Influenza Report - For the week ending 4/29/2017

Summary: As of 4/29/2017, 3267 cases of laboratory-confirmed influenza were reported to the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) since 10/1/2016, with 601 (18%) cases requiring hospitalization. Eleven influenza-associated deaths have been reported to date. Emergency department visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) comprised 1.02% of all ED visits this week.

Cases of influenza diagnosed in Boston throughout the entire year 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.
**Comparison of Flu Near You (FNY) ILI Data and ED Visits for ILI (2015-2017)**

**Metro Boston FNY % ILI**

**% ILI ED Visits (Boston Hospitals)**

*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/](https://flunearyou.org/)*