

Summary of Nova Scotia surveillance findings, for the 2 week period ending August 25, 2012:

- There was no influenza activity reported for weeks 33 & 34.
- Positive results reported for this reporting period are from IWK laboratory only. Positive results were received for mycoplasma pneumonia and pertussis.
- The ILI rate for Nova Scotia for this reporting period was 0.5. DHAs 2 & 5 did not report.
- Recently, there has been an increase in reports of viral meningitis in Nova Scotia. There have been 19 cases of viral meningitis reported in Nova Scotia with onset dates from July 3-Aug 22, 2012. 16 of the 19 cases noted Enterovirus as the causative agent (type unknown); for the others this information was not noted. Thirteen cases were <1 year of age, 3 cases were 1-9 years, and 3 cases were 30+ years. The majority of cases were reported from DHA 9, with the two most recent cases reported from DHAs in the Western SSA.

Note: While influenza surveillance continues to be monitored weekly, reporting will occur on a biweekly basis during the summer season.

Table 1: ILI reporting from emergency departments, Nova Scotia

	DHA 1	DHA 2	DHA 3	DHA 4	DHA 5	DHA 6	DHA 7	DHA 8	DHA 9	IWK	Nova Scotia (excl. IWK)†	Nova Scotia (incl. IWK)
% ILI	1.7	-	0.2	0.1	-	0	0.4	0	0.1	1.7	0.4	0.4
Reporting ERs	3 of 3	0 of 3	3 of 5	2 of 2	5 of 5	1 of 1	6 of 6	1 of 8	5 of 7	1 of 1	21 of 40	22 of 40

†Excludes the children's ER from IWK

Figure 1: Percentage of ER visits with ILI, Nova Scotia, 2011–2012

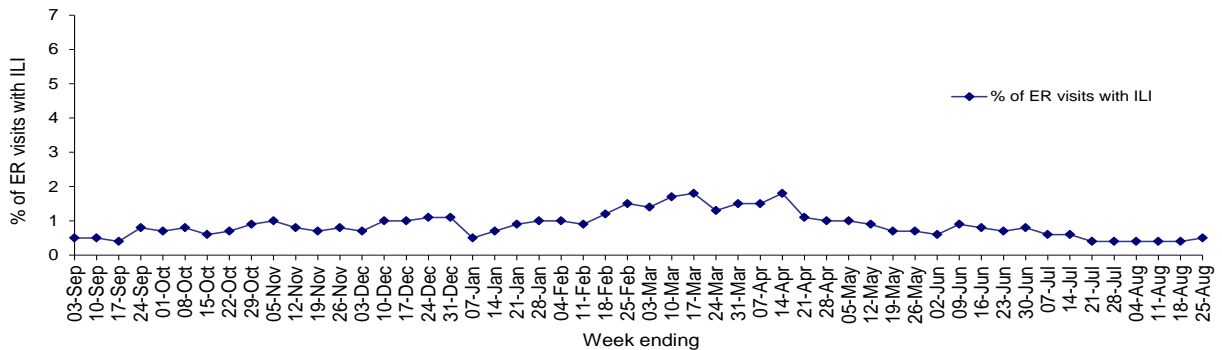


Figure 1: Summary of laboratory detected circulating respiratory pathogens, Nova Scotia, 2011–2012

