

## Influenza and Influenza-like Illness Surveillance

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### Media Talking Points

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#### Activity Level: **No Activity**

- Definition: No laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza and no reported increase in the number of cases of influenza-like illness (ILI).

#### Surveillance Data:

- Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Sentinel Providers reported 0.47% of patients had ILI signs and symptoms. Influenza-like Illness is defined as a fever ( $\geq 100^{\circ}$  F), **and** cough and/or sore throat. Temperature can be measured in the physician's office or at home.
- Over-the-counter (OTC) sales experienced a statistically significant deviation from the expected in six regions. It is likely that this deviation is due to symptoms of seasonal illness rather than influenza activity.
- Emergency department visits experienced a statistically significant deviation from the expected in three regions.
- ODH lab has not reported any positive confirmed isolates (total through 10/7/08).
- No pediatric influenza-associated mortality reports have been made (through 10/7/08).

#### Analysis Considerations:

- No significant or confirmed geographic clustering of any data was detected.
- No outbreaks are indicated.

National activity levels and more information can be found at the following CDC pages:

- <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/usmap.htm>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

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