



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

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TO: Emergency Rooms in Grant County
Walk-in Clinics in Grant County
Healthcare Provider Offices in Grant County
EMS Providers in Grant County
School District Nurses in Grant County

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Grant County Flu Surveillance as of 12/12/08

Grant County Surveillance

- 12/12/08 7 cases reported
- Influenza A – 1
- Influenza B - 6
- Ages: 1- 50 years old

State Surveillance – During Week 48

- Flu activity continues to be well below national average
- 23 new cases reported to DOH during this week
- A majority (14 cases) are children from 0 to 4 years of age (61%)
- There are no reported pediatric influenza related deaths
- There have been 10 reported adult cases of Pneumonia and Influenza

U.S. Surveillance:

The U.S. World Health Organization have tested forty-three Influenza specimens

- 74.4 % Influenza Type A
- 25.6 Influenza Type B

The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) was below the epidemic threshold.

There are no reported Pediatric influenza related deaths.

The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was below national and region-specific baseline levels.

If you test for influenza.

Grant County Health District asks for your continued assistance with flu surveillance. Together we can make a difference.

- We are requesting that all healthcare facilities notify the Health District when they receive positive influenza test results. Please fax results to our secure fax line at 509-764-2813.
- It is also helpful in our tracking efforts if you can provide us with the patient's influenza vaccination history.

The Health District received from DOH mirror clings that say, **“Clean your hands.”** If you would like a few for your facility please respond to this email with how many. We will try and accommodate as many facilities as possible.

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