Influenza (Week ending October 5, 2013)

Influenza Update (CDC)
- Due to the partial US government shut down, no current information about national seasonal influenza activity is available.

Wisconsin Update
- Influenza activity in Wisconsin is sporadic.
- Recently, Influenza A (H3), Influenza 2009 (H1) and Influenza B PCR positives have been reported from clinical labs in Wisconsin.
- It is important to send all early season influenza positive specimens to WSLH for further characterization.

Surveillance Specimen Requests:
- At this time, please forward ALL influenza positive specimens to WSLH.
- Please send the following specimens to WSLH: Specimens that fail to subtype (Ct <35) if subtyping was performed.

Other Surveillance Data

Rhinovirus/Enterovirus
- Rhinovirus/Enterovirus activity is increasing in Wisconsin.
- For the week ending October 5, 2013, Wisconsin clinical labs reported that 30.4% of the 102 specimens tested by PCR were positive.