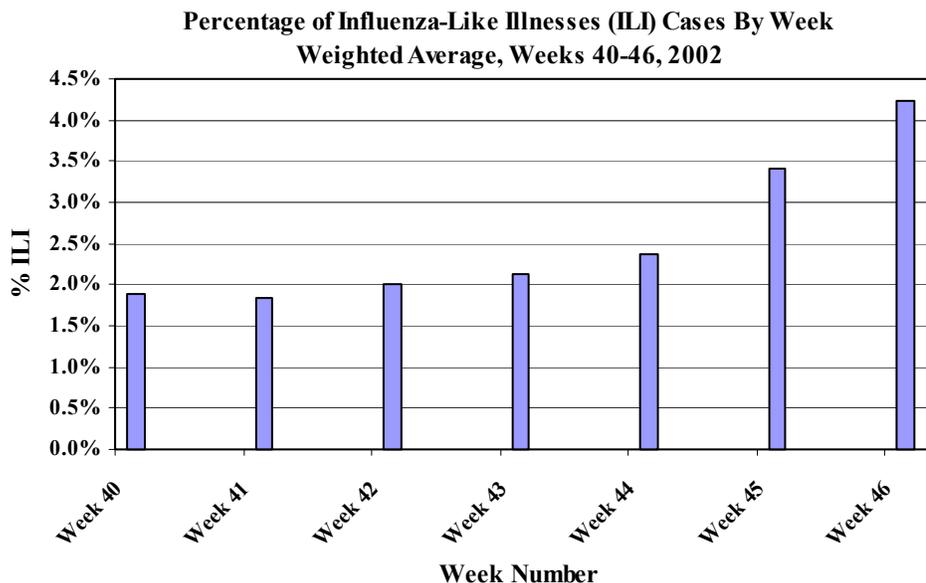


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To: Health Care Provider
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Subject: Influenza Report for Week 46 (November 10-16, 2002)

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.

Two hundred and ten cases of ILI were reported during week 46. The weighted average over the eight reporting sites was **4.2%**, which is above the national baseline of 1.9%. The percentage of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) in Las Vegas was **4.4%**. The national P&I mortality for week 46 is not yet available. The national P&I mortality for week 45 was 6.5%. The percentages of ILI cases in Clark County for week 40 to week 46 for the 2002-2003 surveillance season are presented in the following figure.



As noted above, the rate of ILI has been increasing in Clark County. This might be due to influenza or other viral respiratory illnesses. Health care providers are encouraged to test people with influenza-like symptoms for influenza and report any positive results to the Clark County Health District Office of Epidemiology. Influenza activity was reported as regional in Louisiana and sporadic in seventeen states (Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, Nebraska, **Nevada**, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, and Wyoming), and Washington, D.C. Thirty-two states and New York City reported no influenza activity.

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