Summary: The week ending 4/26/14 showed a decrease in reported influenza cases in Boston residents. 76 cases were reported between 4/20/14 and 4/26/14, with a total of 1562 cases reported since October 1st. 417 cases (27%) have been hospitalized. There have been thirteen deaths, the majority in older individuals with underlying medical conditions. Emergency department (ED) visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) comprised 1.49% 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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