Summary: The week ending 2/22/14 showed a decrease in reported influenza cases in Boston residents. 67 cases were reported between 2/16/14 and 2/22/14, with a total of 780 cases reported since October 1st. 191 cases (24%) have been hospitalized. There have been six deaths, the majority in older individuals with underlying medical conditions. Emergency department (ED) visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) comprised 1.21% of all ED visits this week.

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Race/Ethnicity of Confirmed Influenza Cases, 10/1/13 - Present, Boston Residents

Age Distribution of Confirmed Influenza Cases, 10/1/13 - Present, Boston Residents
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

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