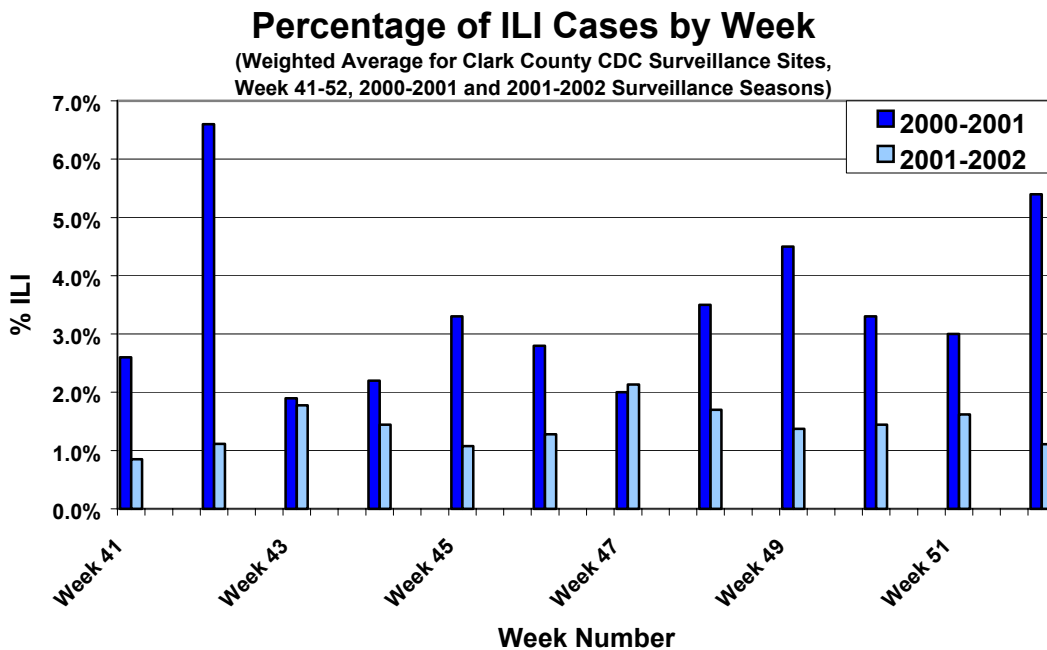


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To: Health Care Provider
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Subject: Influenza Report for Week 52 (December 23-29, 2000)

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.

One hundred forty-seven cases of ILI were reported during week 52. The weighted average over the ten reporting sites was **1.2%**. 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 **5.1%** for week 52. The nationwide proportion of P&I mortality was 7.0%, which was below the epidemic threshold of 7.9% for week 52. The percentages of ILI cases in Clark County for weeks 41 to 52 for the 2000-2001 as compared to the 2001-2002 season are presented in the following figure.



A nasopharyngeal swab was submitted for culture during week 51. The specimen was positive for influenza A; serotyping is pending. Since September 30, 2001, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance Systems (NREVSS) laboratories have tested a total of 15,389 specimens for influenza viruses. Two percent (306) were positive for influenza. Of these, 296 (97%) were influenza type A and 10 (3%) were influenza type B. Twenty-nine states have reported laboratory-confirmed influenza.

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