

SNHD Pediatric Early Warning Sentinel Surveillance (PEWSS) Report: March 13, 2013

All Reporting Sites, Through the Week Ending March 09, 2013

PEWSS reports are disseminated weekly by email, fax, and online at <http://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/stats-reports/influenza.php>.

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General Update

During the week ending March 09, 2013, the following viruses were identified through PEWSS with a high volume of testing (Fig. 1): Influenza A, Influenza B, Adenovirus, Parainfluenza 3 and RSV.

Over the past five weeks (Tables 1 & 2), the following were identified in the community through PEWSS:

Influenza A, Influenza B and RSV have been circulating at high levels.

Adenovirus has been circulating at low levels.

Human Metapneumovirus, Parainfluenza 1 and Parainfluenza 3 have been sporadically identified.

Parainfluenza 2 has not been identified.

Table 1 - Testing Results, Current Week and Previous Four Weeks

PCR Testing Results	Week Ending										Past 5 Weeks Circulation Levels
	2/9		2/16		2/23		3/2		3/9		
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	
All negative	6	25%	3	13%	1	17%	10	36%	7	28%	
Influenza A Positive	9	38%	7	29%	0	0%	1	4%	2	8%	High
Influenza B Positive	3	13%	5	21%	2	33%	5	18%	8	33%	High
Adenovirus Positive	1	4%	2	8%	1	17%	1	4%	2	8%	Low
Human Metapneumovirus Positive	0	0%	2	8%	0	0%	2	7%	0	0%	Sporadic
Parainfluenza 1 Positive	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	Sporadic
Parainfluenza 2 Positive	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	Not Detected
Parainfluenza 3 Positive	2	8%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	8%	Sporadic
RSV Positive	3	13%	5	21%	3	50%	10	36%	6	25%	High
Co-infections	0	0%	0	0%	1	17%	2	7%	3	12%	
Specimens Tested	24	-	24	-	6	-	28	-	25	-	High Volume

Table 2 - Influenza A Typing, Current Week and Previous Four Weeks

Influenza A Typing (% of influenza A)	Week Ending										5-Week Totals	
	2/9		2/16		2/23		3/2		3/9		n	%
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%		
Influenza A 2009 H1N1	0	0%	2	29%	0	-	0	0%	0	0%	2	11%
Influenza A H1	0	0%	0	0%	0	-	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Influenza A H3	9	100%	5	71%	0	-	1	100%	2	100%	17	89%

Figure 1 - Weekly Number of Specimens Tested

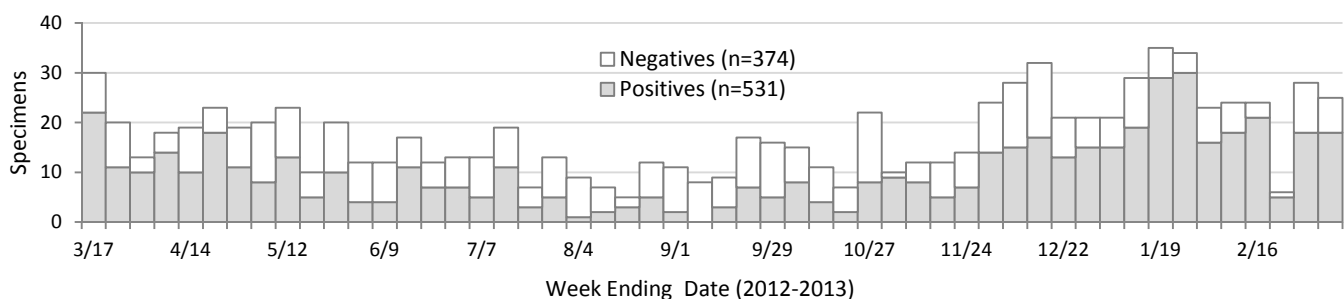
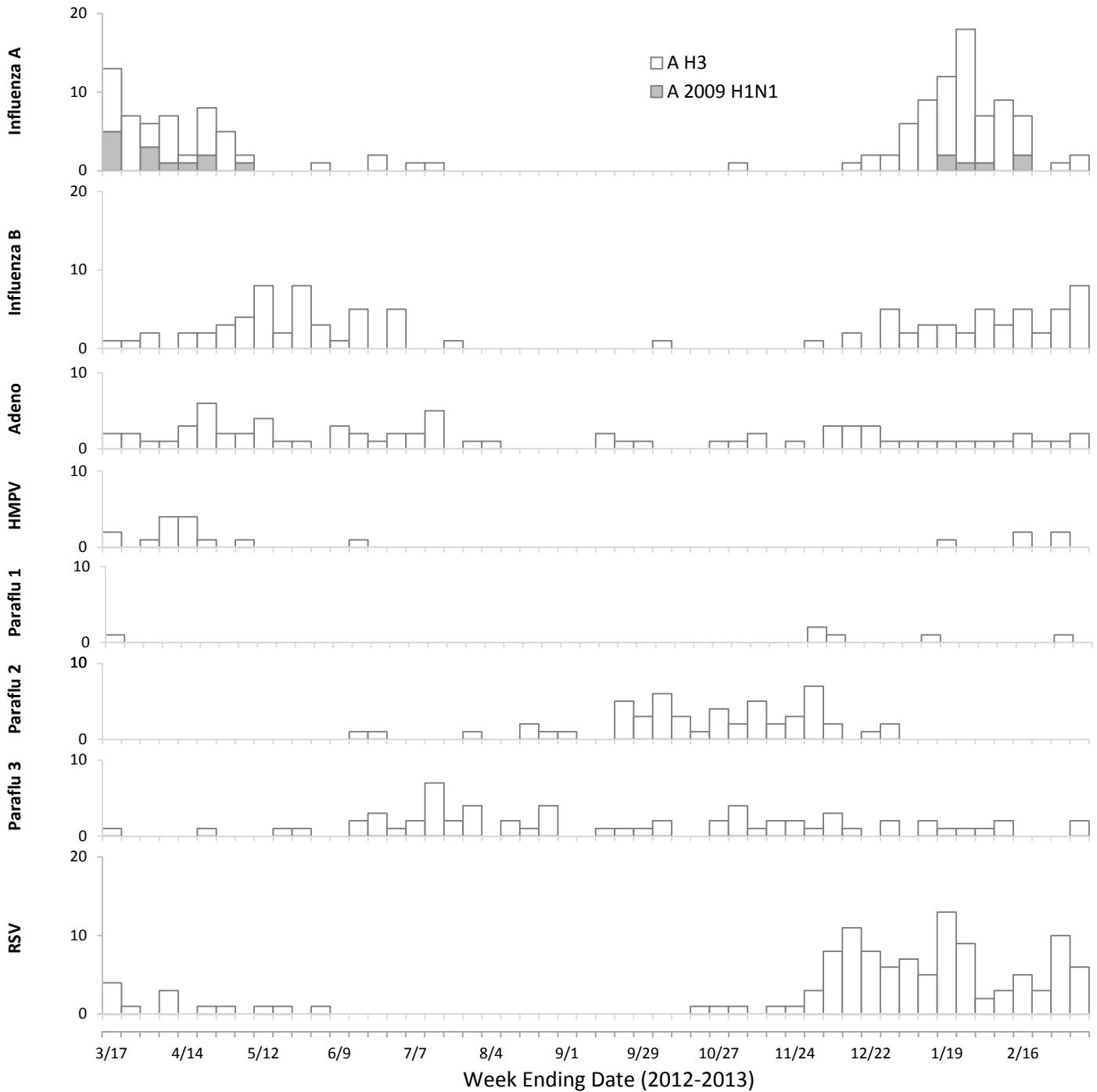


Figure 2. Weekly Positive Counts for Organisms Tested



Other News and Information

A high number of respiratory viruses are circulating in Southern Nevada this week (Table 1, Fig. 2). Of these, influenza A and B, and RSV continue to circulate at high levels.

There are three types of influenza viruses: A, B, and C. Flu A viruses can infect people and animals, are constantly changing, and are involved in large annual flu epidemics. Flu B infections may result in symptoms that are less severe than flu A, but they can still be extremely harmful. Flu C infections are milder than either A or B, and severe illness generally does not occur. Both flu B and C are found only in humans and do not cause pandemics. The annual flu vaccines typically contain one A (H3N2) virus, one A (H1N1) virus, and one B virus.