Summary: As of 12/7/13, 32 cases were reported to the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) with seven cases requiring hospitalization. Emergency department visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) comprised 0.72% of all ED visits this week.

BPHC reminds everyone that influenza vaccine is still widely available, and there is still time to get vaccinated before the influenza season becomes more severe. Cases of influenza diagnosed in Boston and confirmed by any laboratory test must be reported to BPHC.

Reported Influenza Cases and %ILI ED Visits, 2013-14 Season

Race/Ethnicity of Confirmed Influenza Cases, 10/1/13 - Present, Boston Residents

Age Distribution of Confirmed Influenza Cases, 10/1/13 - Present, Boston Residents