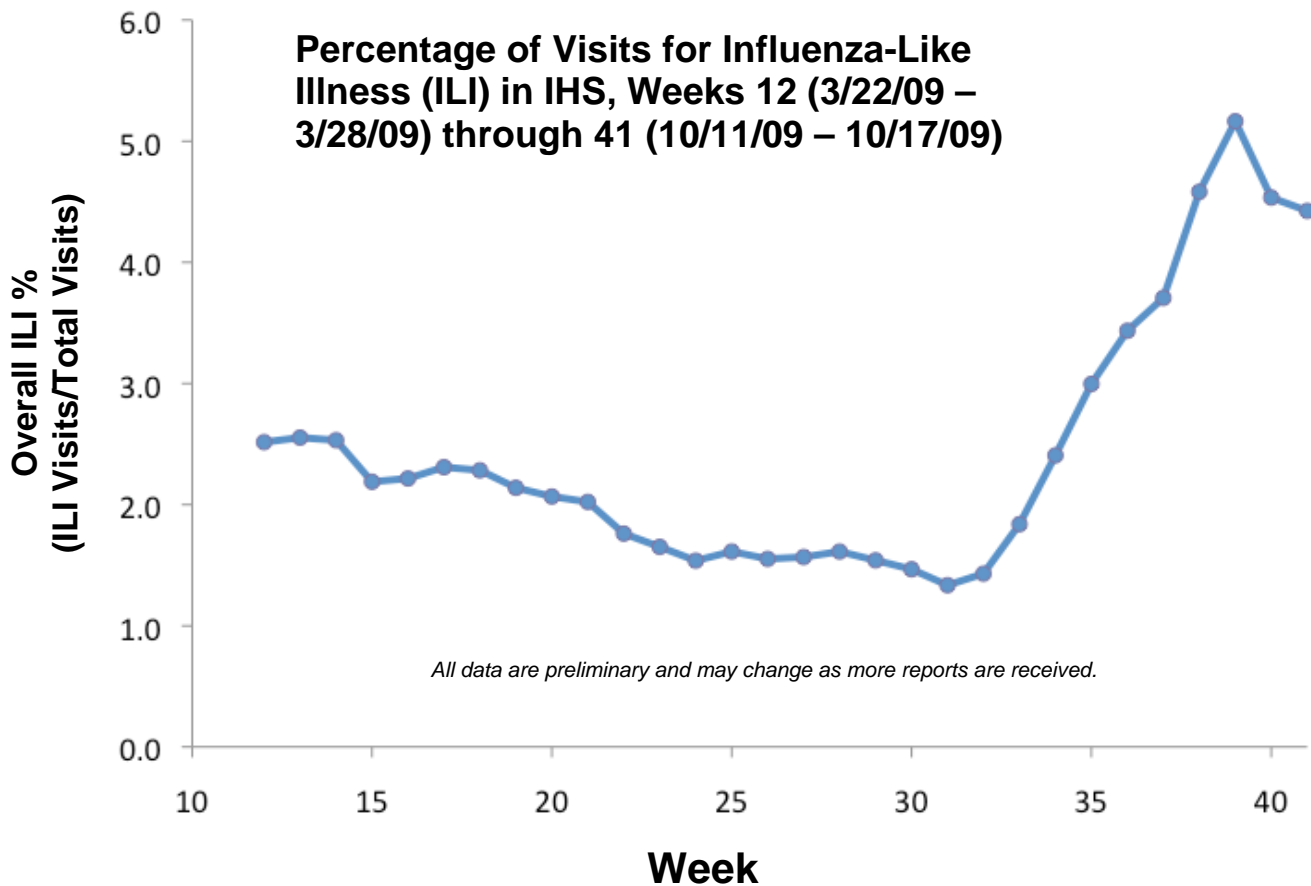




Indian Health Service
Division of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention
2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Surveillance Report
IHS Influenza Awareness System (IIAS)
#3 (Reporting Period: 10/11/09 – 10/17/09)



Summary of ILI Surveillance in IHS:

- *ILI definition, based on uploaded RPMS data: [influenza-specific ICD-9 code] or [measured temp > 100F and presence of at least 1 of 24 ILI ICD-9 codes].*
- Of 498 IHS sites, 298 (59.8%) are reporting and have their data included in this report.
- Total ILI visits to IHS facilities reporting to IIAS have increased from a low of ~700/week (week 26) to a high of ~3500/week (week 39). Visits are currently running ~2700/week (week 41)

Summary of response and mitigation efforts:

- No locations report shortages or have reached surge capacity.

Summary of H1N1 vaccine events:

- The following IHS Areas have begun to administer H1N1 vaccine to their patients: Aberdeen, Alaska, Albuquerque, Billings, California, Navajo, Nashville, Oklahoma, Phoenix, Portland, and Tucson. A total of 2,881 H1N1 vaccine doses have been administered by I/T/U facilities in these Areas.

- Production delays with one manufacturer have resulted in less H1N1 vaccine being distributed than planned. There will not be a permanent reduction in the overall amount of H1N1 vaccine available, but distribution of the vaccine may be delayed.

Key Points:

- Influenza-like illness in IHS is geographically widespread and increasing.
- Vaccine for patients has arrived at many IHS facilities.
- Vaccine for providers is on its way to IHS facilities.
- ILI % results in IHS are similar to national results in non-AI/AN populations, which show increasing ILI now. This increase is much earlier than in usual influenza seasons.

Key Community Messaging Points:

- Continue to educate tribal community members on H1N1, prevention measures, and the importance of vaccinations.
- Please visit www.ihs.gov/H1N1 for information about H1N1 activities and Indian Country.

Other announcements:

- There will be a H1N1 Preparedness Webinar sponsored by the IHS Head Start Program Wednesday, October 21 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM EDT.
- The Division of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention hosted a WebEx to review RPMS tools for supporting H1N1 activities (including the Immunization package patch), and provided an overview of the IHS Influenza Awareness System and weekly reports. The session was recorded and is available at the following link, <https://ihs-hhs.webex.com/ihs-hhs/k2/e.php?AT=RINF&recordingID=35650872>