

Summary of Nova Scotia surveillance findings, for the 2 week period ending July 30, 2011:

- Effective July 13, 2011, Capital District Health Authority (CDHA) Microbiology discontinued routine respiratory virus PCR testing (Influenza/ RSV / other respiratory viral agents) until the fall. Respiratory Watch will continue every 2 weeks in an abbreviated format focusing on ILI in emergency departments, sentinel surveillance and outbreak activity.
- There was no influenza activity reported for weeks 29 & 30.
- Positive results were received for mycoplasma pneumonia and RSV.

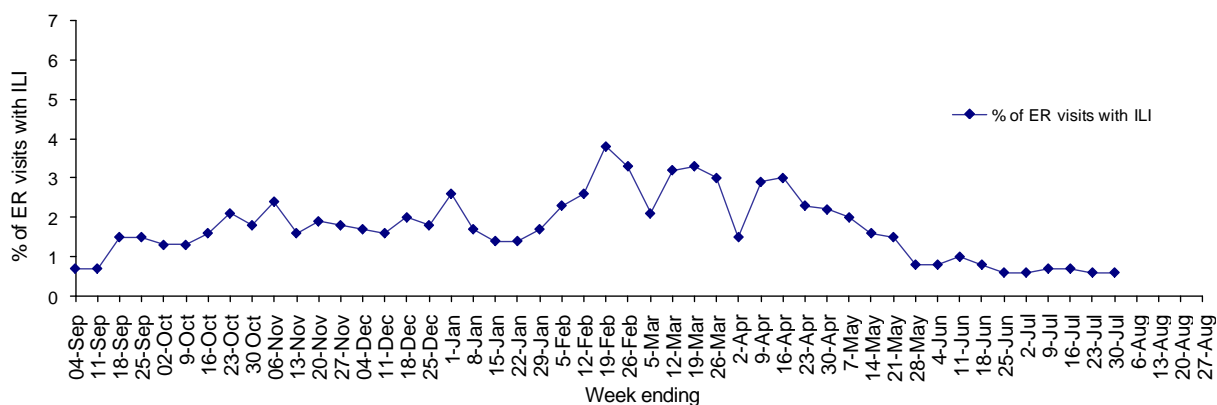
Table 1: ILI reporting from emergency departments and FluWatch sentinel physicians, Nova Scotia

	ER SURVEILLANCE		SENTINEL SURVEILLANCE*	
	%ILI	Reporting ERs	%ILI	Reporting Sentinels
DHA 1	0.9	3 of 3	0.0	1 of 4
DHA 2	0.0	3 of 3	–	0 of 1
DHA 3	0.6	5 of 5	–	0 of 1
DHA 4	0.0	2 of 2	–	0 of 1
DHA 5	–	0 of 5	–	0 of 2
DHA 6	0.0	1 of 1	–	0 of 2
DHA 7	0.0	1 of 6	0.9	3 of 3
DHA 8	0.4	2 of 8	0.0	1 of 3
DHA 9	0.1	4 of 7	2.3	2 of 3
IWK	4.3	1 of 1		
Nova Scotia (excl. IWK)†	0.2	22 of 40	55.0%	
Nova Scotia (incl. IWK)	0.6	23 of 41	56.1%	1.0 7 of 18 38.9%

*Flu watch sentinels

†Excludes the children's ER from IWK

Figure 1: Percentage of ER visits with ILI, Nova Scotia, 2010–2011



Sept 4 – Oct 9 and June 25 – August 27 are averages of a 2 week reporting period.