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Influenza Surveillance Report: Collin County MMWR Week 8 (February 21 – February 27, 2016) Influenza Report as of March 4, 2016

Overview

Collin County

- Influenza activity in Collin County continues to increase.
- 1.77% of patient visits were due to influenza-like illness (ILI).
- 6.88% of absenteeism in Collin County Independent School Districts was due to ILI.
- No pediatric deaths were reported this week.
- No influenza outbreaks were reported this week.

Influenza reporting in Collin County was low this week; reporting is voluntary

Texas

- Influenza activity in the state decreased slightly.
- The proportion of outpatient visits for ILI was 5.66%, which is below baseline 6.32%.
- No pediatric deaths were reported this week.
- Five influenza outbreaks were reported this week.

United States

- Influenza activity in the United States continues to increase.
- The proportion of outpatient visits for ILI was 3.2%, which is above baseline of 2.1%.
- Four pediatric deaths were reported this week. There have been a total of 20 pediatric deaths this flu season.

Influenza Activity

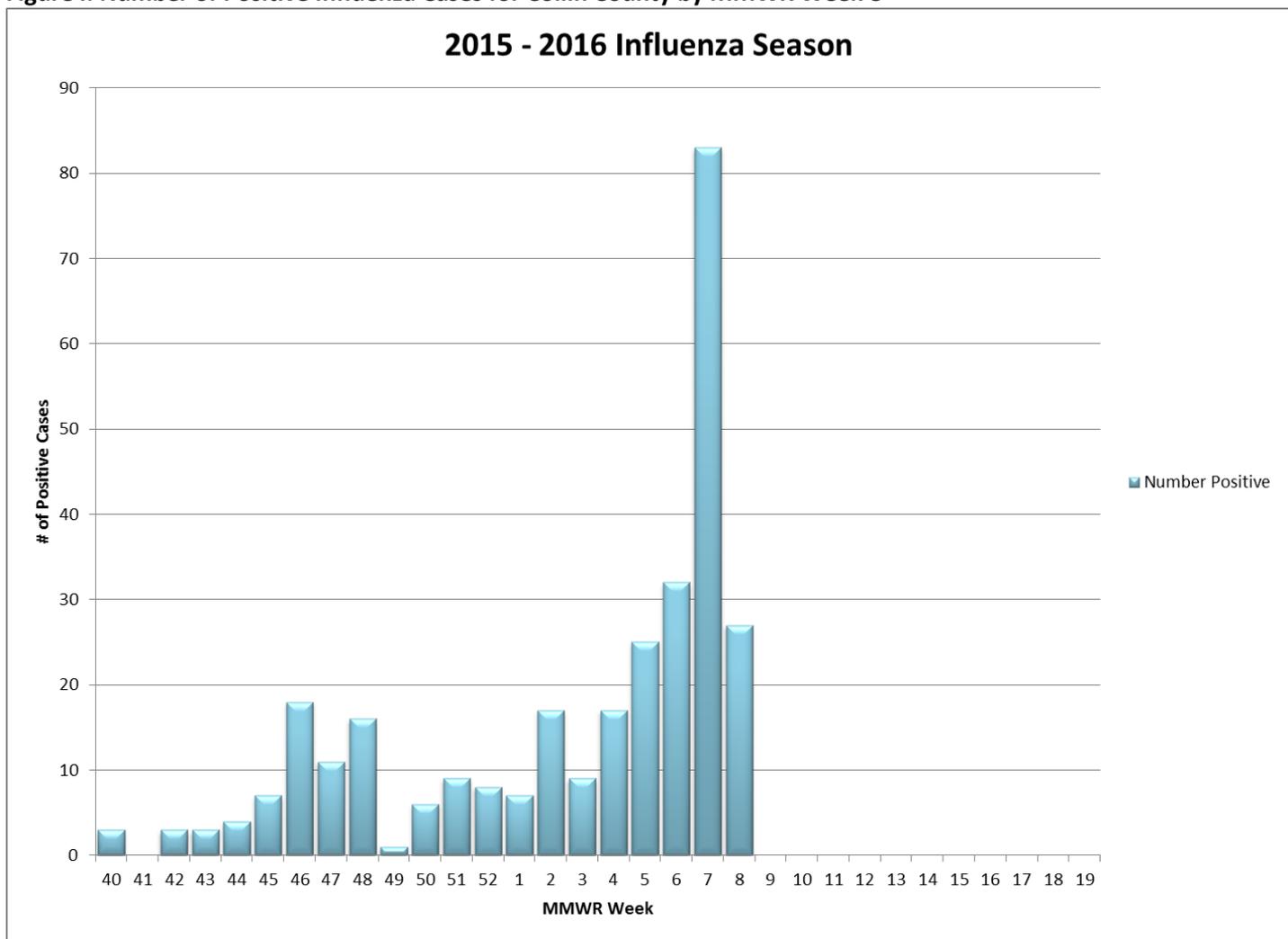
The following tables demonstrate the number of individuals who were tested by their healthcare provider for influenza and the total number of tests that were positive. Reporting influenza testing is voluntary. The numbers displayed below represent the totals reported by participating healthcare facilities. Table I. displays the number of individuals tested for influenza and how many of those were positive for week 8. Table II. Shows the cumulative totals for the prior weeks and breaks down the current week. Figure I. below displays the number of positive influenza cases for the current 2015-2016 flu season by MMWR week.

Table I. Overview of Individuals Tested for Week 8

Influenza Like Illness	Total Individuals Tested	Total Positive	Percent Positive
332	327	27	8.26%

Table II. Influenza Test Results; Number and Percent by Testing Method		
	Season to Date	Current Week
Total Tests Performed	5139	327
Total Positive Tests	171 (3.33%)	45 (13.76%)
Positive Rapid Type A	39 (22.81%)	27 (60.00%)
Positive Rapid Type B	108 (63.16%)	18 (40.00%)
Positive Rapid Type A and B	24 (14.04%)	0 (0.00%)
Positive Rapid Undifferentiated	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)
Positive PCR/Culture Type A	1 (0.58%)	0 (0.00%)
Positive PCR/Culture Type B	0 (0.00%)	(0.00%)

Figure I. Number of Positive Influenza Cases for Collin County by MMWR Week 8



Independent School Districts Influenza Activity

Independent School Districts in Collin County that submitted the absenteeism surveillance for week 8 reported an absenteeism rate of 18.57% of which 6.88% was due to influenza-like illness.

Additional Sources

For more information of influenza and influenza surveillance please visit these helpful sites:

Texas Influenza Information: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/influenza/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: <http://www.flu.gov/#>

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Collin County receives influenza activity reports from healthcare providers and schools. Influenza reporting is optional for these facilities. If you are a healthcare provider or school and would like to report influenza activity at your facility please visit our website for reporting forms at http://www.collincountytx.gov/healthcare_services/Pages/influenza.aspx

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