The percentage of patients with ILI reported in Week 26 was 0.04% as compared to 0.10% in Week 25. Nationally, influenza activity continues to remain low. To date, 3 specimens from Week 26 have been tested. None tested positive for influenza viruses, but 2 were positive for rhinovirus. A map of counties with confirmed influenza (PCR or culture) in the past six weeks is below.

Update: H3N2v in Indiana
As of July 3, the Indiana State Department of Health has reported 12 cases of human infection with influenza A (H3N2) variant virus to CDC. At least 10 individuals had exposure to swine at county fairs and one individual had contact with swine at their home. H3N2v was first detected in U.S. swine in 2010 and caused 309 confirmed human infections (one death) in 12 states in the summer of 2012 (none in TN). Human infections with H3N2v have most commonly occurred after close contact with infected pigs in barns and livestock exhibits. Illness is indistinguishable from seasonal influenza. Contact public health if H3N2v is suspected.

Notes to Sentinel Providers:
Sentinel Providers are reminded to submit specimens on all patients meeting the ILI case definition (up to 10 per week). Please use the TDH specimen submission form dated October 2012.
Influenza Confirmed by Culture or PCR in Tennessee from Specimens Collected by Any Source within the Past 6 Weeks

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- Strains are reported by county of case residence.
- Counties where influenza sentinel providers are located are identified with bold boundary lines.
- Stars mark counties with large metropolitan populations (Memphis, Jackson, Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and the Tri-Cities area).
Reference Information for Sentinel Provider Network

1 Influenza-like illness (ILI) is defined as fever > 100°F (37.8°C) plus cough and/or sore throat, in the absence of a known cause (other than influenza). Classification of ILI is based upon symptoms only and does not require any test.

2 The % of patients with ILI seen in each region is compared to the statewide average. Regions with % statistically-significantly different from the state average are noted as "higher" or "lower." The CDC reports that the percentage of patients visiting outpatient healthcare providers in the Sentinel Provider Network (SPN) with influenza-like-illness (ILI) when influenza viruses are not circulating is expected to fall at or below a specific SPN baseline [nationwide = 2.2%, East South Central region (AL, TN, MS, KY) = 2.3%]. When the percentage of patients with ILI exceeds this baseline, this suggests that influenza viruses may be circulating.

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