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H₁N₁ Influenza A Update

New York Statewide School Health Services Center

Key Flu Indicators for November 1 – 7, 2009

During week 44 (November 1-7, 2009), influenza activity decreased slightly in the U.S.

- 3,834 (30.1%) specimens tested by U.S. World Health Organization (WHO) and National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) collaborating laboratories and reported to CDC/Influenza Division were positive for influenza.
- All subtyped influenza A viruses being reported to CDC were 2009 influenza A (H₁N₁) viruses.
- The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) was above the epidemic threshold for the sixth consecutive week.
- Thirty-five influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported. Twenty-six of these deaths were associated with 2009 influenza A (H₁N₁) virus infection, eight were associated with an influenza A virus for which the subtype was undetermined, and one was associated with an influenza B virus infection.
- The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 6.7% which is above the national baseline of 2.3%. All 10 regions reported ILI above region-specific baseline levels.
- Forty-six states, including New York State reported geographically widespread influenza activity, Puerto Rico and four states reported regional influenza activity, the District of Columbia reported local influenza activity, Guam reported sporadic influenza activity, and the U.S. Virgin Islands did not report.

