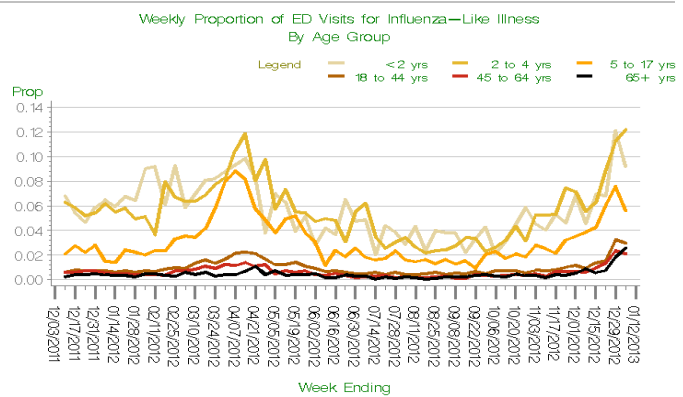
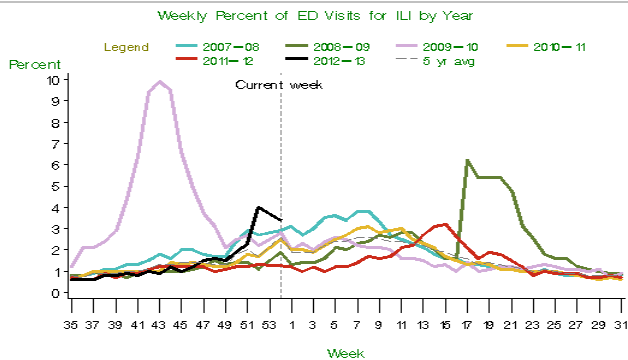


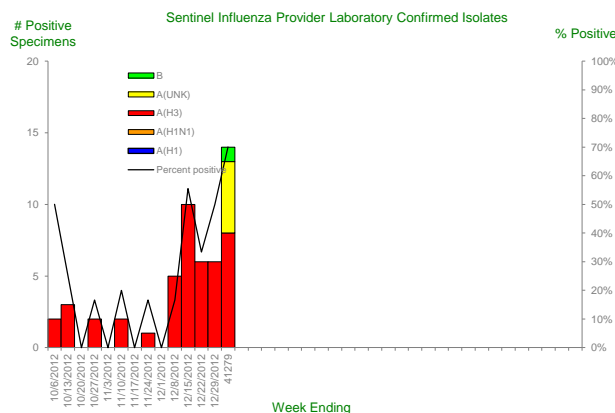
Influenza activity indicators remained elevated at a level comparable to that observed during the 2007-8 season and above peak levels in other recent influenza seasons (excluding the 2009-10 H1N1 pandemic). The majority of subtyped positive specimens from outpatient surveillance have been identified as influenza A(H3); one influenza B was identified during week 1. The proportion of hospital rapid antigen tests positive for flu is above average compared to this time in past years; in recent weeks, almost all positive tests have identified influenza A. Emergency department visits for influenza-like illness during week 1 were at levels comparable to seasonal peak activity during the last five flu seasons for all age groups. Eight long-term care facilities reported influenza-like illness, seven of which had positive laboratory tests for influenza A. The University of Washington Virology Laboratory data showed the greatest increases in influenza A and RSV.

	Data for this week	Cumulative data this season since October 1, 2012
<b>Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Deaths</b>	0	2
<b>King County Outpatient Sentinel Influenza Providers</b>		
Specimens Submitted	20	159
Proportion Positive for Influenza	70.0%	Season Peak: 70.0%
A (H1)	0	0
A (H3)	8	45
A (Unknown)	5	5
B	1	1
<b>Hospital Laboratory Influenza Rapid Antigen Test Submissions</b>		
Number of Labs Reporting	6	Weekly Average: 9
Number of Specimens Submitted	539	Weekly Average: 339
Proportion of Tests Positive for Influenza	18.6%	Season Peak: 21.2%
<b>Hospital Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI)</b>		
Proportion of Visits Due to ILI	3.4%	Season Peak: 4.0%
<b>Percent of All King County Deaths Due to Pneumonia and Influenza (P &amp; I)</b>	3.8%	--
National Epidemic Threshold	7.2%	# Weeks Threshold Exceeded: 2
<b>Respiratory Disease Outbreaks at Long-Term Care Facilities (LCTFs)</b>	8	16
Laboratory-Confirmed LCTF Influenza Outbreaks	7	14



Note: 5 yr avg excludes the current season and the 2009 H1N1 pandemic period  
Last updated Jan 8, 2013 ; 'current week' is week ending Jan 5, 2013

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**Resources**

Additional Flu Information, Resources and Surveillance:  
[www.kingcounty.gov/health/flu](http://www.kingcounty.gov/health/flu)

UW Virology Laboratory Respiratory Virus Surveillance:  
<http://depts.washington.edu/rspvirus/documents/VD2012-13.pdf>

Washington State Influenza Surveillance Update:  
[www.doh.wa.gov/EHSPHL/Epidemiology/CD/fluupdate.pdf](http://www.doh.wa.gov/EHSPHL/Epidemiology/CD/fluupdate.pdf)

National Influenza Update:  
[www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/)

Global Influenza Update:  
[www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/en/](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/en/)

<sup>1</sup>Influenza-like illness is defined as fever and cough or sore throat, or specific mention of influenza in chief complaint or discharge diagnosis