Maine Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report

October 27, 2006

Synopsis
During the weeks ending October 21, 2006 (week 42)*, no influenza activity was reported in Maine.

Moderate Disease Surveillance

Outpatient influenza-like illness (ILI)
During week 42, 0.4% of sentinel provider outpatient visits were due to ILI (range 0% - 0.9%).

Severe Disease Surveillance

Hospital inpatients
During week 41, three hospitals reported 7.8% of admissions were due to respiratory illness (Range 1.1% - 7.8%).

# New England is defined as Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.
Laboratory Reporting
As of October 27, 2006, a total of 7 respiratory specimens have been submitted for viral testing to the Maine Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory. Two specimens were negative for influenza and other respiratory illnesses; results are pending for five specimens.

A total of 2 specimens have been submitted for viral testing to one reference laboratory in Maine during week 42; both were negative for influenza.

Fatalities Surveillance
Death Certificates
During week 42, 8.0% of deaths reported by three city vital records offices were attributable to pneumonia and influenza (Range 4.8% - 11.1%).
Pediatric Fatalities
As of October 25, 2006, no influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported.

* At time of publication, reporting may be incomplete. Numbers presented here may change as more reports are received.