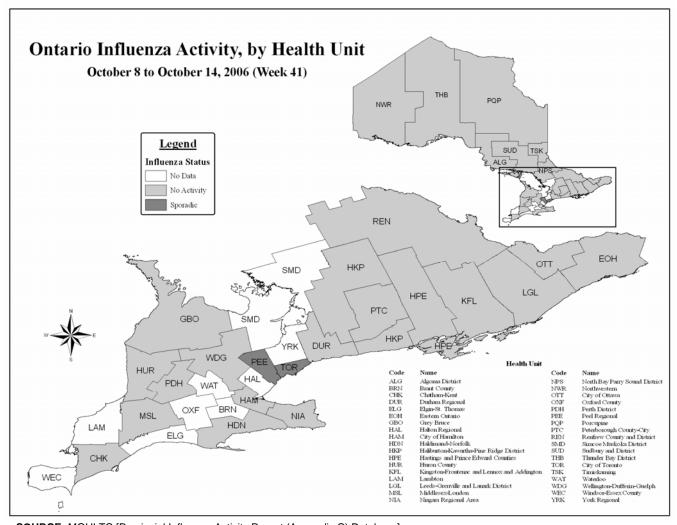
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Ontario Influenza Surveillance Weekly Map



SOURCE: MOHLTC [Provincial Influenza Activity Report (Appendix C) Database]

Influenza Activity levels are assigned by local public health units and reported to the MOHLTC every week. Activity levels are assigned based on laboratory confirmation, influenza like illness **(ILI)** reports from various sources, hospitals, institutional outbreaks, physicians' offices, and other local sources of ILI information

Activity level definitions for the 2006-07 influenza seasons are as follows:-

No Data: No activity report corresponding to the surveillance week was received by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

No Activity: No laboratory confirmed* influenza cases(s) or outbreak detected during the past four weeks within the health unit , however, sporadically occurring ILI and laboratory confirmed influenza* case(s) with NO outbreaks detected within the health unit. Localized: sporadically occurring ILI and laboratory confirmed influenza* case(s) together with outbreaks of ILI in schools and/or worksites or laboratory confirmed influenza in residential institutions occurring in less than 50% of the health unit. Widespread: sporadically occurring ILI and laboratory confirmed influenza* case(s) together with outbreaks of ILI in schools and/or worksites or laboratory confirmed influenza in residential institutions occurring in greater than or equal to 50% of the health unit.

* Confirmation of influenza within the health unit at any time within the prior four weeks

<u>Note</u>: Ontario Influenza Surveillance maps will be posted at this site bi-weekly, alternating with Ontario Influenza Bulletin (containing the Influenza Activity map), until the end of October, 2006. Starting on November 3, 2006, the Ontario Influenza Bulletin will be published every week.