National Influenza Update (CDC)

- Nationally, the CDC reported that 7.1% of the 16,010 surveillance specimens tested positive for influenza virus (A and B). There was a small increase from the previous week (4.5%).
- 87% of the positive specimens were influenza A and 13% were influenza B. 98% of those subtyped were influenza A (H3).
- Regional influenza activity is being reported in 13 US States and 23 reported local activity.

Wisconsin Influenza Update

- A total of 33 specimens of the 967 (3.4%) tested by PCR were positive for influenza virus. 94% were influenza A.
- 16 of the 16 (100%) specimens subtyped were influenza A (H3).

It is no longer necessary to send positive influenza specimens for confirmatory testing. Please send:

1. A sampling of specimens from influenza-related hospitalizations.
2. Specimens that fail to subtype (Ct <35) if subtyping for 2009 pdmH1 and H3 were performed.

Other Surveillance Data-Wisconsin

**Respiratory**

- Seasonal respiratory virus activities are increasing including influenza, RSV, coronavirus and human metapneumovirus.

**Gastropathogens**

- Norovirus was the predominant gastropathogen reported by labs performing culture independent diagnostic tests (CIDT).
- Please send in all rotavirus positive specimens to WSLH for strain characterization.