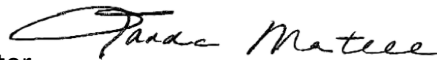


Date: March 30, 2018

To: Healthcare Provider Community

From: Sandra Martell, RN, DNP
Public Health Administrator



Re: Lifting of Visitor Restrictions and Masking Requirements of Unvaccinated Healthcare Staff

Influenza Surveillance Summary:

The following summarizes influenza activity at the national, regional, state and local level (for Winnebago County).

U.S. – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports during week 12, influenza activity decreased; however, Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) remained elevated in the United States. Elevated means the percent of visits for ILI is at or above the national or region-specific baseline.

Illinois - Illinois is reporting regional influenza activity with 2.23% (baseline 1.89%) of outpatient visits for ILI during Week 12.

Local (Winnebago County) – ILI reported from sentinel sites through BioSense Syndromic Surveillance System decreased over a 3-week period to 1.89% (baseline 1.8%) of emergency department (ED) visits ending Week 12. Influenza cases reported to the Health Department have decreased and remained constant through Week 12. No new influenza outbreaks have been reported in Week 12.

Week Ending (CDC Week)	Cases of Influenza Reported	ILI %
March 10, 2018 (Week 10)	301	3.02%
March 17, 2018 (Week 11)	255	2.51%
March 24, 2018 (Week 12)	213	1.89%

Recommended Action:

Based on the influenza surveillance activity through Week 12, the Health Department is removing the visitor restrictions and the masking requirements of unvaccinated healthcare staff. The Health Department will continue to monitor influenza activity and may reinstate infection control practices if a significant increase in influenza cases occur.

Additional information can be obtained from the weekly influenza reports on the Winnebago County Health Department's website <http://www.wchd.org>.

