

New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
Communicable Disease Service
Influenza Activity Summary
Week Ending May 19, 2007 (MMWR Week 20)

Influenza activity level: **SPORADIC**

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

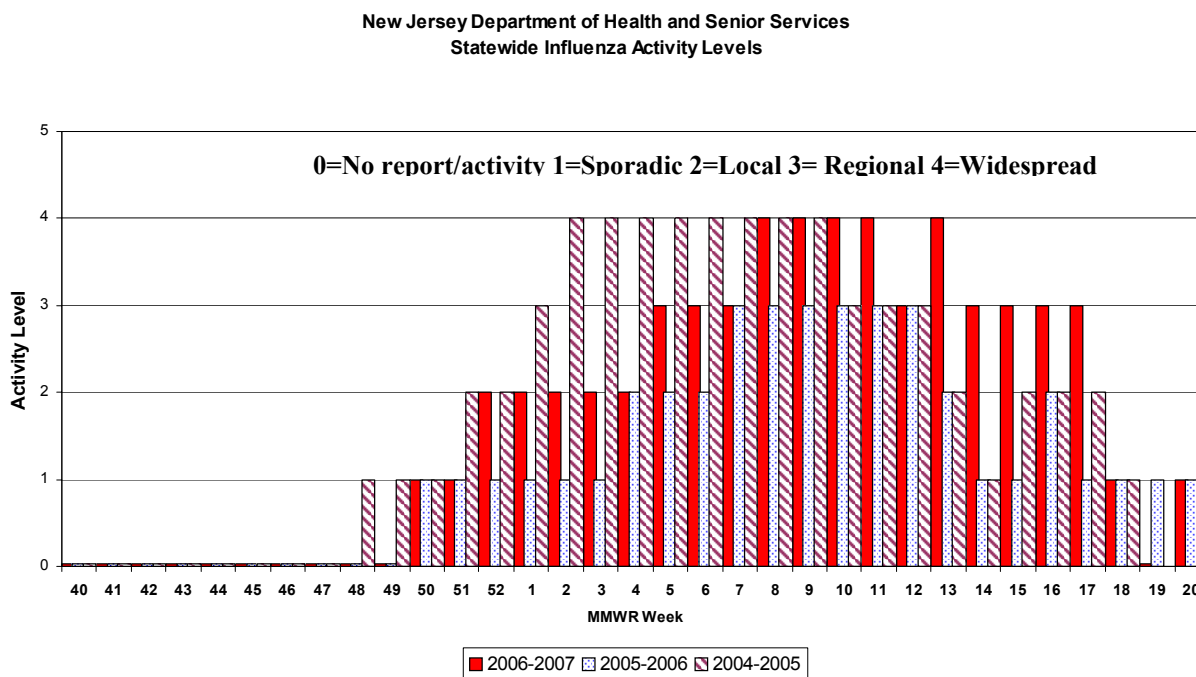
Local – At least 2 or 3 parameters above state baseline in a single county **AND** confirmed laboratory cases from that same county within the previous 3 weeks (other counties may be above baseline without lab confirmed cases) **OR** confirmed outbreaks in 2 or more institutions in a single county

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 3 year (2004, 2005, 2006) 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.



Regional Data

SPORADIC ACTIVITY – NW, CW NO ACTIVITY- NE, CE, SOUTH

NOTE: In 2 counties in the NW and CW public health regions, laboratory confirmed influenza cases were reported in the past 3 weeks. No other laboratory confirmed influenza cases were received from any other counties.

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

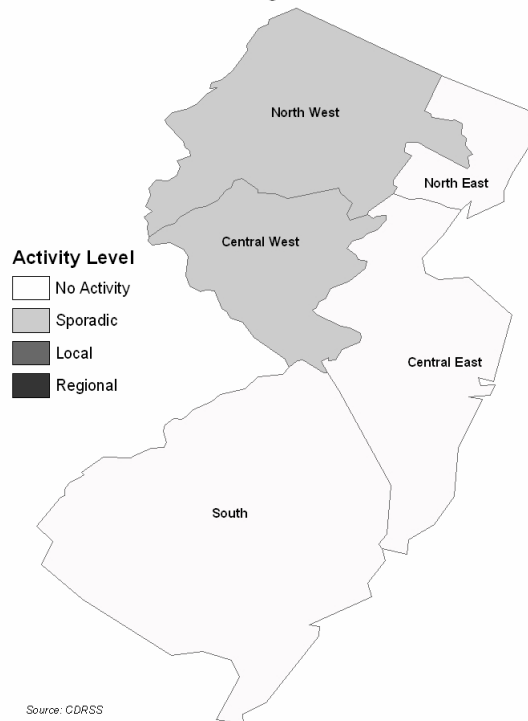
Sporadic – At least 2 of 3 parameters above state baseline **AND** confirmed laboratory cases anywhere in the public health region **OR** at least one laboratory confirmed outbreak in an institution anywhere in the public health region

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

To date, 609 influenza specimens were found to be positive by viral culture. The below chart describes the number of samples by influenza type. Due to the overwhelming number of samples the by county list is not being provided.

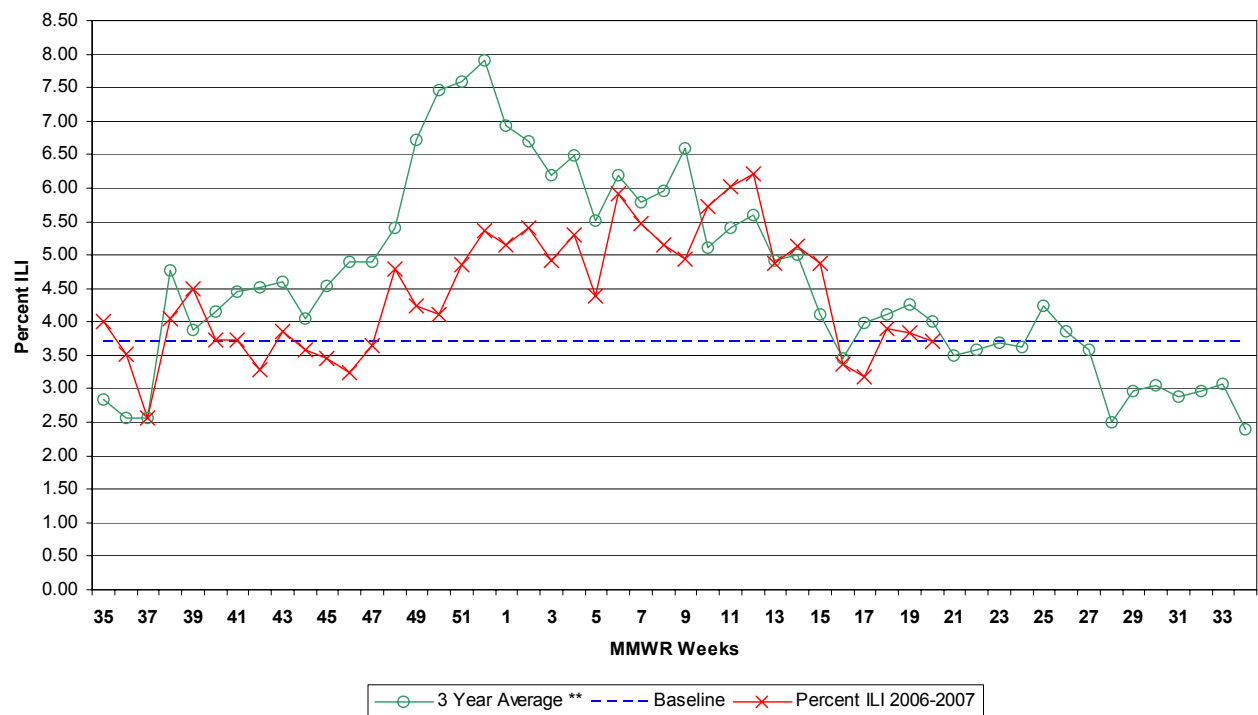
Influenza Type	Number positive
Influenza A – Not typed	48
Influenza A H1	145
Influenza A H3	235
Influenza B	181
Total	609

Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Surveillance*

Emergency Departments

During week 20, 3.72% ILI was reported statewide from emergency departments. This is a decrease over the previous week (3.83%). The percent ILI for each county ranged from 0.00 to 15.70%. The percent ILI for this same week last year was 3.29% in emergency departments. The percent ILI for the northeast (4.93%) and central west (6.82%) public health regions were above state baseline (3.71%).

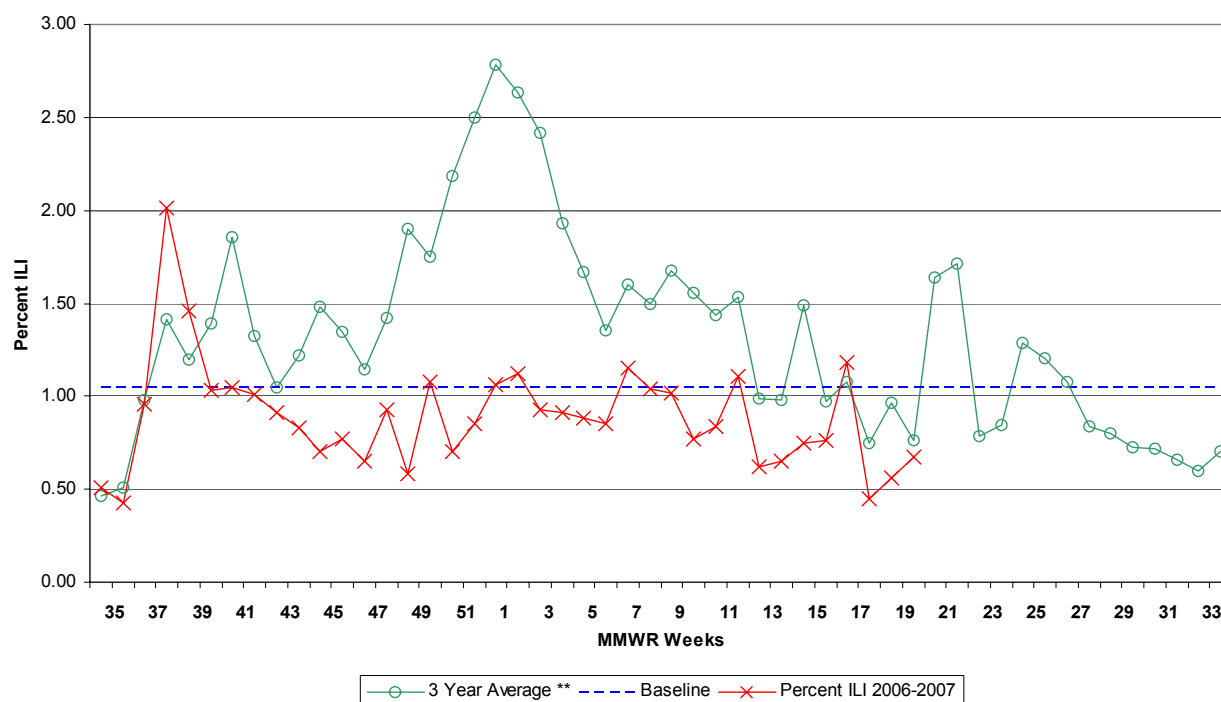
New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services Influenza-like Activity - Emergency Departments



Long-term Care Facilities

During week 20, 0.67% ILI was reported statewide from long term care facilities. This is an increase over the previous week (0.56%). The percent ILI for each county ranged from 0.00% to 3.59%. The percent ILI for this same week last year was 0.73% in long-term care facilities. The percent ILI for the central east (1.46%) public health regions was above baseline (1.05%). No report regarding ILI/respiratory outbreaks in communal living facilities were received in week 20.

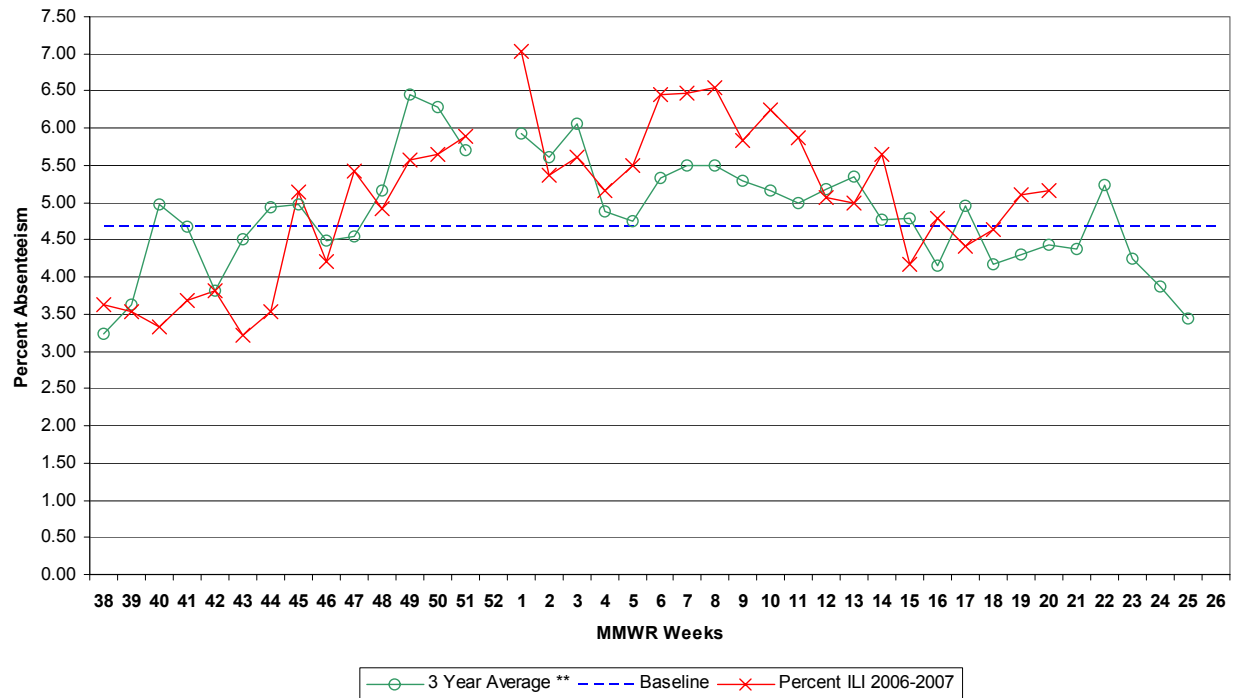
New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services Influenza-like Activity - Long Term Care Facilities



School Absenteeism

During week 20, schools reported 5.17% absenteeism. This is an increase over the previous week (5.10%). The percent ILI for each county ranged from 2.39– 8.71%. The percent absent for this same week last year was 5.77%. The percent ILI for the northwest (4.70%), northeast (5.83%), central east (5.74%), and south (5.89%) public health regions were above state baseline (4.68%).

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Influenza-like Activity - School Absenteeism**



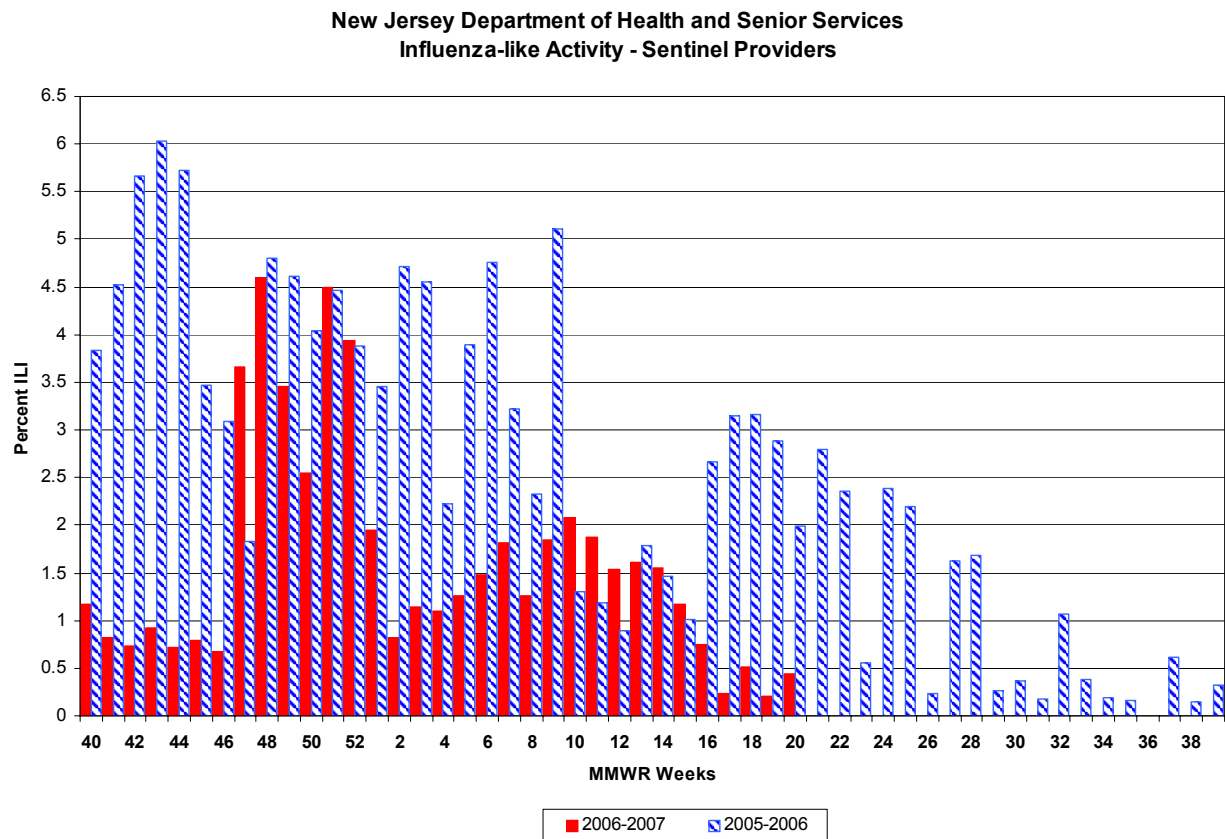
Sentinel Provider Surveillance

During week 20, 0.44% of sentinel provider patient visits were due to ILI. These data reflect reports from seven (15%) of the enrolled sentinel providers.

UPDATE

During week 19, 0.21% of sentinel provider patient visits were due to ILI. These data reflect reports from ten (22%) of the enrolled sentinel providers.

During week 18, 0.51% of sentinel provider patient visits were due to ILI. These data reflect reports from twelve (26%) of the enrolled sentinel providers.



Pediatric Influenza Surveillance

To date, NJDHSS has received 100 reports of pediatric illness. To date, 15 cases have met the case definition for pediatric illness or death associated with influenza.

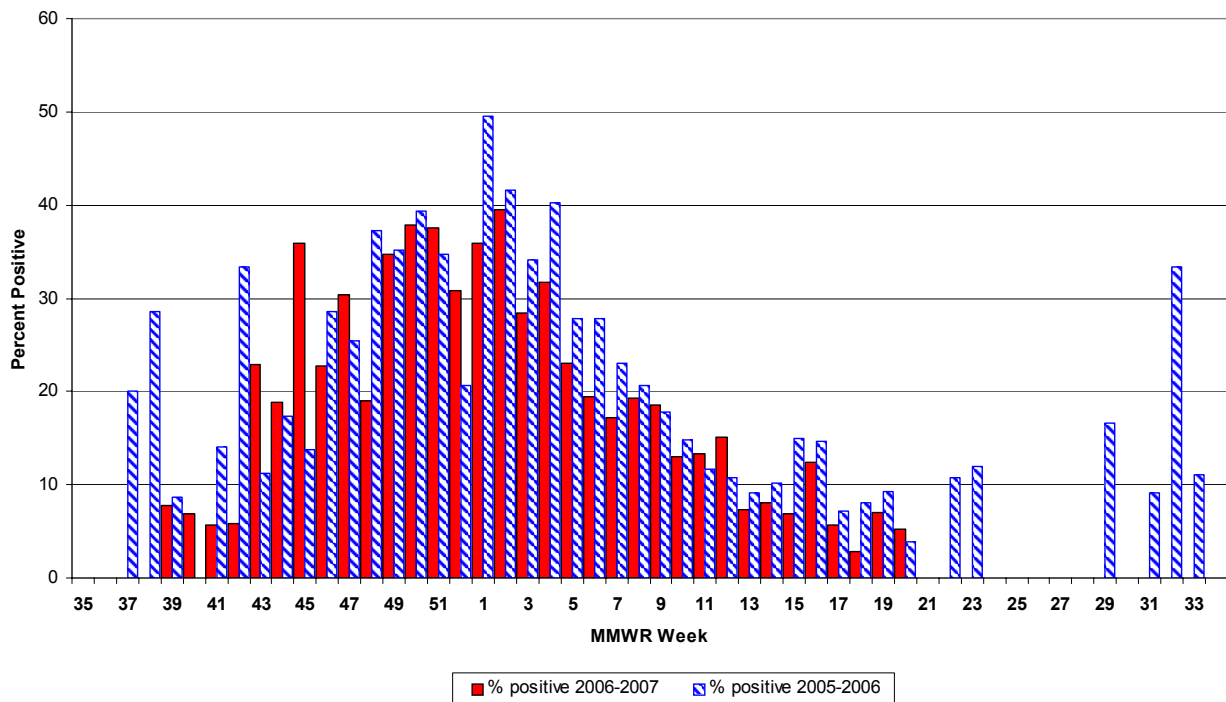
122 City Mortality Report

During week 20, 4.22% of all deaths reported by the vital statistics offices in 6 New Jersey cities (i.e., Camden, Elizabeth, Jersey City, Newark, Paterson, Trenton) were due to pneumonia or influenza. This is a decrease over the previous week (5.04%). The percentage of death due to pneumonia or influenza for this same week last year was 2.50%.

RSV Reports

During week 20, 5.26% of all RSV samples tested were positive. This was a decrease over the previous week 6.98%. The percent of samples positive RSV for this same week last year was 3.85%.

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Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Surveillance by Week**



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/>

* Baseline is calculated by taking the average of statewide percentages of ILI for a 3 year (2004, 2005, 2006) 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.

**Three year average is an average of the 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006 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	5	2	0.00	16	14	8.36	4	4	0.89	0	9
BERGEN	3	0	0.00	14	5	3.27	6	0	0.00	0	0
BURLINGTON	6	3	0.00	103	46	4.41	3	3	1.23	0	2
CAMDEN	7	3	0.50	17	2	4.41	7	6	1.75	0	0
CAPE MAY	4	3	2.53	11	2	5.08	2	1	10.10	0	0
CUMBERLAND	4	2	0.70	18	6	8.71	3	3	4.59	0	3
ESSEX	14	3	0.40	31	7	7.09	11	9	5.35	3	25
GLOUCESTER	2	0	0.00	4	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	0	0
HUDSON	10	4	1.57	76	40	5.84	8	1	0.00	0	3
HUNTERDON	4	4	0.00	8	8	2.39	1	1	1.10	0	2
MERCER	10	5	0.33	12	10	2.93	5	2	1.16	0	11
MIDDLESEX	2	0	0.00	20	5	4.12	5	1	8.96	1	23
MONMOUTH	6	2	3.59	25	15	6.80	5	4	3.62	1	12
MORRIS	11	2	0.00	14	13	2.98	4	2	0.00	0	0
OCEAN	6	1	0.00	27	6	6.85	4	4	2.90	0	0
PASSAIC	8	3	1.88	22	4	4.47	6	0	0.00	0	0
SALEM	4	2	0.00	5	0	0.00	1	0	0.00	0	0
SOMERSET	5	2	0.40	53	18	3.59	2	2	15.70	0	0
SUSSEX	5	4	0.51	20	20	5.65	2	2	1.85	0	2
UNION	4	1	0.00	82	23	5.15	5	5	2.79	0	1
UNKNOWN	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
WARREN	7	3	0.45	21	16	4.74	2	2	9.52	0	2
NW Region	31	12	0.69	77	53	4.70	14	6	3.00	0	4
NE Region	27	7	0.94	121	52	5.83	25	10	4.93	3	28
CW Region	19	11	0.23	73	36	3.16	8	5	6.82	0	13
CE Region	18	4	1.46	154	49	5.74	19	14	3.50	2	36
South Region	32	15	0.50	174	70	5.89	22	17	2.30	0	14
State Total	127	49	0.67	599	260	5.17	88	52	3.72	5	95