

Summit County Influenza Surveillance update for week ending May 29, 2010 (CDC Week 21)

During the summer, the Akron Health Department will continue to monitor influenza and pneumonia deaths as well as EpiCenter for adult emergency room visits in Summit County for respiratory and constitutional symptoms. Unusual deviations from what is expected for this time of year will be included in brief influenza surveillance updates which will be posted on the Akron Health Department's website at <http://www.ci.akron.oh.us/Health04/Epidemiology/control.htm> and the Summit County Health District's website at www.schd.org. Influenza activity will also be monitored for the U.S. as well as worldwide. Full influenza surveillance for Summit County will resume in October.

The EpiCenter average for adult emergency room visits in Summit County for respiratory and constitutional complaints was 15.26% which was a decrease from the previous week's average of 17.05%. There were 11 pneumonia deaths and no influenza deaths reported during this period. During the previous week, there were 6 pneumonia deaths and no influenza deaths reported.

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) published the final Ohio Seasonal Influenza and Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Report for the 2009-2010 season during the week ending on May 15, 2010. There was **no influenza activity** in Ohio. If the influenza activity level rises above 'No Activity' before the start of the next influenza season, then the Weekly Surveillance Reports would resume. ODH will continue to analyze weekly influenza data sources during the summer.

This influenza brief was updated on June 2, 2010. Please address questions to Courtney Hudson at the Akron Health Department Office of Epidemiology at 330.375.2988 ext. 3122 or CHudson@akronohio.gov.