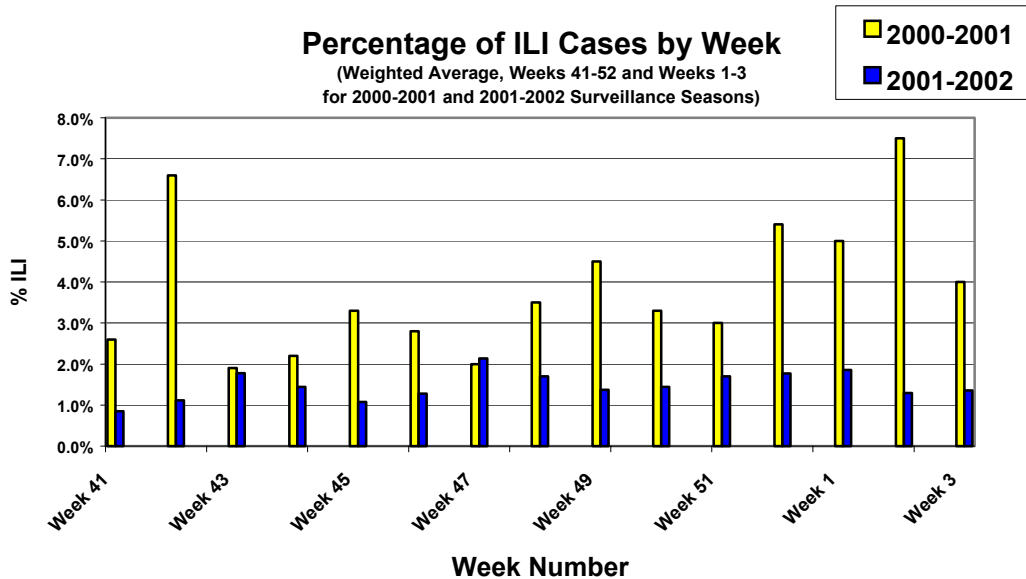


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**Subject:** Influenza Report for Week 3 (January 13-19, 2002)

**Criteria for inclusion as a case of Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) are fever  $\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) 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.

One hundred fifty-three cases of ILI were reported during week 3. The weighted average over the fourteen reporting sites was **1.4%**. The national baseline for the overall proportion of patient visits to sentinel physicians for ILI was 1.9%. The percentage of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) in Las Vegas was **6.6%**. The national P&I mortality for week 3 is 7.8%. The percentages of ILI cases in Clark County for weeks 41-52 and weeks 1-3 for the 2000-2001 season, as compared to the 2001-2002 season, are presented in the following figure.



Utah will host the 2002 Winter Olympics at a time that coincides with influenza season. Such a large spectator event may increase the importation and exposure to the influenza virus through a crowded setting. Utah has increased its vaccination efforts to prevent illness and mortality associated with influenza. Clark County, being a popular destination, may be visited by many of these local and international tourists and therefore has similar concerns. Health care providers should continue to provide the vaccine though out the influenza season to reduce the possibility of an influenza epidemic in our community.

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