We saw a substantial increase in both reported cases and ILI for week 51 compared with previous weeks this season. At 1.93, our percent ILI is now above our regional threshold of 1.3%.

During week 51, one community outbreak was reported, affecting residents near areas of Stark county.
North Dakota School Absenteeism Surveillance

School absenteeism this week was reported at 0.43%. We will be piloting an exciting, new school absenteeism program starting in 2014. If your school would be willing to participate in our absenteeism surveillance, please contact Jill Baber at jhaber@nd.gov.

Sentinel Laboratories*--Influenza

Percent positivity of influenza testing at sentinel laboratories increased for the third straight week and is currently at 21.42%.

*These data do not represent all laboratory results for influenza.

National Statistics:
National influenza activity and surveillance information is available from the CDC FluView website at http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/, and is updated every Friday.