

Influenza Surveillance Report for Summit County, 2009-2010
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Influenza Activity in Summit County

- Influenza activity declined again this week in Summit County.
- The EpiCenter average for adult emergency room visits for respiratory and constitutional complaints declined going from 25.74% last period to 23.20% this period.
- The number of people diagnosed with influenza-like illness (ILI) continued to decrease. Last period there were 288 diagnoses compared to 191 for this period.
- The number of adult hospitalizations for influenza decreased from 33 last period to 16 this period.
- The number of lab tests being performed decreased. This period 97 tests were administered and 12 (12.4%) were positive for influenza A compared to last period when 19 (11.4%) tests were positive for influenza A out of the 167 tests administered.
- The number of absences reported by schools increased slightly.
- The number of prescriptions of oseltamivir and zanamivir decreased from 184 the previous period to 116 this reporting period.
- The number of pneumonia-related deaths decreased from 21 last period to 11 this period.
- One influenza death was reported again this period.
- Local health departments have begun administering vaccine for those in the CDC identified target groups. For a listing of local H1N1 vaccine clinics, go to www.summitflu.org.

Influenza Activity in Ohio (Source: Ohio Department of Health)

- Ohio's influenza activity continues to be **widespread**. This refers to the geographic spread and not the severity of illness.
- Out of the 2,117 specimens tested at the ODH lab during this season, only 2 (0.09%) specimens have been positive for seasonal influenza; one was A (H1) and the other was A (H3). Out of the 2,117 specimens tested, 1,077 (50.9%) have tested positive for 2009 pandemic A (H1N1).
- For the 2009-2010 season, there have been 2,754 influenza-associated hospitalizations and 1,226 were laboratory confirmed 2009 pandemic A (H1N1).
- There have been 7 confirmed influenza-associated pediatric mortality reports for the 2009-2010 season of which 3 had confirmed 2009 pandemic A (H1N1).
- Year-to-date there have been 34 confirmed 2009 pandemic A (H1N1) influenza-related deaths.

Influenza Activity in U.S. (Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

- 32 states reported **widespread** activity (which is a decline of 11 from previous week); 17 states and Puerto Rico had **regional** activity; District of Columbia and 1 state reported **local** activity; and Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands reported **sporadic** activity.
- Influenza activity continued to decrease.
- Thirty-five influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported during the week. These deaths occurred between March 8 and November 21, 2009. The 2009 pandemic A (H1N1) virus infection was associated with 27 of the deaths, 7 were associated with influenza A virus for which the subtype was unknown and 1 was associated with seasonal influenza. Since April 26, 2009, the CDC reports there has been a total of 198 deaths in children associated with the 2009 pandemic A (H1N1).
- The proportion of deaths attributed to influenza and pneumonia was above the epidemic threshold as reported to the 122-Cities Mortality Reporting System for the eighth week. (8.2% compared to the national threshold of 7.0%)
- Since August 30, there have been 29,348 laboratory-confirmed influenza associated hospitalizations and 1,224 laboratory-confirmed deaths.

- For outpatient visits reported through the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), 4.3% were due to influenza-like illness compared to the national baseline of 2.3 %.
- All 10 regions reported the proportion of outpatient visits for ILI were above their region-specific baseline levels. The percentage ranged from 2.0% to 6.1% and it decreased in all 10 regions again this reporting period.
- 9,159 specimens were tested and 1,880 (20.5%) were positive and 7,279 (79.5%) were negative for influenza. Of the positive specimens, 1,874 (99.7%) were influenza A.
- Out of the influenza A positives, 1,478 (78.9%) were 2009 pandemic A (H1N1); 372 (19.9%) subtyping was not performed; 23 (1.2%) were unable to be subtyped; 1 was A (H1) (0.1%) and 6 were influenza B (0.3%).
- Seasonal A(H1N1) and influenza B co-circulated at low levels with 2009 pandemic A (H1N1).
- The majority of 2009 A (H1N1) viruses are susceptible to neuraminidase inhibitor antiviral medication oseltamivir but rare sporadic cases of oseltamivir resistant 2009 influenza A (H1N1) have been detected. All viruses tested remained sensitive to zanamivir.
- For additional information go to <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/updates/us/>

Influenza Activity Worldwide (Source: World Health Organization)

- Over 622,400 laboratory confirmed cases of 2009 pandemic A (H1N1) and 7,826 deaths have been reported. Both of these numbers increased dramatically from the previous week.
- In the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere, the early arriving winter influenza season continues to be intense across parts of the North America and much of Europe. However, there are indications that in North America, Caribbean Islands and parts of Europe that disease activity may have peaked.
- In Canada, influenza activity remains similar to the previous week but the number of hospitalizations and deaths is increasing.
- In Europe, over 99% of subtyped influenza A viruses were 2009 pandemic A (H1N1).
- In East Asia, influenza activity remains active again this period.
- ILI activity in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka has increased.
- Most countries in the tropical region of Central and South America continue to report declining influenza activity except Ecuador and Venezuela.
- Little pandemic influenza activity has been reported in the temperate region of the southern hemisphere.
- For additional information go to: <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>

Participants in Summit County Influenza Surveillance

17 medical providers	1 university health service	13 laboratories
1 workshop	6 nursing homes	EpiCenter
4 pharmacy chains	3 residential institutions	
5 emergency departments	3 health departments- vital records offices	
31 private/public/charter schools and 7 districts (121 schools buildings)		

Number of influenza or influenza-like diagnoses by medical practitioners, emergency departments, university infirmary, nursing homes, and institutions

Total number of absentees (diagnosis not specified) for selected schools and workshop

Number of positive influenza cultures and antigen tests from area labs

Total number of four influenza antiviral medications sold in pharmacy chains

Number of pneumonia/influenza deaths reported to CDC by the Akron Health Department, Barberton Health Department and Summit County Health District

Number of confirmed influenza hospitalizations at Summit County hospitals

The percent of respiratory & constitutional visits per week from two hospitals that electronically report ED visits which are categorized into respiratory or constitutional syndrome based on chief complaint.

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