Summary: Influenza surveillance for Clark County, Nevada includes data collected from local hospital emergency rooms, healthcare providers and laboratories. While seasonal influenza (flu) viruses can be detected year-round, flu viruses are most common during the fall and winter. The first official date of the 2017-2018 influenza season was October 1, 2017. Nationally, the overall influenza activity has increased. Locally, as of December 9, 2017, the total number of confirmed cases of influenza during the season was 175 and the percentage of emergency room (ER) visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) increased from 2.8% in week 48 to 3.2% in week 49. Approximately 37% of area ER visits for ILI were children of 0-4 years of age. Influenza A was the dominant type circulating. Three influenza-associated deaths occurred this season in Clark County. Southern Nevada Health District will continue to update the public on the progression of the season and encourage the population to get vaccinated.
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CDC Week 49, December 3 – December 9, 2017

*Confirmed Cases= Laboratory confirmed by PCR, culture, immnofluorescent DFA antigen staining, IHC staining, rapid influenza diagnostic tests (RIDTs) with hospitalizations for 24 hours or longer, or RIDTs with death.

**Test Type-RIDT: Rapid Influenza Diagnostic Test
Test Type- Confirmed: PCR, Culture, Immunofluorescent DFA Staining

For additional information regarding SNHD influenza surveillance, please visit us at http://southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/stats-reports/influenza-surveillance.php