Influenza Update (CDC)

- Nationally, CDC reported that 3.8% of the 3,513 surveillance specimens were positive for influenza.
- 83% of the influenza viruses characterized were influenza A and 17% were influenza B.
- Both seasonal H3 and 2009 H1N1 viruses were reported.

Wisconsin Update

- Influenza activity in Wisconsin is sporadic, but is increasing.
- A total of 1.1% of the 350 influenza specimens tested by PCR the week ending October 19 in Wisconsin were positive. All of the cases were influenza A.
- It is important to send all early season influenza positive specimens to WSLH for further characterization.

Surveillance Specimen Requests:

- At this time, please send **ALL positive Influenza specimens to WSLH** for confirmatory testing and characterization.
- Please send the following specimens to WSLH: Specimens that fail to subtype (Ct <35) if subtyping was performed.

### Other Surveillance Data

- **Rhinovirus/Enterovirus** were the predominate respiratory viruses detected in Wisconsin.
- Reports from clinical PCR labs showed that **RSV** activity has begun in Wisconsin. These are the first RSV reports of the 2013-2014 respiratory virus season.