Laboratory Surveillance Report

Influenza (Week ending February 7, 2015)

National Influenza Update (CDC)
- Nationally, CDC reported 14.9% of the 21,340 surveillance specimens tested positive for influenza. Influenza activity has been declining in the US.
- The CDC reported that through Feb. 7, 2015 there have been 12,065 influenza-related hospitalizations reported (44.1 per 100,000) with the highest rate reported in those ≥65 years of age (217.3 per 100,000) followed by children 0-4 years of age (40.4 per 100,000).

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Other Surveillance Data (Wisconsin)

RSV
- RSV activity is increasing in Wisconsin. 20.0% of the 614 specimens tested positive for RSV by PCR at Wisconsin clinical labs.
- RSV was the predominate non-influenza respiratory virus detected.

Rotavirus
- Please send Rotavirus positive specimens to WSLH for further characterization.

It is NO longer necessary to send positive influenza specimens to WSLH. Please send:
- A sampling of influenza-related hospitalizations.
- Specimens that fail to subtype (Ct <35) if subtyping for 2009H1 and H3 were performed.