Laboratory Surveillance Report

Influenza (Week ending September 7, 2013)

Influenza Update (CDC)
- Nationally, influenza activity is low with only sporadic detections being reported.
- CDC reports that there have been a total of 18 cases of influenza A H3N2 variant virus reported in the US this summer (Illinois [1], Indiana [14], Michigan [2], and Ohio [1]).
- Influenza viruses that normally circulate in swine are called “variant” viruses when they infect people.

Wisconsin Update
- Influenza cases have only been reported sporadically with many being travel related.
- No cases of Influenza A H3N2 variant virus have been reported in Wisconsin this summer.
- It is important to send all early season influenza positive specimens to WSLH for further characterization.

Other Surveillance Data

B. pertussis
- For the week ending September 7, 2013, Wisconsin clinical labs reported that 7.2% of the 111 specimens tested by PCR were positive for B. pertussis in Wisconsin.