

COVID-19 and HAI Updates and Q&A Webinars for Long-Term Care and Congregate Residential Settings

January 6th, 2023

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Agenda

- Upcoming Events & Webinars
- Outbreaks during Influenza Season
- Open Q & A



Upcoming Infection Prevention and Control Updates1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Date	Infection Control Topic	Registration Link
Friday, January 6th	COVID Q&A	https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?M TID=e256d87336db875da5401867770b44c4d
Friday, January 13th	COVID Q&A	https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?M TID=eb7c73912c101cdaa8215aeeef340a3ad
Friday, January 20th	COVID Q&A	https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?M TID=ef060b197573007d332fcb90f90d44783
Friday, January 27th	COVID Q&A	https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?M TID=e256d87336db875da5401867770b44c4d



https://www.ihca.com/files/Education/2023/Building%20An%20Infection %20Prevention%20Program-Jan%202023.pdf **BUILDING AN INFECTION PREVENTION PROGRAM** IT'S MORE THAN JUST COVID-19

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Welcome Back to a New Year! So Glad you are Here!



Goals of the Friday LTC Q/A

- Provide a place for weekly questions and answers about guidance,
 COVID-19, respiratory outbreaks
- Questions and answers about other LTC infection prevention and control concerns and issues
- Maintain communication between care communities and IDPH



What's New?



November 4 IDPH Guidance



https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/long-term-care.html

Changed focus to facilities providing skilled personal care services

Non-skilled facility guidance in development



Original Release Date: August 13, 2020

Effective Date: August 14, 2020

Updated: October 21, 2020

Updated: March 19, 2021

Updated: May 6, 2021

Updated: May 6, 2021

Updated: May 6, 2021

Updated: March 22, 2022

Updated: November 4, 2022

Updated Interim Guidance for Nursing Homes and Other Licensed Long-Term Care Facilities

Please note: this document has been reorganized and rewritten.

LTC Facility staff should read the document in its entirety.

Key section updates have been highlighted in red.

Applicability

This interim guidance provides guidelines to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in nursing homes and other long-term care (LTC) facilities that provide skilled personal care services. The guidance in this document is specifically intended for facilities as defined in the Nursing Home Care Act (210 ILCS 45), Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD), State-Operated Developmental Centers (SODC), Medically Complex/Developmentally Disabled Facilities (MC/DD), and Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs facilities.

https://dph.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idph/covid19/guidance/ltc/LTC-COVID19-Guidance_11.4.2022.pdf



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ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

TITLE 77: PUBLIC HEALTH CHAPTER I: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SUBCHAPTER c: LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES PART 300 SKILLED NURSING AND INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES CODE SECTION 300.1060 VACCINATIONS

Section 300.1060 Vaccinations

- a) A facility shall annually administer or arrange for administration of a vaccination against influenza to each resident, in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that are most recent to the time of vaccination, unless the vaccination is medically contraindicated or the resident has refused the vaccine. Influenza vaccinations for all residents age 65 and over shall be completed by November 30 of each year or as soon as practicable if vaccine supplies are not available before November 1. Residents admitted after November 30, during the flu season, and until February 1 shall, as medically appropriate, receive an influenza vaccination prior to or upon admission or as soon as practicable if vaccine supplies are not available at the time of the admission, unless the vaccine is medically contraindicated or the resident has refused the vaccine. (Section 2-213(a) of the Act)
- b) A facility shall document in the resident's medical record that an annual vaccination against influenza was administered, arranged, refused or medically contraindicated. (Section 2-213(a) of the Act)
- c) A facility shall administer or arrange for administration of a pneumococcal vaccination to each resident in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, who has not received this immunization prior to or upon admission to the facility unless the resident refuses the offer for vaccination or the vaccination is medically contraindicated. (Section 2-213(b) of the Act)
- d) A facility shall document in each resident's medical record that a vaccination against pneumococcal pneumonia was offered and administered, refused, or medically contraindicated. (Section 2-213(b) of the Act)

Vaccinations in LTC

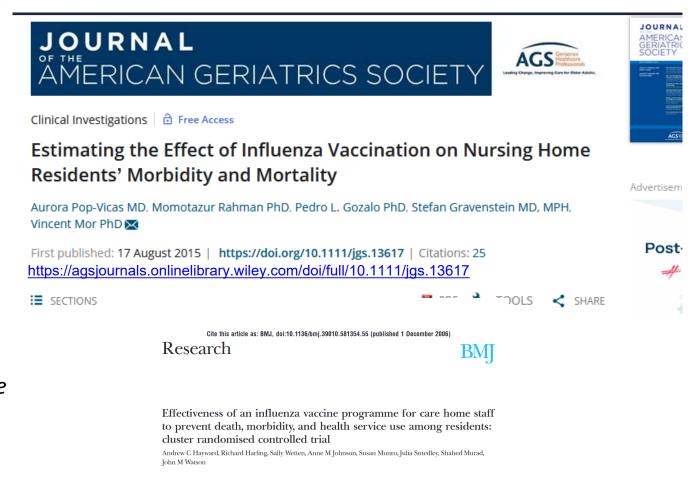
- Influenza by November 30 or as soon as practicable
- Pneumococcal vaccines (multiple types)
- CDC recommendations (ACIP)
- https://www.cdc.gov/vaccine s/schedules/hcp/imz/adult.ht ml



Keeping Staff Up to Date with Vaccination Decreases Severe Illness and Deaths of Residents



Conclusions and Relevance The findings of this cohort quest study suggest that before the Omicron variant wave, increasing staff vaccination rates was associated with Omica lower incidence of COVID-19 cases and deaths among covil residents and staff in US nursing homes. However, as Mean newer, more infectious and transmissible variants of the virus emerged, the original 2-dose regimen of the COVID-19 vaccine as recommended in December 2020 was no longer associated with lower rates of adverse COVID-19 outcomes in nursing homes. Policy makers may want to consider longer-term policy options to increase the uptake of booster doses among staff in nursing homes.



Conclusions Vaccinating care home staff against influenza can prevent deaths, health service use, and influenza-like illness in residents during periods of moderate influenza activity

https://www.bmj.com/content/bmj/333/7581/1241.full.pdf?casa_token=qzVAYD0Jgs0AAAAA:zn4Yc99-O_LA-Ret3qBAgVTj9hco1jvvza1n9Vh7WV7s8BN38zzDRXoqO1YjzpYjYSk5hf0QuVI

December 27, 2022

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Gives Temporary Access to Single Dose Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for Long-term Care Facilities

CDC has announced a new initiative to support the vaccination of individual residents, such as new admissions, by long-term care facility* (LTC) staff, through **March 15, 2023**. There is a critical need to encourage older adults to receive the updated (bivalent) COVID-19 boosters, especially those living in LTC. Older adults are at high risk for severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. The updated (bivalent) COVID-19 boosters are the best protection against COVID-19 variants causing illness right now.

To qualify for this program LTC:

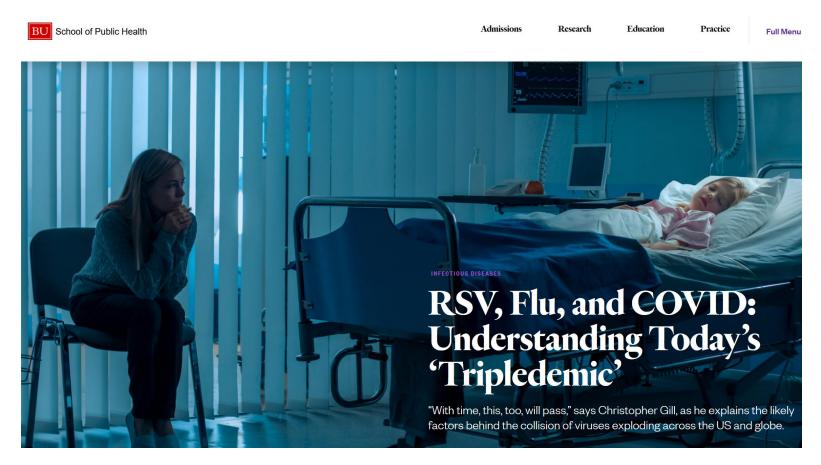
- Must partner with one pharmacy enrolled as a COVID-19 Vaccine Provider
- Cannot be a regular fully enrolled COVID-19 Vaccine Provider
- NOTE: Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for people 12 years of age and older in single-dose vials is the ONLY vaccine product/presentation available in this program.

Single Dose Pfizer-BioTech COVID-19 Vaccine for LTC December 27, 2022

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- Qualification: Must partner with one pharmacy enrolled as a COVID-19 Vaccine Provider
- Cannot be a regular fully enrolled COVID-19 Vaccine Provider
 See SIREN For Details



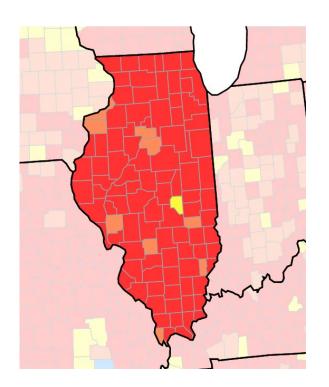
Respiratory Outbreaks (Or, You have dealt with this before, you probably just did not know it)

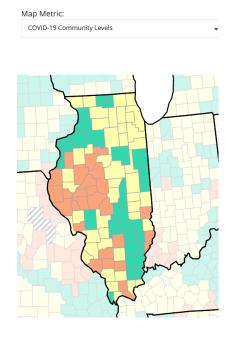


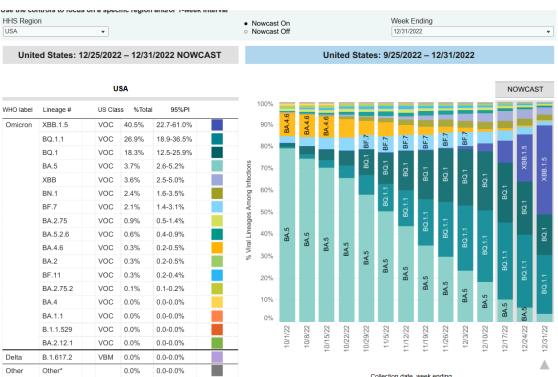


Transmission is mostly High, even Levels are High (orange) in many parts of Illinois: Drift to Omicron XBB.1.5









* Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1% nationally in at least one week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1 nationally during all weeks displayed.

** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates

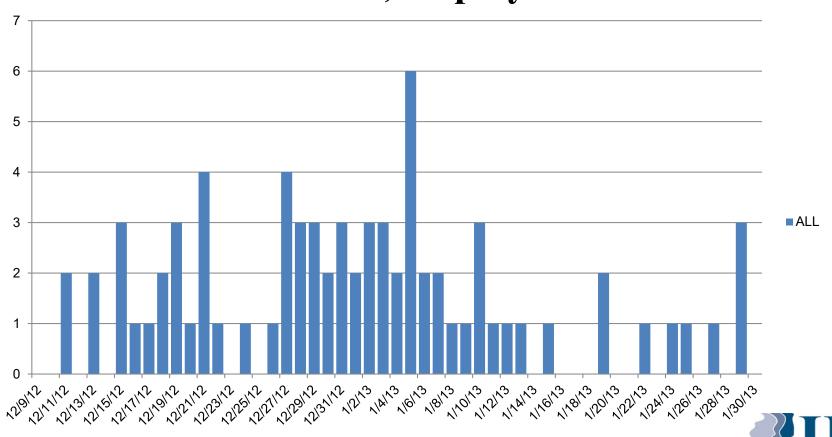
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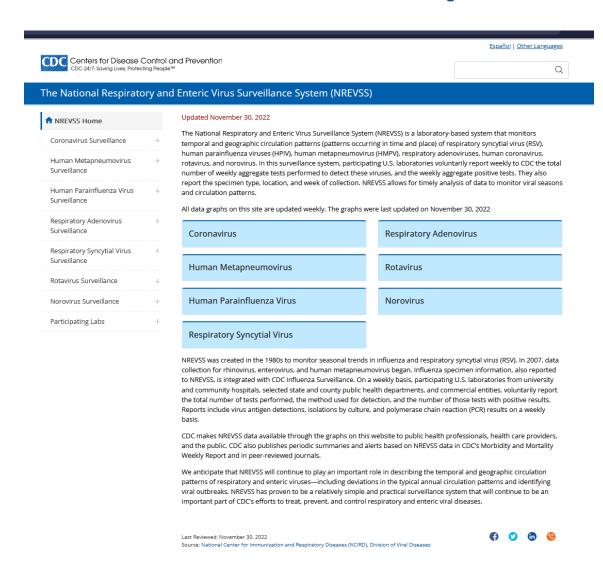
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What does this type of outbreak look like in the middle of Influenza Season?

All Influenza-like illness residents, families, employees



Respiratory Viral Panels



Sample Respiratory Viral Panel, PCR
Diagnosis of respiratory viral infection
Used for the detection of respiratory viruses:

Adenovirus Influenza A

Influenza A Subtypes H1

Influenza A Subtypes H3

Influenza B

Parainfluenza 1

Parainfluenza 2

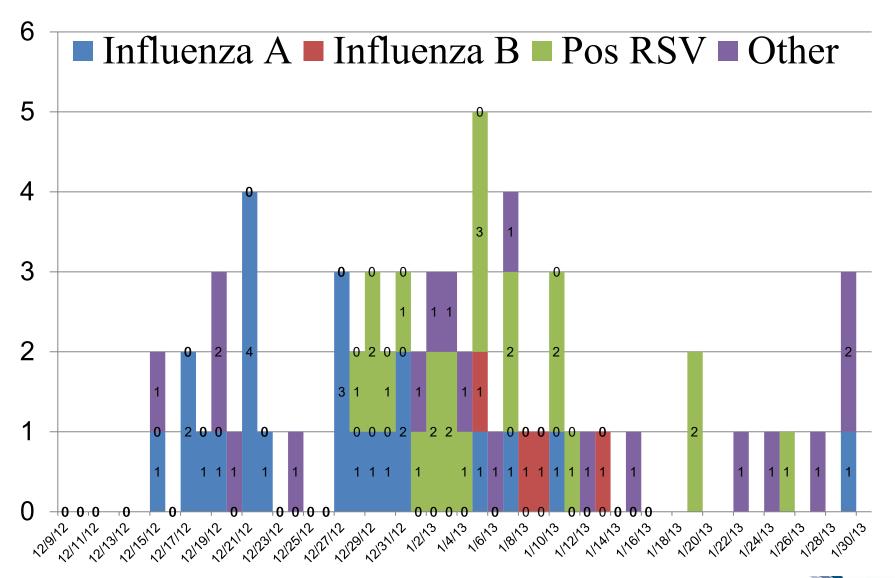
Parainfluenza 3

Rhinovirus/Enterovirus

Metapneumovirus

Respiratory Syncytial Virus Subtype A Respiratory Syncytial Virus...

With Viral Identification



Influenza Pneumonia

- Most common viral cause of pneumonia
- Primary pneumonia manifests with persistent symptoms of cough, sore throat, headache, myalgia, and malaise for more than 3-5 days
- Symptoms worsen with time, and new respiratory symptoms, such as dyspnea and cyanosis, appear
- Vaccination is critical
- ANTIVIRALS make identification important!





Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

- Second most common viral cause of pneumonia in adults
- Highly contagious, spreading via droplet and contact exposure
- Reinfection in older children and young adults is common but mild
- Likelihood of more severe disease and pneumonia increases with advancing age
- Symptomatic treatment only
- RSV vaccines are coming!!



CDC Isolation Precautions

- Adenovirus- Contact and Droplet Precautions
- Influenza A and B- Droplet Precautions
- Human Metapneumovirus (hMPV)- Contact Precautions
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)- Contact Precautions



Transmission Based Precautions for Respiratory Illness



Infection Control

Infection Control > Isolation Precautions > Appendix A

Clinical Syndromes or Conditions Warranting Empiric Transmission-Based Precautions in Addition to Standard Precautions

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Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings (2007)

Appendix A: Table 2

Respiratory Infections	Cough/fever/pulmonary infiltrate in any lung location in a patient with a history of recent travel (10-21 days) to countries with active outbreaks of SARS, avian influenza	M. tuberculosis, severe acute respiratory syndrome virus (SARS-CoV), avian influenza	Airborne plus Contact Precautions plus eye protection. If SARS and tuberculosis unlikely, use Droplet Precautions instead of Airborne Precautions.
Respiratory Infections	Respiratory infections, particularly bronchiolitis and pneumonia, in infants and young children	Respiratory syncytial virus, parainfluenza virus, adenovirus, influenza virus, <i>Human metapneumovirus</i>	Contact plus Droplet Precautions; Droplet Precautions may be discontinued when adenovirus and influenza have been ruled out

https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/isolation/appendix/transmission-precautions.html



Pragmatic Suggestion

- Resident with respiratory symptoms or a positive test?
- Full PPE for direct care (Contact, Droplet, N95 and Eye Protection)
- Less confusing for staff
- Covers all circulating viruses
- Consistent with CDC Appendix A, Table 2 (2007)

Influenza Vaccination and Outbreak Reporting

New and Old Requirements



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CHAPTER I: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
SUBCHAPTER k: COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL AND IMMUNIZATIONS
PART 690 CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES CODE
SECTION 690.100 DISEASES AND CONDITIONS

Section 690.100 Diseases and Conditions

The following diseases and conditions are declared to be contagious, infectious or communicable and may be dangerous to the public health. Each suspected or diagnosed case shall be reported to the local health authority, which shall subsequently report each case to the Department. The method of reporting shall be as described in the individual Section for the reportable disease.

- a) Class I(a)
 The follow
 - The following diseases shall be reported immediately (within three hours) by telephone, upon initial clinical suspicion of the disease, to the local health authority, which shall then report to the Department immediately (within three hours). This interval applies to primary reporters identified in Section 690.200(a)(1) who are required to report to local health authorities and to local health authorities that are required to report to the Department. The Section number associated with each of the listed diseases indicates the Section under which the diseases are reportable. Laboratory specimens of agents required to be submitted under Subpart D shall be submitted within 24 hours to the Department laboratory.
 - 1) Any unusual case of a disease or condition caused by an 690.295 infectious agent not listed in this Part that is of urgent public health significance

What Do We Do?

- Report to Local Health Department
- Report to Department (IDPH)



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Section 300.1020 Communicable Disease Policies

- a) The facility shall comply with the Control of Communicable Diseases Code (77 Ill. Adm. Code 690).
- b) A resident who is suspected of or diagnosed as having any communicable, contagious or infectious disease, as defined in the Control of Communicable Diseases Code, shall be placed in isolation, if required, in accordance with the Control of Communicable Diseases Code. If the facility believes that it cannot provide the necessary infection control measures, it must initiate an involuntary transfer and discharge pursuant to Article III, Part 4 of the Act and Section 300.620 of this Part. In determining whether a transfer or discharge is necessary, the burden of proof rests on the facility.
- c) All illnesses required to be reported under the Control of Communicable Diseases Code and Control of Sexually Transmissible Diseases Code (77 Ill. Adm. Code 693) shall be reported immediately to the local health department and to the Department. The facility shall furnish all pertinent information relating to such occurrences. In addition, the facility shall inform the Department of all incidents of scabies and other skin infestations.

(Source: Amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 12852, effective August 2, 2005)

SUBPART E: MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE OF RESIDENTS

- Section 300.1010 Medical Care Policies
- Section 300.1020 Communicable Disease Policies
- Section 300.1025 Tuberculin Skin Test Procedures
- Section 300.1030 Medical Emergencies
- Section 300.1035 Life-Sustaining Treatments
- Section 300.1040 Care and Treatment of Sexual Assault Survivors
- Section 300.1050 Dental Standards
- Section 300.1060 Vaccinations



Influenza in Long Term Care



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TO: Illinois Long Term Care Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities, Local Health

Departments, Local Health Department Administrators, Illinois Department of Public Health

Long Term Care Regional Contacts

FROM: Becky Dragoo, MSN, RN, Deputy Director of Office of Health Care Regulation

Arti Barnes, MD, MPH, Medical Director/Chief Medical Officer

RE: Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Influenza Outbreaks in Illinois Long Term

Care Facilities

DATE: October 6, 2022

Influenza Outbreak Definition

II. Definitions

The following definitions will assist you in determining how to respond to influenza-like illness and influenza outbreaks within your facility:

- Influenza-like illness (ILI): Fever (a temperature of 100° F [37.8° C] or higher orally) AND new onset of cough and/or sore throat.
- Confirmed influenza outbreak: Two or more cases of ILI occurring within 72 hours among residents in a unit of the facility with at least one of the ill residents having laboratory-confirmed influenza (i.e., reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction [RT-PCR], viral culture, or rapid test).

Note: When influenza is circulating in the surrounding community, a high index of suspicion should be maintained. Fever may be difficult to determine among elderly residents. Therefore, the definition of fever used for ILI can be a temperature two degrees (2°F) above the established baseline for that resident. Some ill residents may develop prostration (extreme exhaustion) with new onset of cough and/or sore throat.



Reporting



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IDPH INFLUENZA OUTBREAK REPORT FORM FOR CONGREGATE SETTINGS

(e.g. Long Term Care & Correctional Facilities)

Fax or secure email, along with the Outbreak Log, to your Local Public Health Department to report an outbreak

Facility Name					
Name of Reporter		Title:			
Date of Report					
Address:					
City		ty	Zip		
Phone #		Fax#			
FACILITY INFORMATION					
Total # of residents in the facility at the time of the out	break	Total number of staff:			
(total exposed):		Number of staff currently with II			
Number of residents in the facility currently with influ	enza-	% of residents vaccinated with se			
like illness (ILI):		% of staff vaccinated with seasonal flu vaccine: % of outbreak cases vaccinated with flu vaccine:			
		70 of outbreak cases vaccinated w	ith hu vacchie		
(ILI) [Fever >100° F [37.8° C] o	r higher	orally AND new onset cough or sore	throat]		
(for those with ILI)					
# Seen by Provider # Hospitalized	_	# Fatalities			
Date of symptom/onset detection for the first case of	Dates	of onset for most recent case of IL	during the outbreak:		
ILI during the outbreak:					
Type of setting: Correctional Facility Long-Ter	m Care	Facility 🗆 Group Home			
□ Other		_			
If long-term care facility, please specify (check only or	1e):				



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Influenza Surveillance for Congregate Setting Outbreak Log

Suspect outbreaks should be investigated and tested to confirm the etiology. Suspect outbreaks should be reported to your local health department who will then report confirmed influenza outbreaks in the Outbreak Reporting System (ORS) to IDPH.

Facility Name:	
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List all ill residents and employees. Designate employees with an "E" by their names.

Name	DOB	Unit or Wing	Onset Date	Symptoms/ Signs*	Influenza Specimen Collection Date	Lab Result	Seasonal Flu Vaccine Date	Hospitalized (Y/N)	Died (Y/N)

^{*} Symptoms/Signs: e.g. cough(C), fever (F), sore throat (ST), or Other (O) {list: i.e., chills (CH), pneumonia (P), myalgias (M)}



Influenza Vaccination Reporting through NHSN

- CDC: "Employer vaccination requirement at the HCP's workplace is the strongest factor associated with influenza vaccination uptake among HCP."
- At least once for flu season (Oct. 1 to March 31), by May 15, 2023
- May break the reporting up and submit flu-shot data monthly or at another frequency.
- CDC and CMS clarified where to report mandated reporting of flu vaccinations among nursing home staff
- CDC will soon make an update that will eliminate the extra reporting area.
- Providers should report influenza vaccinations through the NHSN Healthcare Personnel Safety Component to feed information correctly into the Quality Reporting Program (CMS Care Compare).
- One category for all employees and two separate categories for non-employees.

https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/faqs/vaccination/faq-influenza-vaccination-summary-reporting.html



Influenza Vaccination Reporting through NHSN

- Providers MUST report:
 - Employee vaccinations
 - Licensed independent practitioners (non-employee physicians, advanced practice nurses, and physician assistants)
 - Adult students/trainees and volunteers aged 18 and over.
- Providers MAY report (not currently required by CMS):
 - Contract personnel and vendors
- The numerator timeframe begins "as soon as vaccine is available." Therefore, vaccinations given any time during the influenza season from the time that season's vaccine is available at a facility through March 31 should be reported in the numerator.
- The denominator includes HCP who are physically present in the healthcare facility for at least 1 working day from October 1 through March 31

https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/faqs/vaccination/faq-influenza-vaccination-summary-reporting.html



More Viruses to Look Out For:



Parainfluenza Virus Pneumonia

- Parainfluenza virus (PIV) is second in importance only to RSV as a cause of lower respiratory tract disease in children
 - -Pneumonia and bronchiolitis in <6 months
- Usually second to influenza in elderly
 - -The signs and symptoms include fever, cough, coryza, dyspnea with rales, and wheezing

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Rhinovirus

- Accounts for up to 30% of cases of all virus-related pneumonia
- Rhinovirus infection is linked to asthma hospitalizations in both adults and children
- Rhinoviruses can cause up to 32% of all lower respiratory tract infections with an identified pathogen in the elderly (> 60 y)
- Identified more frequently than coronaviruses (17%) or influenza viruses (7%)

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Coronavirus (Other than SARS-CoV-2)

- Human coronaviruses (HCoVs) cause upper and lower respiratory tract infections
- HCoV infection follows a seasonal pattern similar to that of influenza

Source: Mosenifar, Z., et al., Viral Pneumonia

Human Metapneumovirus (hMPV)

- 10% of respiratory tract infections
- Distributed worldwide
- Seasonal distribution
- Incidence comparable to influenza
- most children exposed to virus by age 5
- Young children, older adults and immunocompromised individuals are at risk of severe illness and hospitalization.

Sources: Falsey AR. Pediatr. Infect. Dis. J. 27 (10 Suppl): S80-3.

Wikipedia: Human metapneumovirus



Adenoviruses

- Little known about mechanisms of pathogenicity
- 52 serotypes
- Age, health of patient, and other unknown host factors are believed to play key roles
- Spread by respiratory secretions, infectious aerosols, feces, and fomites very contagious
- Contaminated environmental surfaces harbor virus for weeks.
- Resistant to lipid disinfectants
- Inactivated by heat, formaldehyde, and bleach.



Thank you for all that you do. Hang in there. The goal is preventing infections by providing vaccinations, implementing core infection prevention and control measures to provide the best care and information for residents, staff, and families



Open Q&A

Submit questions via Q&A pod to All Panelists

Please do not resubmit a single question multiple times

Slides and recording will be made available after the session.



Reminders

- SIREN Registration
 - To receive situational awareness from IDPH, please use this link to guide you to the correct registration instructions for your public health related classification: http://www.dph.illinois.gov/siren

- NHSN Assistance:
 - Contact Telligen: nursinghome@telligen.com