

New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
Communicable Disease Service
Influenza Activity Summary
Week Ending March 22, 2008 (MMWR Week 12)

Influenza Activity Level: **REGIONAL**

NOTE: Three of three reporting parameters are above state baseline. Additionally, eight counties had 2 of 3 parameters above baseline as well as several laboratory confirmed cases in the previous 3 weeks from these same counties.

No Activity- At least 2 of 3 parameters at or below state baseline **AND** no lab confirmed cases

Sporadic – At least 2 of 3 parameters above state baseline **AND** confirmed laboratory cases anywhere in the state within previous 3 weeks **OR** at least one laboratory confirmed outbreak in an institution anywhere in the state

Local – At least 2 or 3 parameters above state baseline in a single county **AND** confirmed laboratory cases from that same county within the previous 3 weeks (other counties may be above baseline without lab confirmed cases) **OR** confirmed outbreaks in 2 or more institutions in a single county

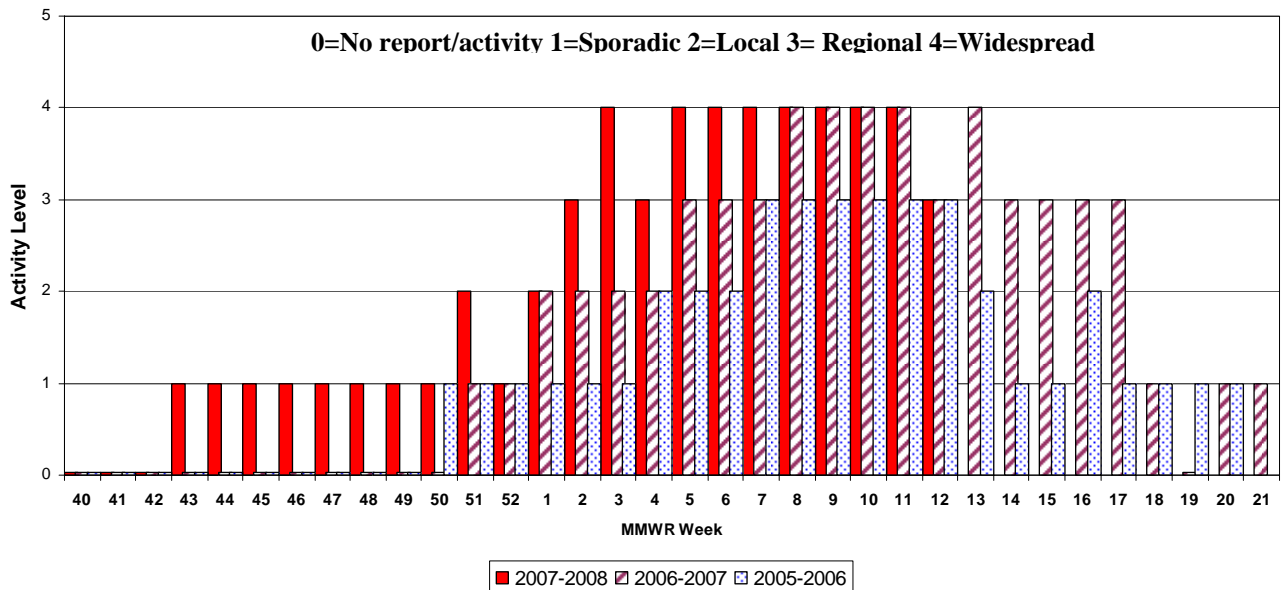
Regional – At least 2 of 3 parameters above state baseline in ≥ 2 but ≤ 10 counties **AND** laboratory confirmed cases from these same counties in past 3 weeks **OR** confirmed outbreaks institutions in ≥ 2 but ≤ 10 counties

Widespread – At least 2 of 3 parameters above state baseline in > 10 counties **OR** institutional outbreaks in > 10 counties **AND** lab confirmed influenza cases in previous 3 weeks.

Parameter = School, emergency department, or long term care weekly surveillance data

Baseline is calculated by taking the average of statewide percentages of ILI for a 4 year (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007) period during months when influenza is less likely to be circulating (May-August). Weeks in which less than 4 counties reported were not included in the calculation.

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Statewide Influenza Activity Levels



Regional Data

REGIONAL – NE, NW, AND SOUTH

LOCAL - CE

SPORADIC - CW

Public Health Regions

NW Region (Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Warren)

NE Region (Bergen, Essex, Hudson)

CW Region (Hunterdon, Mercer, Somerset)

CE Region (Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Union)

South Region (Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem)

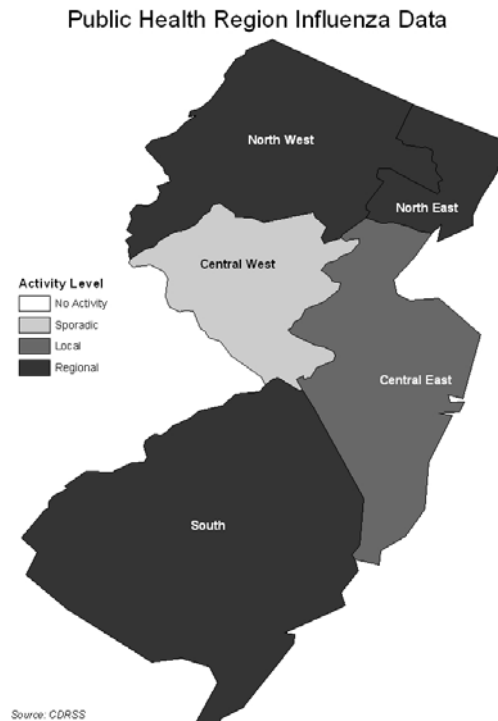
No Activity- At least 2 of 3 parameters at or below state baseline **AND** no lab confirmed cases in the public health region

Sporadic – At least 2 of 3 parameters above state baseline **AND** confirmed laboratory cases anywhere in the public health region **OR** at least one laboratory confirmed outbreak in an institution anywhere in the public health region

Local – At least 2 or 3 parameters above state baseline in a single county of a public health region **AND** confirmed laboratory cases from that same county within the previous 3 weeks (other counties may be above baseline without lab confirmed cases) **OR** confirmed outbreaks in 2 or more institutions in a single county of a public health region

Regional – At least 2 of 3 parameters above state baseline in at least half of counties of public health region **AND** laboratory confirmed cases from these same counties in past 3 weeks **OR** confirmed outbreaks institutions in at least half of counties of public health region counties

Widespread – Not used for public health region data



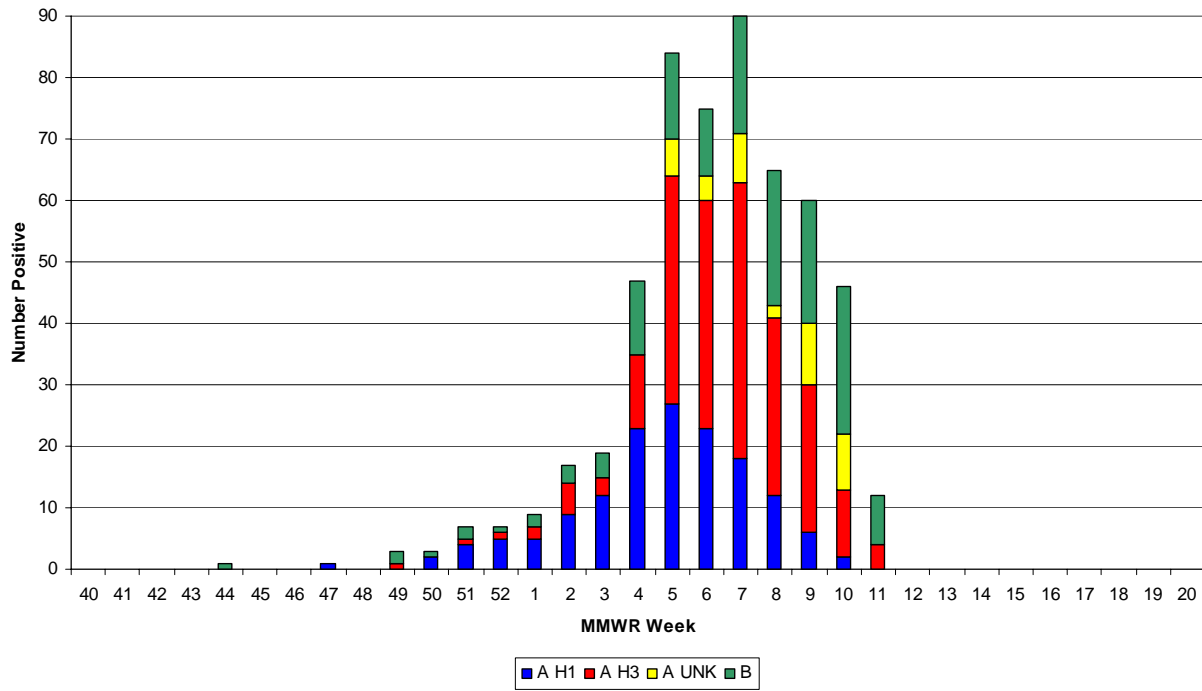
Laboratory Surveillance

As of week 12, 546 samples have been found to be positive by viral culture (149- AH1, 212- AH3 39- A unknown type and 146-B). Rapid and culture results by county are displayed below.

County	Week 40 to Week 12							Weeks 10, 11, 12						
	Rapid*			Culture*				Rapid*			Culture*			
	A	B	A/B	A H1	A H3	A UNK	B	A	B	A/B	A H1	A H3	A UNK	B
Atlantic County	40	9	0	0	0	1	2	20	6	0	0	0	0	0
Bergen County	71	21	0	5	4	38	12	21	5	0	0	1	9	6
Burlington County	183	31	0	0	0	0	2	50	20	0	0	0	0	2
Camden County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cape May County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumberland County	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Essex County	208	48	48	9	21	0	9	64	20	0	0	1	0	3
Gloucester County	0	0	0	21	37	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hudson County	19	10	0	11	12	0	10	10	8	0	0	1	0	2
Hunterdon County	0	0	0	8	10	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Mercer County	205	82	0	8	8	0	10	67	31	0	0	2	0	2
Middlesex County	38	6	0	11	9	0	8	13	4	0	0	1	0	2
Monmouth County	142	21	140	9	8	0	1	39	13	72	1	0	0	0
Morris County	0	0	0	19	30	0	16	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Ocean County	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Passaic County	81	34	0	12	5	0	11	29	10	0	0	0	0	3
Salem County	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Somerset County	7	2	12	12	12	0	3	0	0	3	1	4	0	2
Sussex County	39	11	0	0	1	0	2	16	4	0	0	0	0	0
Union County	20	8	0	12	18	0	23	6	8	0	0	1	0	5
Warren County	56	12	0	0	7	0	3	20	5	0	0	1	0	1
Unknown	0	0	0	11	28	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
State Total	1116	296	200	149	212	39	146	359	135	75	2	15	9	32

*Rapid data is acquired from facilities reporting rapid influenza tests via NREVSS or CDRSS ILI module. Culture results are obtained via PHEL, hospital viral culture laboratories or commercial laboratories.

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Influenza Laboratory Report
Viral Culture Positive Specimens by MMWR Week**

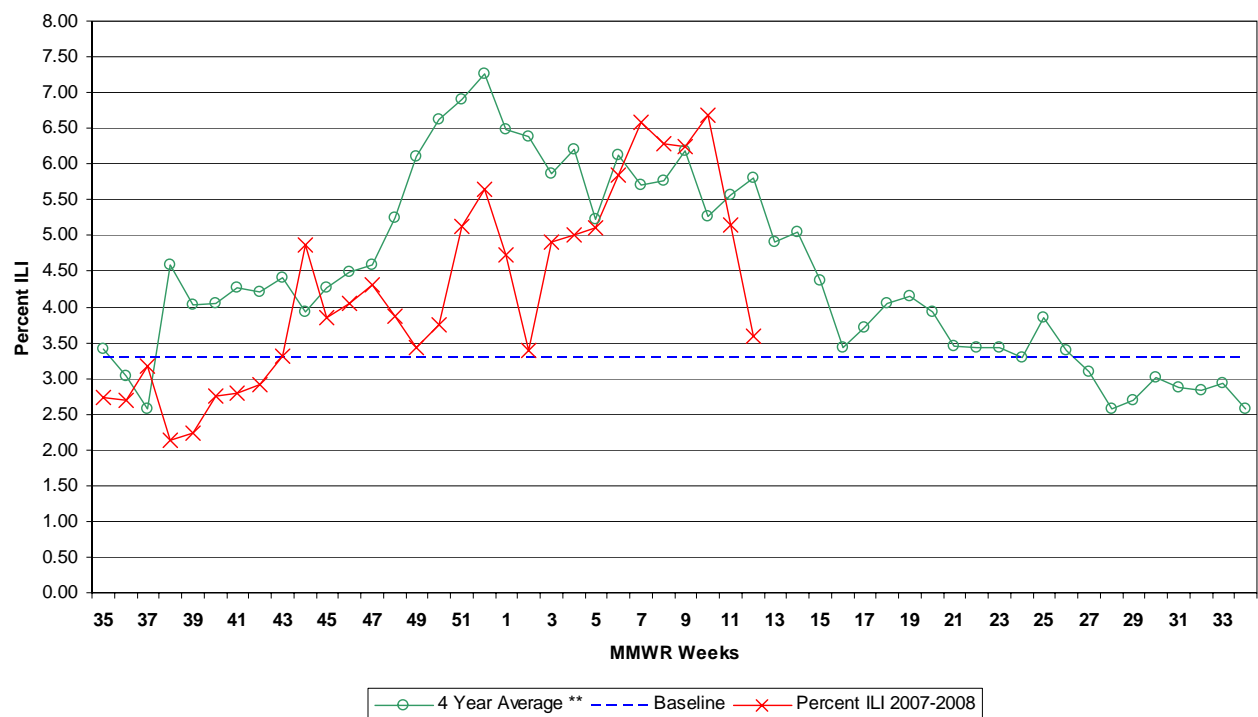


Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Surveillance*

Emergency Departments

During week 12, 3.60% ILI was reported statewide from emergency departments. This is a decrease over the previous week (5.14%). The percent ILI for each county ranged from 1.16 to 8.65%. The percent ILI for this same week last year was 6.22% in emergency departments. The percent ILI for the northeast (3.81%), central west (4.68%), central east (3.85%) and south (3.57%) public health regions were above state baseline (3.30%).

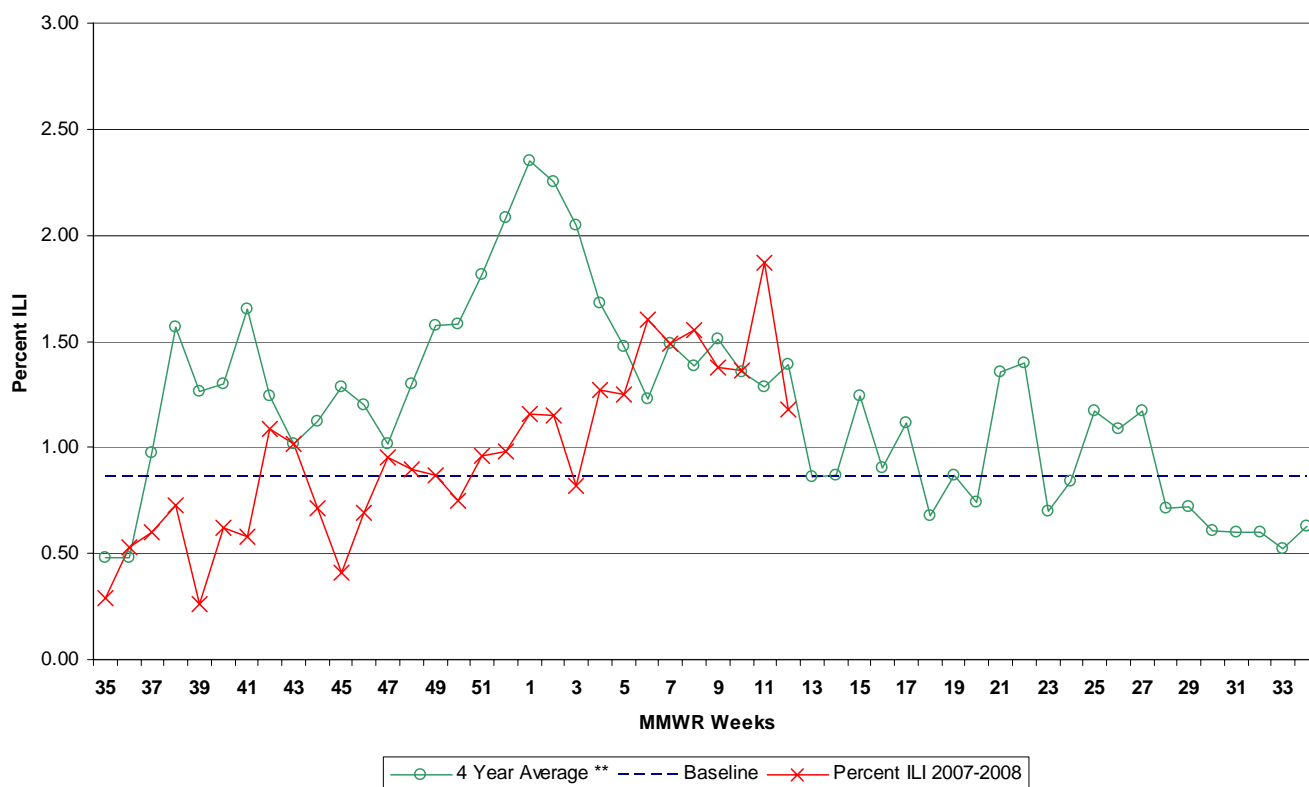
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Influenza-like Activity - Emergency Departments



Long-term Care Facilities

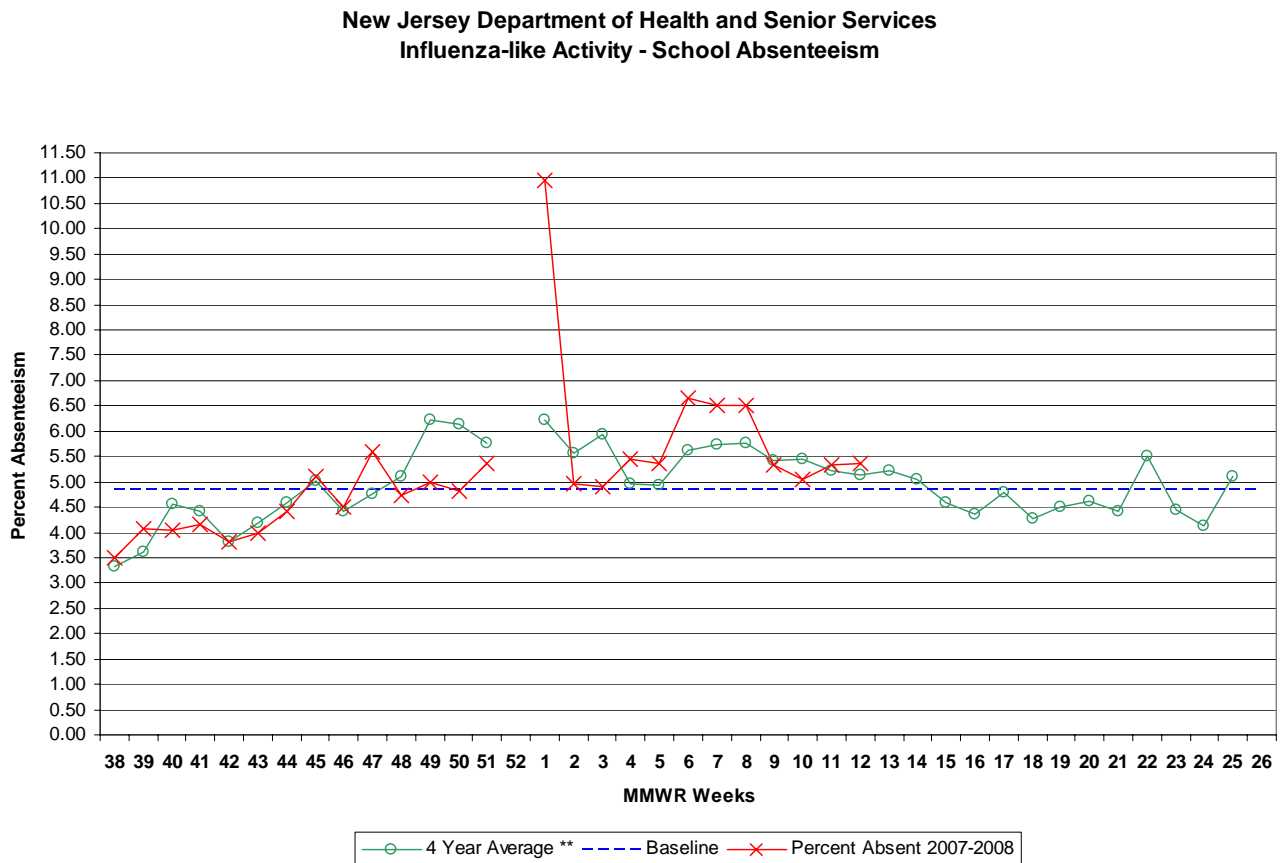
During week 12, 1.18% ILI was reported statewide from long term care facilities. This is a decrease over the previous week (1.87%). The percent ILI for each county ranged from 0.00% to 5.38%. The percent ILI for this same week last year was 1.11% in long-term care facilities. The percent ILI for the northeast (2.56%) and south (1.69%) public health regions were above state baseline (0.86%). Six outbreaks in a long term care facility were reported in week 12. Three are confirmed for influenza B and one for influenza A H3. Investigations are ongoing on two.

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Influenza-like Activity - Long Term Care Facilities



School Absenteeism

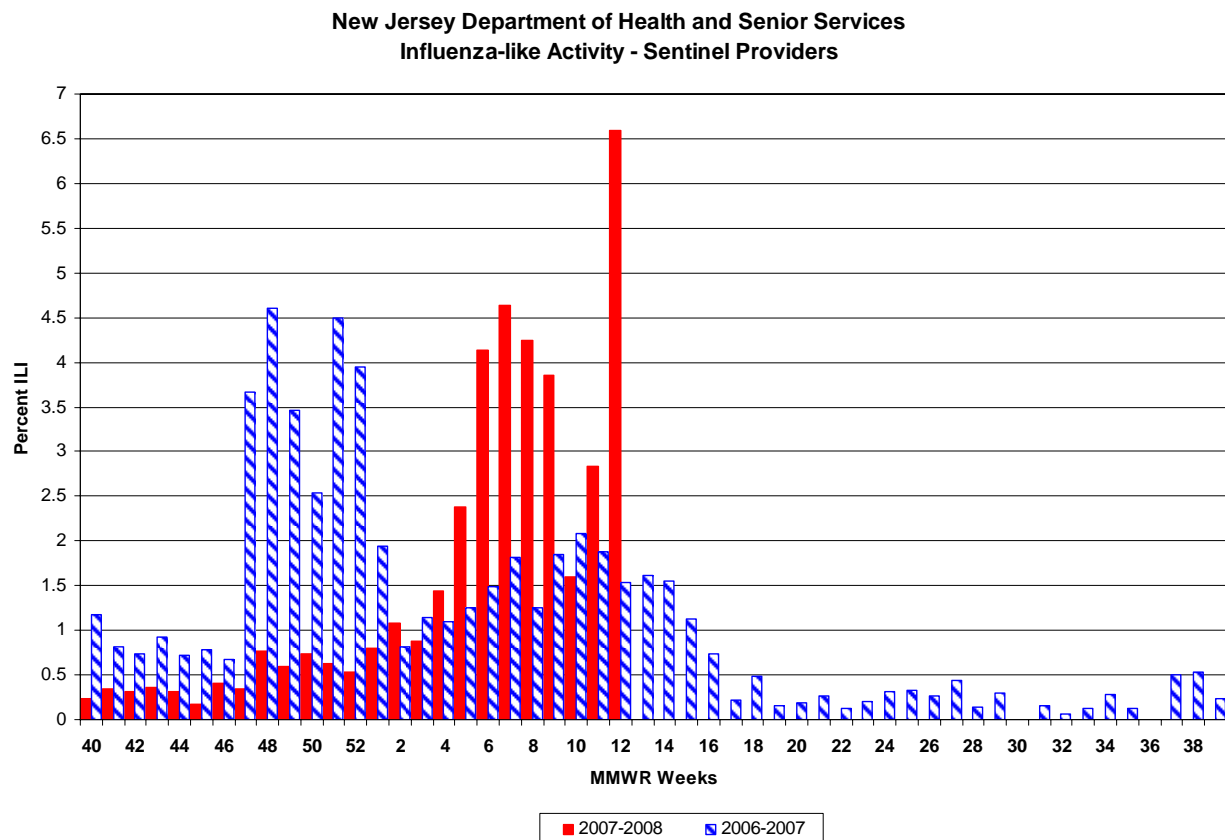
During week 12, schools reported 5.37% absenteeism. This is an increase over the previous week (5.33%). The percent ILI for each county ranged from 0.71 – 7.52%. The percent absent for this same week last year was 5.07%. The percent ILI for the northwest (5.61%), northeast (5.34%), central east (5.46%) and south (5.71%) public health regions were above state baseline (4.85%).



Sentinel Provider Surveillance

During week 12, 6.59% of sentinel provider patient visits were due to ILI. These data reflect reports from five (13%) of the enrolled sentinel providers.

During week 11, 2.83% of sentinel provider patient visits were due to ILI. These data reflect reports from nine (23%) of the enrolled sentinel providers.



Pediatric Influenza Surveillance

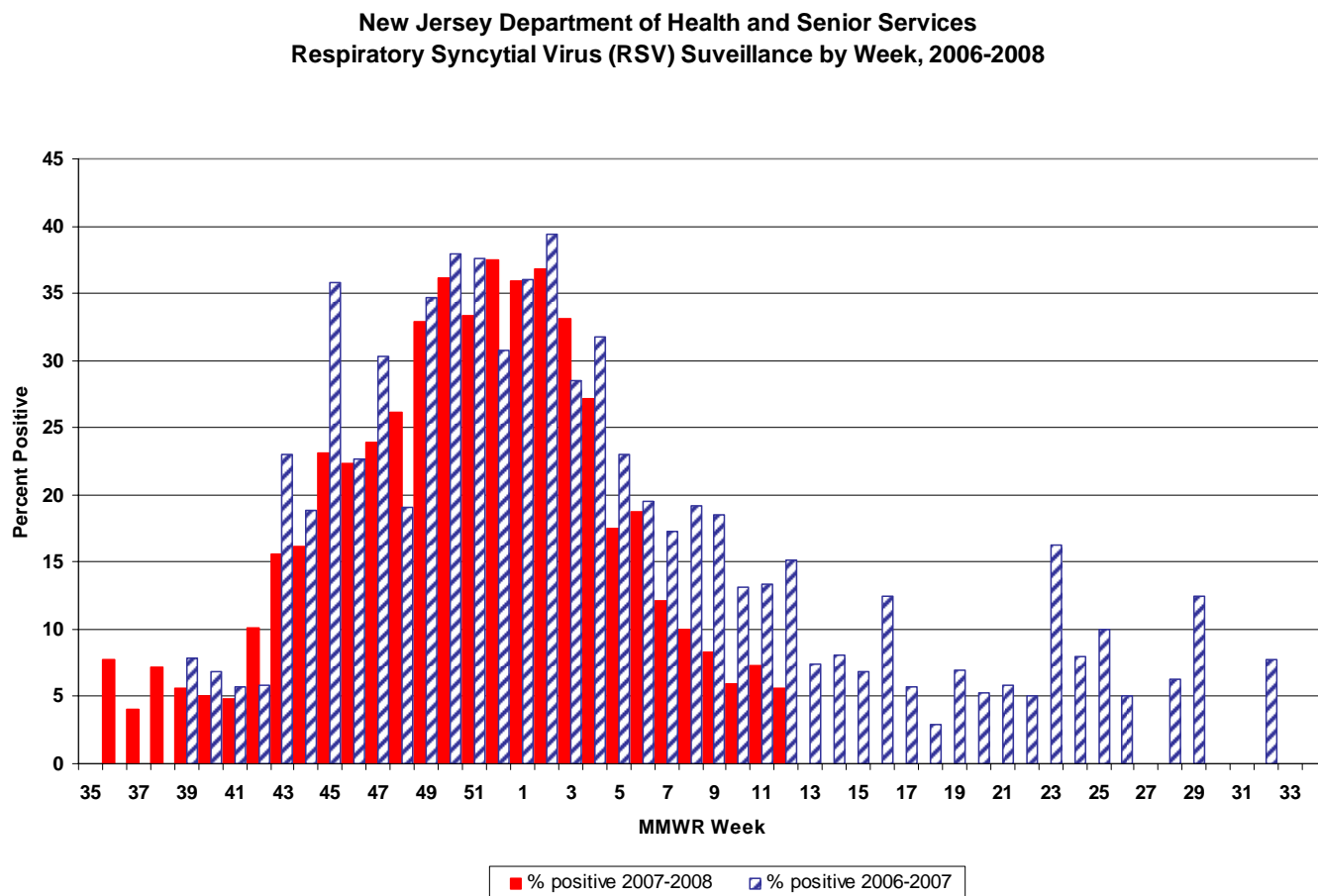
To date, NJDHSS has received 48 reports of pediatric illness. A total of 22 cases have met the case definition. Of these, one death was reported in week 9.

122 City Mortality Report

During week 11, 6.11% of all deaths reported by the vital statistics offices in 6 New Jersey cities (i.e., Camden, Elizabeth, Newark, Paterson, Jersey City, Trenton) were due to pneumonia or influenza. This is a decrease as the previous week (5.45%). The percentage of death due to pneumonia or influenza for this same week last year was 8.46%.

RSV Reports

During week 12, 5.60% of all RSV samples tested were positive. This was a decrease over the previous week 7.32%. The percent of samples positive for RSV for this same week last year was 15.16%.



Additional Information

For additional information regarding influenza surveillance please visit the following websites.

<http://nj.gov/health/flu/surveillance.shtml>

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

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**Four year average is an average of the 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007 influenza seasons.

	Long Term Care			Schools			Hospital Emergency Department			RSV Tests	
County	# Enrolled	# Reports Rec'd	% ILI	# Enrolled	# Reports Rec'd	% Absent	# Enrolled	# Reports Rec'd	% ILI	# Positive	Total Tests Performed
ATLANTIC	6	2	5.38	17	15	7.52	4	4	2.67	7	27
BERGEN	3	0	0.00	16	4	6.13	6	0	0.00	1	5
BURLINGTON	6	3	0.00	104	44	5.07	3	3	2.58	2	19
CAMDEN	7	2	0.00	17	2	4.88	7	3	1.69	0	14
CAPE MAY	5	3	2.09	11	9	6.00	1	1	8.65	0	0
CUMBERLAND	4	2	2.82	18	7	6.12	3	3	7.55	0	7
ESSEX	14	0	0.00	34	2	4.87	11	5	4.19	0	19
GLOUCESTER	2	1	0.00	5	1	0.71	2	1	2.37	3	12
HUDSON	10	3	2.56	88	52	5.31	7	3	2.99	0	15
HUNTERDON	4	3	0.51	8	8	4.24	1	1	2.99	0	6
MERCER	11	7	0.84	26	19	4.78	5	2	4.29	0	37
MIDDLESEX	2	1	0.00	56	23	4.93	5	3	7.05	3	78
MONMOUTH	10	2	0.36	24	13	7.10	5	4	1.93	2	35
MORRIS	11	1	0.00	14	12	2.83	4	1	1.16	1	13
OCEAN	6	0	0.00	27	0	0.00	4	0	0.00	0	6
PASSAIC	8	4	0.45	23	6	6.28	6	1	0.00	0	26
SALEM	4	1	0.00	5	0	0.00	1	1	1.75	0	0
SOMERSET	5	2	0.00	63	17	4.29	2	1	7.06	0	0
SUSSEX	5	5	0.98	24	19	6.31	2	2	7.14	0	11
UNION	4	0	0.00	120	4	4.16	5	5	3.22	0	9
UNKNOWN	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
WARREN	7	4	0.70	21	17	6.46	2	1	5.97	0	0
NW Region	31	14	0.70	82	54	5.61	14	5	2.05	1	50
NE Region	27	3	2.56	138	58	5.34	24	8	3.81	1	39
CW Region	20	12	0.59	97	44	4.52	8	4	4.68	0	43
CE Region	22	3	0.30	227	40	5.46	19	12	3.85	5	128
South Region	34	14	1.69	177	78	5.71	21	16	3.57	12	79
State Total	134	46	1.18	721	274	5.37	86	45	3.60	19	339