

New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
Communicable Disease Service
Influenza Activity Summary
Week Ending November 1, 2008 (MMWR Week 44)

Influenza Activity Level: **NO ACTIVITY**

NOTE: One reporting parameters is above state baseline. Only reports of rapid antigen test positives have been received.

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

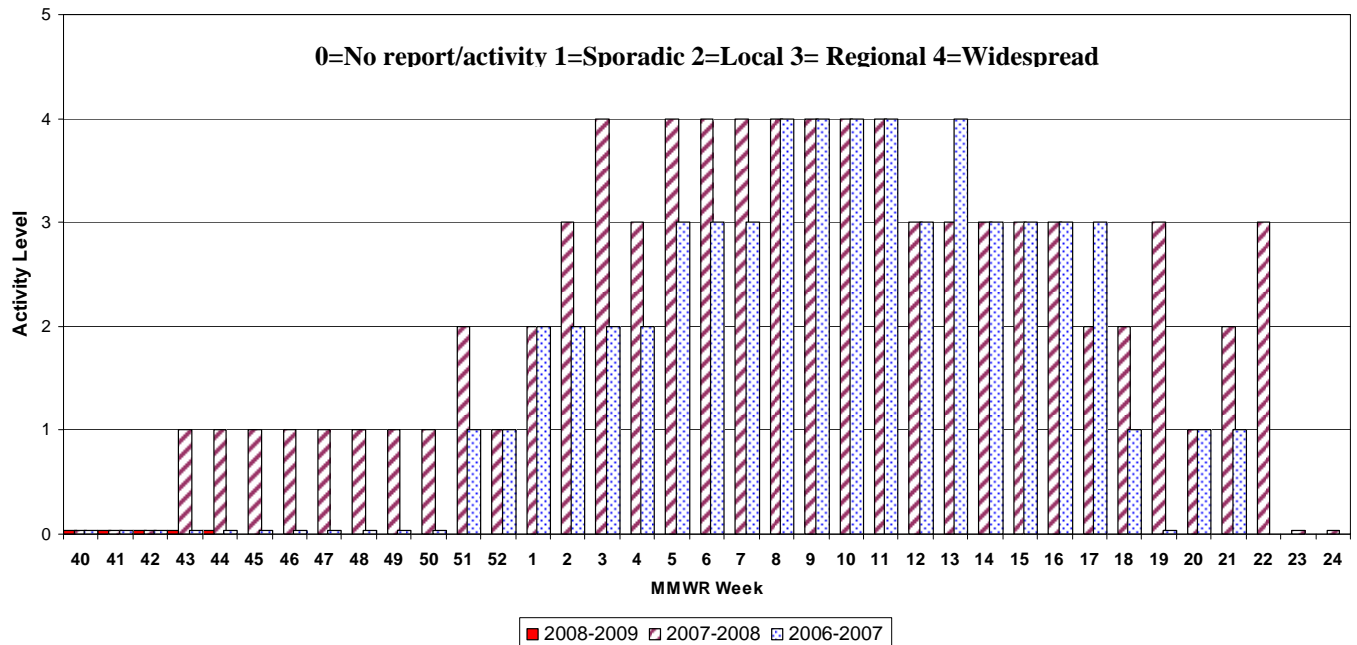
Regional – At least 2 of 3 parameters above state baseline in ≥ 2 but ≤ 10 counties **AND** laboratory confirmed cases from these same counties in past 3 weeks **OR** confirmed outbreaks institutions in ≥ 2 but ≤ 10 counties

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

Off season baseline is calculated by taking the average of statewide percentages of ILI for a 3 year (2006, 2007, 2008) period during months when influenza is less likely to be circulating (May-August).

New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
Statewide Influenza Activity Levels



Regional Data

NO ACTIVITY – NW, NE, CW, CE AND SOUTH

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

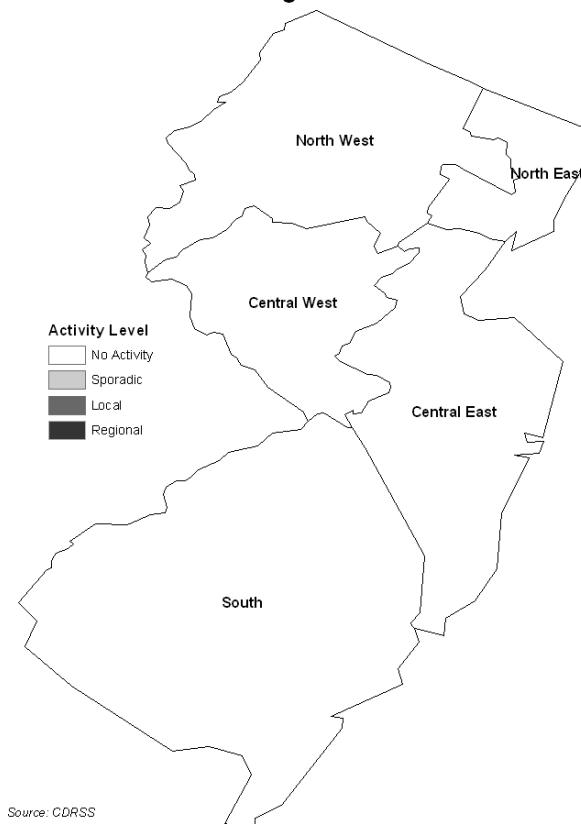
Sporadic – At least 2 of 3 parameters above state baseline **AND** confirmed laboratory cases anywhere in the public health region **OR** at least one laboratory confirmed outbreak in an institution anywhere in the public health region

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

Public Health Region Influenza Data



Laboratory Surveillance

As of week 43, no samples have been found to be positive by viral culture. Five samples have been found to be positive by rapid antigen test methodologies since week 40. Results from rapid testing during periods of low influenza prevalence can be unreliable. Rapid and culture results by county are displayed below.

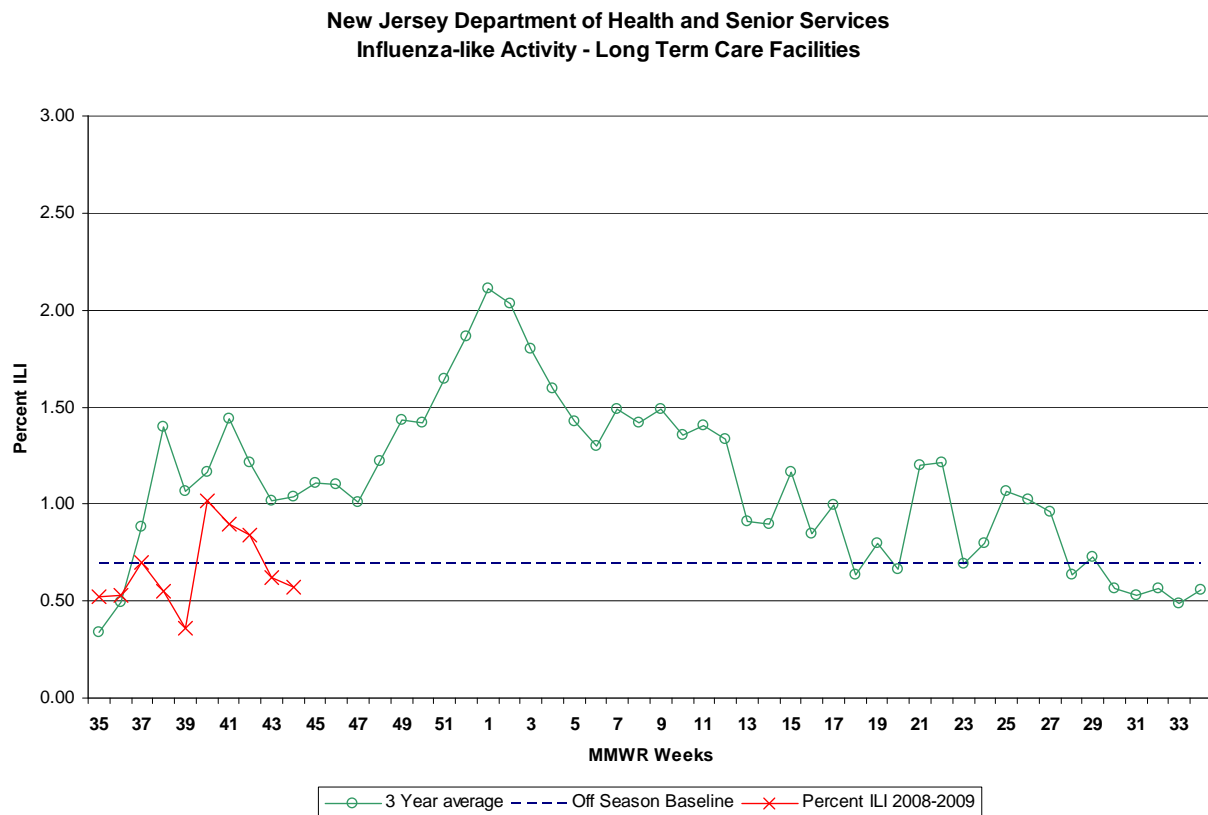
County	Week 40 to Week 43							Week 41,42, 43						
	Rapid*			Culture*				Rapid*			Culture*			
	A	B	A/B	A H1	A H3	A UNK	B	A	B	A/B	A H1	A H3	A UNK	B
Atlantic County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bergen County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burlington County	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Camden County	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Essex County	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Gloucester County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hudson County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hunterdon County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mercer County	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middlesex County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monmouth County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morris County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ocean County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Passaic County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salem County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Somerset County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sussex County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Union County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warren County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Total	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0

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

Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Surveillance*

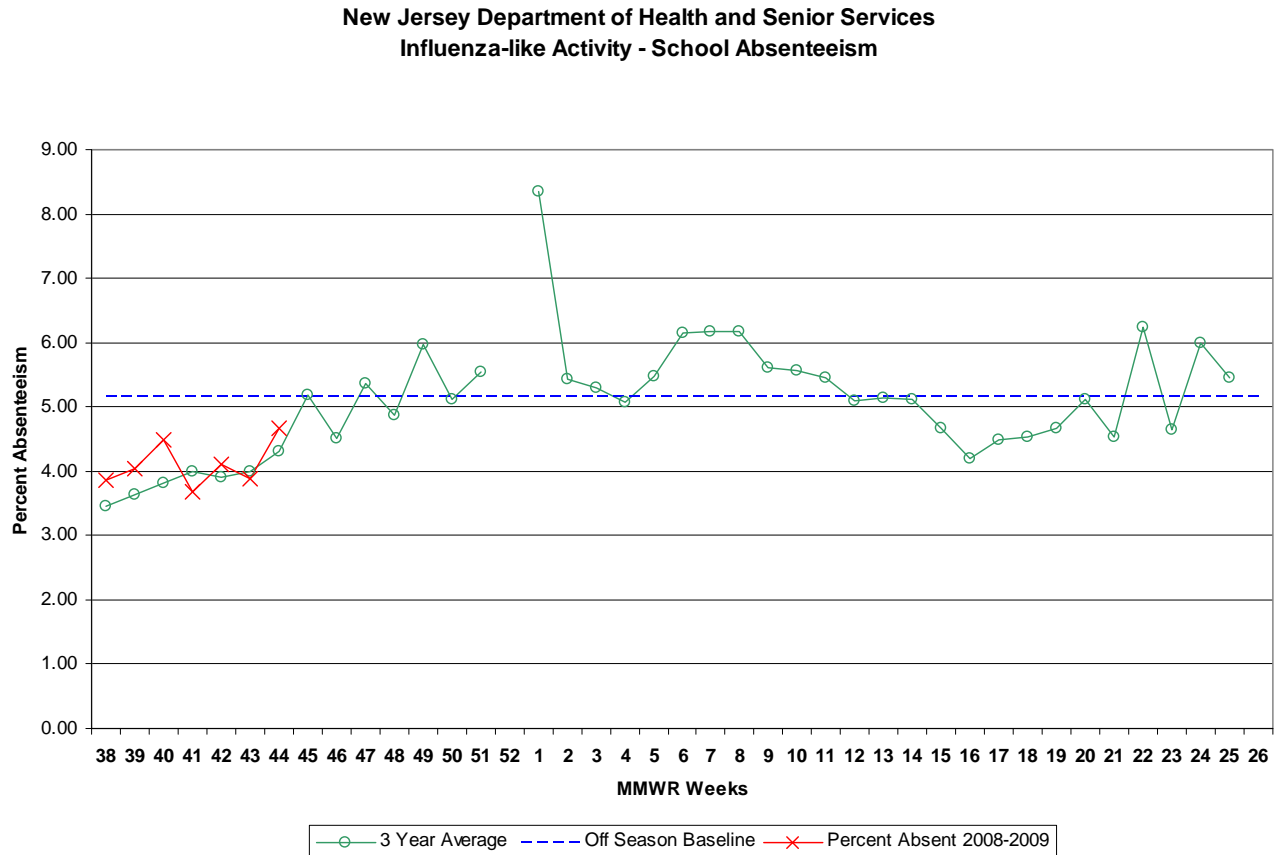
Long-term Care Facilities

During week 44, 0.57% ILI was reported statewide from long term care facilities. This is a decrease over the previous week (0.62%). The percent ILI for each county ranged from 0.00% to 2.31%. The percent ILI for this same week last year was 0.71% in long-term care facilities. The percent ILI for the northwest (0.83%) public health region was above the state baseline (0.69%). No reports of respiratory outbreaks in long term care facilities were received in week 44.



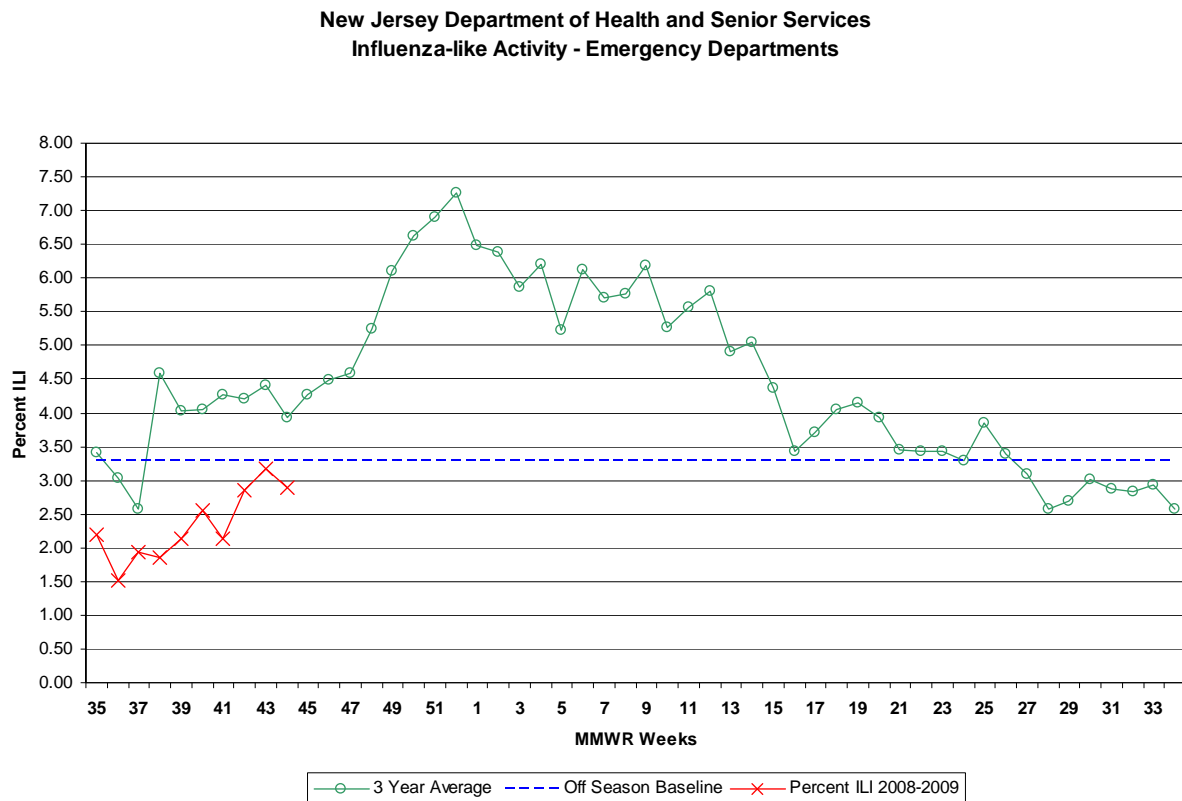
School Absenteeism

During week 44, schools reported 4.67% absenteeism. This is an increase over the previous week (3.88%). The percent ILI for each county ranged from 1.68 – 6.89%. The percent absent for this same week last year was 4.41%. No public health region reported absences above state baseline (5.17%).



Emergency Departments

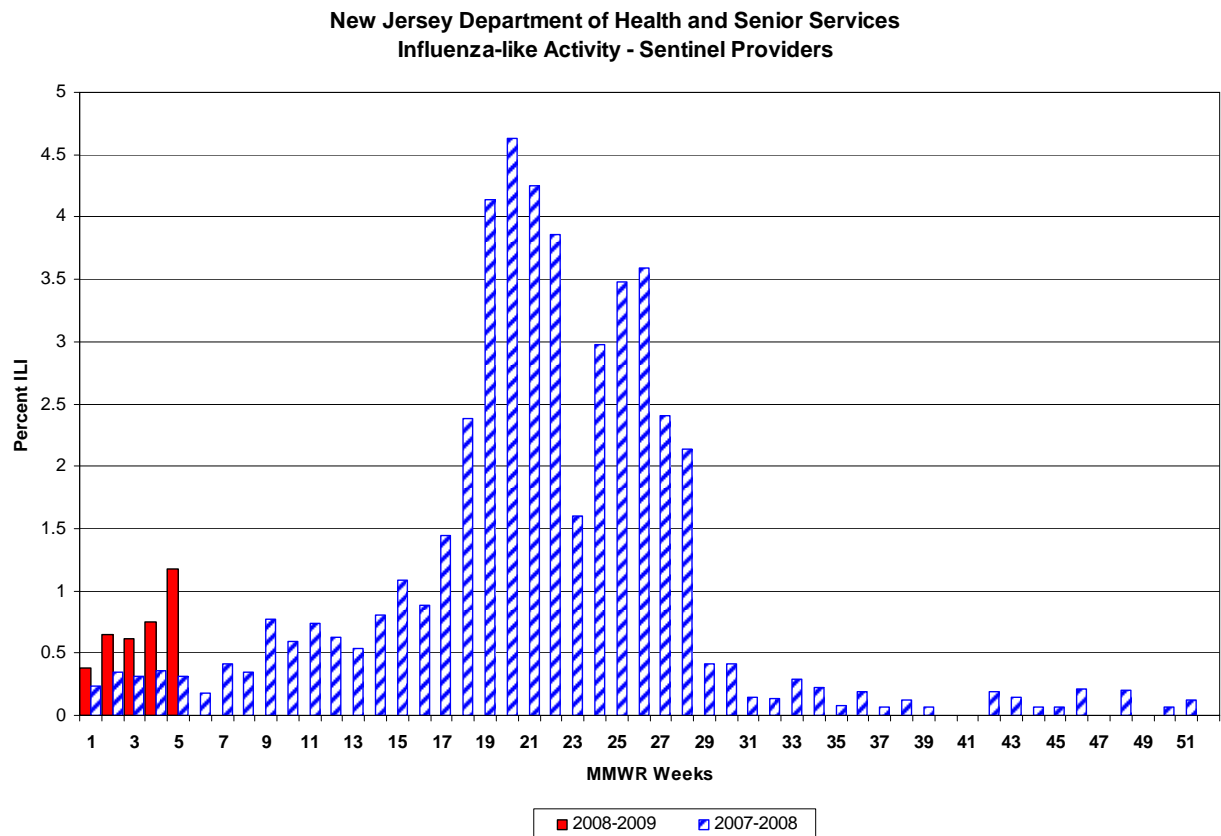
During week 44, 2.89% of ILI was reported statewide from emergency departments. This is a decrease over the previous week (3.17%). The percent ILI for each county ranged from 0.00 to 12.12%. The percent ILI for this same week last year was 4.86% in emergency departments. The percent ILI for the northwest (3.43%), northeast (3.62%), and south (2.67%) public health regions were above the state baseline (2.60%).



Sentinel Provider Surveillance

During week 44, 1.17% of sentinel provider patient visits were due to ILI. These data reflect reports from thirteen (29%) of the enrolled sentinel providers.

During week 43, 0.75% of sentinel provider patient visits were due to ILI. These data reflect reports from eighteen (40%) of the enrolled sentinel providers.



Pediatric Influenza Surveillance

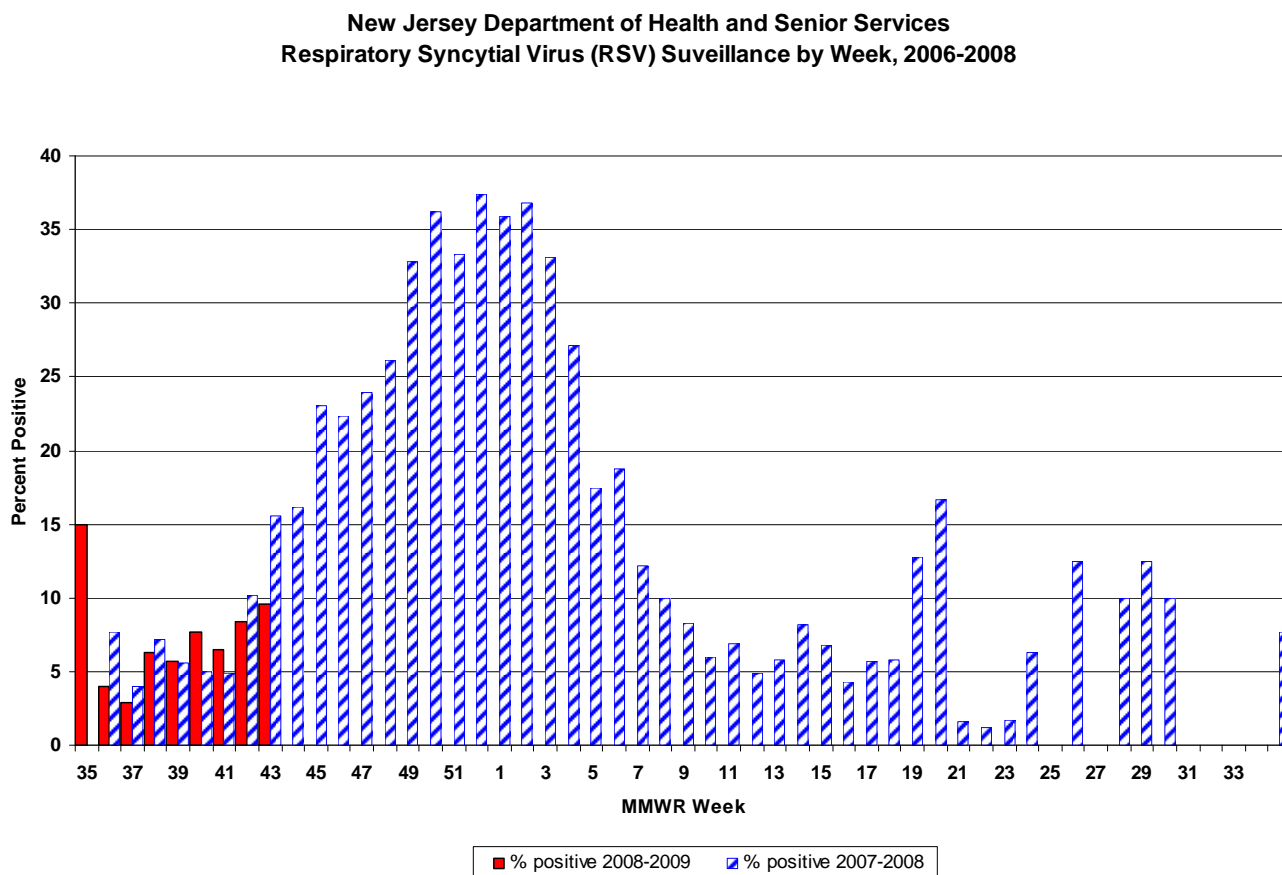
To date, NJDHSS has received three reports of pediatric illness meeting the case definition.

122 City Mortality Report

During week 43, 5.80% of all deaths reported by the vital statistics offices in 5 New Jersey cities (i.e., Camden, Elizabeth, Newark, Paterson, Trenton) were due to pneumonia or influenza. This is a decrease over the previous week (4.10%). The percentage of death due to pneumonia or influenza for this same week last year was 3.47%.

RSV Reports

During week 43, 9.57% of all RSV samples tested were positive. This is an increase over the previous week 8.37%. The percent of samples positive for RSV for this same week last year was 15.57%.



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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**Three year average is an average of the 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008 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	4	1	0.57	16	11	6.57	4	4	1.99	5	14
BERGEN	3	0	0.00	25	12	3.49	6	0	0.00	0	9
BURLINGTON	6	5	0.11	115	62	4.53	3	3	1.53	1	8
CAMDEN	7	0	0.00	17	0	0.00	7	0	0.00	1	12
CAPE MAY	6	4	1.12	11	9	5.91	1	1	12.12	0	1
CUMBERLAND	6	3	0.67	18	8	5.89	3	3	4.96	0	3
ESSEX	18	4	0.00	34	4	1.68	11	8	4.07	10	83
GLOUCESTER	5	4	0.27	5	0	0.00	2	2	0.33	0	1
HUDSON	10	1	2.31	89	54	5.37	7	2	1.62	0	3
HUNTERDON	4	3	0.36	8	6	3.30	1	1	0.00	0	3
MERCER	11	3	0.00	26	15	4.48	5	2	1.52	1	2
MIDDLESEX	2	1	0.00	89	31	4.43	5	2	4.40	2	39
MONMOUTH	14	3	0.58	24	12	5.79	5	3	1.13	0	13
MORRIS	2	0	0.00	13	13	2.09	4	2	1.24	0	1
OCEAN	6	1	0.00	38	15	6.20	4	2	4.11	0	2
PASSAIC	9	3	2.05	23	5	6.89	6	1	4.60	0	0
SALEM	4	2	0.00	5	0	0.00	1	1	0.00	0	0
SOMERSET	5	3	1.81	63	14	2.96	2	0	0.00	0	0
SUSSEX	5	5	0.71	22	22	4.09	2	2	3.70	0	4
UNION	3	0	0.00	130	41	3.91	5	5	1.83	0	10
UNKNOWN	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
WARREN	7	5	0.23	21	11	5.80	2	2	8.06	0	1
NW Region	23	13	0.83	79	51	4.39	14	7	3.43	0	6
NE Region	31	5	0.48	148	70	5.06	24	10	3.62	10	95
CW Region	20	9	0.68	97	35	3.70	8	3	1.07	1	5
CE Region	25	5	0.40	281	99	4.61	19	12	2.58	2	64
South Region	38	19	0.44	187	90	5.04	21	14	2.67	7	39
State Total	137	51	0.57	792	345	4.67	86	46	2.89	20	209