

Influenza Activity Report

Week 49: Dec 2, 2018 to Dec 8, 2018

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Measure	Assessment Compared to Previous Week	Explanation
Overall Assessment	The influenza activity in week 49 for Haldimand and Norfolk was lower in comparison to previous week but in Ontario it was higher in comparison to previous week (Week 48).	Surrounding public health units that reported influenza activity: Brant County: Sporadic City of Hamilton: Sporadic Niagara Regional Area: Sporadic Oxford: No Activity

Measure	Number of specimens submitted	Number of specimens tested	Positive influenza A* (n, %)	Influenza A (H1N1)pdm09	Influenza A H3N2	Influenza B (n, %)
Laboratory confirmed influenza cases in Haldimand and Norfolk	14 (72)	11 (67)	0 (1), 0.0% (1.5%)	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0), 0% (0%)
Laboratory confirmed influenza cases in Ontario	824 (8,565)	749 (7,928)	57 (190), 7.6% (2.4%)	31 (105)	8 (63)	0 (19), 0.0% (0.2%)

*The sum of the Positive Influenza A subtype cases may not equal to this Total count as some of the positive Influenza A cases have not yet been subtyped.

Notes:

- Cumulative numbers are from September 1, 2018 to the current week and are displayed in brackets.
- Numbers may change week by week due to retrospective reporting methods. The difference between submissions and testing is due to lags in testing time. In addition, no. of specimens submitted is determined based on date specimens were received at lab for testing, while no. of specimens tested is determined based on date specimens were collected from the patient.
- Surveillance practices and laboratory testing methods have changed this season. This may result in lower case counts and these are not comparable to previous years.
- Data Source:** PHO Snapshot; Ontario Respiratory Pathogen Bulletin; PHOL Respiratory Pathogen Surveillance Reports; Date Extracted: Feb 27, 2019 from <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/surveillance-reports/orpb-wk49-2018-19.pdf?la=en>