

Influenza Surveillance Report

December 30, 2009

Outpatient Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

- Note: Due to holiday closures, 5 outpatient sites did not submit reports this week.
- For the week ending 12/26/09, visits to doctors for influenza-like illness (ILI) in New Mexico increased from 3.1% to 4.9% (Figure 1).
- All regions experienced increases in the percentage of outpatient visits for ILI (Figure 2).
 The percentages of outpatient visits for ILI in New Mexico regions were: 0.9% in
 Northeast, 6.4% in Northwest, 8.1% in Central, 1.9% in Southwest, and 7.8% in
 Southeast.

Laboratory-confirmed Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance

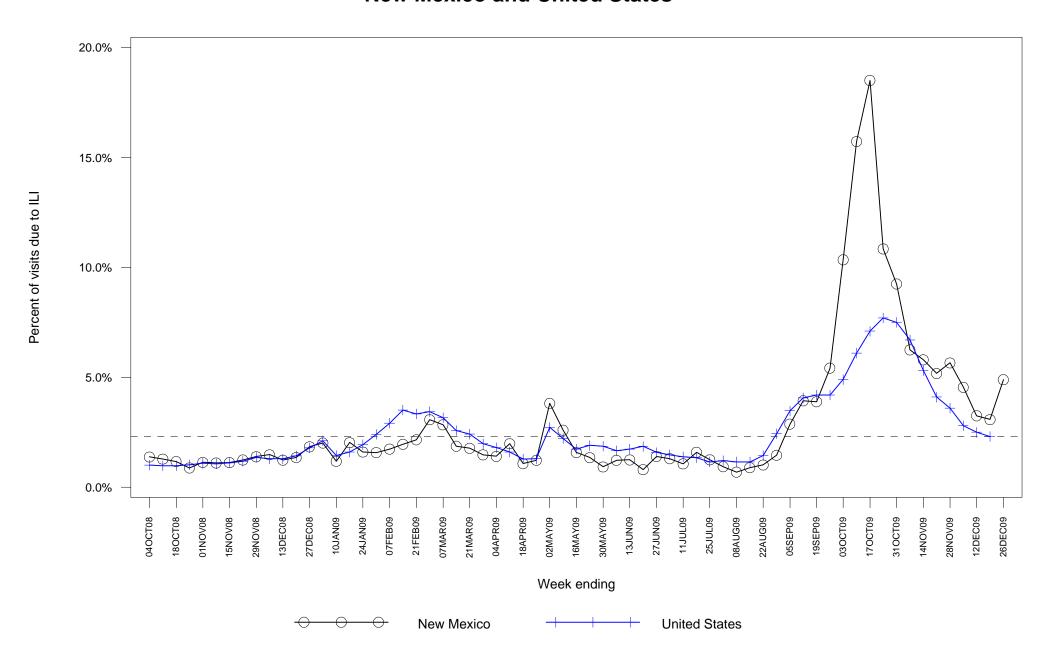
- Starting 10/12/09 the case definition for laboratory-confirmed influenza hospitalizations
 was expanded to include patients with positive rapid influenza and influenza fluorescent
 antibody tests. Previously the case definition only considered positive RT-PCR and viral
 culture results as confirmatory. This change was made to more accurately represent the
 burden of influenza-related hospitalizations in New Mexico.
- As of 12/30/09, there have been 972 hospitalizations related to laboratory-confirmed influenza infection in New Mexico, an increase of 8 from last week. The number of hospitalizations occurring during the week ending 12/26/09 decreased compared to the previous week (Figure 3). Table 1 summarizes hospitalizations by county of residence.

<u>Laboratory-confirmed Influenza Death Surveillance</u>

 As of 12/30/09, there have been 50 deaths related to laboratory-confirmed influenza infection in New Mexico. No new deaths were reported this week. Table 2 summarizes deaths by county of residence.

Figure 1: Percent of sentinel provider outpatient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI)

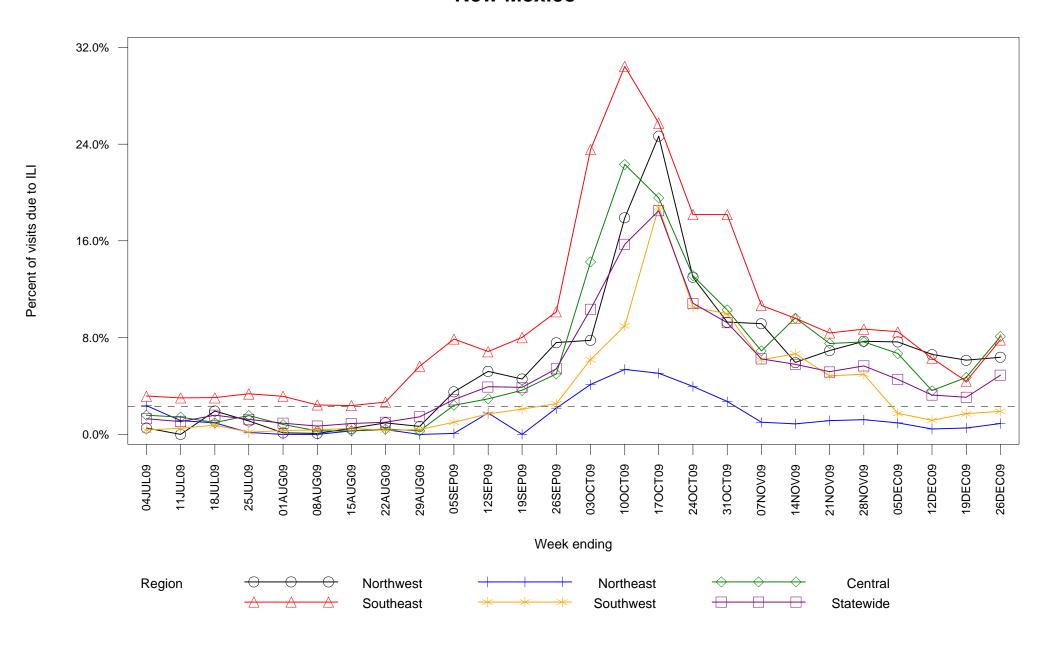
New Mexico and United States



Dashed line indicates national baseline value of 2.3%. Reporting of US data is delayed a week.

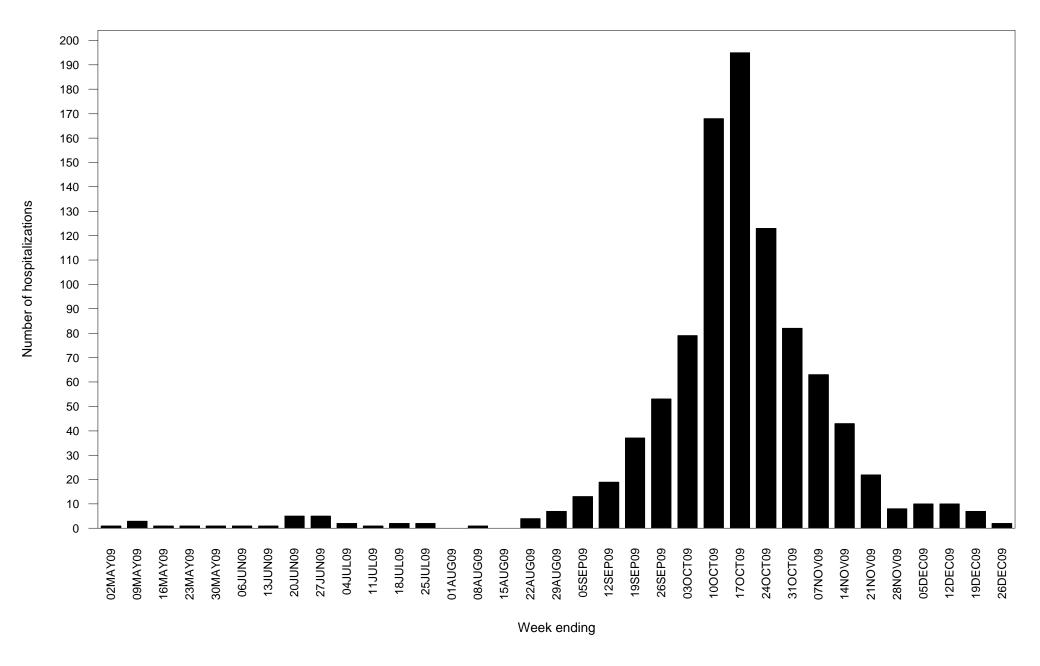
Figure 2: Percent of sentinel provider outpatient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI)

New Mexico



Dashed line indicates national baseline value of 2.3%. The Southeast region consistently reports ILI visit percentages that are higher than other regions so differences between regions should be interpreted with caution.

Figure 3: Laboratory-confirmed influenza hospitalizations by admission date New Mexico



Report date substituted for admission date for 17 hospitalizations for which admission date has not yet been determined.

Table 1: Cumulative laboratory-confirmed influenza hospitalizations by county of residence New Mexico

County	Number
Bernalillo County	249
Catron County	4
Chaves County	16
Cibola County	13
Colfax County	22
Curry County	56
Dona Ana County	123
Eddy County	28
Grant County	19
Guadalupe County	1
Hidalgo County	2
Lea County	31
Lincoln County	5
Los Alamos County	4
Luna County	13
McKinley County	74
Mora County	1
Otero County	28
Quay County	7
Rio Arriba County	21
Roosevelt County	9
San Juan County	61
San Miguel County	9
Sandoval County	40

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Table 1: Cumulative laboratory-confirmed influenza hospitalizations by county of residence New Mexico

County	Number
Santa Fe County	49
Sierra County	10
Socorro County	16
Taos County	24
Torrance County	2
Unknown	4
Valencia County	31
Total	972

Table 2: Cumulative laboratory-confirmed influenza deaths by county of residence New Mexico

County	Number
Bernalillo County	19
Chaves County	3
Colfax County	1
Curry County	1
Dona Ana County	4
Eddy County	1
Lea County	1
Los Alamos County	1
Luna County	1
McKinley County	2
Quay County	1
Rio Arriba County	1
Roosevelt County	1
San Juan County	3
Sandoval County	2
Santa Fe County	4
Sierra County	1
Socorro County	1
Valencia County	2
Total	50