Week 43 October 21-27, 2012

Section 1: Summary

For week 43 the South, Calgary and Edmonton Zones report some level of influenza activity.

South	 Sporadic activity 	
Calgary	Sporadic activity	
Central	No activity	
Edmonton	 Localized activity. There are laboratory confirmed influenza cases and an outbreak. 	
North	 No activity 	



Section 2: Outbreaks

There are two new outbreaks to report this week in long-term care facilities in the Edmonton and South Zones.

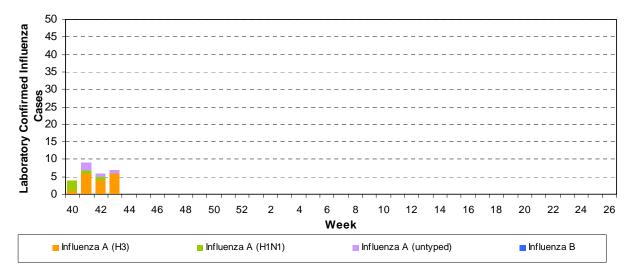
Reported Outbreaks	of Influenza,	2012/13
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Zone	Current Week	YTD
South	1	0
Calgary	0	0
Central	0	0
Capital	1	3
North	0	0
Alberta	2	3

Section 3: Isolates

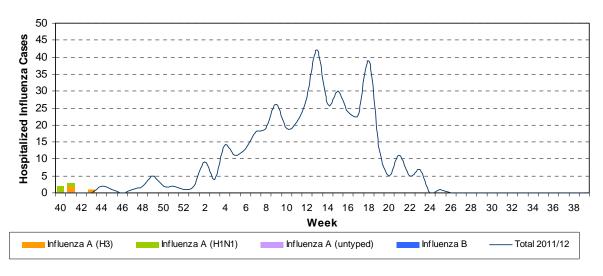
In the 2012/13 influenza season, the Provincial Laboratory for Public Health (PLPH) has confirmed 26 Influenza A isolates and no Influenza B isolates.

Laboratory Confirmed Influenza Cases by Strain Type, 2012/13



Section 4: Hospitalizations

There is one hospitalized cases of influenza reported this week.



Hospitalized Influenza Cases by Influenza Strain Type, 2012/13

Section 5: Influenza-Like Illness - TARRANT-Week 43

Sentinel physicians report cases of ILI seen in their practices. Thirteen cases of influenza like illness (ILI) were seen in week 43.

Zone	Sentinal Doctors (#)	Sential Recorders this week (#)	Patients Seen (#)	ILI Cases (#)	Patients with ILI (%)
South	8	1	87	0	0.0%
Calgary	32	19	1349	3	0.2%
Central	16	11	751	0	0.0%
Capital	10	7	733	7	1.0%
North	7	1	65	3	4.6%
Alberta	73	39	2985	13	0.4%

For more information, please go to the website: http://www.tarrantviralwatch.ca/

Section 6: Canadian and International Influenza Activity

The following links provide access to other websites related to influenza and ILI.

Canada – FluWATCH <u>www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/fluwatch/index-eng.php</u>

World Health Organization www.who.int/topics/influenza/en/

USA – CDC <u>www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/</u>