



FirstWatch® Regional Influenza Update for Week #42

Currently, at the end of Week 42 (10/20/12) report of influenza activity in the United States, flu levels are for all 50 states and territories are at a low level though apparently increasing compared to last week. Of the 2891 specimens tested for influenza last week, there was a national average of 6.2% that tested positive for influenza. The highest percentage for flu was in Region 7 (IA, KS, MO, NE) which reported 8.4% positive; Region 4 (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, and last week's high) at 8.1%, and Region 10 (AK, ID, WA, OR) at 4.9%. All regions report some activity. A breakdown of those specimens have 178 that tested positive for influenza; 58% for influenza A and 42% for influenza B a reversal from last week which had 53% as influenza B and 47% for A. Those testing positive for influenza A include 66% which tested as H3, 1.9% as H1N1, and 32 had no subtyping.

For more detailed statistics, including influenza updates by Region and State see:

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>

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