Influenza Report - For the week ending 3/29/14

Summary: The week ending 3/29/14 showed an increase in reported influenza cases in Boston residents. 91 cases were reported between 3/23/14 and 3/29/14, with a total of 1115 cases reported since October 1st. 295 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 1.61% of all ED visits this week.

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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
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