

## Seasonal Influenza (Flu)

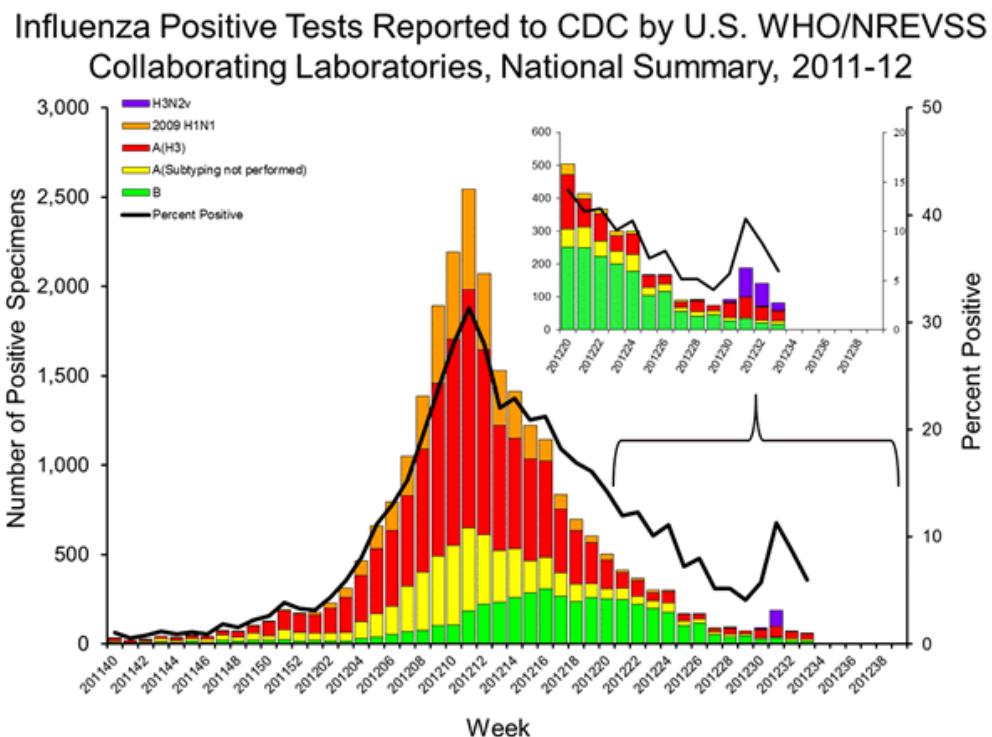


2011-2012 Influenza Season Week 33 ending August 18, 2012

*All data are preliminary and may change as more reports are received.*

### U.S. Virologic Surveillance:

WHO and NREVSS collaborating laboratories located in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. report to CDC the number of respiratory specimens tested for influenza and the number positive by influenza type and subtype. Region specific data can be found at <http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/fluportaldashboard.html>.



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### **Novel Influenza A Virus:**

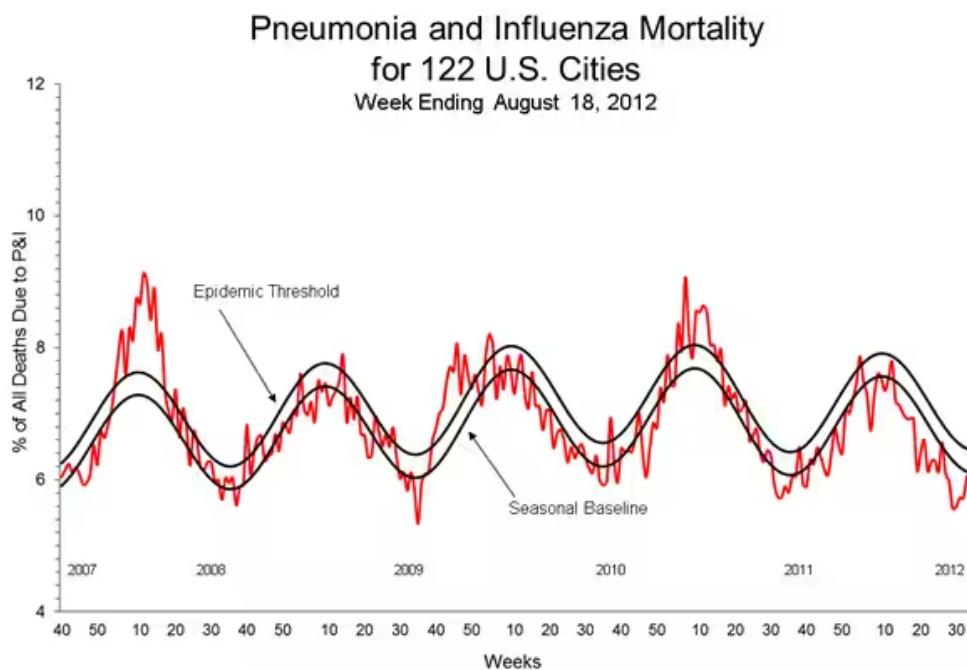
From July 12 through August 23, 2012, a total of 276 infections with influenza A (H3N2) variant (H3N2v) viruses have been reported in ten states (Hawaii [1], Illinois [4], Indiana [138], Maryland [12], Michigan [5], Minnesota [1], Ohio [98], Pennsylvania [6], West Virginia [3], and Wisconsin [8]). So far during the current outbreaks, 13 confirmed cases have been hospitalized as a result of their illness; no deaths have occurred. The vast majority of cases have been associated with swine exposure though three likely instances of human-to-human transmission have been identified. At this time no ongoing human-to-human transmission has been identified. Public health and agriculture officials are investigating the extent of disease among humans and swine, and additional cases are likely to be identified as the investigation continues. Because of reporting deadlines, the state totals reported by CDC may not always be consistent with those reported by state health

departments. If there is a discrepancy between these two counts, data from the state health departments should be used as the most accurate number.

CDC is required to report all cases of human infection with novel (non-human) influenza viruses – including influenza viruses of swine origin – to the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) as part of the [International Health Regulations \(IHR\)](#). Domestically, CDC reports these cases in this report and on its website. Early identification and investigation of human infections with novel influenza A viruses is critical in order to evaluate the extent of the outbreak and possible human-to-human transmission. Additional information on influenza in pigs, variant influenza infection in humans, and strategies to interact safely with livestock can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/swineflu/influenza-variant-viruses-h3n2v.htm>.

## Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Mortality Surveillance:

During week 33, 6.1% of all deaths reported through the 122-Cities Mortality Reporting System were due to P&I. This percentage was below the epidemic threshold of 6.5% for week 33.

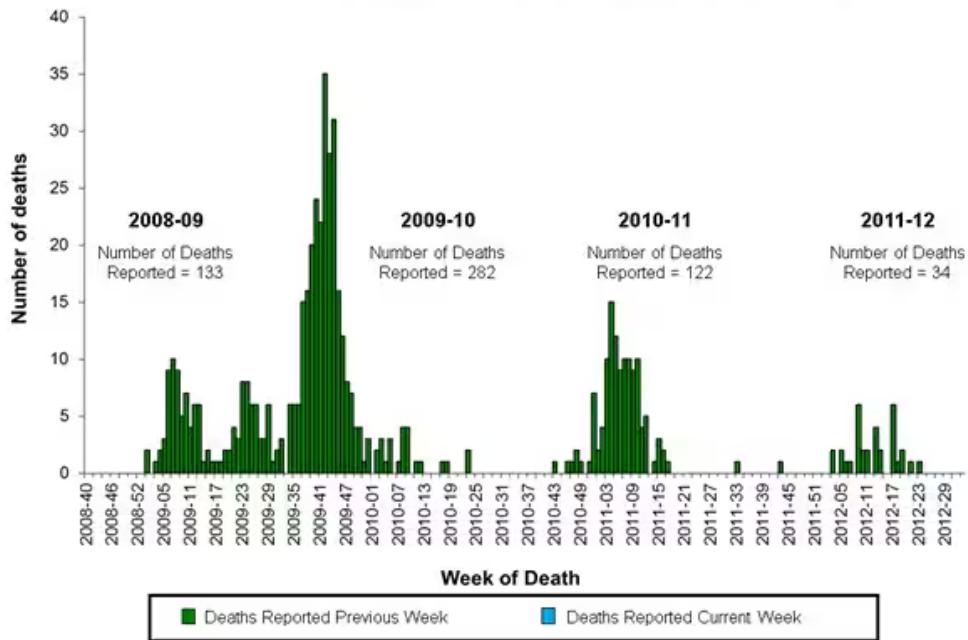


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## Influenza-Associated Pediatric Mortality:

No influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported to CDC during week 33. A total of 34 influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported during the 2011-2012 season. Additional data can be found at: <http://gis.cdc.gov/GRASP/Fluview/PedFluDeath.html>.

## Number of Influenza-Associated Pediatric Deaths by Week of Death: 2008-09 season to present



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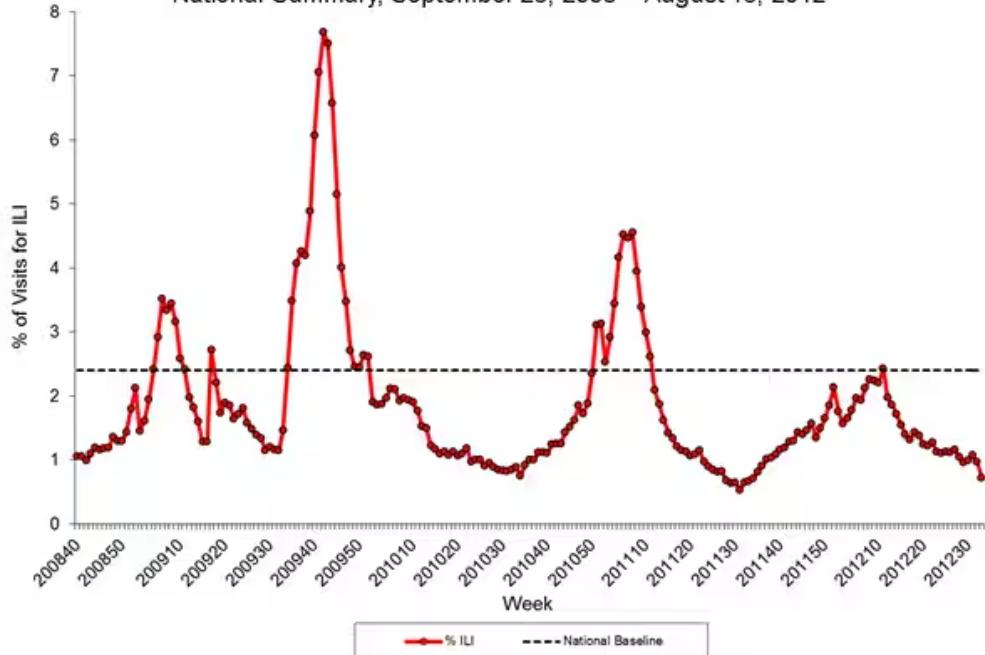
### Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations:

The Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Network (FluSurv-NET) conducts all age population-based surveillance for laboratory-confirmed influenza-related hospitalizations in select counties in the Emerging Infections Program (EIP) states and Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Project (IHSP) states. Additional FluSurv-NET data can be found at: <http://gis.cdc.gov/GRASP/Fluview/FluHospRates.html>.

### Outpatient Illness Surveillance:

Nationwide during week 33, 0.7% of patient visits reported through the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) were due to influenza-like illness (ILI). This percentage is below the national baseline of 2.4%. <http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/fluportaldashboard.html>.

Percentage of Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Reported by  
the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), Weekly  
National Summary, September 28, 2008 – August 18, 2012



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## Additional National and International Influenza Surveillance Information

**Google Flu Trends:** Google Flu Trends uses aggregated Google search data in a model created in collaboration with CDC to estimate influenza activity in the United States. For more information and activity estimates from the U.S. and worldwide, see <http://www.google.org/flutrends/> 

**Europe:** for the most recent influenza surveillance information from Europe, please see WHO/Europe at <http://www.euroflu.org/index.php>  and visit the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control at [http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/surveillance\\_reports/influenza/Pages/weekly\\_influenza\\_surveillance\\_overview.aspx](http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/surveillance_reports/influenza/Pages/weekly_influenza_surveillance_overview.aspx) 

**Public Health Agency of Canada:** The most up-to-date influenza information from Canada is available at <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/fluwatch/> 

**World Health Organization FluNet:** Additional influenza surveillance information from participating WHO member nations is available at [FluNet](#) , [FluID](#) , and the [Global Epidemiology Reports](#) 

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A description of surveillance methods is available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/overview.htm>

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