

Influenza Surveillance Update for Summit County
Off-season Report # 9
Week ending July 17, 2010 (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Week 28)

During the summer, the Akron Health Department will continue to monitor influenza and pneumonia deaths as well as EpiCenter for adult emergency room visits in Summit County for respiratory and constitutional symptoms. Unusual deviations from what is expected for this time of year will be included in brief influenza surveillance updates which will be posted on the Akron Health Department's website at <http://www.ci.akron.oh.us/Health04/Epidemiology/control.htm> and the Summit County Health District's website at www.schd.org. Influenza activity will also be monitored for the U.S. as well as worldwide. Full influenza surveillance for Summit County will resume in October.

The EpiCenter average for adult emergency room visits in Summit County for respiratory and constitutional complaints was 13.16% which was a decrease from the previous week's average of 15.72%. Seven pneumonia deaths and no influenza deaths were reported this period. During the previous period, there were eight pneumonia deaths and no influenza deaths.

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 July 21, 2010. Please address questions to Courtney Hudson at the Akron Health Department Office of Epidemiology at 330.375.2988 ext. 3122 or CHudson@akronohio.gov.