Influenza Update

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Objectives

- Describe current influenza-like-illness trends in the U.S. and in IHS
- Report influenza vaccine coverage levels by IHS region
- Discuss new resources for influenza vaccine education
U.S. Influenza Activity

• Low activity across the U.S.
• Majority of circulating strains H3 strains
• To date most circulating influenza viruses are well—matched to those in the 2015-2016 influenza vaccine
• Two pediatric influenza-associated deaths have been reported for the 2015-2016 season
Percentage of Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Reported by the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), Weekly National Summary, 2015-16 and Selected Previous Seasons
Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates Reported by State & Territorial Epidemiologists*

Week ending November 28, 2015 - Week 47

* This map indicates geographic spread & does not measure the severity of influenza activity
Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality for 122 U.S. Cities
Week Ending November 28, 2015
U.S. Influenza Vaccine Supply

• Influenza vaccine supply:
  – Projected: 171-179 million
  – Shipped (as of Nov. 27th): 140.5 million doses

• Some delays with FluMist (MedImmune)
  • Full distribution to be completed by end of December
IHS Influenza Awareness System Summary as of 11/28/15

• Low influenza activity across all IHS Areas
• ~256,000 doses of influenza vaccine have been administered in IHS
  – Influenza vaccine coverage is slightly lower (~5%) than this time last year
• Weekly IIAS reports now available on the IHS Flu Website
  – www.ihs.gov/flu
IHS ILI Activity as of 11/28/2015
% of outpatient visits for influenza-like-illness (ILI)
Percent of visits for ILI as of 11/28/15
Influenza Vaccine Coverage as of 11/28/2015

Weeks

Percent

Adults (18+ years)
All (6 months +)
Children (6 months-17 years)
Influenza Vaccine Coverage
2014-15* vs. 2015-2016*

New Influenza Resources

• National Influenza Vaccination Week

• New waiting room videos from the Association of American Indian Physicians
  – DVDs distributed to all IHS facilities
  – To request a copy, email: edurkensen@aaip.org
  – Also available on the IHS Flu website

• Coming soon: Radio PSAs on tribal radio stations in Great Plains Area