Summary: The week ending 1/11/14 showed an increase in the number of reported influenza cases in Boston residents. 92 cases were reported between 1/5/14 and 1/11/14, with a total of 254 cases reported since October 1st. 73 cases (29%) have been hospitalized. There have been two deaths, both in individuals over 65 years of age with underlying medical conditions. Emergency department (ED) visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) comprised 1.75% 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**