Laboratory Surveillance Report

Influenza & SARS-CoV-2 (Week ending December 12, 2020)

SARS-CoV-2 Update

- In Wisconsin, positivity decreased from 16.2% to 13.9% of the 115,964 specimens tested by PCR and reported to WSLH.
- Nationally, the percentage of specimens testing positive by PCR was 12.2%. This was a decrease from the previous week (13.4%).

Influenza Update

- Nationally, <1% of specimens tested for influenza were positive by PCR. Influenza B (83%) accounted for the majority.
- In Wisconsin, positivity was <1%. Please send WSLH all positive influenza specimens for characterization.

Other Surveillance Data-Wisconsin

Respiratory

- SARS-CoV-2 was the predominant respiratory pathogens reported.
- No RSV detections were reported.
- Only sporadic influenza detections were reported.

Gastropathogens

- Salmonella was the predominant gastropathogen reported.
- Others reported: EPEC (6.4%), EAEC (4.5%) and P. shigelloides (1.5%).

To enhance surveillance activities for influenza viruses, the WSLH asks labs to please send:

1. Please send all positive influenza specimens for further characterization.