



**Grant County Health District – Always Working for a Healthier and Safer Grant County**

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TO: Emergency Rooms in Grant County  
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**Grant County Surveillance – As of 01/02/2009**

- 9 cases reported (None received their 08-09 flu vaccination.)
- Influenza A – 1
- Influenza B – 8
- Ages: 1 – 51 years of age

**State Surveillance – During Week 51 (12/14 – 12/20 2008)**

- 41 new cases have been reported to DOH during this week.
- 38 of the 41 are ages 0 to 24 years old.
- Flu activity continues to be below the national average.
- There have been no reported pediatric influenza-associated deaths.

**U.S. Surveillance:**

- A low level of flu activity was reported in the U.S.
- The number of outpatient visits with influenza-like illness was below national and all regional baseline levels.
- The death rates related to influenza and pneumonia are below the national average.
- There have been no reported pediatric influenza-associated deaths. There was one pediatric death reported as influenza related in week 50, however, it was later re-classified as non-influenza related.

**CDC Flu Center**

Please visit the Centers for Disease Control [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu) for up to date U.S and Regional flu activity, flu surveillance, flu facts, infection control guidelines, free flu materials and much more.