Summary: As of 4/16/2016, 1612 cases of laboratory-confirmed influenza were reported to the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) since 10/1/2015, with two hundred and seventy-eight (17%) cases requiring hospitalization. Five influenza-associated deaths have been reported. Emergency department visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) comprised 1.30% of all ED visits this week.

Cases of influenza diagnosed in Boston and confirmed by any laboratory test must be reported to BPHC by calling (617) 534-5611 or faxing reports to (617) 534-5905.
Influenza-like illness (ILI) is defined as “flu” OR “fever and a cough or sore throat” in the ED chief complaint as captured by the BPHC Syndromic Surveillance System.
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Geographic Distribution

Rate of Confirmed Influenza Cases by Neighborhood per 100,000 Population
October 1, 2015 - April 16, 2016

Rate of ILI Syndrome ED Visits by Neighborhood per 100,000 Population
October 1, 2015 - April 16, 2016

Neighborhood Legend
A/B=Allston/Brighton
BB=Back Bay
CH=Charlestown
EB=East Boston
FW=Fenway
HP=Hyde Park
JP=Jamaica Plain
MT=Mattapan
ND=North Dorchester
RS=Roslindale
RX=Roxbury
SB=South Boston
SE=South End
WR=West Roxbury

*Flu Near You (FNY) compiles weekly data of ILI activity in the United States. The data come from short, weekly internet-based surveys completed by voluntary participants who indicate whether they are healthy or have experienced any of a short list of symptoms.

The public may participate by enrolling in FNY at: https://flunearyou.org/