Influenza (Week ending April 23, 2016)

National Influenza Update (CDC)
- Nationally, CDC reported decreasing activity with 12.5% of the 14,806 surveillance specimens testing positive for influenza.
- Increasing influenza B activity was noted with the majority (52%) of the influenza positive specimens reported nationwide.

Wisconsin Influenza Update
- Influenza activity is decreasing.
- Influenza PCR positivity was 13.7% in Wisconsin.
- Influenza A 2009 pdm H1N1 is the predominate influenza A virus subtype circulating in Wisconsin and the US.

It is no longer necessary to send positive influenza specimens for confirmatory testing with exceptions. Please send:
1. A sampling of specimens from influenza-related hospitalizations.
2. Specimens that fail to subtype (Ct <35) if subtyping for 2009 pdm H1 and H3 were performed.

Other Surveillance Data-Wisconsin

Gastropathogens
- Viral pathogens (Astrovirus, Norovirus & Sapovirus) were the predominate gastropathogens reported in Wisconsin.
- Please send all Rotavirus positive specimens to WSLH for further characterization.

Surveillance Graphs
- Surveillance graphs are available on our website.