Summary: The week ending 3/8/14 showed a decrease in reported influenza cases in Boston residents. 37 cases were reported between 3/2/14 and 3/8/14, with a total of 884 cases reported since October 1st. 228 cases (26%) have been hospitalized. There have been eight deaths, the majority in older individuals with underlying medical conditions. Emergency department (ED) visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) comprised 1.19% of all ED visits this week.

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**Geographic Distribution**

Rate of confirmed influenza cases, per 100,000 population, by neighborhood, October 1 - Present

Rate of ILI syndrome ED visits, per 100,000 population, by neighborhood, October 1 - Present