

SURVEILLANCE WEEKS 51 & 52 (December 20, 2009– January 2, 2010)

This issue of the Ontario Influenza Bulletin provides information on the surveillance period from December 20, 2009-January 2, 2010, (Week 51 and 52). **All data are for week 51 and 52 unless otherwise specified. Death and hospitalization information among pandemic (H1N1) 2009 (abbreviated as pH1N1) confirmed cases is current as of January 6, 2010.** Data extraction and analysis for this issue of the Bulletin occurred on January 6, 2010.

In order to enable our readers to better assess influenza activity in Ontario, we have combined various sources of information in the following table.

Assessment of Influenza Activity in Ontario

Measure	Assessment of measure compared to previous week (Lower, Similar, Higher)	Reasoning behind assessment
Laboratory Confirmed Cases	Lower	28 total influenza cases (22 pH1N1) in weeks 51 and 52 compared to 26 reported in week 50 (18 pH1N1)*. The percent positivity of laboratory tests for influenza A was 1.2% and 1.4% for weeks 51 and 52 respectively. This is approximately similar to week 50 (1.2%).
Influenza A Outbreaks	No change	No new institutional influenza outbreaks were reported for the current reporting week.
Influenza Activity Levels Reported by Health Units	Lower	No health units reported 'localized' activity and five reported 'sporadic' activity for the current reporting week.
ILI Consultation Rate reported by Sentinel Physicians	Higher	The overall ILI consultation rate has increased from 22.88/1,000 patient visits in Week 51 to 26.39/1,000 patient visits in Week 52. The increase in ILI consultation rate is likely due to respiratory viruses other than influenza. However, the ILI rate is below the average rate for these weeks from previous years.
Hospitalizations Among Lab Confirmed Cases of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 virus	Lower	Fewer hospitalized cases were reported from December 24 to December 30 as compared to December 17 to December 23 (8 compared to 25). Fewer hospitalized cases were reported from December 31 to January 6 as compared to December 24 to December 30 (7 compared to 8).
Deaths Among Lab Confirmed Cases of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 virus	Lower	No new deaths were reported from December 24 to December 30 compared to 3 new deaths reported from December 17 to December 23. No new deaths were reported from December 31 to January 6.
OVERALL ASSESSMENT	Influenza activity in Ontario is <i>lower</i> compared to the previous week.	Overall the indicators show that influenza activity was lower in weeks 51 & 52 compared to week 50. Starting in week 45 (November 8-14), influenza activity in Ontario has declined each week.

*Counts from previous weeks may be updated and therefore may not match reports in earlier Bulletins

Overall, influenza activity in Ontario during weeks 51 and 52, 2009, was **lower** when compared to week 50, 2009. Ontario health units reported 28 new confirmed cases of influenza for the both weeks through the integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS). This count includes 22 laboratory confirmed cases of pH1N1. During weeks 51 and 52, new laboratory confirmed cases of pH1N1 continued to be seen in the Eastern, Central East, Toronto, South West and Central West regions. No new institutional influenza outbreaks were reported. For weeks 51 & 52, no health units reported localized influenza activity, five health units reported sporadic activity, and the remaining health units reported no influenza activity or did not report. The rate of influenza-like illness (ILI) in patients seen by sentinel physicians is lower than what is expected for this time of the year based on the average ILI rate reported in weeks 51 & 52 from previous years.

For a definition of ILI activity levels and links to websites providing current influenza information from other sources, please refer to the attached Appendix- I. If you would like to provide feedback on the Bulletin, please contact Christine D'Souza (christine.dsouza1@ontario.ca, 416-212-5323) or Michael Whelan (michael.whelan@ontario.ca, 416-327-9174).

Table 1: Summary of confirmed influenza cases and institutional influenza outbreaks by health region (Week 51 and 52, 2009-2010)

Confirmed influenza cases*†	HEALTH REGION							TOTAL
	North West	North East	Eastern	Central East	Toronto	South West	Central West	
Pandemic (H1N1) 2009	0	0	2	5	6	8	1	22
Influenza A (Not Subtyped)	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	4
Influenza A (Seasonal H1/H3)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Influenza A (Indeterminate pH1N1/ unsubtypeable)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Influenza B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Influenza A & B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total new cases	0	0	2	8	7	8	3	28
Institutional outbreaks of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 ‡	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Institutional outbreaks of Influenza (Other Subtypes/Not Subtyped)‡	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

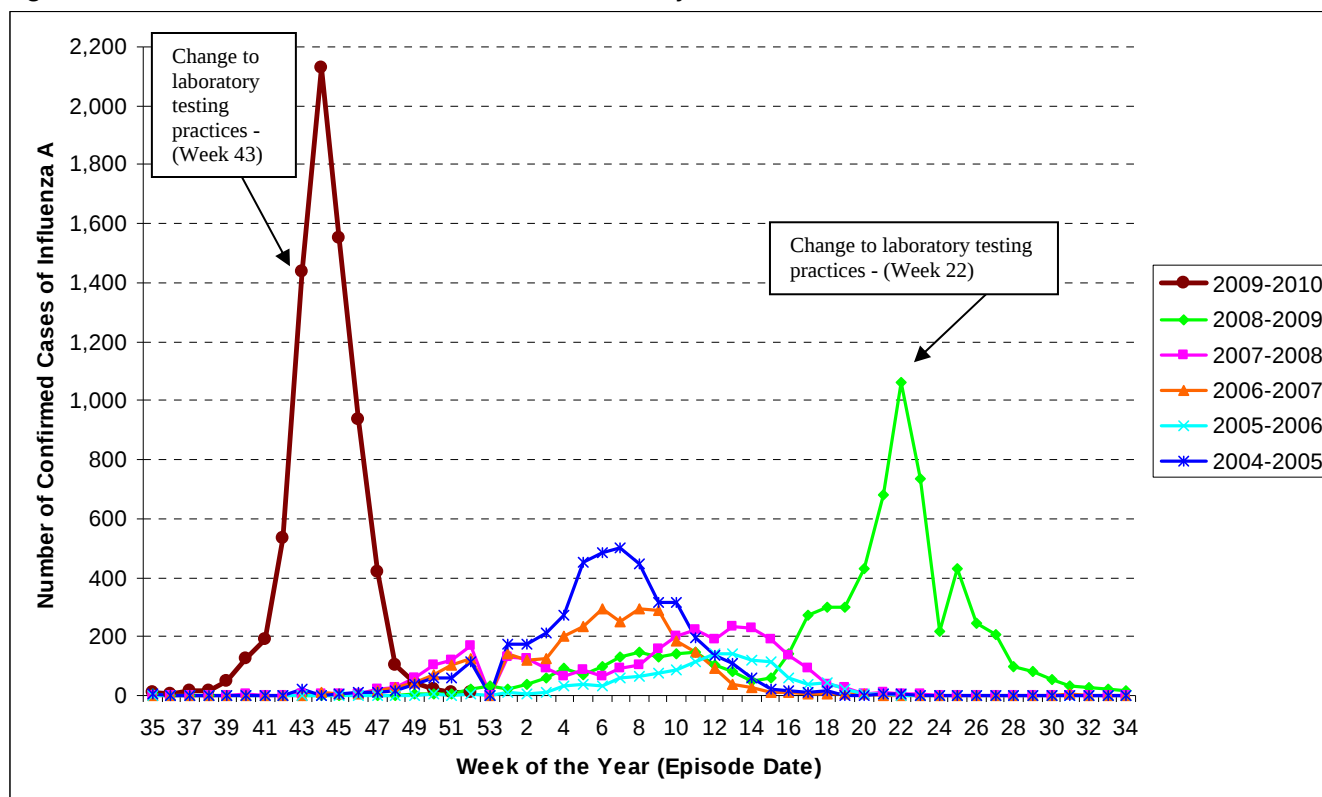
SOURCE: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted [06/01/2010].

* Includes reports of confirmed influenza through iPHIS, as well as cases in institutional outbreaks, with dates of onset for the first case in the surveillance period.

‡ Confirmed outbreaks in institutions with onset date of symptoms during the surveillance period.

The number of laboratory confirmed cases of influenza A reported to date in the 2009-2010 season is much higher than in the previous five seasons at this time (Figure 1). The number of influenza A cases reported during the second wave began to increase in early September, with a maximum number of cases reported in week 44 (November 1 -7). The number of cases reported in each of weeks 43-45 in the second wave of the pandemic was higher than the maximum for any week observed in the first wave. The maximum case volume observed to date in the 2009-2010 season has exceeded the maximum case volume in all of the past five influenza seasons (however in other flu seasons, there has been less extensive testing). However, the number of cases of influenza A reported in weeks 51 and 52 this year is below case reports from previous seasons in the same weeks.

Figure 1: All confirmed cases of Influenza A in Ontario by week, 2004-2010[†]*



SOURCE: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted [06/01/2010].
† Episode Date for a case corresponds to the earliest date on record for the case according to the iPHIS hierarchy (Symptom Date > Clinical Diagnosis Date > Specimen Collection Date > Lab Test Date > Reported Date)

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Table 2: Laboratory confirmed cases of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 virus by health unit & health region, reported during Week 51 and 52[†], 2009-10, wave two, wave one, and cumulative* confirmed cases between April 1, 2009 – January 2, 2010

Region	Health Unit	Confirmed pH1N1				
		WK 52	WK 51	Wave 2 (WK 35-current)	Wave 1 (WK 16-WK 34)	Total cumulative
North West	Northwestern	0	0	73	74	147
	Thunder Bay District	0	0	87	10	97
	TOTAL NORTH WEST	0	0	160	84	244
North East	Algoma	0	0	61	6	67
	North Bay Parry Sound District	0	0	48	7	55
	Porcupine	0	0	106	4	110
	Sudbury & District	0	0	44	24	68
	Timiskaming	0	0	53	0	53
	TOTAL NORTH EAST	0	0	312	41	353
Eastern	City of Ottawa	1	0	415	359	774
	Eastern Ontario	0	0	172	25	197
	Hastings & Prince Edward Counties	0	0	76	4	80
	Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington	1	0	147	15	162
	Leeds, Grenville And Lanark District	0	0	93	10	103
	Renfrew County And District	0	0	39	12	51
	TOTAL EASTERN	2	0	942	425	1,367
Central East	Durham Region	2	1	166	118	284
	Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge	0	0	43	14	57
	Peel Region	0	2	377	698	1,075
	Peterborough County-City	0	0	46	4	50
	Simcoe Muskoka District	0	0	161	64	225
	York Region	0	0	206	495	701
	TOTAL CENTRAL EAST	2	3	999	1,393	2,392
Toronto	Toronto	1	5	841	1,586	2,427
	TOTAL TORONTO	1	5	841	1,586	2,427
South West	Chatham-Kent	0	1	33	6	39
	Elgin-St. Thomas	0	0	21	0	21
	Grey Bruce	1	0	36	12	48
	Huron County	0	0	25	2	27
	Lambton County	0	0	54	1	55
	Middlesex-London	2	0	203	28	231
	Oxford County	0	0	61	3	64
	Perth District	0	0	33	3	36
	Windsor-Essex County	2	2	140	49	189
	TOTAL SOUTHWEST	5	3	606	104	710
Central West	Brant County	0	0	22	8	30
	City Of Hamilton	0	1	212	123	335
	Haldimand-Norfolk	0	0	0	6	6
	Halton Region	0	0	167	219	386
	Niagara Region	0	0	232	20	252
	Waterloo Region	0	0	119	38	157
	Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph	0	0	55	26	81
	TOTAL CENTRAL WEST	0	1	807	440	1,247
	Out of Province	0	0	0	6	6
	TOTAL ONTARIO	10	12	4,667	4,079	8,746

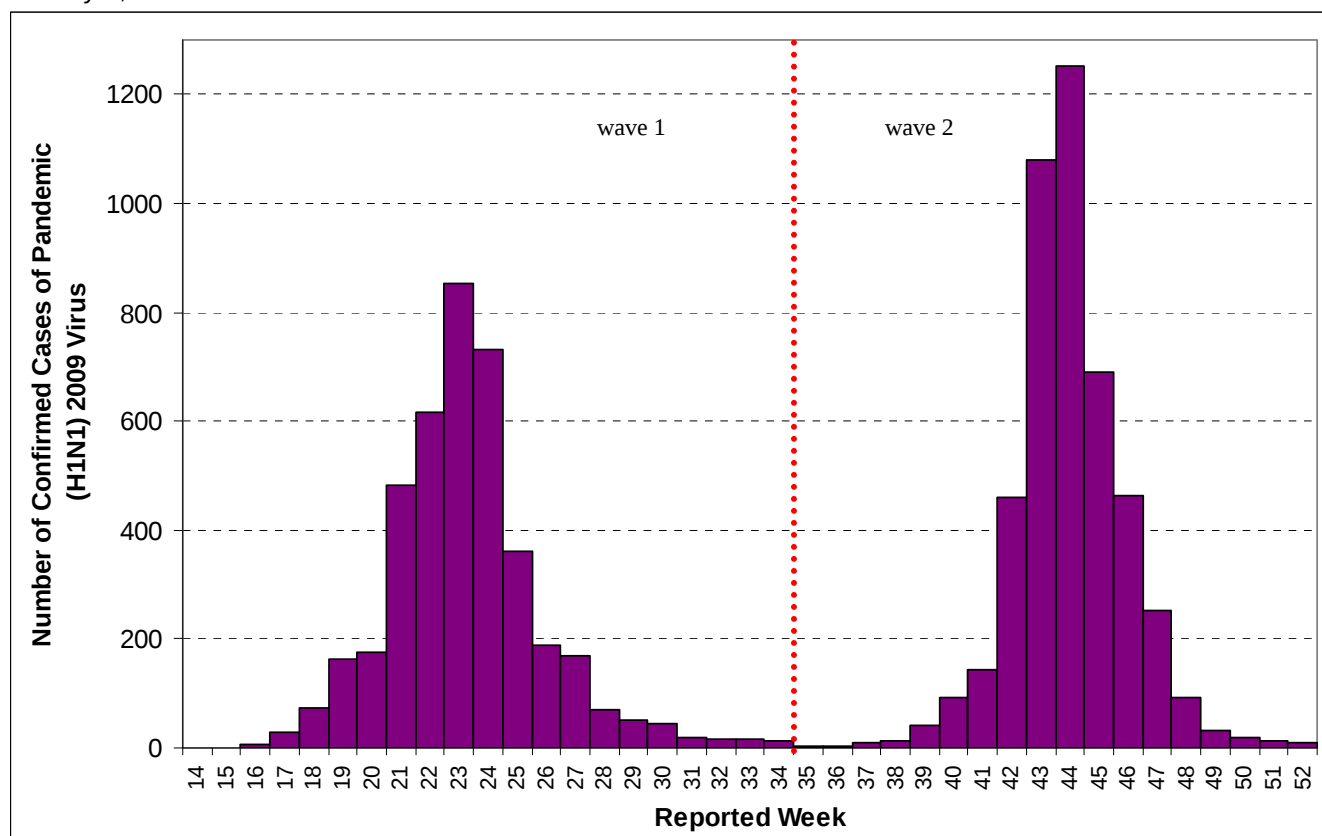
SOURCE: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted [06/01/2010].

[†] Reported date corresponds to the date pandemic (H1N1) 2009 was reported to the health unit

* Cumulative case counts include late reports and records that are otherwise reconciled. Therefore, cumulative counts may not equal new cases plus previous cumulative value.

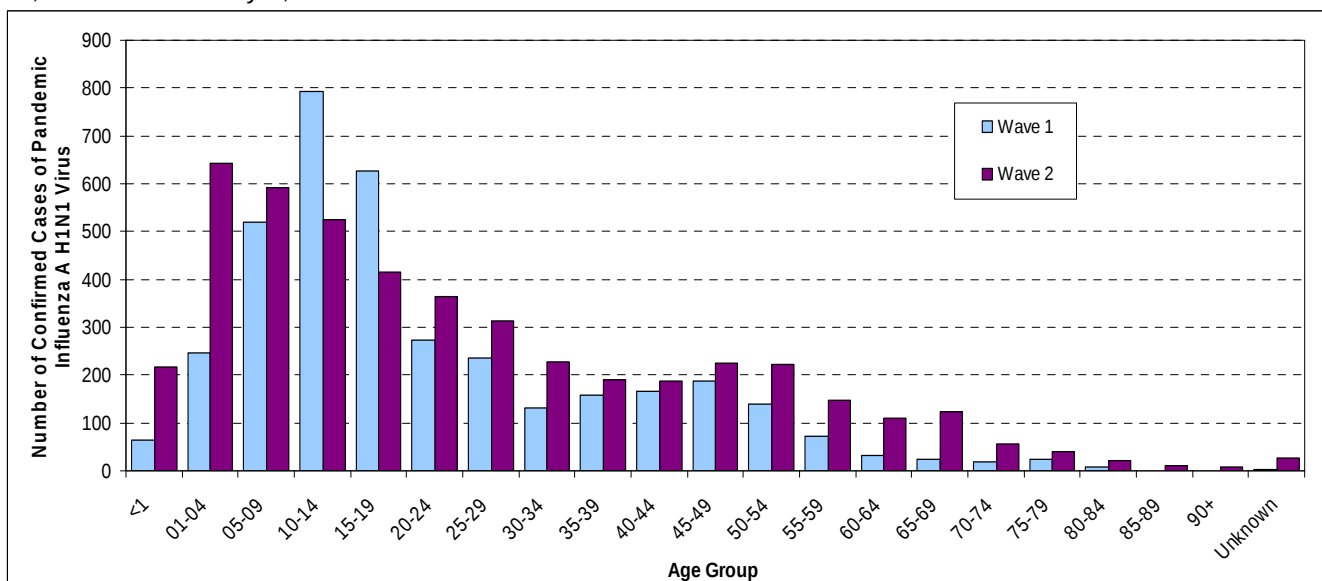
Note: Wave 1 corresponds to April 12, 2009 to August 29, 2009; Wave 2 corresponds to August 30, 2009 to the last date of the current week.

Figure 2: Laboratory confirmed cases of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 in Ontario by week between April 13, 2009 and January 2, 2010



SOURCE: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted [06/01/2010].

Figure 3: Laboratory confirmed cases of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 in Ontario by age group and wave between April 13, 2009 and January 2, 2010



SOURCE: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted [06/01/2010].

Table 3a: Confirmed cases of influenza by health unit and health region, excluding laboratory confirmed pandemic (H1N1) 2009, with an episode date[†] during Week 51, 2009-10

Region	Health Unit	Confirmed Influenza					
		Influenza A (no subtype /not subtyped)	Influenza A (Other)*	Influenza A (seasonal) [‡]	Influenza A & B	Influenza B	TOTAL
North West	Northwestern	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Thunder Bay District	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL NORTH WEST	0	0	0	0	0	0
North East	Algoma	0	0	0	0	0	0
	North Bay Parry Sound District	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Porcupine	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sudbury & District	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Timiskaming	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL NORTH EAST	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern	City of Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Eastern Ontario	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Hastings & Prince Edward Counties	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Leeds, Grenville And Lanark District	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Renfrew County And District	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL EASTERN	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central East	Durham Region	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Peel Region	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Peterborough County-City	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Simcoe Muskoka District	0	0	0	0	0	0
	York Region	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL CENTRAL EAST	0	0	1	0	0	1
Toronto	Toronto	0	1	0	0	0	1
	TOTAL TORONTO	0	1	0	0	0	1
South West	Chatham-Kent	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Elgin-St. Thomas	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Grey Bruce	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Huron County	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Lambton County	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Middlesex-London	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Oxford County	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Perth District	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Windsor-Essex County	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL SOUTHWEST	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central West	Brant County	0	0	0	0	0	0
	City Of Hamilton	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Haldimand-Norfolk	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Halton Region	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Niagara Region	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Waterloo Region	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL CENTRAL WEST	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL ONTARIO	0	1	1	0	0	2

SOURCE: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted [06/01/2010].

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* includes indeterminate, untypeable and other subtypes

Table 3b: Confirmed cases of influenza by health unit & health region, excluding laboratory confirmed pandemic (H1N1) 2009, with an episode date[†] during Week 52, 2009-10

Region	Health Unit	Confirmed Influenza					
		Influenza A (no subtype /not subtyped)	Influenza A (Other)*	Influenza A (seasonal) [‡]	Influenza A & B	Influenza B	TOTAL
North West	Northwestern	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Thunder Bay District	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL NORTH WEST	0	0	0	0	0	0
North East	Algoma	0	0	0	0	0	0
	North Bay Parry Sound District	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Porcupine	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sudbury & District	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Timiskaming	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL NORTH EAST	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern	City of Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Eastern Ontario	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Hastings & Prince Edward Counties	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Leeds, Grenville And Lanark District	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Renfrew County And District	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL EASTERN	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central East	Durham Region	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Peel Region	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Peterborough County-City	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Simcoe Muskoka District	1	0	0	0	0	1
	York Region	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL CENTRAL EAST	2	0	0	0	0	2
Toronto	Toronto	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL TORONTO	0	0	0	0	0	0
South West	Chatham-Kent	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Elgin-St. Thomas	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Grey Bruce	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Huron County	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Lambton County	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Middlesex-London	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Oxford County	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Perth District	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Windsor-Essex County	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL SOUTHWEST	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central West	Brant County	0	0	0	0	0	0
	City Of Hamilton	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Haldimand-Norfolk	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Halton Region	2	0	0	0	0	2
	Niagara Region	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Waterloo Region	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL CENTRAL WEST	2	0	0	0	0	2
	TOTAL ONTARIO	4	0	0	0	0	4

SOURCE: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted [06/01/2010].

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Table 4: Cumulative* confirmed cases of influenza by health unit & health region, excluding laboratory confirmed pandemic (H1N1) 2009, with an episode date[†] between September 1, 2009 – January 2, 2010

Region	Health Unit	Confirmed Influenza					
		Influenza A (no subtype /not subtyped)	Influenza A (Other)*	Influenza A (seasonal) [‡]	Influenza A & B	Influenza B	TOTAL Cumulative
North West	Northwestern	56	3	0	0	0	59
	Thunder Bay District	63	2	0	0	0	63
	TOTAL NORTH WEST	119	5	0	0	0	124
North East	Algoma	50	1	0	0	0	51
	North Bay Parry Sound District	59	2	0	0	0	61
	Porcupine	48	4	0	0	0	52
	Sudbury & District	74	2	0	0	0	76
	Timiskaming	9	1	0	0	0	10
	TOTAL NORTH EAST	240	10	0	0	0	250
Eastern	City of Ottawa	8	0	0	0	0	8
	Eastern Ontario	22	0	0	0	0	22
	Hastings & Prince Edward Counties	28	0	0	0	0	28
	Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington	35	0	0	0	0	35
	Leeds, Grenville And Lanark District	20	0	0	0	0	20
	Renfrew County And District	14	18	0	0	0	32
	TOTAL EASTERN	127	18	0	0	0	145
Central East	Durham Region	88	6	1	0	0	95
	Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge	34	2	0	0	0	36
	Peel Region	267	6	0	0	2	275
	Peterborough County-City	34	3	0	0	0	37
	Simcoe Muskoka District	143	4	0	0	0	147
	York Region	170	2	0	0	0	172
	TOTAL CENTRAL EAST	736	23	1	0	2	762
Toronto	Toronto	382	17	0	0	1	400
	TOTAL TORONTO	382	17	0	0	1	400
South West	Chatham-Kent	27	0	0	0	0	27
	Elgin-St. Thomas	24	0	0	0	0	24
	Grey Bruce	73	0	0	0	0	73
	Huron County	29	0	0	0	0	29
	Lambton County	26	0	0	0	0	26
	Middlesex-London	136	2	1	0	0	139
	Oxford County	25	5	0	0	0	30
	Perth District	15	0	0	0	2	17
	Windsor-Essex County	238	0	0	0	0	238
	TOTAL SOUTHWEST	593	7	1	0	2	603
Central West	Brant County	30	0	0	0	0	30
	City Of Hamilton	212	0	0	0	1	213
	Haldimand-Norfolk	25	1	0	0	0	26
	Halton Region	125	2	0	0	0	127
	Niagara Region	121	7	0	0	1	129
	Waterloo Region	119	0	1	0	0	120
	Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph	53	0	0	1	1	55
	TOTAL CENTRAL WEST	685	10	1	1	3	700
	TOTAL ONTARIO	2882	90	3	1	8	2984

SOURCE: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted [06/01/2010].

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NOTE: Data presented on deaths and hospitalizations includes cases reported up to January 6, 2010.

Deaths among pandemic (H1N1) 2009 virus cases, April 13, 2009 – January 6, 2010

A total of 121 deaths have been reported since April, with 21% (25) reported in wave 1 and 79% (96) in wave 2. Of the reported deaths, 78% (94) were hospitalized prior to death. Overall, cases that died ranged in age from 0 to 95 years and had a mean and median age of 52 and 55 years, respectively. Women accounted for slightly less than half of all cases that have died, with 44% of deaths occurring among women.

Mortality due to pH1N1 increased with increasing age, with people in the 45-64 and in the 65 and older age groups accounting for the highest mortality rates. These rates were significantly higher than the overall provincial rate. A similar trend was observed for both waves one and two.

The mean and median days from symptom onset to death were 18.6 and 14 days, respectively, in Wave 1. The mean and median days from symptom onset to death were 9.8 and 9 days, respectively, in Wave 2. The statistics for Wave 2 must be interpreted with caution as they will continue to change as more information becomes available. Among the 121 confirmed cases that have died, 102 (84%) had underlying chronic medical conditions reported, compared to 92% (23) of wave 1 cases and 82% (79) of wave 2 cases. Reporting of underlying chronic medical conditions may be incomplete for wave 2 cases due to delays in data entry.

Hospitalizations among pandemic (H1N1) 2009 virus cases, April 13, 2009 – January 6, 2010

A total of 1,803 hospitalizations have been reported, with 22% (392) reported in wave 1 and 78% (1,411) reported in wave 2. The cumulative hospitalization rate of pH1N1 related hospitalizations is 14.0 hospitalizations per 100,000 population. In general, the hospitalization rate of pH1N1 cases decreased with increasing age, with persons in the three youngest age ranges (under 15 years) accounting for the highest hospitalization rates. Persons aged 15 years and older had lower hospitalization rates which were all below the overall provincial hospitalization rate for pH1N1. A similar trend was observed for wave one and wave two cases. Hospitalized cases under the age of 20 years account for 48% of hospitalized cases in wave 1 and 44% of hospitalized cases in wave 2.

Admission to ICU and/or use of a ventilator was reported for 20% (80) of wave one cases and 18% (261) of wave 2 cases; Overall, 19% (341) of hospitalizations have been admitted to ICU and/or placed on a ventilator. Fever, cough, shortness of breath, vomiting, malaise, myalgia and sore throat/difficulty swallowing have been the most commonly reported symptoms among hospitalized cases. The mean and median days from symptom onset to hospitalization were 2.7 and 2 days, respectively, in Wave 1. The mean and median days from symptom onset to hospitalization were 2.2 and 2 days, respectively, in Wave 2.

Table 5. Overview of key surveillance indicators among fatal and hospitalized cases in Ontario*

Surveillance Indicators	Wave 2 (Sep 1, 2009 – Jan 6, 2010)	Wave 1 (Apr, 2009 - Aug 31, 2009)	Total (Apr, 2009 - Jan 6, 2010)
Number of deaths	96 (79%)	25 (21%)	121 (100%)
Number of hospitalizations	1411 (78%)	392 (22%)	1,803 (100%)
Hospitalization status			
Discharged	90% (1274)	97% (381)	92% (1,656)
Currently hospitalized	10% (137)	3% (10)	8% (147)
Length of hospital stay (days)**			
Mean	5	7	5
Median	3	4	3
Range	0-106	0-127	0-127

Source: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted at 8:30 am [06/01/2010]

Note: Cases that were hospitalized or that have died are not mutually exclusive.

* 27 fatal cases were not hospitalized before death;

**Mean and Median LOS excludes those outside of the 95th percentile.

Table 6. Hospitalizations among confirmed cases of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 in Ontario, April 13, 2009 – January 6, 2010

Hospitalization Status	Ventilator and/or ICU	Not in ICU and not on ventilator	Number of cases hospitalized to date
Number Currently Hospitalized	51 (35%)	96 (65%)	147 (100%)
Number Hospitalized and Discharged	290 (18%)	1366 (82%)	1656 (100%)
Total Hospitalized to date	341 (19%)	1462 (81%)	1803 (100%)

Source: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted at 8:30 am [06/01/2010]

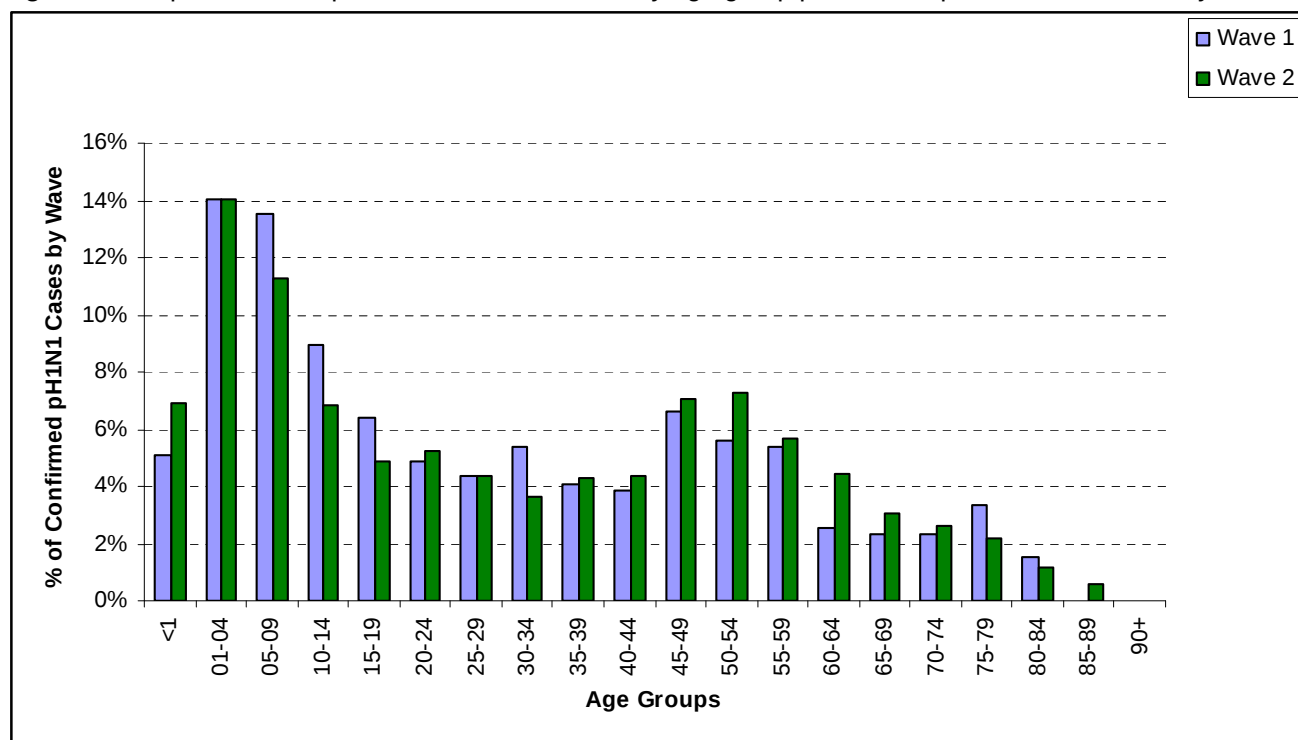
Table 7. Incidence of hospitalization and death due to pandemic (H1N1) 2009 in Ontario, April 13, 2009 – January 6, 2010

Age Group	Hospitalizations	Rate/100,000	Deaths	Rate/100,000
<1	118	88.07	1	0.75
1-4	253	46.32	1	0.18
5-14	343	22.22	5	0.32
15-24	187	10.69	10	0.57
25-44	305	8.14	18	0.48
45-64	425	12.23	55	1.58
65+	172	9.96	31	1.79
TOTAL	1803	13.96	121	0.94

Source (incidence): Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted at 8:30 am [06/01/2010]

Source (incidence): Ontario population projections for 2008: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Public Health Planning Database (PHPDB), extracted [12/02/2009]

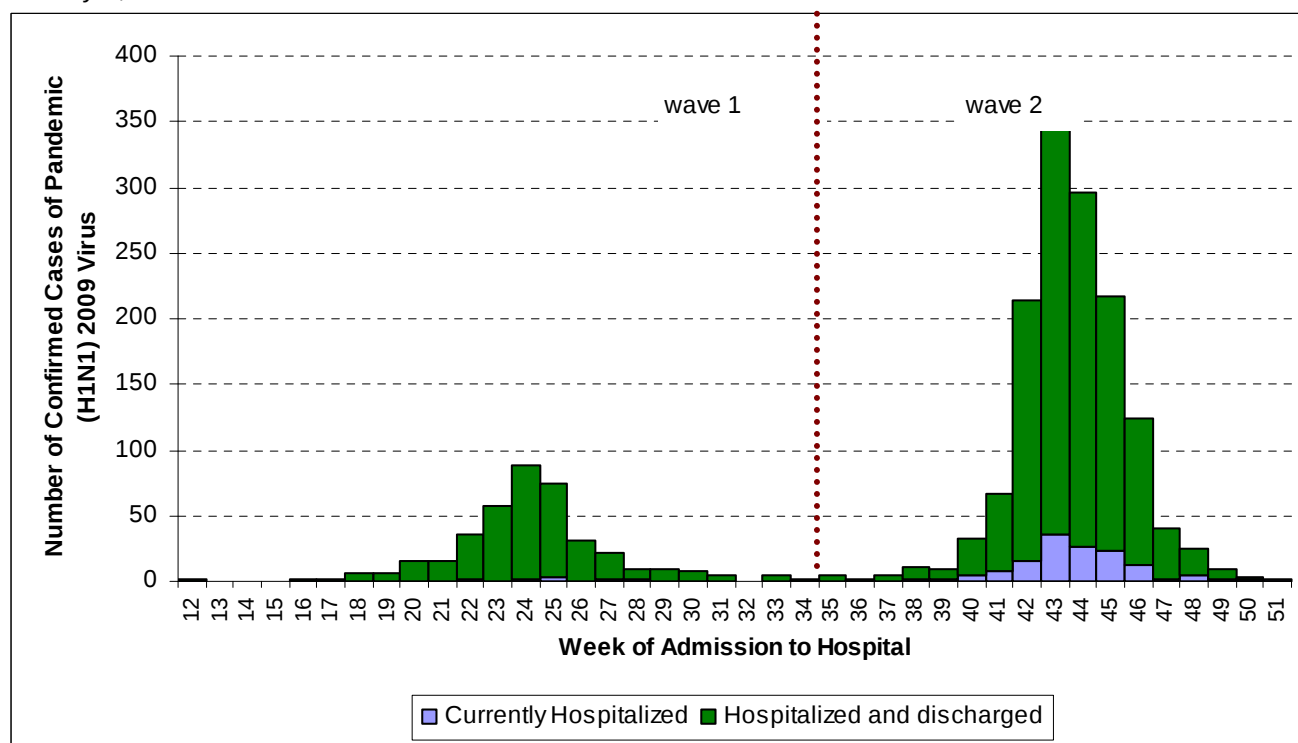
Figure 4: Proportion of hospitalized cases in Ontario by age group per wave, April 13, 2009 – January 6, 2010



Note: This figure was not updated for this week

Source: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted at 8:30 am [06/01/2010]

Figure 5: Hospitalized cases of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 by hospital admission week in Ontario, April 13, 2009 – January 6, 2010*



Source: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted at 8:30 am [06/01/2010]

Note: Interpret tail with caution due to reporting lags, changes in lab testing, case identification and data entry.

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Influenza Subtype(s):

During week 51 & 52, a total of 4380 results of isolate testing were received by the Public Health Agency of Canada, with 67 testing positive for influenza A and one positive for influenza B. 14 of the reported influenza A isolates were from Manitoba (20.9%), 13 were from Ontario (19.4%), 11 were from British Columbia (16.4%), and 10 each were from Alberta and Quebec (14.9%). One of Quebec's influenza A isolates was a seasonal H3 isolate for week 52*.

(Antigenic Characterization and Antiviral Resistance data are current as of January 7, 2010)

Antigenic Characterization (National):

Since September 1, 2009, National Microbiology Laboratory (NML) has antigenically characterized 595 pandemic H1N1 viruses and eight seasonal influenza viruses (two A/H1N1, five H3N2 and one B virus) that were received from Canadian laboratories.

Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1):

Among the 595 pandemic influenza A (H1N1) viruses characterized, 591 (99.3%) were antigenically related to A/California/7/2009, which is the pandemic reference virus selected by WHO as a potential candidate for 2009 influenza A (H1N1) vaccine. Four viruses (0.7%) tested showed reduced titer with antisera produced against A/California/7/2009.

Seasonal Influenza A (H1N1):

Two seasonal influenza A/H1N1 viruses characterized were related to A/Brisbane/59/2007, which is the influenza A/H1N1 component for the 2009-2010 influenza vaccine.

Seasonal Influenza A (H3N2):

Of the five H3N2 viruses, one seasonal influenza A (H3N2) virus characterized was related to A/Brisbane/10/2007, which is the influenza A/H3N2 component recommended for the 2009-10 influenza vaccine. Four viruses were antigenically related to A/Perth/16/2009, which is the WHO recommended influenza A (H3N2) component for the 2010 Southern Hemisphere vaccine formulation.

Influenza B:

The one influenza B virus characterized was antigenically related to B/Brisbane/60/2008, which is the recommended influenza B component for the 2009-2010 influenza vaccine.

Antigenic Characterization (Provincial):

The National Microbiology Laboratory (NML) has antigenically characterized the following strains from Ontario: 266 influenza A/California/07/2009-like and 1 influenza B/Brisbane/60/2008-like.

Antiviral Resistance and Sensitivity (National):

a) Amantadine

Eighteen seasonal influenza A viruses (three H1N1 and 15 H3N2) and 783 pandemic H1N1 viruses were tested for resistance to amantadine and found that one H1N1 virus, all 15 H3N2 viruses and all 783 pandemic H1N1 viruses were resistant. Two seasonal H1N1 viruses were sensitive to amantadine.

b) Oseltamivir:

Eleven seasonal influenza viruses (three H1N1, seven H3N2 and one B) and 705 pandemic H1N1 viruses were tested for resistance to oseltamivir. Three seasonal H1N1 isolates were resistant to oseltamivir. Of the 705 pandemic H1N1 viruses tested, 696 were sensitive to oseltamivir and nine pH1N1 isolates were resistant to oseltamivir with the H275Y mutation. Eight of the nine resistant cases were associated with oseltamivir treatment. The seven H3N2 viruses and one B virus were sensitive to oseltamivir.

c) Zanamivir:

Ten seasonal influenza viruses (two H1N1, seven H3N2 and one B) and 758 pandemic H1N1 viruses were tested for resistance to zanamivir. All ten seasonal influenza viruses and all 758 pandemic H1N1 viruses were sensitive to zanamivir.

Antiviral Resistance and Sensitivity (Provincial):

a) Amantadine:

Of the 284 pH1N1 isolates tested, all were resistant to amantadine. Two H3N2 isolates were also resistant to amantadine.[†]

b) Oseltamivir

Of the 257 influenza Ontario pH1N1 isolates tested at NML, 5 were resistant to oseltamivir. Of 745 Ontario isolates tested provincially by the OAHPP 15, representing 5 patients, were resistant to oseltamivir.[‡]

c) Zanamivir

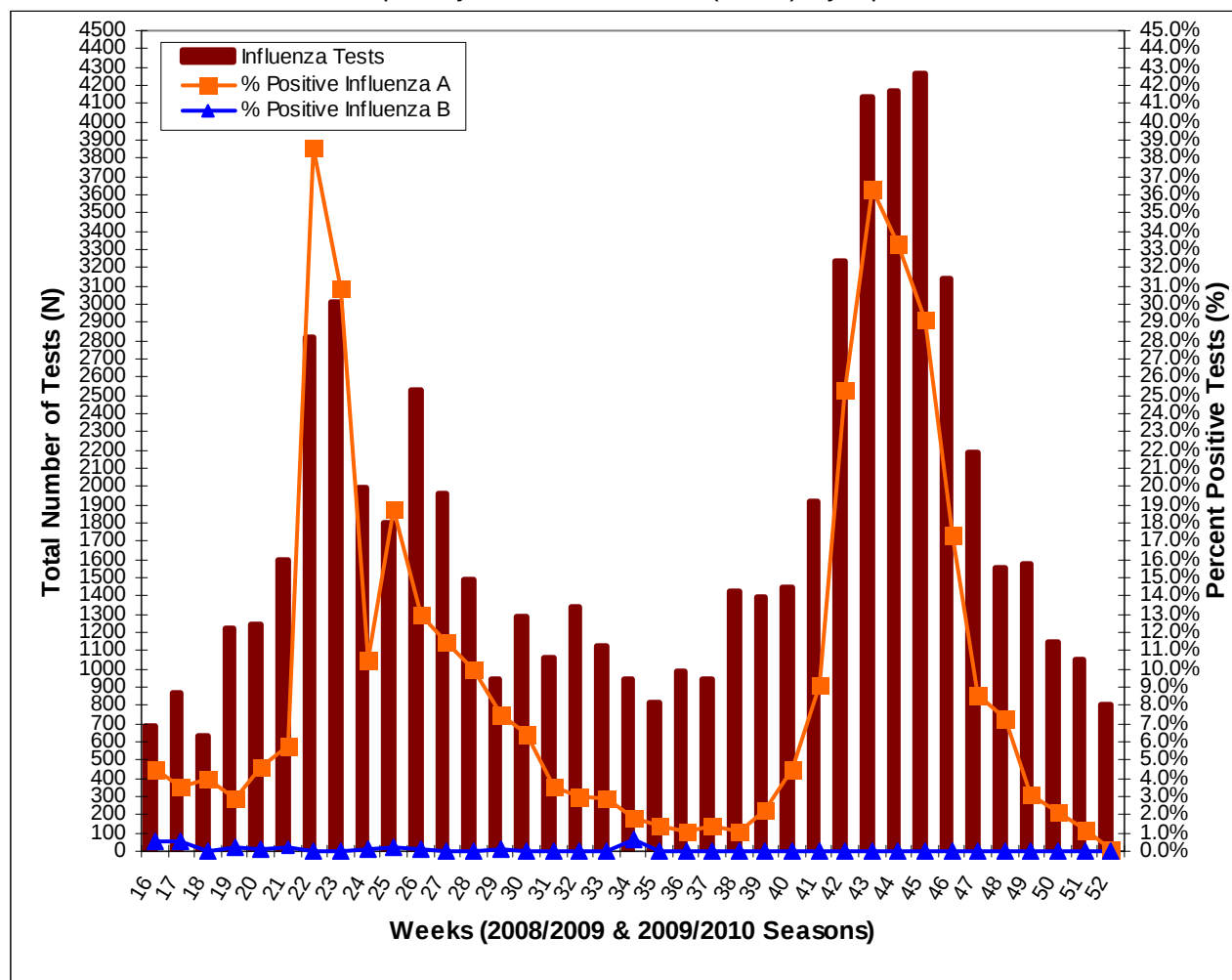
All 277 isolates tested were sensitive to zanamivir.

The influenza B isolate was sensitive to oseltamivir and zanamivir.

* These data have been obtained from the Respiratory Virus Detection tables of Public Health Agency of Canada and do not include data from late reports to PHAC: Week 52, 2009. Please note that the last version received from PHAC as of 4:00PM on January 6, 2010 was used.

[†] These data have been obtained from the National Microbiology Laboratory of the Public Health Agency of Canada as of January 7, 2010.

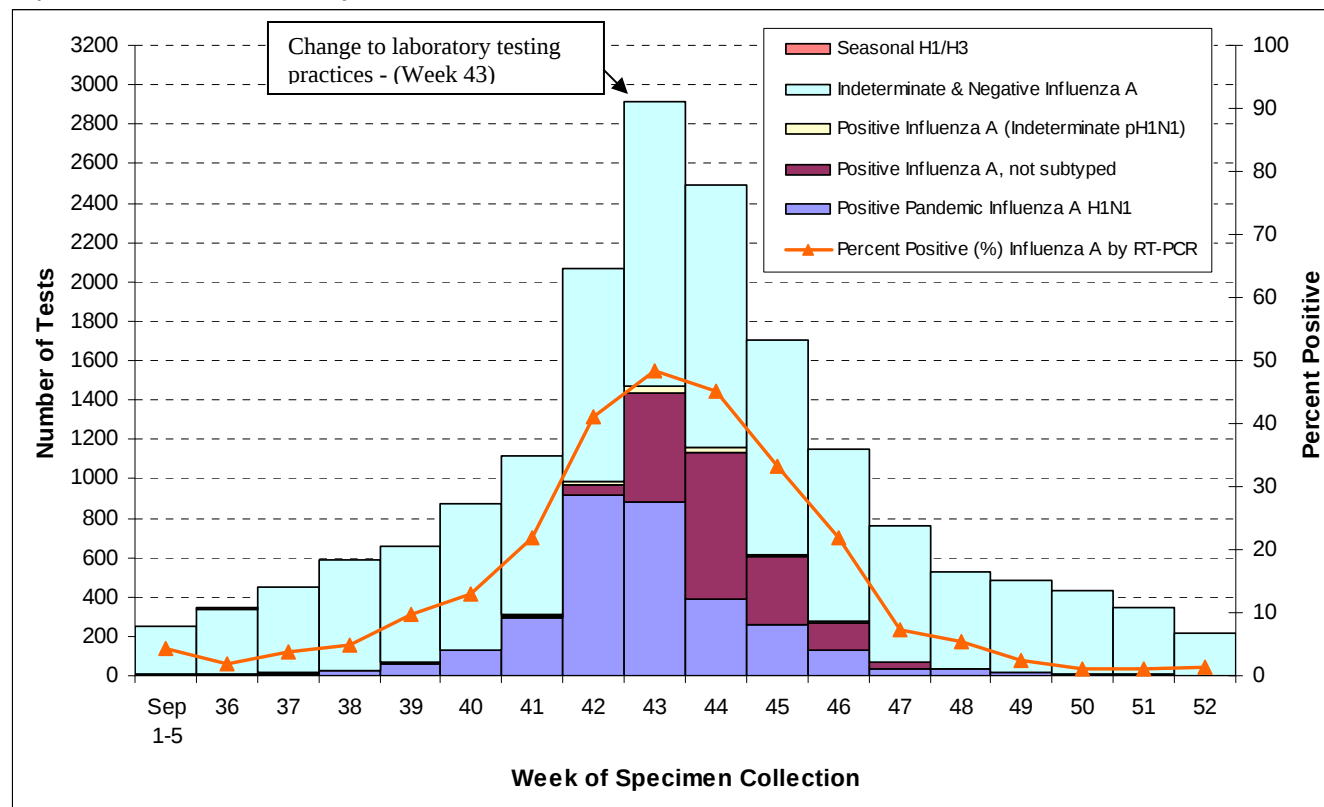
[‡] OAHPP – Laboratory Pandemic H1N1 Surveillance Report – January 4, 2010

Figure 6: Total number of influenza tests performed and percent of positive tests in Ontario reported to the Centre for Immunization and Respiratory Infectious Diseases (CIRID), by report week*.

Source: Public Health Agency of Canada. These data have been obtained from the Respiratory Virus Detection tables of Public Health Agency of Canada from 17 labs in Ontario and do not include data from late reports to PHAC for the current season: Weeks 51 & 52, 2009. Please note that the last version received from PHAC as of 4:00PM on January 6, 2010 was used.

* Total numbers reported include late reports from previous seasons; therefore totals may not be equal to the sum of the weekly numbers.

Note: Cumulative numbers for season to date are available through FluWatch: <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/fluwatch/>

Figure 6a: Total number of influenza tests performed and percent of positive tests in Ontario conducted by the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion Laboratory – Toronto, by specimen collection week September 1, 2009 – January 2, 2010

Source: Adapted from Table 1 in the "OAHPP Laboratory Pandemic H1N1 Surveillance Report"; Monday, January 4, 2010

Note: Not all cases with specimens collected during week 52 are included in this summary due to the lag in time from the date of specimen collection to the date the final test result is confirmed.

Note: Beginning on Week 43, subtyping will be only performed on 20% of influenza A positive tests, in addition to all intensive care patients and outbreak samples.

Table 8: Summary of Other Respiratory Virus Detections/Isolations in Ontario in Week 51 & 52

Organism Name	Number of Positive Tests	Number of Tests	% Positive
Respiratory Syncytial Virus	103	1029	10.01
Parainfluenza (all types)	21	990	2.12
Adenovirus	14	990	1.41
Human Metapneumovirus	5	317	1.58

SOURCE: These data have been obtained from the Respiratory Virus Detection tables of Public Health Agency of Canada from 17 labs in Ontario and do not include data from late reports to PHAC: Weeks 51 & 52, 2009. Please note that the last version received from PHAC as of 4:00PM on January 6, 2010 was used.

Table 9: Institutional respiratory infection outbreaks in Ontario: new outbreaks* in Weeks 51 & 52 and total outbreaks for the season**

Institutional Respiratory Infection Outbreaks		
New Outbreaks*	N	% (of outbreaks)
Influenza A (All subtypes)	0	0.0
Influenza B	0	0.0
Influenza A and B	0	0.0
Parainfluenza (All types)	0	0.0
RSV	0	0.0
Other organisms	0	0.0
No organism identified	8	100.0
TOTAL	8	100.0
Total Respiratory Infection Outbreaks of the Season to date**	N	% (of outbreaks)
Influenza A	55	24.4
Influenza B	0	0.0
Influenza A and B	0	0.0
Parainfluenza (All types)	4	1.8
RSV	2	0.9
Combined Outbreaks [†]	5	2.2
Other organisms	80	35.6
No organism identified	79	35.1
TOTAL	225	100.0
Types of Institutions – All Outbreaks **	N	% (of outbreaks)
Long-Term Care Homes	129	57.3
Hospitals	18	8.0
Retirement Homes	15	6.7
Other	10	4.4
Unknown	53	23.6
TOTAL	225	100.0
	N	% (of outbreaks)
New Outbreaks – Pandemic (H1N1) 2009*	0	0.0
Total pH1N1 2009 Infection Outbreaks of the Season to date**	44	100.0
Types of Institutions (pH1N1 Outbreaks)	N	% (of outbreaks)
Long-Term Care Homes	8	18.2
Hospitals	14	31.8
Retirement Homes	3	6.8
Other	4	9.1
Unknown	15	34.1
TOTAL	44	100.0

SOURCE: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted [06/01/2010]

* New outbreaks are those in which the date of onset of illness in the first case occurred and recorded through iPHIS in the current surveillance period; i.e. December 20, 2009 – January 2, 2010

** Season to date includes all outbreaks in which the date of onset of illness in the first case occurred up to Week 52. For pH1N1 note that there have been 4 outbreaks between April 13, 2009 and August 31, 2009 - 2 in LTCHs and 2 in Hospitals.

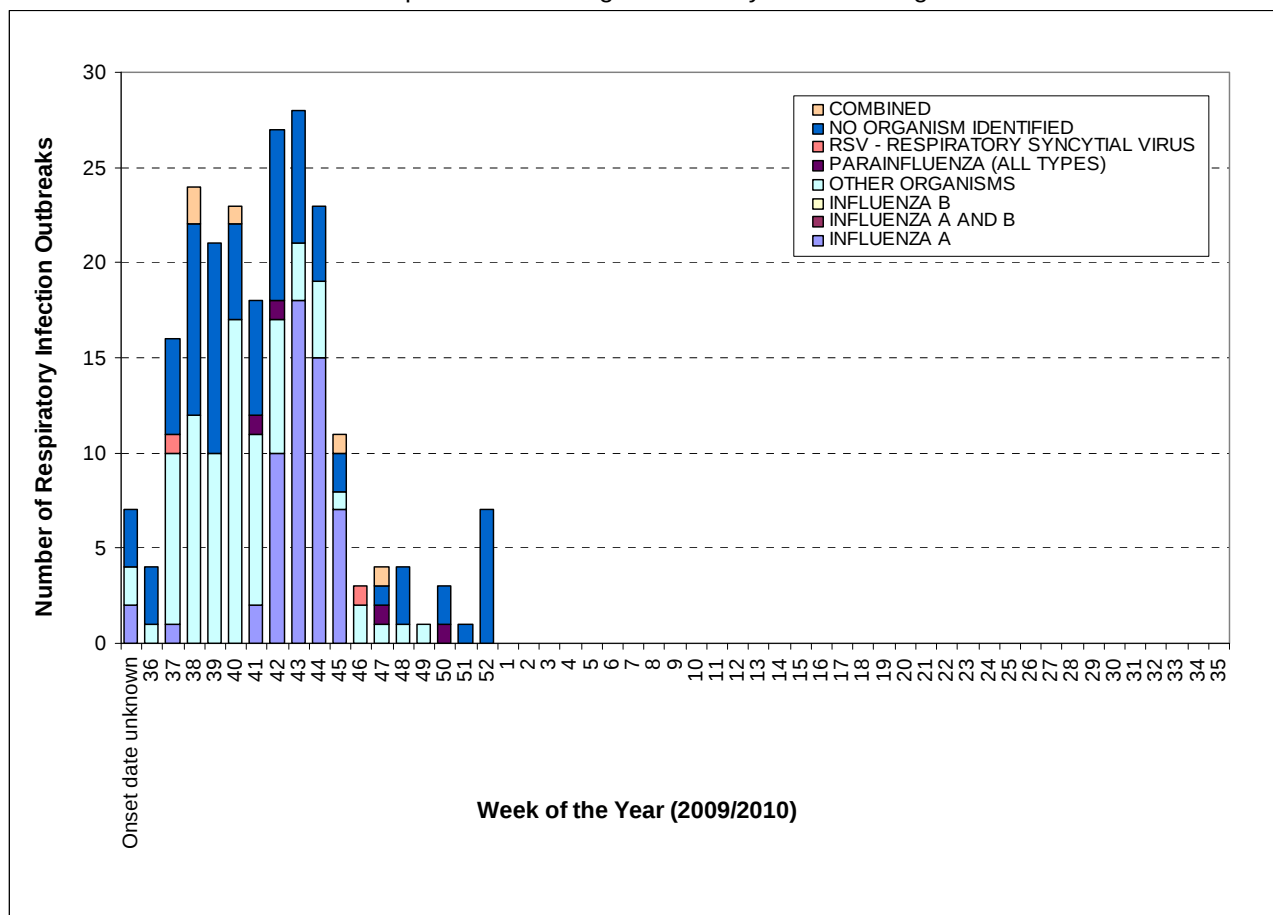
[†] Combined outbreaks include outbreaks in which more than one non-influenza organism has been identified (e.g. RSV, parainfluenza, rhinovirus, etc.)

Table 10: Outbreak Related Complications in institutional respiratory infection outbreaks in Ontario during the Surveillance Season*

Outbreak Related Cases – All Outbreaks	N	% (of total cases)
Residents	2196	66.1
Patients	157	4.7
Staff	967	29.1
Total Cases	3320	100.0
Deaths		% (of cases per role)
Residents	62	2.8
Patients	2	1.3
Staff	0	0.0
Pneumonia (Chest x-ray confirmed)		% (of cases per role)
Residents	60	2.7
Patients	8	5.1
Staff	0	0.0
Hospitalizations		% (of cases per role)
Residents	97	4.4
Staff	0	0.0
Outbreak Related Cases – All Influenza Outbreaks	N	% (of total cases)
Residents	270	53.5
Patients	68	13.5
Staff	167	33.1
Total Cases	505	100.0
Deaths		% (of cases per role)
Residents	19	7.1
Patients	1	0.4
Staff	0	0.0
Pneumonia (Chest x-ray confirmed)		% (of cases per role)
Residents	6	2.2
Patients	4	1.5
Staff	0	0.0
Hospitalizations		% (of cases per role)
Residents	30	11.1
Staff	0	0.0
Outbreak Related Cases – Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Outbreaks	N	% (of total cases)
Residents	180	46.5
Patients	58	15.0
Staff	149	38.5
Total Cases	387	100.0
Deaths		% (of cases per role)
Residents	19	10.6
Patients	1	1.7
Staff	0	0.0
Pneumonia (Chest x-ray confirmed)		% (of cases per role)
Residents	5	2.8
Patients	4	6.9
Staff	0	0.0
Hospitalizations		% (of cases per role)
Residents	28	15.6
Staff	0	0.0

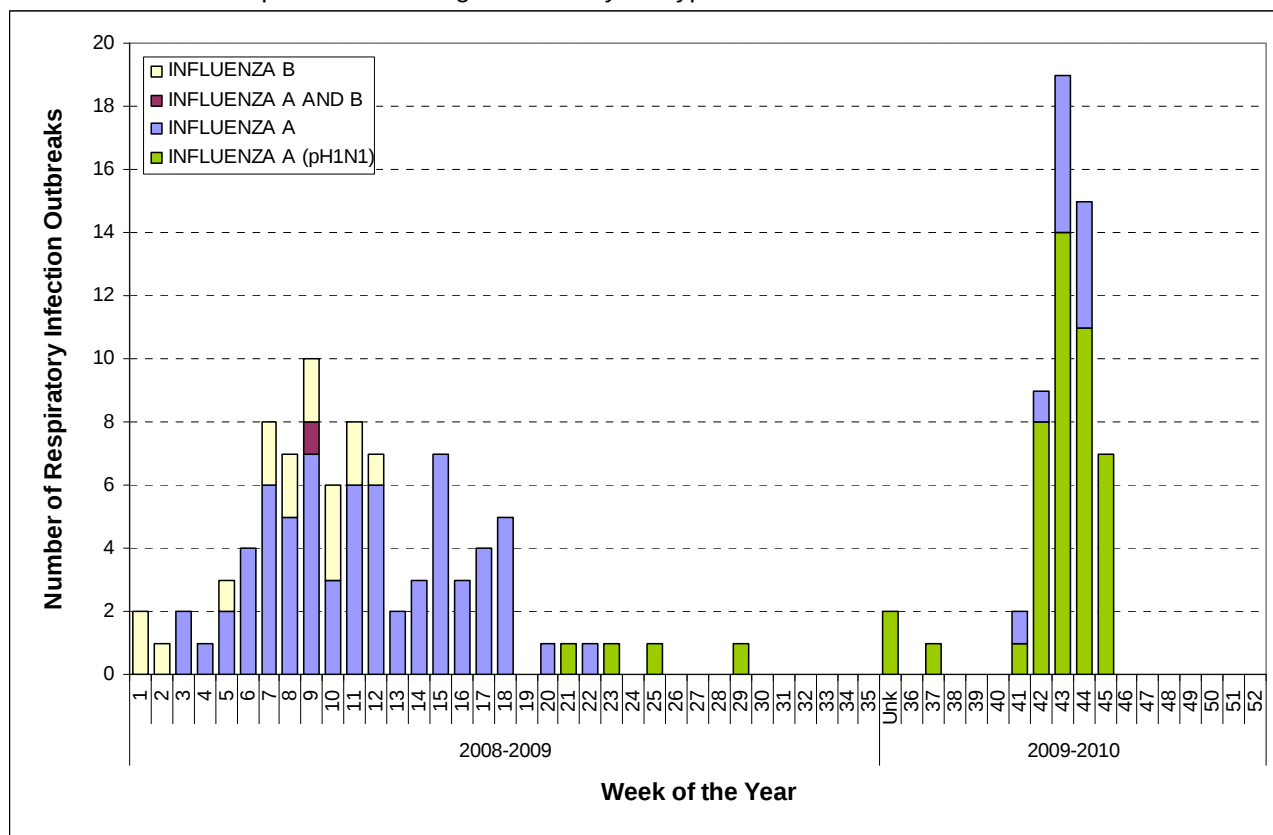
SOURCE: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted [06/01/2010]

Figure 8: Institutional respiratory infection outbreaks in Ontario by onset of illness in the first case: Total Outbreaks up to and including Week 52 by causative organism



Source: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted [06/01/2010]

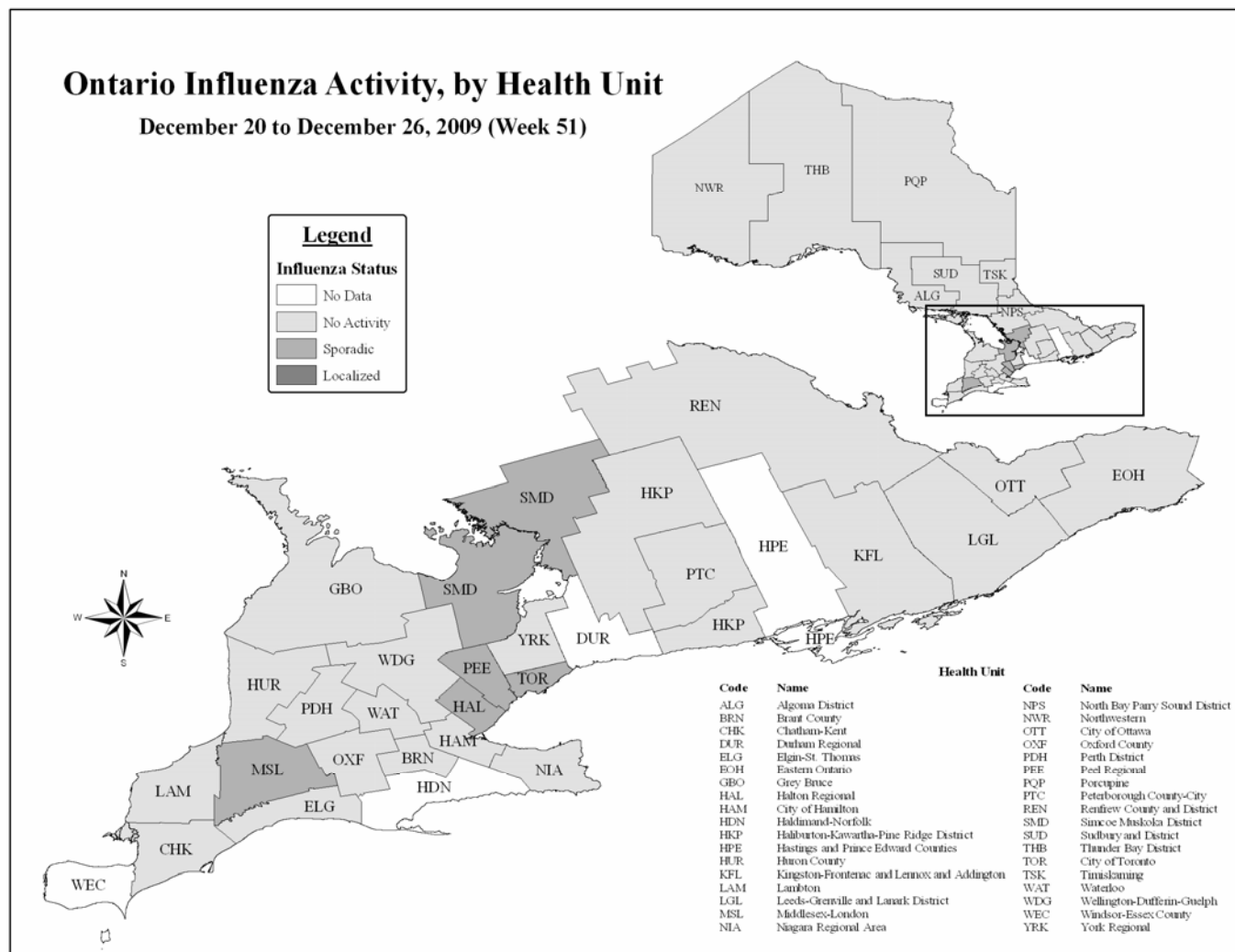
Figure 9: Institutional influenza outbreaks in Ontario by onset of illness in the first case: Total outbreaks up to and including Week 52 by subtype*



Source: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted [06/01/2010]

*School outbreaks are not included in this chart.

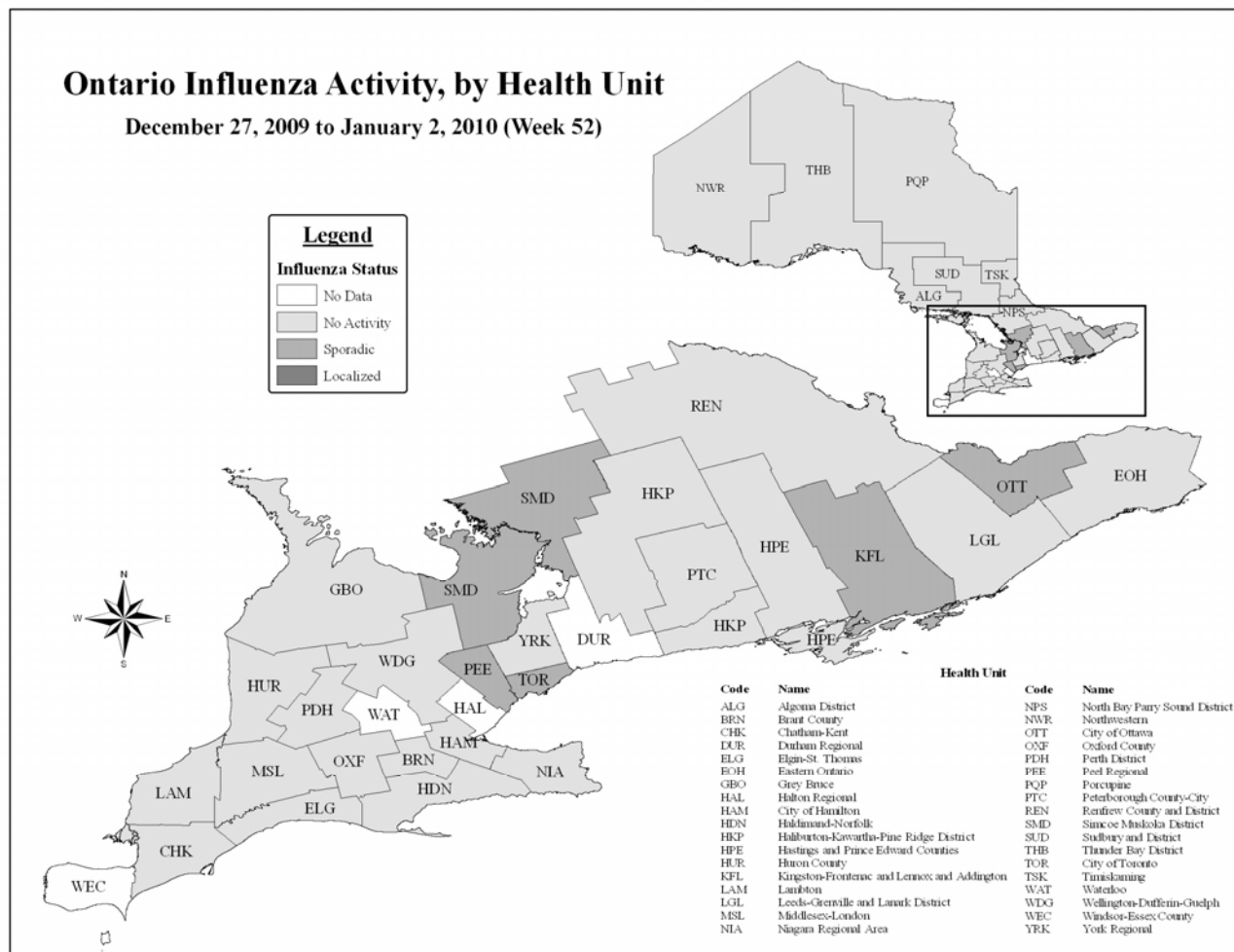
Figure 10a: Influenza Activity* levels in Ontario by health unit for Week 51, 2009



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

* Influenza activity levels are assigned by local public health units and reported to the MOHLTC by the Tuesday following the end of the surveillance week at 4 pm. Activity levels are assigned based on laboratory confirmations, ILI reports from various sources, and laboratory confirmed institutional outbreaks. Please refer to detailed definitions for the 2009-2010 season included in the Appendix-1]

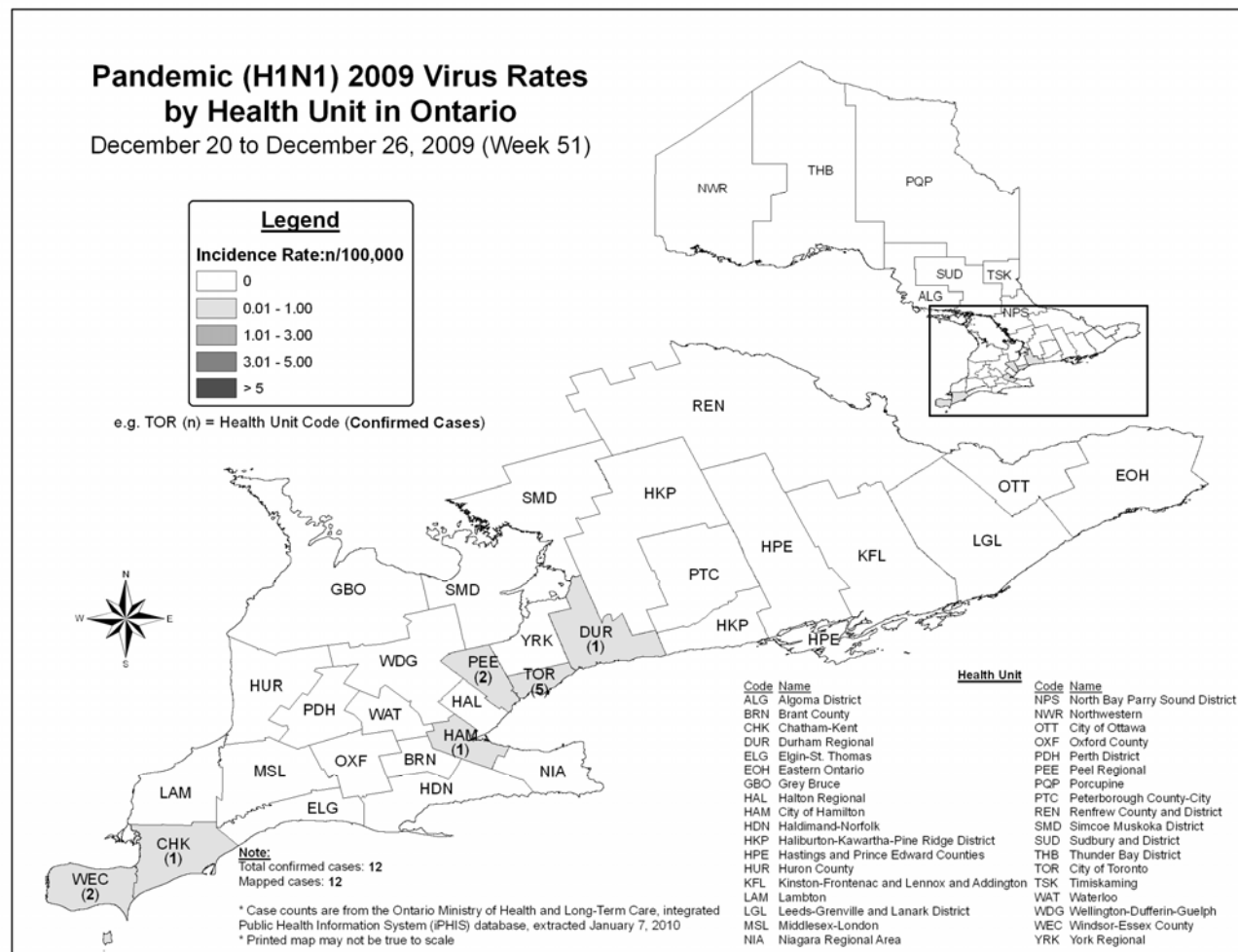
Figure 10b: Influenza Activity* levels in Ontario by health unit for Week 52, 2009



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

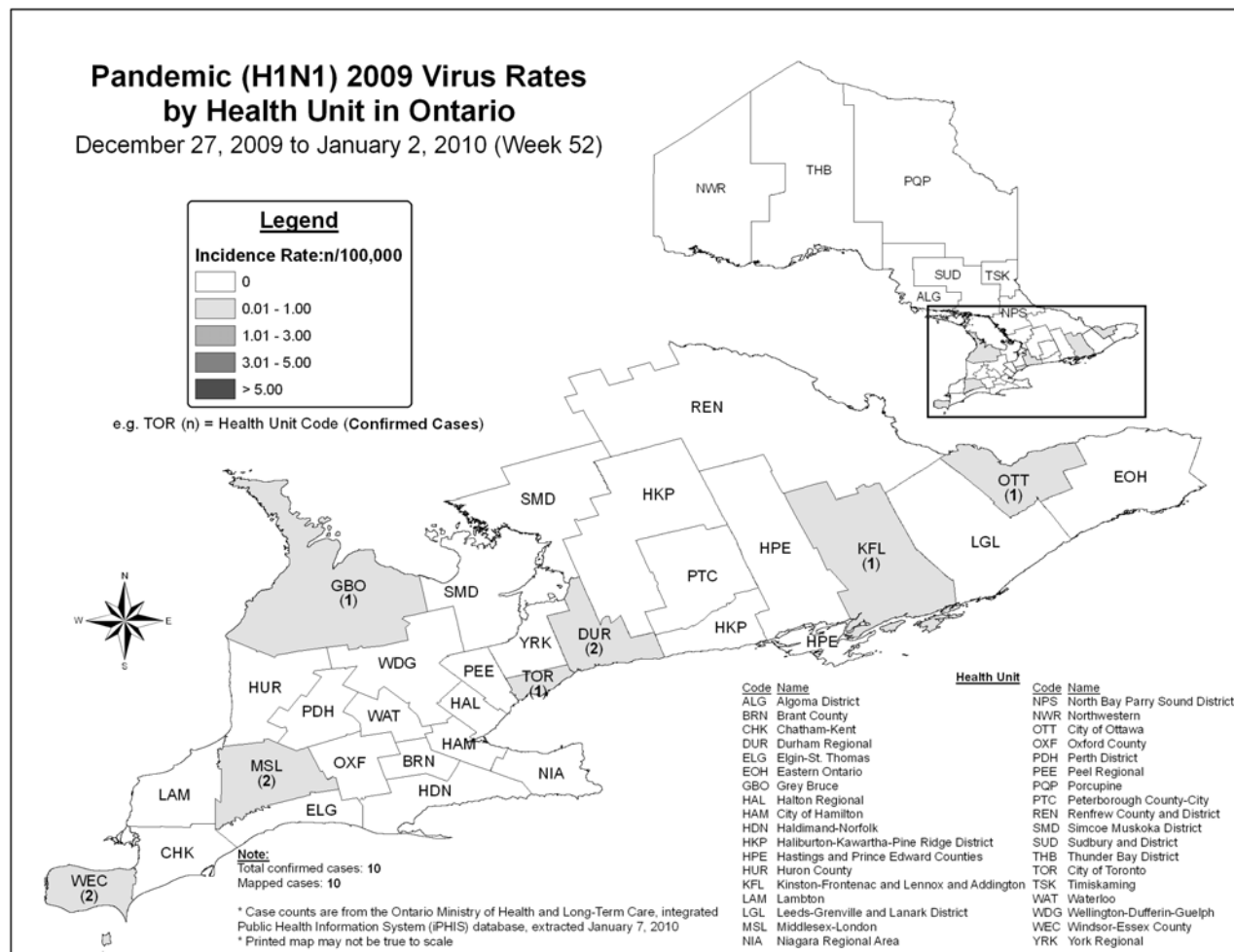
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Figure 11: Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Virus incidence rates and counts in Ontario by health unit for Week 51, 2009



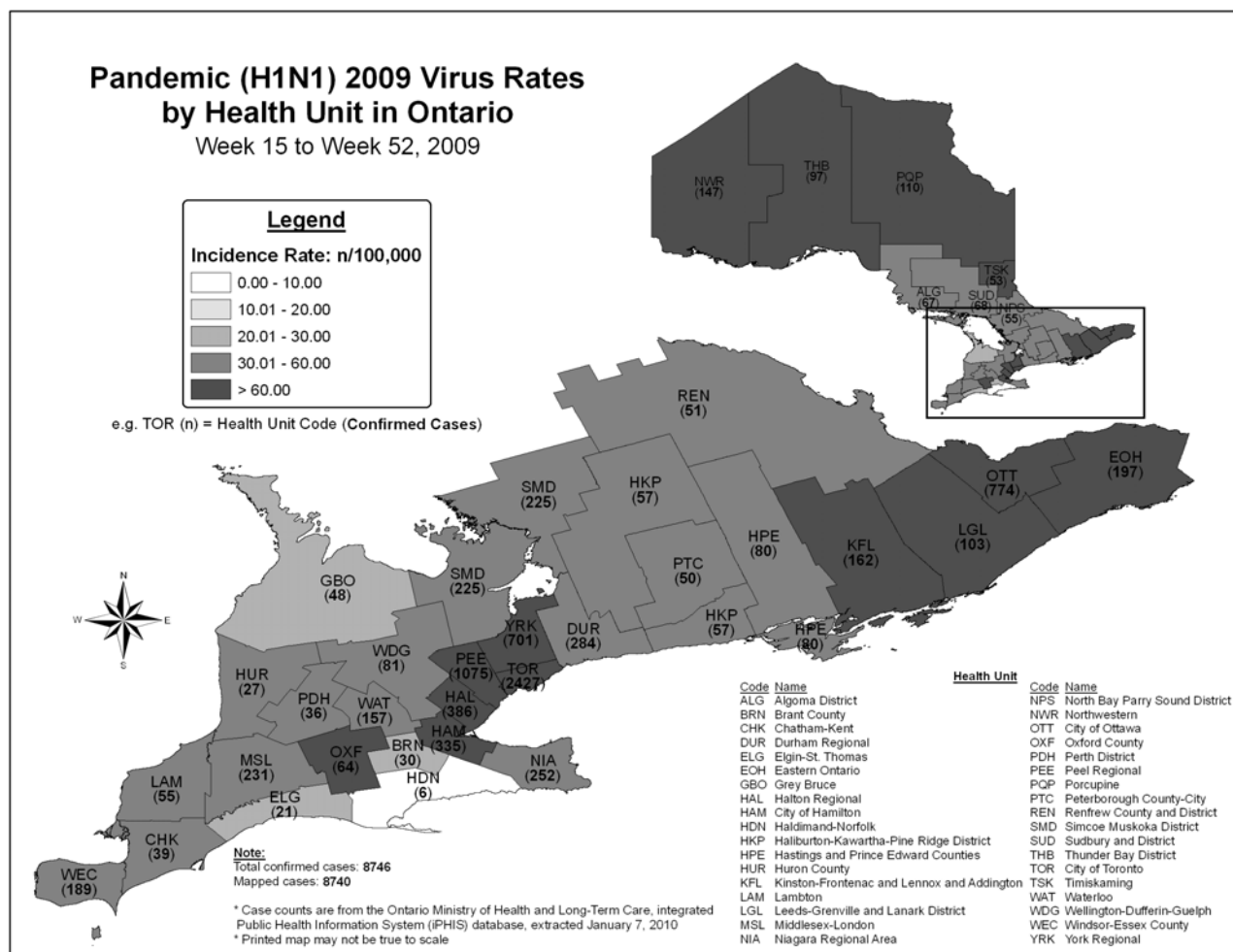
Source: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted [06/01/2010]

Figure 11a: Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Virus incidence rates and counts in Ontario by health unit for Week 52, 2009



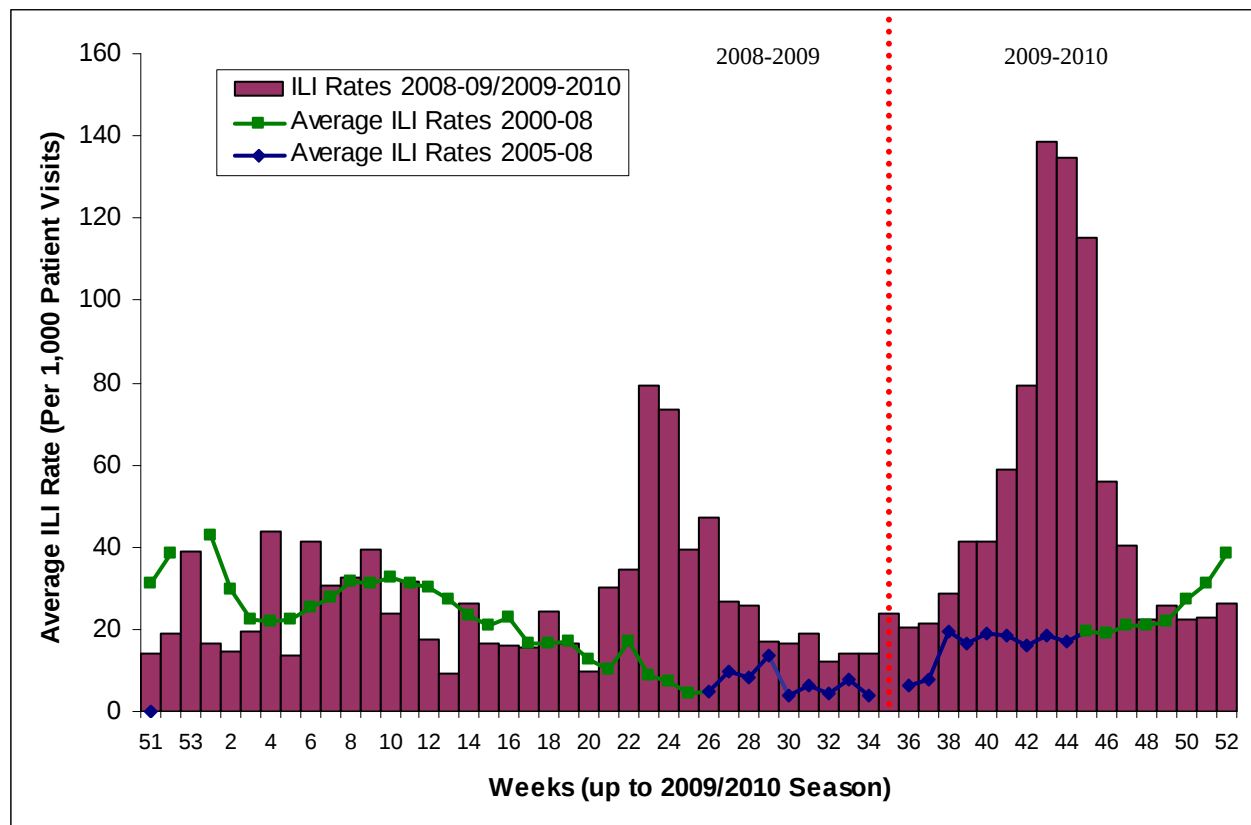
Source: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, extracted [06/01/2010]

Figure 12: Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Virus cumulative incidence rates and counts in Ontario by health unit, Week 15 – 52 (April 12 – January 2, 2010)



Source: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, integrated Public Health Information System (IPHIS) database, extracted [06/01/2010]

Figure 13: Average influenza-like illness (ILI) consultation rate (per 1,000 patient visits) reported by sentinel physicians* in Ontario up to the 2009-10 surveillance season, by report week, compared to Ontario average† (1999/2000 to 2007/08 seasons).



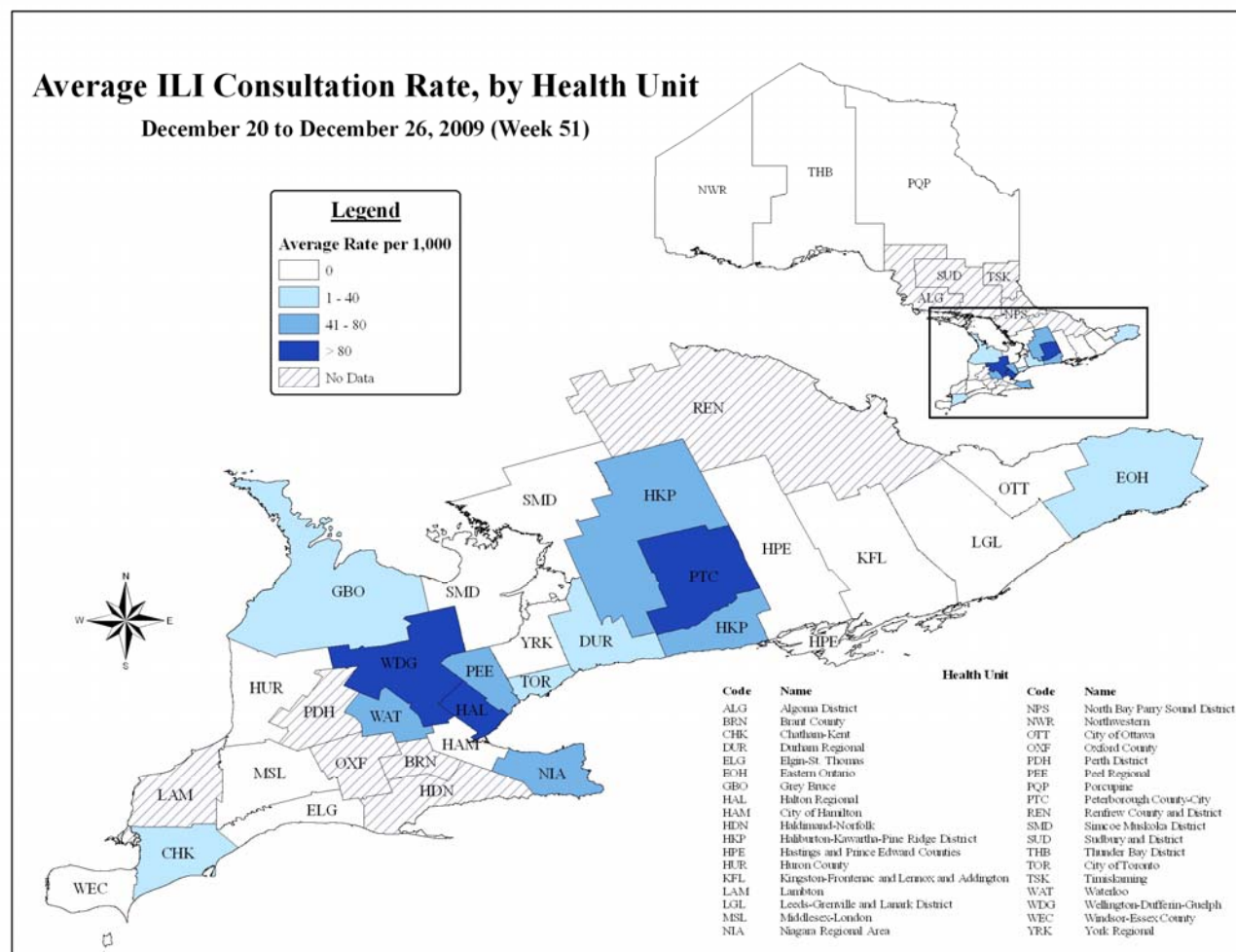
Source: Public Health Agency of Canada

* Sentinel physician information is reported to Public Health Agency of Canada, 71 sentinels each reported in both week 51 and 52.

† No data available for mean rate in previous years for weeks 21 to 39 (1999-2000 through 2004-2005 seasons). During weeks 20-39, 2002-2003/2004-2005 seasons, ILI is reported once every two weeks, on even weeks only.

Since Week 23, 2009, the number of sentinel physicians has increased, which might affect ILI rate starting from week 23.

Figure 14a: Average influenza-like illness consultation rate (per 1,000 patient visits) by health unit as reported by sentinel physicians* in Ontario, for Week 51.



Source: Public Health Agency of Canada

* Sentinel physicians report ILI and patient data to the Public Health Agency of Canada; 71 sentinels reported this week of which all were matched to a health unit and represented in the above map.

Note: The small numbers of sentinel physicians reporting at the local level can make the ILI rates unstable. Please interpret these data correspondingly.

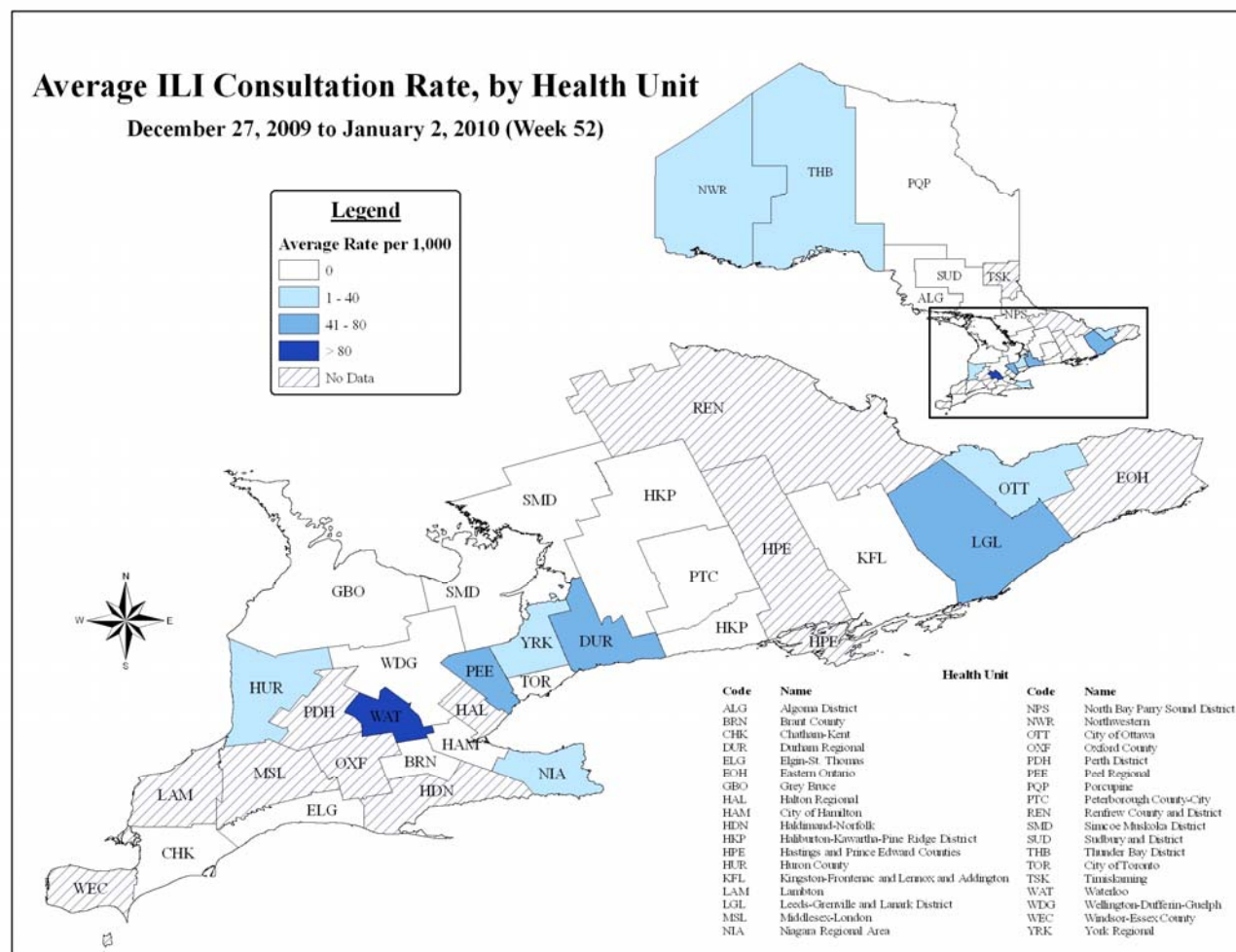
Table 11: Average influenza-like illness consultation rate (per 1,000 patient visits) by age group as reported by sentinel physicians* in Ontario, for Week 51.

Age Category	0 – 4	5 – 19	20 – 64	65 +	Unknown	TOTAL
ILI Sum	5	8	22	6	0	41
ILI Consultation Rate (per 1,000 patient visits)	36.76	37.21	20.89	15.46	0.00	22.88

Source: Public Health Agency of Canada

* Sentinel physician information is reported to the Public Health Agency of Canada; 71 sentinels reported this week.

Figure 14b: Average influenza-like illness consultation rate (per 1,000 patient visits) by health unit as reported by sentinel physicians* in Ontario, for Week 52.



Source: Public Health Agency of Canada

* Sentinel physicians report ILI and patient data to the Public Health Agency of Canada; 71 sentinels reported this week of which all were matched to a health unit and represented in the above map.

Note: The small numbers of sentinel physicians reporting at the local level can make the ILI rates unstable. Please interpret these data correspondingly.

Table 11: Average influenza-like illness consultation rate (per 1,000 patient visits) by age group as reported by sentinel physicians* in Ontario, for Week 52.

Age Category	0 – 4	5 – 19	20 – 64	65 +	Unknown	TOTAL
ILI Sum	10	9	15	5	0	39
ILI Consultation Rate (per 1,000 patient visits)	80.00	61.22	17.44	14.45	0.00	26.39

Source: Public Health Agency of Canada

* Sentinel physician information is reported to the Public Health Agency of Canada; 71 sentinels reported this week.

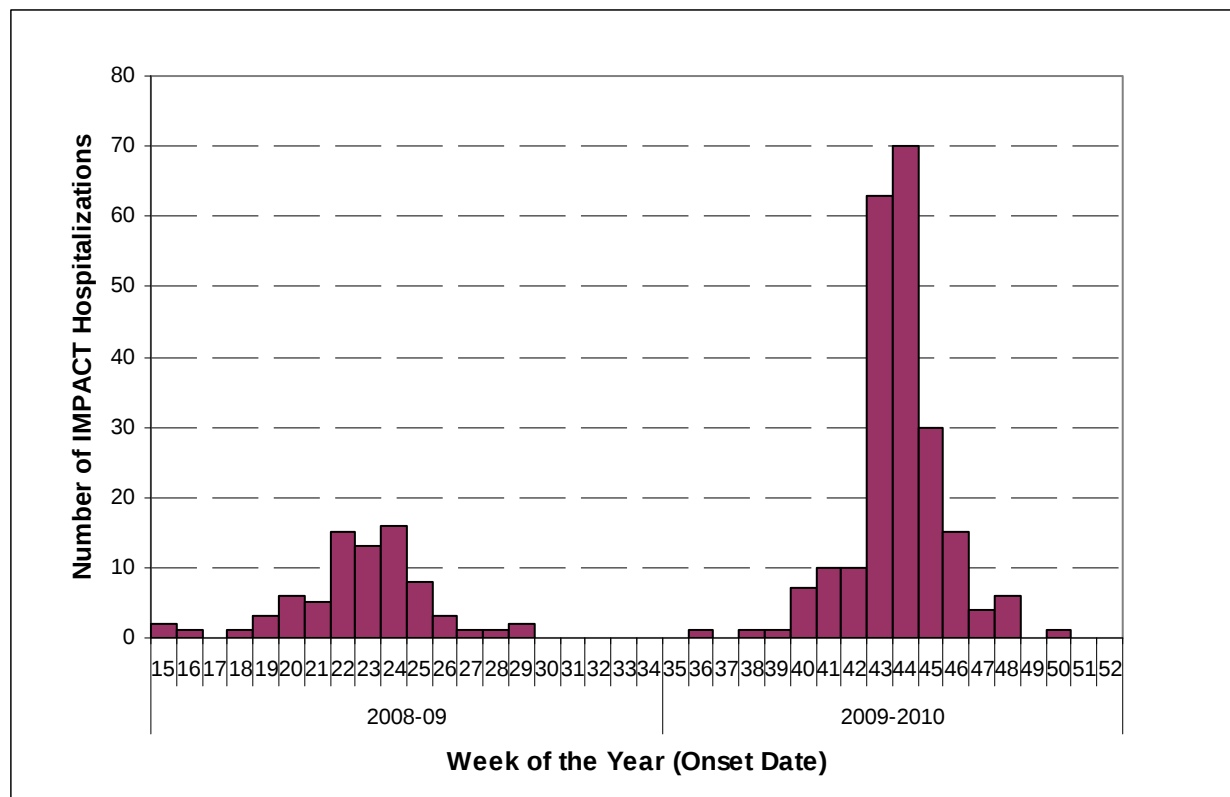
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Immunization Monitoring Program ACTive (IMPACT) is a paediatric hospital-based national active surveillance network for adverse events following immunization and selected infectious diseases in children, including influenza-associated pediatric hospitalizations and complements the [Canadian Adverse Event Following Immunization Surveillance System](#) (CAEFISS). It involves 12 Canadian centres, two of which are in Ontario (Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario in Ottawa and the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto).

Reports of adverse events following immunization are reported to the Vaccine Safety Unit at the Immunization Division of the Public Health Agency of Canada. Note that the number of IMPACT hospitalizations presented in this week's bulletin has been updated with the latest data received from PHAC.

Figure 15: Number of influenza A related hospitalizations in Ontario reported through IMPACT up to Week 52, by onset date.



Source: Public Health Agency of Canada

***Note:** The number of IMPACT hospitalizations presented reflect the latest data received at the time of publication, thus lower numbers of cases reported in recent weeks may be attributed in part to reporting delays.

Table 12: Number of RT-PCR & Multiplex test results by health unit and agent in Ontario by the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion Laboratory, for the period December 21, 2009 to December 25, 2009*

Health Unit	Results	Total Specimens Testing Positive
TORONTO	FLU A / RHINOVIRUS	1
WATERLOO	RHINOVIRUS	1
TIMISKAMING	PARAINFLUENZA 1	1
HALIBURTON	PARAINFLUENZA 1	1

Source: Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion, December 31, 2009

FURTHER INFORMATION

1. Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
Previous issues of the *Ontario Influenza Bulletin* can be accessed at:
http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/pubhealth/flu/flu_08/flubul_mn.html
2. Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion
OAHPP Weekly Laboratory Surveillance Update
<http://www.oahpp.ca/SRI%20Bulletin.php>
3. Public Health Agency of Canada
Issues of FluWatch can be accessed at:
www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/fluwatch/
4. United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivity.htm>
5. European Influenza Surveillance Scheme
http://www.eiss.org/cgi-files/bulletin_v2.cgi

INFORMATION ABOUT H1N1 INFLUENZA (HUMAN SWINE INFLUENZA)

1. CDC (Human swine flu investigation)
<http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/investigation.htm>
2. PHAC (Human swine flu investigation)
http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/alert-alerte/swine_200904-eng.php
3. WHO Swine Flu general info
<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>
4. Ontario Ministry of Health (Important Health Notices)
<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/emu/ihn.html>

INFORMATION ABOUT AVIAN INFLUENZA

For latest information on the status of avian influenza worldwide please use the following link:
Public Health Agency of Canada
<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/h5n1/index.html>

Influenza Surveillance Weeks 2009-2010 and date of submission of Appendix C

WEEKS	START	END	Appendix C Submission to MOHLTC
WK1	3-Jan-10	9-Jan-10	12-Jan-10
WK2	10-Jan-10	16-Jan-10	19-Jan-10
WK3	17-Jan-10	23-Jan-10	26-Jan-10
WK4	24-Jan-10	30-Jan-10	2-Feb-10
WK5	31-Jan-10	6-Feb-10	9-Feb-10
WK6	7-Feb-10	13-Feb-10	16-Feb-10
WK7	14-Feb-10	20-Feb-10	23-Feb-10
WK8	21-Feb-10	27-Feb-10	2-Mar-10
WK9	28-Feb-10	6-Mar-10	9-Mar-10
WK10	7-Mar-10	13-Mar-10	16-Mar-10
WK11	14-Mar-10	20-Mar-10	23-Mar-10
WK12	21-Mar-10	27-Mar-10	30-Mar-10
WK13	28-Mar-10	3-Apr-10	6-Apr-10
WK14	4-Apr-10	10-Apr-10	13-Apr-10
WK15	11-Apr-10	17-Apr-10	20-Apr-10
WK16	18-Apr-10	24-Apr-10	27-Apr-10
WK17	25-Apr-10	1-May-10	4-May-10
WK18	2-May-10	8-May-10	11-May-10
WK19	9-May-10	15-May-10	18-May-10
WK20	16-May-10	22-May-10	25-May-10
WK21	23-May-10	29-May-10	1-Jun-10
WK22	30-May-10	5-Jun-10	8-Jun-10
WK23	6-Jun-10	12-Jun-10	15-Jun-10
WK24	13-Jun-10	19-Jun-10	22-Jun-10
WK25	20-Jun-10	26-Jun-10	29-Jun-10
WK26	27-Jun-10	3-Jul-10	6-Jul-10
WK27	4-Jul-10	10-Jul-10	13-Jul-10
WK28	11-Jul-10	17-Jul-10	20-Jul-10
WK29	18-Jul-10	24-Jul-10	27-Jul-10
WK30	25-Jul-10	31-Jul-10	3-Aug-10
WK31	1-Aug-10	7-Aug-10	10-Aug-10
WK32	8-Aug-10	14-Aug-10	17-Aug-10
WK33	15-Aug-10	21-Aug-10	24-Aug-10
WK34	22-Aug-10	28-Aug-10	31-Aug-10
WK35	29-Aug-10	4-Sep-10	7-Sep-10

APPENDIX - I

Definitions for influenza activity levels:

No Data: No activity report corresponding to the surveillance week was received at the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Call Centre by the Tuesday (at 4 p.m.) following the end of the surveillance period.

No Activity: **No laboratory-confirmed* influenza and NO outbreaks detected** within the health unit/ influenza surveillance area, within the prior week, although sporadically occurring ILI may or may not be present.†

Sporadic: Sporadically (infrequently) occurring **ILI and at least one lab-confirmed influenza* case with NO outbreaks** detected within the health unit area.†

Localized: sporadically occurring **ILI and lab-confirmed influenza* together with outbreaks of ILI** in schools§ and work sites, or laboratory-confirmed influenza in residential institutions occurring in < 50% of the health unit. Outbreaks affect a single and/or adjacent geographic area within the health unit jurisdiction, e.g. outbreaks in a nursing home and a school in close proximity to each other.†

Widespread: sporadically occurring **ILI and lab-confirmed influenza* together with outbreaks of ILI** in schools and work sites, or laboratory-confirmed influenza in residential institutions occurring in > 50% of the health unit. Outbreaks affect multiple and non-adjacent geographic areas within the health unit jurisdiction, such as two or more regions of the health unit, two or more municipalities, two or more electoral wards, etc.†

* Confirmation of influenza within the surveillance region at any time within the prior week

† Sub-regions within the province or territory as defined by the provincial/territorial epidemiologist

§Health units have been requested to consider laboratory confirmed pH1N1 outbreaks in camps in their region when evaluating ILI activity levels

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Definitions:

A) ILI in the general population:

Acute onset of respiratory illness with fever and cough and with one or more of the following - sore throat, arthralgia, myalgia, or prostration which could be due to influenza virus. In children under 5, gastrointestinal symptoms may also be present. In patients under 5 or 65 and older, fever may not be prominent.

B) ILI/Influenza outbreaks:

Schools and work sites: greater than 10% absenteeism on any day, most likely due to ILI.

Residential institutions: two or more cases of ILI within a seven-day period, **including at least one laboratory confirmed case.**

Current Provincial Surveillance Case Definition for pH1N1 (as of May 5, 2009):

Confirmed

Person with or without Influenza-like illness¹ and

Laboratory confirmation of swine influenza A (H1N1) virus infection by one or more of the following tests:

- RT-PCR with genotyping of H1 and/or N1 swine influenza virus
- Viral culture with strain typing
- Four-fold rise in swine influenza A(H1N1) virus specific antibodies by serology testing

¹Influenza-like illness: Acute onset of respiratory illness with fever AND one or more of the following - cough, sore throat, arthralgia, myalgia, prostration, or malaise. In cases under 5 or 65 and older fever may not be prominent.