveillance season are presented in the following figure. The percentage of ILI might be skewed for weeks 50 to 52, since ILI data from several sentinel sites was not available.

Percentage of Influenza-Like Illnesses (ILI) Cases By Week
Weighted Average, Weeks 40-52, 2002



According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Texas is the only state reporting widespread influenza activity. Five states (Arkansas, Kansas, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, and Virginia) reported regional influenza activity. Twenty-two states, including Nevada, New York City, and Washington D.C reported sporadic activity, and nineteen states reported no influenza activity. Three states did not report.

This newsletter is also posted on the Clark County Health District webpage for health care practitioners. See http://www.cchd.org/physician/physician_only.htm for this and other health and bioterrorism related information.

Each year from October through May, the Centers for Disease Control provide weekly updates on U.S. influenza activity. The information is online at: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/flu/weekly.htm>