

**Sentinel Provider Influenza-Like Illness (ILI)<sup>1</sup> Surveillance Summary** ([tn.gov/health/article/flu-summary-archive](http://tn.gov/health/article/flu-summary-archive))  
for the Week of Mar. 20-26, 2016 (Week 12)



Summary for	# Sites reporting	Total Sites	Total Regional ILI	Total Regional Patients	% ILI	Compared to State <sup>2</sup>
Hamilton County (Chattanooga)	4	4	2	648	0.3%	lower
East Tennessee Region	4	7	51	1316	3.9%	
Jackson-Madison County	1	2	113	611	18.5%	higher
Knoxville-Knox County	2	3	22	946	2.3%	
Mid-Cumberland Region	7	11	0	379	0.0%	lower
Shelby County (Memphis)	8	12	7	839	0.8%	lower
Nashville-Davidson County	4	6	4	886	0.5%	lower
Northeast Region	3	5	1	189	0.5%	
South Central Region	3	3	1	178	0.6%	
Southeast Region	3	4	7	338	2.1%	
Sullivan County (Tri-Cities)	0	1	0	0	0.0%	n/a
Upper Cumberland Region	4	4	0	488	0.0%	lower
West Tennessee Region	6	6	1	259	0.4%	lower
State of Tennessee	49	68	209	7077	2.95%	

**Influenza activity in Tennessee: Present but Moderate**

- The percentage of outpatients with ILI visiting the state's Sentinel clinic sites remained above the CDC's baseline rate of 2.1%.
- 13.4% of specimens tested positive for influenza viruses with a mix of Type A (H1N1) and Type B strains.
- 51 of 95 Tennessee counties have had at least one confirmed influenza-positive result in recent weeks.

The percentage of patients with ILI reported in Week 12 was 2.95% as compared to 2.32% in Week 11. To date, 358 specimens from Week 12 have been tested by TDH Laboratory Services and two commercial laboratories serving clinics and hospitals in Tennessee; 48 (13.4%) were positive for influenza viruses, mostly influenza A (H1N1) and type B strains. A map of Tennessee counties with recent influenza positive specimens is included.

SPN sites should submit specimens year-round from ALL patients meeting the ILI case definition: Fever > 100°F (37.8°C) plus cough and/or sore throat, in the absence of a known cause (other than influenza). Case definition is not dependent on any test. If you have questions, contact your regional or state SPN representative. The TDH specimen submission form dated September 2015 should be used.

Specimens are critical to be able to track the geographic spread and intensity of seasonal influenza viruses, to detect the emergence of novel virus and/or antiviral resistance and provide data for vaccine strain selections.

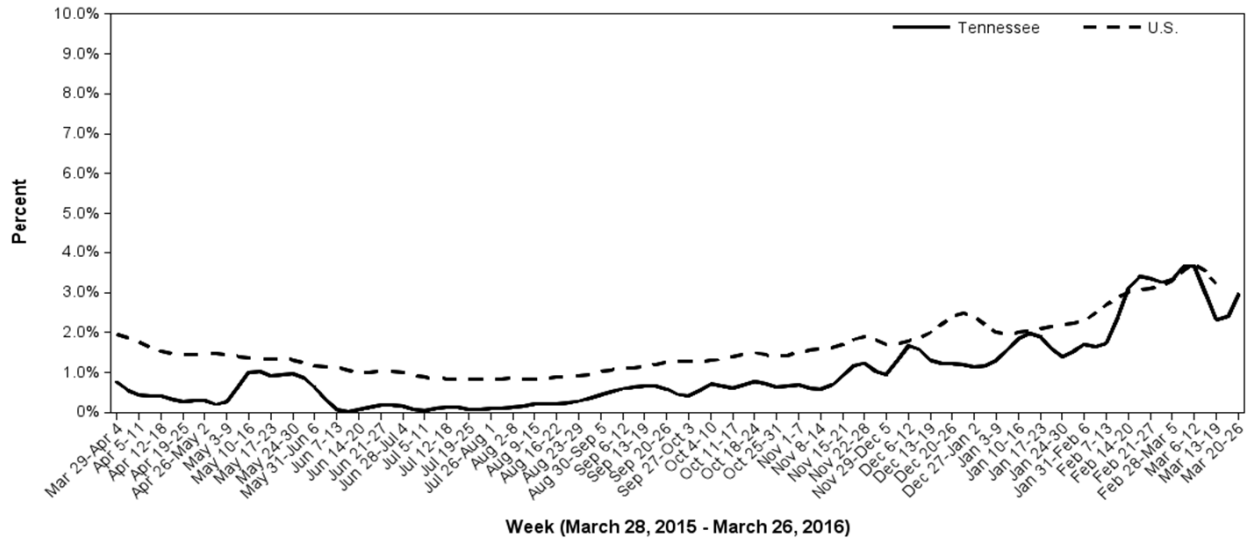
Respiratory Viral Panel

Number of Positive Specimens, by week

Month/Week	#	Flu A (H1N1)	Flu A (H3)	Unsub. Flu A	Flu B	RSV A	Rhino	Meta-pneumo	Adeno B or E	Corona OC43	Corona NL63	Corona HKU1
<b>March</b>												
Current	358	31	1	1	15	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
11	455	39	2	1	29	1	4	1	1	0	0	1
10	531	44	1	4	24	2	2	3	1	1	0	0
9	519	44	0	0	28	1	2	1	3	0	0	0
<b>February</b>												
8	484	34	1	2	14	1	4	0	2	1	1	0
7	430	22	0	0	6	0	1	0	2	1	1	1

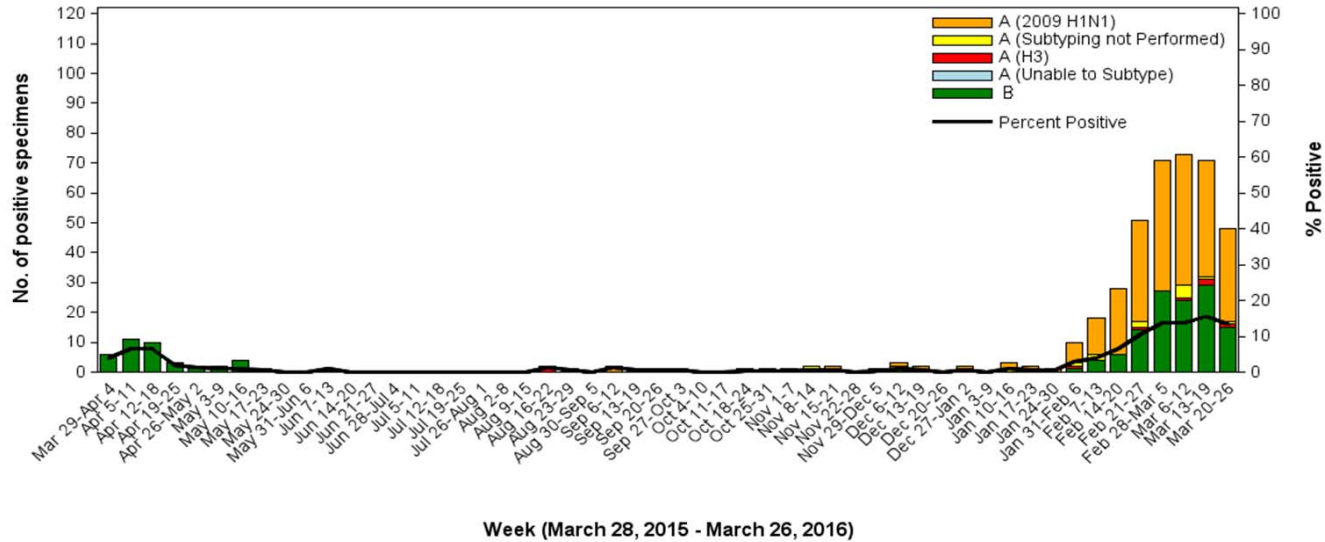
**Percentage of Outpatient Visits Reported by the U.S. and Tennessee Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) as Influenza-like Illness, 2015-2016**

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**Influenza Positive Tests Submitted to TN Dept. of Health Laboratory Services Tennessee, 2015-2016**

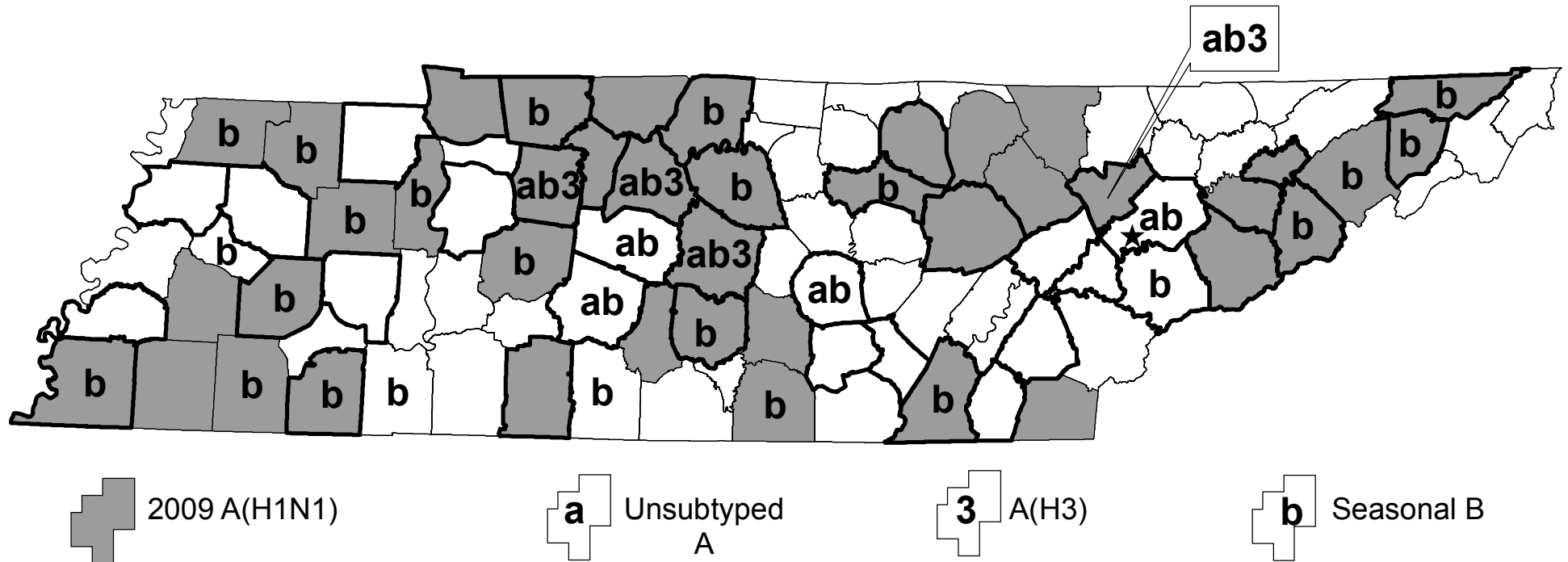
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# Influenza Confirmed by Culture or PCR in Tennessee from Specimens Collected by Any Source within the Past 6 Weeks

February 14 through March 26, 2016

- Strains are reported by county of case residence.
- Counties where influenza sentinel providers are located are identified with bold boundary lines.
- Stars mark counties with large metropolitan populations (Memphis, Jackson, Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and the Tri-Cities area).



Note: TDH weekly laboratory surveillance for influenza includes PCR and culture results for Tennessee specimens submitted to two commercial laboratories serving outpatient clinics and hospitals statewide. These numbers are added to those from TDH Laboratory Services and help provide a picture of influenza activity areas of the state in which there are not Sentinel surveillance sites.

## Reference Information for Sentinel Provider Network

1 Influenza-like illness (ILI) is defined as fever > 100°F (37.8°C) plus cough and/or sore throat, in the absence of a known cause (other than influenza). Classification of ILI is based upon symptoms only and does not require any test.

2 The % of patients with ILI seen in each region is compared to the statewide average. Regions with % statistically-significantly different from the state average are noted as "higher" or "lower." The CDC reports that the percentage of patients visiting outpatient healthcare providers in the Sentinel Provider Network (SPN) with influenza-like-illness (ILI) when influenza viruses are not circulating is expected to fall at or below a specific SPN baseline [nationwide = 2.2%, East South Central region (AL, TN, MS, KY) = 2.3%]. When the percentage of patients with ILI exceeds this baseline, this suggests that influenza viruses may be circulating.

### Important information for Sentinel Providers

Sentinel Providers report ILI by the end of Wednesday following the end of the reporting week (<https://wwwn.cdc.gov/ilinet/>) and collect and ship specimens from ILI cases Monday through Thursday (maximum 10/week per provider). All Sentinel Provider specimens MUST be accompanied by the Influenza and Respiratory Viral Panel Submission form or testing will not be done. The Respiratory Viral Panel is only validated for nasopharyngeal (NP) specimens. Specimens collected from other sites cannot be tested.

Additional laboratory supplies can be obtained by completing the lab order supply form. To ensure the order is filled, please include the CDC Provider ID Code.

### Contact Information

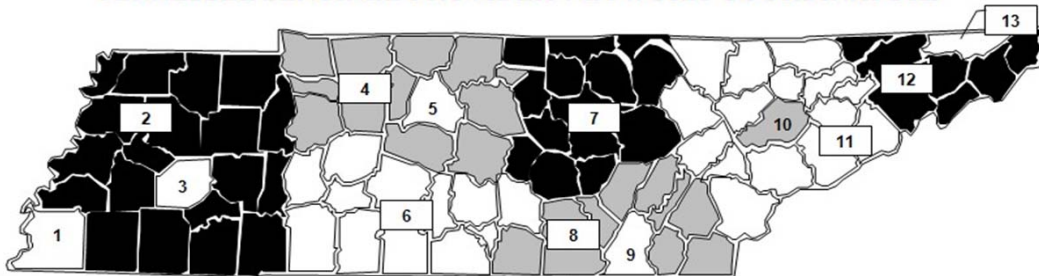
Submit weekly reports to: <https://wwwn.cdc.gov/ilinet/> OR Fax 888-232-1322

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### **SPN Questions:**

**State:** Robb Garman 800-404-3006 OR 615-741-7247  
**County/Region:** Regional SPN Coordinator (see map)

### TENNESSEE SENTINEL PROVIDER NETWORK COORDINATORS



1	Shelby County	901-222-9239
2	West TN Region	731-421-6758
3	Jackson-Madison County	731-927-8540
4	Mid-Cumberland Region	615-650-7000
5	Nashville-Davidson County	615-340-0551
6	South Central Region	931-380-2532
7	Upper Cumberland Region	931-646-7505
8	Southeast Region	423-634-1932
9	Chattanooga-Hamilton County	423-209-8067
10	Knoxville-Knox County	865-215-5084
11	East TN Region	865-549-5287
12	Northeast Region	423-979-3200
13	Sullivan County	423-279-7545

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