Summary: The week ending 3/15/14 showed an increase in reported influenza cases in Boston residents. 67 cases were reported between 3/9/14 and 3/15/14, with a total of 951 cases reported since October 1st. 251 cases (26%) have been hospitalized. There have been ten deaths, the majority in older individuals with underlying medical conditions. Emergency department (ED) visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) comprised 1.23% of all ED visits this week.

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