# Maine Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report

# November 2, 2006

# **Synopsis**

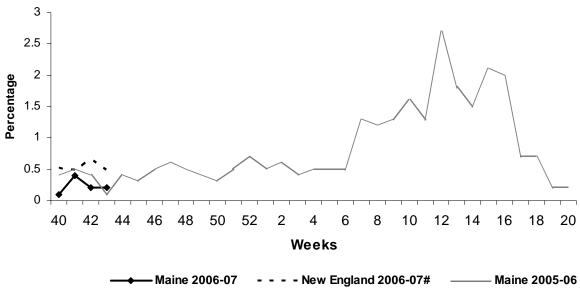
During the week ending October 28, 2006 (week 43)\*, no influenza activity was reported in Maine.

## **Moderate Disease Surveillance**

Outpatient influenza-like illness (ILI)

During the week ending October 28, 2006, 0.2% of sentinel provider outpatient visits were due to ILI (range 0% - 4.9%).





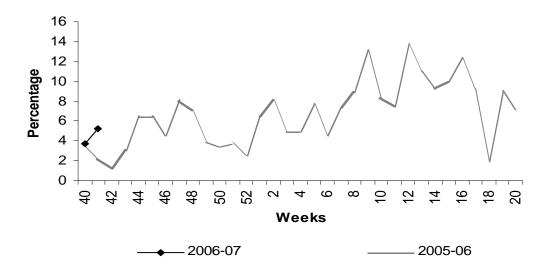
<sup>#</sup> New England is defined as Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

## **Severe Disease Surveillance**

## Hospital inpatients

During the week ending October 28, 2006, 6.2% of admissions reported by four hospitals were due to respiratory illness (range 0% - 16.7%).

# Percentage of Hospital Admissions due to Respiratory Illness -- Maine, 2005-07



## Laboratory Reporting

As of October 28, 2006 a total of 13 respiratory specimens have been submitted for viral testing to the Maine Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory. Three specimens were negative for influenza and other respiratory illnesses, two specimens were presumptive positive for enterovirus, and results are pending for eight specimens.

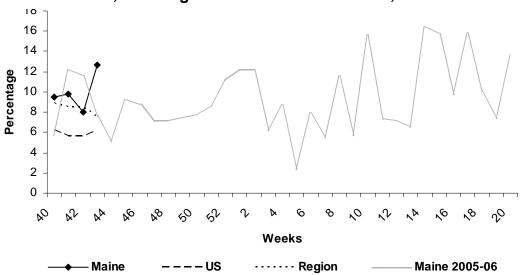
A total of 8 specimens have been submitted for viral testing to two reference laboratory in Maine during the week ending October 28, 2006; all were negative for influenza.

## **Fatalities Surveillance**

#### Death Certificates

During the week ending October 28, 2006, 12.7% of deaths reported by three city vital records offices were attributable to pneumonia and influenza (Range 8.3% - 18.2%).

# Percentage of Deaths Attributable to Pneumonia and Influenza – Maine, New England and the United States, 2005-07



<sup>^</sup> New England includes the following reporting areas: Boston, MA; Bridgeport, CT; Cambridge, MA; Fall River, MA; Hartford, CT; Lowell, MA; Lynn, MA; New Bedford, MA; New Haven, CT; Providence, RI; Somerville, MA; Springfield, MA; Waterbury, CT; Worcester, MA.

## Pediatric Fatalities

As of October 28, 2006, no influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported.

\* At time of publication, reporting may be incomplete. Numbers presented here may change as more reports are received.