

Influenza-Like-Illness Tracking Online Reporting

Influenza-Like-Illness Tracking is a way to monitor influenza illness in Huron County. Influenza surveillance benefits Huron County because it can be used to identify outbreaks within the county. The data is also used for the weekly influenza reports for Huron County. The weekly reports can be found at: <u>https://www.huroncohealth.com/influenza-surveillance</u>.

Online Influenza Reporting System:

- Hospitals, laboratories, and physicians enter data directly into the website: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9H33S8F</u>, which takes a few minutes a week.
- Information is entered weekly for Sunday to Saturday.

What information do we collect?

- Information on patients presenting with influenza-like-illnesses (fever, cough, and sore throat), Rapid Tests, hospitalizations, and deaths.
- Information collected is only reported in aggregate form and is completely confidential.
- We **<u>DO NOT</u>** collect names, genders, or any other identifiable information.

How do we collect the information?

- Your staff will spend a few minutes entering data into an online survey on a weekly basis. The survey can be accessed at http://www.huroncohealth.com/influenza-surveillance/, click the *Influenza Reporting* button and it will direct you to the survey.
- Staff can use the tracking sheets (these are included in this packet and can be found on HCPH's website listed above) to tally the influenza information during the week. It works well if the tracking sheets are laminated and a dry erase marker is used, to reuse the same tracking sheet.
- There will be **NO COST** to Offices, Hospitals, or Laboratory except for a few minutes of staff time for data entry, collecting the information and time for training.

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