

# Sentinel Provider Influenza-Like Illness (ILI)<sup>1</sup> Surveillance Summary (health.state.tn.us/TNflu\_report\_archive.htm)



for the Week of Oct. 19-25, 2014 (Week 43)

Summary for	# Sites reporting	Total Sites	Total Regional ILI	Total Regional Patients	% ILI	Compared to State <sup>2</sup>
Hamilton County (Chattanooga)	3	4	1	727	0.1%	lower
East Tennessee Region	7	7	30	2777	1.1%	
Jackson-Madison County	1	2	11	561	2.0%	higher
Knoxville-Knox County	3	4	13	1724	0.8%	
Mid-Cumberland Region	5	10	13	879	1.5%	higher
Shelby County (Memphis)	0	5	0	0	0.0%	n/a
Nashville-Davidson County	3	5	4	789	0.5%	
Northeast Region	3	3	1	256	0.4%	
South Central Region	3	3	3	170	1.8%	
Southeast Region	5	5	3	864	0.4%	
Sullivan County (Tri-Cities)	2	2	0	474	0.0%	lower
Upper Cumberland Region	4	4	3	574	0.5%	
West Tennessee Region	6	6	1	301	0.3%	
State of Tennessee	45	60	83	10096	0.82%	

The percentage of patients with ILI reported in Week 43 was 0.82% as compared to 0.55% in Week 42. Thirty-six specimens from Week 43 were tested for influenza and other respiratory viruses; none were positive for influenza but some were positive for other respiratory viruses.

SPN sites should submit specimens from ALL patients meeting the ILI case definition. Specimens are critical to be able to TRACK, DETECT and SELECT:

- track the geographic spread and intensity of seasonal influenza viruses
- detect the emergence of novel influenza viruses or of antiviral resistance in circulating viral strains and
- provide data for vaccine strain selections.

Specimens should be submitted on patients meeting the ILI case definition (up to 10/week YEAR-ROUND). If you have questions, contact your regional or state SPN representative. Please use the TDH specimen submission form dated October 2014.

## Respiratory Viral Panel

### Number of Positive Specimens, by week

Month/Week	#	Flu B	Paraflu 2	Paraflu 4	Rhino	Meta-pneumo	Adeno C	Corona OC43
<b>October</b>								
Current	36	0	3	1	4	0	0	1
42	46	0	0	0	9	1	2	1
41	32	1	1	0	4	0	1	1
40	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
<b>September</b>								
39	6	0	0	0	3	0	1	0
38	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	0

## Influenza and pregnancy

CDC experts published a perspective piece in the New England Journal of Medicine ([www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1403496](http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1403496)) exploring how the influenza virus affects pregnant women and their unborn babies. Also, a joint letter from public health and medical influenza experts to health care professionals encouraging flu vaccination in pregnant women is available at [www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/professionals/providers-letter-pregnant-2014.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/professionals/providers-letter-pregnant-2014.pdf)

## Year-round influenza testing

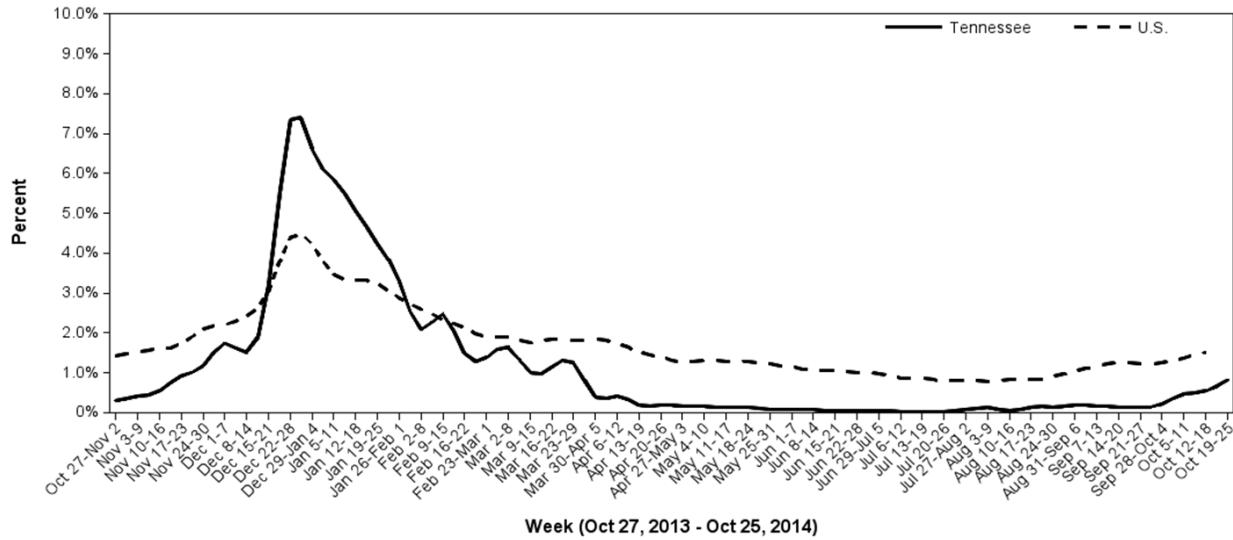
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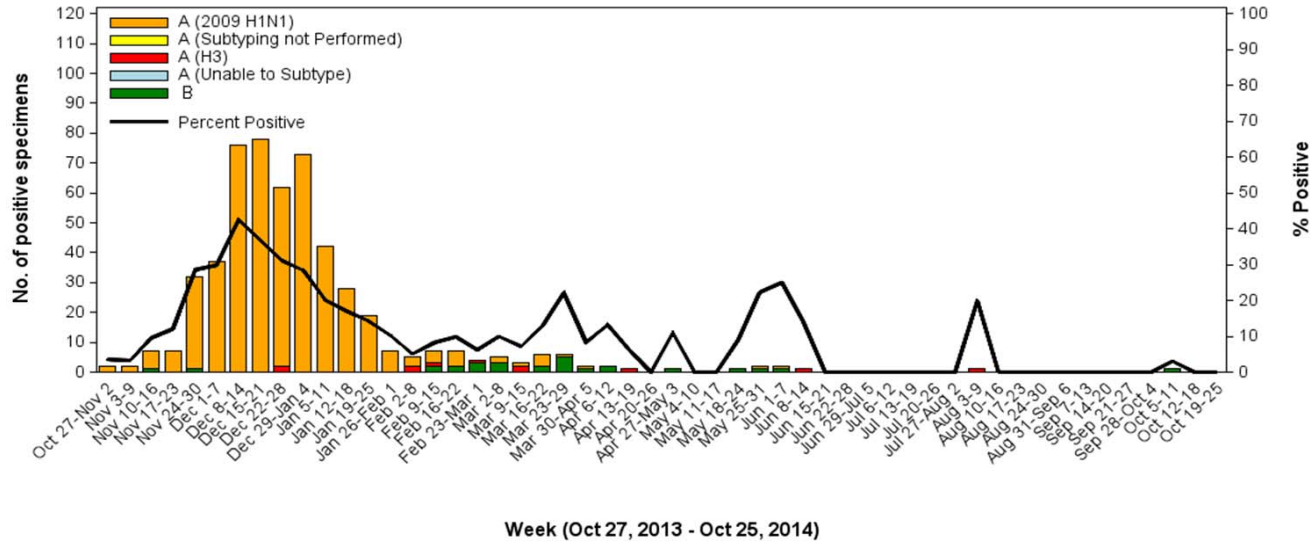
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Updated: October 31, 2014



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## 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.

### Important information for Sentinel Providers

Sentinel Providers report ILI by the end of Tuesday following the end of the reporting week ([www2a.cdc.gov/ilinet](http://www2a.cdc.gov/ilinet)) and collect and ship specimens from ILI cases Monday through Thursday (maximum 10/week per provider). All Sentinel Provider specimens MUST be accompanied by the Influenza and Respiratory Viral Panel Submission form or testing will not be done. The Respiratory Viral Panel is only validated for nasopharyngeal (NP) specimens. Specimens collected from other sites cannot be tested.

Additional laboratory supplies can be obtained by completing the lab order supply form. To ensure the order is filled, please include the CDC Provider ID Code.

### Contact Information

Submit weekly reports to: <http://www2a.cdc.gov/ilinet/> OR Fax 888-232-1322

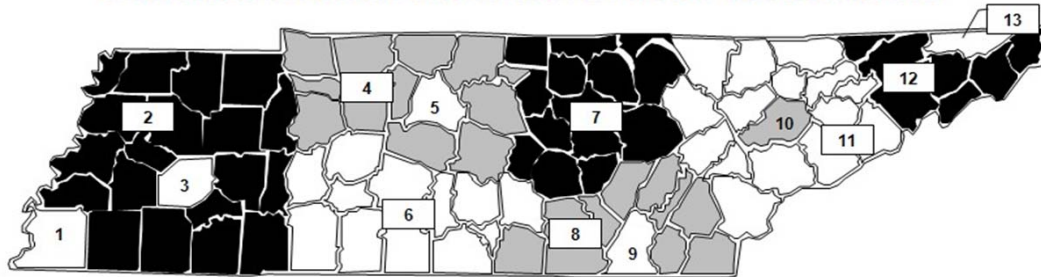
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### **SPN Questions:**

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**County/Region:** Regional SPN Coordinator (see map)

### TENNESSEE SENTINEL PROVIDER NETWORK COORDINATORS



1	Shelby County	901-222-9239
2	West TN Region	731-421-6758
3	Jackson-Madison County	731-927-8540
4	Mid-Cumberland Region	615-650-7000
5	Nashville-Davidson County	615-340-0551
6	South Central Region	931-380-2532
7	Upper Cumberland Region	931-646-7505
8	Southeast Region	423-634-6065
9	Chattanooga-Hamilton County	423-209-8063
10	Knoxville-Knox County	865-215-5084
11	East TN Region	865-549-5287
12	Northeast Region	423-979-3200
13	Sullivan County	423-279-7545

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