Influenza Update (CDC)

- Nationally, influenza activity continues to decline. CDC reported that 16.3% of the 5,526 US surveillance specimens tested were positive for influenza virus.
- According to CDC data, the cumulative influenza-related hospitalization rate was 40.6 per 100,000 population. 51% were among adults 65 years or older.
- The majority of influenza viruses circulating are susceptible to the antiviral drugs Oseltamivir and Zanamivir; however, sporadic cases of resistance have been reported.

Wisconsin Update

- Wisconsin labs reported that 16.6% of the 710 specimens tested positive for influenza virus by PCR.
- Influenza B is the predominate influenza virus circulating.

Surveillance Specimen Requests:
- It is no longer necessary to send positive influenza specimens to WSLH for confirmatory testing.
- Please send the following specimens to WSLH: Specimens that fail to subtype (Ct <35) if subtyping was performed.

Other Surveillance Data

**RSV**

**RSV activity remains at high levels.** 24.1% of specimens testing positive by PCR.

**Norovirus**

Norovirus activity remains high in Wisconsin with numerous outbreaks reported primarily in long term care settings.