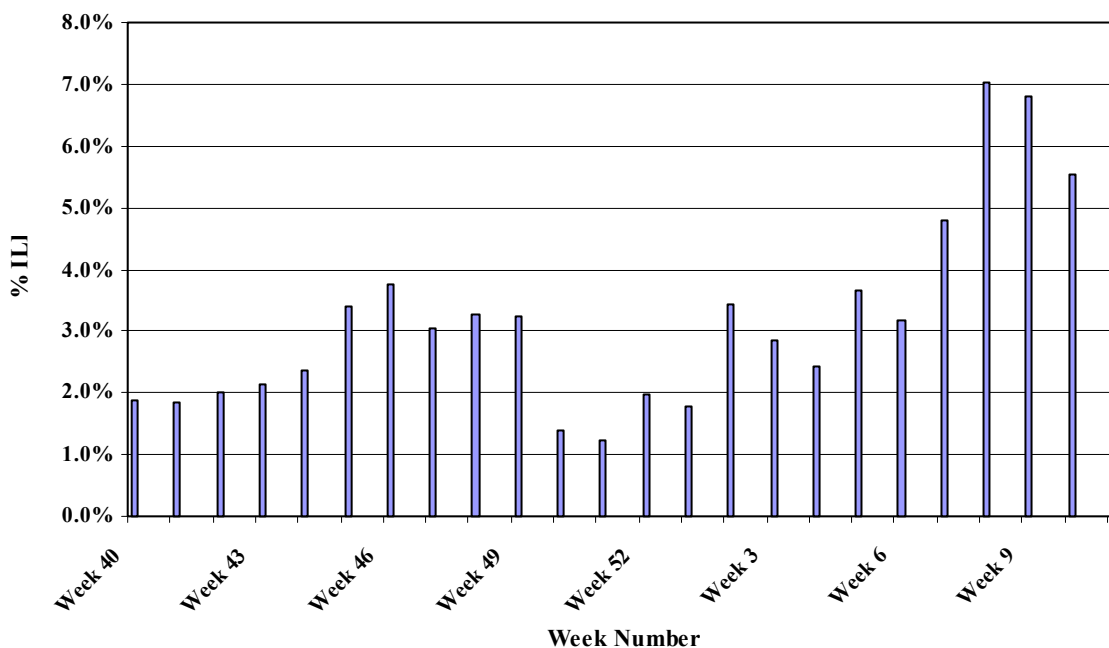


Date: March 20, 2003
To: Health Care Provider
From: Salena Savarda, BS, Epidemiologist
Subject: Influenza Report for Week 11 (March 9-15, 2003)

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 Salena Savarda, Surveillance Coordinator, at (702) 383-1378.

Two hundred twenty-four cases of ILI were reported during week 11. The weighted average over the seven reporting sites was **3.9%**, which is above the national baseline of 1.9%. The percentage of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) in Las Vegas was **7.5%**. The national P&I mortality for week 11 is not yet available. The national P&I mortality for week 10 was 8.0%.

**Percentage of Influenza-Like Illnesses (ILI) Cases By Week
 Weighted Average, Weeks 40-52, 2002 and Weeks 1-11, 2003**



At this time, no cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) have been reported to the CCHD. We are requesting that health providers report all suspected cases of SARS to the CCHD Office of Epidemiology at 383-1378. Below is the most current SARS* suspected case definition.

Respiratory illness of unknown etiology with onset since February 1, 2003, and the following criteria:

- Documented temperature $>100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ($>38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- One or more symptoms of respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or radiographic findings of pneumonia or acute respiratory distress syndrome)
- Close contact[†] within 10 days of onset of symptoms with a person under investigation for or suspected of having SARS or travel within 10 days of onset of symptoms to an area with documented transmission of SARS as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO).

* As of March 19, 2003
[†] Defined as having cared for, having lived with, or having had direct contact with respiratory secretions and/or body fluids of a person suspected of having SARS.