New Mexico Department of Health
Influenza & Respiratory Disease Report, 2017-2018
A Summary of Influenza and RSV Surveillance in New Mexico

Summary of Activity: Week 51
December 17th – December 23rd, 2017

▪ New Mexico ILI activity is currently 3.1% which is above the national baseline of 2.2%
▪ US ILI is 5.0% which is above the national baseline of 2.2%
▪ Influenza activity is above the NM baseline of 2.6% in three of five health regions
▪ There was PCR confirmed lab activity from the Scientific Laboratory Division (SLD) in all New Mexico health regions
▪ Four new influenza outbreaks were reported this week

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New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) is collaborating with 24 ILI sentinel sites and 19 syndromic surveillance sites* for the 2017-2018 season. Sites report weekly on the number of patients that present to their facility with influenza-like illness (ILI). That number is then divided by the total number of patients seen for any reason, resulting in percent of ILI activity. ILI is defined as fever of > 100° F and cough and sore throat in absence of known cause.

* See appendix for reporting sites
Regional Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Activity

Outbreak: An influenza outbreak is defined as at least two cases of ILI in a specific area with at least one lab confirmed case.

PCR Testing: Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests can identify the presence of influenza viral RNA in respiratory specimens. PCR testing is performed at various laboratories across New Mexico.
Since the start of the 2017-2018 influenza season, laboratories have reported that a total of 663 out of 5,874 respiratory specimens have tested positive for influenza by PCR. Four specimens were subtyped as A(H1N1), 311 were A(H3N2), 281 influenza A specimens were not subtyped. Fifty-four tested positive as influenza B not subtyped, 0 positive specimens were identified as B(Victoria) and 13 as B(Yamagata).
Laboratory Sites Participating in Rapid influenza Data Collection (Facility name, City)

NW
- San Juan Regional Medical Center, Farmington; and Acoma-Canoncito-Laguna Indian Health Hospital, Acoma Pueblo

NE
- Taos-Picuris Indian Health Clinic, Taos; Pecos Valley Medical Center, Pecos; La Familia Medical Clinics, Santa Fe; Los Alamos Family Care Clinic, Los Alamos; Jicarilla Apache Indian Health Clinic, Dulce; Children’s Clinic PA, Los Alamos

Metro
- Lovelace Downtown Medical Center, Albuquerque; University of New Mexico Student Health Clinic, Albuquerque; Presbyterian Medical Group-Atrisco, Northside, Pediatric Urgent Care; Albuquerque Health Partners Urgent Care, Rio Rancho

SW
- Gila Regional Medical Center, Silver City; Hidalgo Medical Services Clinic, Lordsburg; Ben Archer Health Center, Deming, Columbus, and Dona Ana; La Clinica de Familia, Sunland Park; Mescalero Apache Indian Health Hospital, Mescalero; New Mexico Mining and Technology Institute, Socorro

SE
- Carlsbad Medical Center, Carlsbad; Lea Regional Medical Center, Hobbs; Eastern New Mexico Medical Center, Roswell; Roosevelt General Hospital Clinic, Portales

Laboratory Sites Participating in RSV Data Collection (Facility name, City)

NW
- San Juan Regional Medical Center, Farmington and Acoma-Canoncito-Laguna Indian Health Hospital, Acoma Pueblo

NE
- Los Alamos Medical Center, Los Alamos, Dulce Health Center, Dulce; Christus St. Vincent. Santa Fe; Alta Vista Regional Hospital, Las Vegas; Miners’ Colfax Medical Center, Raton

Metro
- Quest Diagnostic Laboratory, Albuquerque

SW
- Gerald Champion, Alamogordo

SE
- Artesia General Hospital, Artesia; Carlsbad Medical Center, Carlsbad; Lea Regional Medical Center, Hobbs; Eastern New Mexico Medical Center, Roswell

* Data is not representative of all facilities in New Mexico
Adenoviruses: Cause a wide range of illnesses. They rarely cause serious illness or death. However, infants and people with weakened immune systems, or existing respiratory or cardiac disease, are at higher risk of developing severe illness from an adenovirus infection.

Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV): Cause upper and lower respiratory disease in people of all ages, especially among young children, older adults, and people with weakened immune systems.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV): Can cause more severe infections such as bronchiolitis, an inflammation of the small airways in the lung, and pneumonia, an infection of the lungs. It is the most common cause of bronchiolitis and pneumonia in children younger than 1 year of age.

Human Rhinoviruses: Are nonenveloped that cause upper respiratory tract infections. these infections can pose serious health concerns for young children, elderly individuals and persons with pre-existing health conditions leading to more serious illnesses.

Human Parainfluenza Viruses: Commonly cause upper and lower respiratory illnesses in infants and young children, but anyone can get infected. After you get infected, it takes about 2 to 7 days before you develop symptoms.

* Data is not representative of all facilities in New Mexico, information on conditions from CDC.gov
Pneumonia and Influenza (P & I) Deaths, NM, 2015-2017*

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<th>Season</th>
<th>Season to date P &amp; I Deaths</th>
<th>Pneumonia Deaths</th>
<th>Adult Flu Deaths</th>
<th>Pediatric Flu Deaths</th>
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<td>41</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>195</td>
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<td>2015-2016</td>
<td>190</td>
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**Pneumonia death:** Is defined as having a cause of death that is related to pneumonia & influenza (P & I) not including: aspiration pneumonia, pneumonitis, or pneumococcal meningitis.

**Influenza death:** Is defined as having a cause of death that is related to pneumonia & influenza (P & I) not including: parainfluenzae or Haemophilus influenzae.

* The 2017-2018 flu season started October 1st, 2017, death data is delayed up to 8 weeks
Influenza is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. Every flu season is different, and influenza infection can affect people differently, but millions of people get the flu every year, hundreds of thousands of people are hospitalized and thousands or tens of thousands of people die from flu-related causes every year. Even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others. Flu-related hospitalizations since 2010 ranged from 140,000 to 710,000, while flu-related deaths are estimated to have ranged from 12,000 to 56,000. During flu season, flu viruses circulate at higher levels in the U.S. population in the United States can begin as early as October and last as late as May. An annual seasonal flu vaccine is the best way to reduce your risk of getting sick with seasonal flu and spreading it to others. When more people get vaccinated against the flu, less flu can spread through that community.”

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

For Additional Vaccine Information/resources:

FluVaxView:
https://www.cdc.gov/flu/fluvalview/index.htm

Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Resources for Health Professionals:
https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/index.htm

Misconceptions about Flu Vaccines:
https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/qa/misconceptions.htm
### Appendix

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<th>Syndromic Surveillance Hospitals (Facility name, City)</th>
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<td>Acoma-Canoncito-Laguna Indian Health Hospital, Acoma; Dzilth Health Center, Bloomfield</td>
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<td>Northeast</td>
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<td>Lovelace Westside Hospital, Albuquerque; UNM Health System, Albuquerque</td>
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<td>Mimbres Memorial Hospital, Deming; Mountian View Regional Medical Center, Las Cruces</td>
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<td>Southeast</td>
<td>Eastern New Mexico Medical Center, Roswell; Roosevelt General Hospital Clinic, Portales</td>
<td>Carlsbad Medical Center, Carlsbad; Dr. Dan C. Trigg Memorial, Tucumcari; Lea Regional Medical Center, Hobbs; Lincoln County Medical Center, Ruidoso; Lovelace Regional Hospital; Roswell; Nor-Lea Hospital District, Lovington; Plains Regional Medical Center, Clovis</td>
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In accordance with New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) 7.4.3.13 **Influenza is a reportable condition for the following:**
- Influenza, laboratory confirmed hospitalizations only
- Influenza-associated pediatric death
- Acute illness or condition of any type involving large numbers of persons in the same geographic area (outbreaks)
- Other illnesses or condition of public health significance (novel influenza A)

For more information on reportable conditions please visit: [http://www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/nmac/parts/title07/07.004.0003.htm](http://www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/nmac/parts/title07/07.004.0003.htm)

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For questions, please call 505-827-0006. For more information on influenza go to the NMDOH web page: [https://nmhealth.org/about/erd/ideb/isp/](https://nmhealth.org/about/erd/ideb/isp/) Or The CDC web page: [http://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm)