

# Influenza Activity Report

Week 52: Dec 23, 2018 to Dec 29, 2018

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Measure	Assessment Compared to Previous Week	Explanation
<b>Overall Assessment</b>	The influenza activity for Week 52 was higher when compared to previous week (Week 51).	Surrounding public health units that reported influenza activity: Brant County: <b>Localized</b> City of Hamilton: <b>No data</b> Niagara Regional Area: <b>Localized</b> Oxford: <b>Sporadic</b>

Measure	Assessment Compared to Previous Week	Number of specimens submitted	Number of specimens tested	Positive influenza A (n, %)	Influenza A (H1N1)pdm09	Influenza A H3N2	Influenza B (n, %)
<b>Laboratory confirmed influenza cases in Haldimand and Norfolk</b>	Lower	18 (106)	14 (97)	0 (3), 0% (3.1%)	0 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0), 0% (0%)
<b>Laboratory confirmed influenza cases in Ontario</b>	Higher	920 (11,337)	791 (10,498)	145 (585), 18.3% (5.6%)	39 (343)	10 (109)	1 (25), 0.1% (0.2%)

## Notes:

- Cumulative numbers are from September 1, 2018 to the current week and are displayed in brackets.
- Data Source: PHO Snapshot; Ontario Respiratory Pathogen Bulletin; PHOL Respiratory Pathogen Surveillance Reports  
[https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/DataAndAnalytics/Documents/Ontario%20Respiratory%20Pathogen%20Bulletin%20-%20Week%2052\\_2018.pdf](https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/DataAndAnalytics/Documents/Ontario%20Respiratory%20Pathogen%20Bulletin%20-%20Week%2052_2018.pdf)
- Numbers may change week by week due to retrospective reporting methods.
- 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.