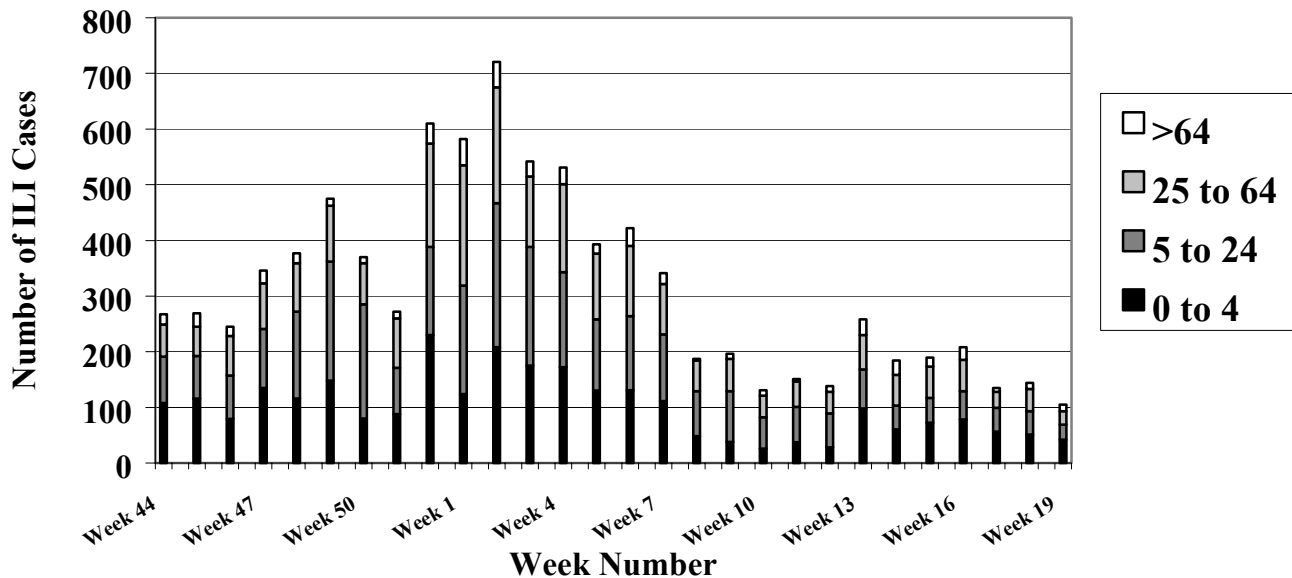


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This is the final report for the Clark County Health District (CCHD) Influenza Surveillance Program for the 2000-2001 season. Influenza surveillance will resume in October of 2001.

**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.** Twenty-seven sentinel sites reported during week 19. A total of 105 cases of ILI were reported, which is **1.0%** of the 10,122 patients seen. The percentage of deaths attributed to pneumonia in Las Vegas was **6.1%** for week 19. The following figure shows the proportion of ILI in Clark County over the entire 2000-2001 reporting period.

**Proportion of ILI Cases by Week and Age Group  
 (Clark County, Week 44-52, 2000 and Week 1-19, 2001)**



A total of twenty-eight confirmed cases of influenza have been reported in Clark County this surveillance season (nine were positive for influenza A, eighteen positive for B, and one positive for both A and B). Of the twenty-eight cases, half were confirmed by rapid test and half were confirmed by culture. All influenza A culture isolates that were subtyped were A/H1N1, and all influenza B culture isolates subtyped B/Beijing/184/93-like. Both strains were antigenically similar to components of the 2000-2001 influenza vaccine.

We would like to thank all of the sentinel sites for participation in the influenza surveillance program. The time and effort that you contributed to monitoring patients for ILI provided invaluable information regarding the occurrence of ILI in Clark County. We look forward to working with you during the next influenza surveillance season.