

INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN NEW BRUNSWICK

January 29, 2006 to February 4, 2006 (week 05)

1. Reports of influenza-like illness (ILI) from New Brunswick physicians for the National Flu-Watch Program (19 physicians recruited this year report number of patients with ILI symptoms over total number of patients seen on one day each week):

17 physicians reported 3 cases of ILI of the 265 patients seen for any reason during this reporting week

2. Report of New Brunswick Influenza Virus Surveillance Program (only laboratory confirmed cases are reported from specimens submitted by recruited sentinel physicians, Emergency Rooms, nursing homes and other community physicians who choose to submit specimens):

Region*	Reporting period: 29/01/06-04/02/06		Cumulative: 02/10/05-04/02/06	
	Influenza A	Influenza B	Influenza A	Influenza B
Region 1	0	0	0	0
Region 2	0	0	0	0
Region 3	0	0	0	0
Region 4	0	0	0	0
Region 5	0	0	0	0
Region 6	0	0	0	0
Region 7	0	0	0	0
Total NB	0	0	0	0

*For a map of New Brunswick's health regions, consult <http://www.gnb.ca/0051/pdf/LatestRHAmmap.pdf>

3. Surveillance of Influenza-like-Illness (ILI) cases in nursing homes and reports of school absenteeism in New Brunswick:

Region	Reports of ILI in nursing homes		Schools reporting >10% absenteeism*
	# of n. homes reporting ILI	Total # of ILI cases	
Region 1	0 out of 13	0	0 out of 67
Region 2	0 out of 13	0	0 out of 85
Region 3	0 out of 14	0	3 out of 81
Region 4	0 out of 6	0	0 out of 23
Region 5	1 out of 2	5	0 out of 19
Region 6	0 out of 9	0	0 out of 37
Region 7	0 out of 4	0	0 out of 24
Total NB	1 out of 61	5	3 out of 336

* greater than 10% absenteeism on any day most likely due to ILI

4. National Flu Watch Program - Additional information on influenza activity in Canada and around the world is available on the Public Health Agency of Canada's web site at

<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/fluwatch/index.html>

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