

Influenza Surveillance Update for Summit County

Off-season Report # 12

Week ending on August 14, 2010 (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Week 32)

On August 10, the World Health Organization declared the end of the influenza (H1N1) pandemic. However, in the post-pandemic period, it is likely that cases and outbreaks due to the 2009 pandemic A (H1N1) virus will continue to occur. For more information, go to <http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-do/health-topics/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/news2/news/2010/08/who-director-general-declares-h1n1-pandemic-over>.

The EpiCenter average for adult emergency room visits in Summit County for respiratory and constitutional complaints was 14.52 percent. This was a decrease from the previous week when 15.58% of adult emergency room visits were due to respiratory and constitutional complaints. This period there were only 3 pneumonia deaths and no influenza deaths reported. This was a decrease from the previous period when 8 pneumonia deaths were reported. No influenza deaths were reported in the previous period.

Full influenza surveillance for Summit County will resume in October.

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) published the final Ohio Seasonal Influenza and Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Report for the 2009-2010 season during the week ending on May 15, 2010. If the influenza activity level rises above 'no activity' before the start of the next influenza season, then the Weekly Surveillance Reports would resume. ODH will continue to analyze weekly influenza data sources during the summer.

This influenza brief was updated on August 20, 2010. Numbers are subject to change as reports are received. Please address questions to Courtney Hudson at the Akron Health Department Office of Epidemiology at 330.375.2988 ext. 3122 or CHudson@akronohio.gov.