Influenza Update (CDC)

- Nationally, influenza activity is increasing. For the week ending October 20, 2012, CDC has reported that 6.2% of the 2,891 US surveillance specimens tested were positive for influenza virus.
- Of the positive influenza cases detected, 58% were influenza A and 42% were influenza B.
- Of the influenza A viruses characterized, the majority (66%) were subtyped as seasonal H3.
- There have been no new cases of influenza A variant viruses reported in the US. Since July 2012, there have been a total of 310 infections with variant influenza viruses reported in the US.

Influenza Update (Wisconsin)

- For the week ending October 20, 2012 there were 4 Influenza viruses reported. Two were typed as influenza A and two as influenza B.
- Influenza activity in Wisconsin remains low.

Other Surveillance Data

B. pertussis (Week ending October 20, 2012)

Labs performing PCR reported that 5.7% of the 575 specimens tested were positive for B. pertussis.

Rotavirus

6% of the 50 specimens tested by clinical labs performing rapid antigen testing for Rotavirus were positive. Please forward positive Rotavirus specimens to WSLH.

Respiratory Viruses (Week ending October 20, 2012)

The predominate respiratory virus detected by PCR was Rhinovirus/Enterovirus.