2013-14 North Dakota Weekly Influenza Update

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Week: 201414

2810 Total Influenza Cases
139 Hospitalizations
1 LTC Outbreaks
4 Deaths

General Trends
Influenza indicators decreased overall this week, with fewer cases and lower ILI than last week. Influenza B cases made up a majority of this week's cases, and a similar trend is being seen nationwide.

Outbreaks
One outbreak in a long term care facility has been reported this season, affecting both residents and health care workers.

Influenza Cases by County

Outpatient Illness Surveillance--Influenza-like Illness (Regional baseline = 1.3)

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North Dakota School Absenteeism Surveillance

School absenteeism was reported at 0.71%. We will be piloting an exciting, new school absenteeism program this year! If your school would be willing to participate in our absenteeism surveillance, please contact Jill Baber at jbaber@nd.gov.

Sentinel Laboratories*—Influenza

Percent positivity of influenza testing at sentinel laboratories increased this week to 11.02%. With a low number of total tests completed, this higher number may be attributable to a low sample size as opposed to a true trend, but we continue to watch all flu indicators closely. This jump may also be indicative of a local trend, as laboratories with a higher percentage of positive influenza tests are located in the northwestern portion of the state.

Percent positivity for RSV also increased, reaching 27.52%.

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.