Influenza Surveillance Report: Collin County
MMWR Week 51 (December 18-24, 2016)
Influenza Report as of December 30, 2016

Overview

Collin County
- Overall influenza activity in Collin County is increasing.
- Influenza activity in Collin County decreased from 8.7% to 8.2% in week 51.
- 3.0% of patient visits to health care facilities were due to influenza-like illness (ILI).
- Absenteeism in Collin County Independent School Districts was not reported due to the holiday break.
- No pediatric deaths were reported this week.
- No influenza outbreaks were reported this week.

Influenza reporting in Collin County was low this week; reporting is voluntary

Texas
- Influenza activity in the state is low.
- 6.0% of patient visits to health care facilities were due to ILI, which is below baseline (6.3%).
- No influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported this week. Total this season: 0

United States
- Influenza activity in the United States is low.
- 2.9% of patient visits to health care facilities were due to ILI, which is below baseline (2.2%).
- One human infection with novel influenza A virus was reported (avian lineage influenza A H7N2). Patient reported exposure to ill cats. An outbreak of avian lineage influenza A H7N2 in cats at a New York animal shelter was reported.
- No influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported this week. Total this season: 2

Influenza Activity

The following tables demonstrate the number of individuals who were tested by their healthcare provider for influenza and the total number of tests that were positive. Reporting influenza testing is voluntary. The numbers displayed below represent the totals reported by participating healthcare facilities. Table I. displays the number of individuals tested for influenza and how many of those were positive for week 51. Table II. Shows the cumulative totals for the prior weeks and breaks down the current week. Figure I. below displays the number of positive influenza cases for the current 2016-2017 flu season by MMWR week.

Table I. Overview of Individuals Tested for Week 51

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<th>Influenza Like Illness</th>
<th>Total Individuals Tested</th>
<th>Total Positive</th>
<th>Percent Positive</th>
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<td>379</td>
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Table II. Influenza Test Results; Number and Percent by Testing Method

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<th>Season to Date</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Tests Performed</td>
<td>3261</td>
<td>379</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Positive Tests</td>
<td>151 (4.6%)</td>
<td>31 (8.2%)</td>
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<td>Positive Rapid Type A</td>
<td>72 (47.7%)</td>
<td>25 (80.6%)</td>
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<td>Positive Rapid Type B</td>
<td>64 (42.4%)</td>
<td>3 (9.7%)</td>
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<td>Positive Rapid Type A and B</td>
<td>14 (9.3%)</td>
<td>3 (9.7%)</td>
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<td>Positive Rapid Undifferentiated</td>
<td>0 (0.0%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Positive PCR/Culture Type A</td>
<td>0 (0.0%)</td>
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<td>Positive PCR/Culture Type B</td>
<td>1 (0.7%)</td>
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Figure I. Number of Positive Influenza Cases for Collin County by MMWR Week 51

2016 - 2017 Influenza Season

Independent School Districts Influenza Activity

Independent School Districts in Collin County did not submit absenteeism surveillance for week 51 due to the holiday break.
Additional Sources

For more information of influenza and influenza surveillance please visit these helpful sites:

Texas Influenza Information: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/influenza/
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov/flu/

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Collin County receives influenza activity reports from healthcare providers and schools. Influenza reporting is optional for these facilities. If you are a healthcare provider or school and would like to report influenza activity at your facility please visit our website for reporting forms at http://www.collincountytx.gov/healthcare_services/Pages/influenza.aspx

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