



Influenza Reporting Requirements

TO: West Virginia Laboratories, Healthcare Providers, Long-Term Care Facilities, Acute Care Facilities and Other Healthcare Facilities

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LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS: PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, LABORATORIES, MICROBIOLOGY SUPERVISORS, LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES, LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES' MEDICAL DIRECTORS, HOSPITAL-BASED PHYSICIANS, INFECTION CONTROL PREVENTIONISTS, AND OTHER APPLICABLE PARTNERS

The 2013-14 influenza season officially kicked off on September 29, 2013. This alert addresses **Influenza Reporting Requirements for the 2013-14 Season**. The WV Bureau for Public Health, Division of Infectious Disease Epidemiology (DIDE) would like to thank our local partners for their continued participation in influenza surveillance. The information you provide has helped DIDE in our efforts to identify circulation types and strains of influenza viruses and characterize the population at greatest risk of complications from infection. Information gathered from surveillance helps guide statewide efforts that will help protect the health of the public. At this time we would like to remind healthcare providers of the mandatory reporting requirements for the 2013-14 season.

Reporting Guidelines

- 1. Influenza-like illness:**
Within 1 week to local health department (Numerical totals only)
- 2. Influenza-associated pediatric mortality:**
(age <18 years): Within 1 week to local health department
- 3. Positive laboratory results for influenza:**
by type and subtype, as available (RT-PCR, immunofluorescence, or culture only) in aggregate weekly to DIDE via fax (304)-558-8736
- 4. Outbreaks:**
Immediately to local health departments

For more information on influenza, please visit the DIDE influenza website at <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/disease/flu/Pages/default.aspx> or contact DIDE at 304-558-5358 or 800-423-1271 ext. 1 (in WV).

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