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Influenza Surveillance Report for MMWR Week 51

The flu activity level for the week ending December 24, 2005 is regional. Activity continues to increase across the state.

Influenza activity was reported in all 11 Health Service Regions (HSRs) for week 51. HSRs (1, 7, 9, 10, and 11) report an increased level of activity over the previous week. For a map of Health Service Regions, please visit the following website:

[Texas Health Service Regions Map](#)

During week 51, culture confirmed flu was identified in Bell, Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Nueces, and Starr counties. The DSHS lab confirmed (by culture) influenza A in 8 specimens. Children's Medical Center in Dallas reported that its laboratory isolated one influenza B during week 51. This is the first report of culture confirmed influenza B in the state so far this season. Influenza A was isolated at Scott and White Laboratory in Temple, Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, Driscoll Children's Hospital in Corpus Christi, Children's Medical Center in Dallas, and Lackland Air Force Base by the Air Force Institute for Operational Health.

Data from the Sentinel Provider Surveillance Network (SPSN) indicates a slight increase in ILI from the previous week.

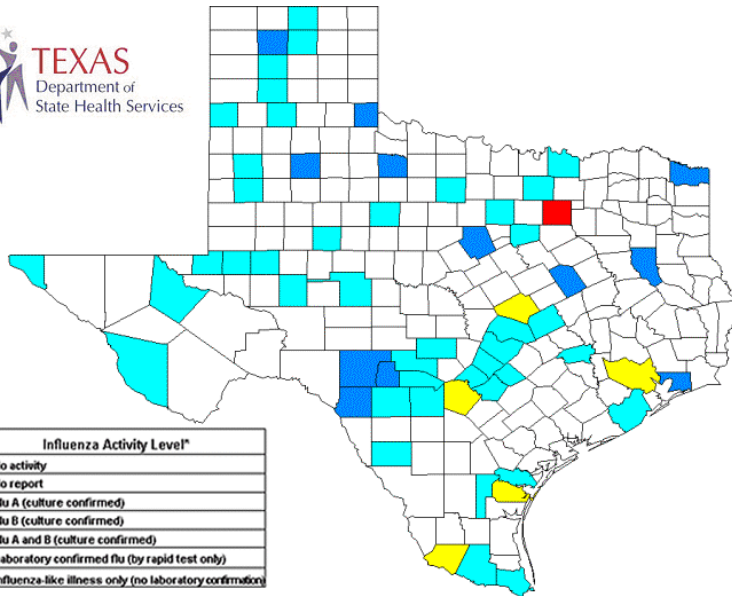
PERCENTAGE OF VISITS FOR INFLUENZA-LIKE-ILLNESS REPORTED BY SENTINEL PROVIDERS IN TEXAS								
Week	# Reporting	Age 0-4	Age 5-24	Age 25-64	Age over 64	Total ILI	Total Patients	% ILI
2005-45	33	68	124	93	13	298	11436	2.60
2005-46	37	102	142	117	18	379	13824	2.74
2005-47	35	95	119	93	6	313	10897	2.87
2005-48	43	144	163	128	9	444	15657	2.83
2005-49	39	118	181	116	3	418	12894	3.24
2005-50	44	160	268	190	13	631	14307	4.41
2005-51	42	103	136	50	5	294	6526	4.50

No school closures or institutional outbreaks have been reported.

For more information on flu surveillance activities in the State of Texas, please visit the following website:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/IDCU/disease/influenza/surveillance/Surveillance.aspx>

Statewide Influenza Activity For the Week Ending December 24, 2005 (MMWR Week 51)



Influenza Activity Level*	
No activity	
No report	
Flu A (culture confirmed)	
Flu B (culture confirmed)	
Flu A and B (culture confirmed)	
Laboratory confirmed flu (by rapid test only)	
Influenza-like illness only (no laboratory confirmation)	

*Influenza activity level corresponds to current MMWR week only and does not reflect previous weeks' activity.

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