Summary: As of 12/27/14, 122 cases of confirmed influenza were reported to the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), with 32 (26.2%) cases requiring hospitalization. No influenza-associated deaths have been reported. Emergency department visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) comprised 1.33% of all ED visits this week.

BPHC reminds everyone that influenza vaccine is still widely available, and there is still time to get vaccinated before the influenza season becomes more severe.

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