How to enroll: Complete this short form and fax or mail it (or send an e-mail with this information) to the contact information below:

Provider name: _____

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Contact name (if different): _____

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Practice or facility name: _____

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Zip Code: _____

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Specialty:_____

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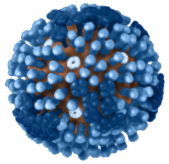

Thank you for considering participation in the influenza surveillance program. The ILINet provider program is critical for monitoring the impact of influenza and when combined with other influenza surveillance data can be used to guide prevention and control activities, vaccine strain selection and patient care. ILINeT providers are vital to influenza surveillance in North Dakota.

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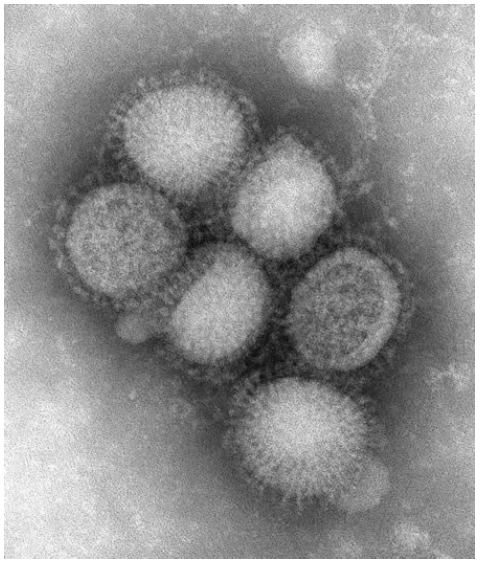
North Dakota Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet)



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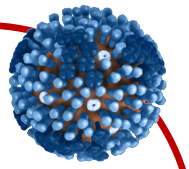
Become a North Dakota ILINet Provider!

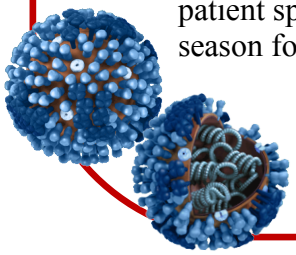


What is an influenza ILINet provider?

An influenza ILINeT provider conducts surveillance for influenza-like illness (ILI) in collaboration with the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Data provided by North Dakota providers is also combined with other states' influenza surveillance data to provide a national picture of influenza virus activity.

What data do ILINet providers Collect? How is it reported?

Providers report the total number of patient visits each week and the number if visits with ILI by age group. This data is submitted weekly to the NDDoH online portal at www.ndflu.com or via fax, phone or e-mail. This data is transmitted once per week to a central repository at the CDC. Providers may submit year-round or during the October through May flu season. Most providers already participating report it takes less than 20 minutes per week to compile and report the data. In addition, ILINet providers can submit a number of patient specimens each influenza season for virus isolation and PCR testing with materials provided by the NDDoH free of charge.

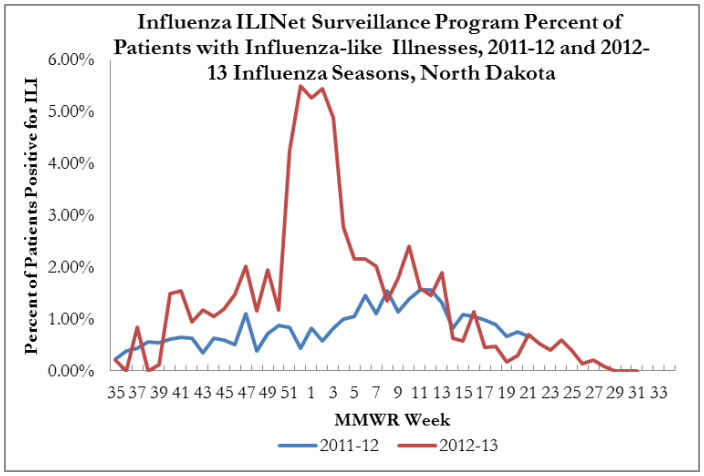


Who can be an influenza ILINet provider?

The purpose of the ILINet provider system is to monitor influenza activity in the general population. Therefore, providers of any specialty (e.g., family practice, internists, pediatricians) in any type of practice (e.g., private practice, urgent care center, emergency room, student health center) are eligible to be influenza ILINet providers. Please note physican assistants and nurse practitioners are also welcome to participate in the program!

Why become an influenza ILINet provider?

In addition to free PCR subtyping on a subset of patient specimens each year, weekly feedback on regional and national flu data is provided. Also, viral isolation and PCR testing results help to guide prescription of antiviral medications. NDDoH uses ILINet data to identify early and late waves of influenza illness in the community and can then provide feedback so physicians can intensify vaccination efforts in the community to aid in the prevention and control of an outbreak.



Information from influenza ILINet providers allows North Dakotans to see current and long- term trends in ILI activity.

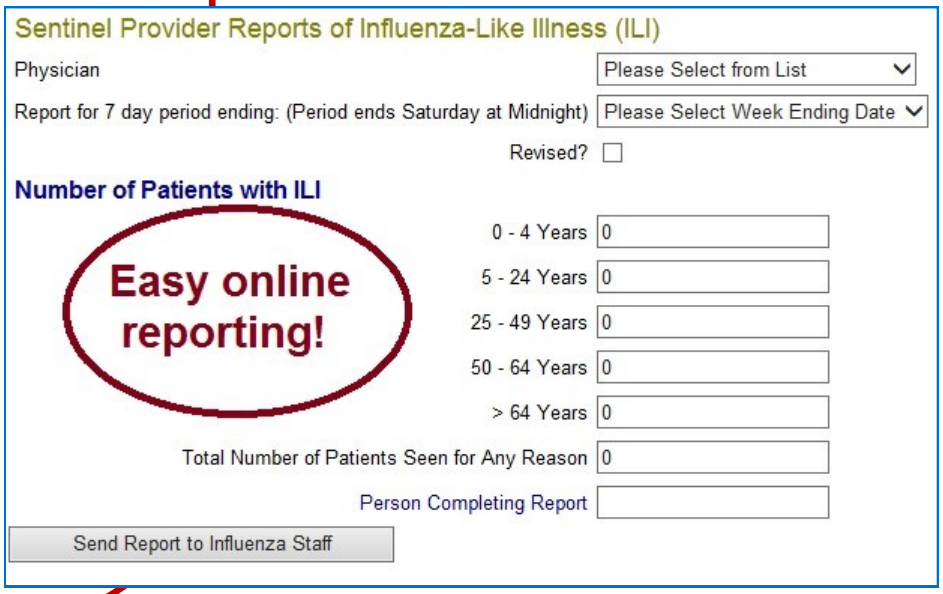
Case Definition: Influenza-like Illness

Fever ≥ 100°F **AND**

cough and/or sore throat,

in the absence of an illness other than

influenza confirmed via diagnostic test.



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