Summary

Influenza-like illness (ILI) activity decreased in four of the seven regions across the State for the week ending April 30, 2005 (Week 17). Eight County Health Departments (Broward, Escambia, Hillsborough, Holmes, Miami-Dade, Okaloosa, Pinellas, and Taylor) reported sporadic ILI activity during Week 17. Eighteen counties reported no ILI activity and forty-one counties did not report an activity code.

Florida Influenza and Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

The table below outlines the weighted ILI activity by region. The overall weighted percent ILI activity for the State for the week ending April 30, 2005 was 1.16%, this is a statistically significant decrease ($p = 0.0016$) compared to the previous week’s ILI activity of 1.56%. The Centraleast region reported the highest influenza activity (3.25%). The Northcentral region reported the lowest influenza activity (0.13%). Only 53% of the sentinel physicians across the State had reported at the time this report was written.

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The ILI activity levels are based on information reported by the Florida Sentinel Physician Influenza Surveillance Network and weighted by the 2004-2005 population estimates.
Influenza-like Illness Graphs By Region

- Baseline: A bar line that exceeds the baseline indicates moderate ILI activity
- Threshold: A bar line that exceeds the threshold indicates high ILI activity

- **Centraleast Region**
- **Centralwest Region**
- **Northcentral Region**
- **Northeast Region**
- **Northwest Region**
- **Southeast Region**
- **Southwest Region**
- **Florida**
Weekly Influenza Activity
Week ending April 30, 2005 - Week 17

Level of Influenza Activity by County

- No Activity
- Sporadic
- Localized
- Regional
- Widespread
- No Report

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Map printed May 11, 2005.
Influenza Surveillance – Definitions and Reminders

Influenza Surveillance Regions

**Centraleast:** Brevard, Indian River, Lake, Martin, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, St. Lucie and Volusia.

**Centralwest:** Citrus, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sumter.

**Northcentral:** Columbia, Dixie, Franklin, Gadsden, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, and Wakulla.

**Northeast:** Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Levy, Marion, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns and Union.

**Northwest:** Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton and Washington.

**Southeast:** Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach.

**Southwest:** Charlotte, Collier, Desoto, Glade, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Okeechobee and Sarasota.

Definitions of the influenza activity codes

**No Activity:** No laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza and no reported increase in the number of cases of ILI.

**Sporadic:** Small numbers of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases or a single influenza outbreak has been reported, but there is no increase in cases of ILI.

**Local:** Outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI cases and recent laboratory-confirmed influenza in a single region of the State.

**Regional:** Outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI cases and recent laboratory-confirmed influenza in at least two but less than half the regions of the State.

**Widespread:** Outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI cases and recent laboratory-confirmed influenza in at least half the regions of the State.

Important Reminders

* Influenza activity reporting by sentinel providers is voluntary.

* The influenza surveillance data is used to answer the question of where, when, and what viruses are circulating. It can be used to determine if influenza activity is increasing or decreasing, but it cannot be used to ascertain how many people have become ill with influenza so far this season.

* Reporting is incomplete for this week. Numbers may change dramatically as more reports are received.