Influenza (Week ending November 16, 2013)

National Influenza Update (CDC)
- Nationally, CDC reported that 7.0% of the 4,457 surveillance specimens were positive for influenza.
- 90% of the influenza viruses characterized were influenza A and 10% were influenza B.
- Influenza activity is increasing. According to CDC, regional activity was reported in 4 states (FL, TX, KY, AL) which is an increase from 2.

Wisconsin Update
- A slight increase to 2.2% of the 597 influenza specimens tested by PCR in Wisconsin were positive.
- 12 of the 13 (92%) positives reported were Influenza A.
- All of the influenza A positives that were subtyped were influenza A (2009 H1N1).

Other Surveillance Data
- Rhinovirus/Enterovirus were the predominate respiratory viruses detected in Wisconsin.
- WI clinical labs reported that 6.7% of the specimens tested for *B. pertussis* were positive by PCR.