THE OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Needs Your Help!

We are recruiting outpatient health care providers

to partner with Oklahoma's leading respiratory disease surveillance program and contribute to OK ViralView. By joining our Sentinel Respiratory Surveillance Network you'll have the opportunity to be at the forefront of tracking and reporting respiratory illness data.

What Is Sentinel Surveillance?

Sentinel Respiratory Surveillance is an essential public health tool that monitors how respiratory viruses are affecting Oklahoma geographically and over time. This comprehensive data collection provides invaluable insights into the geographic spread, timing, and severity of respiratory illnesses throughout the year. This surveillance data is combined with laboratory results and severe case reports, such as hospitalizations from across the state, to create a comprehensive picture of viral activity and overall disease burden. By participating in the sentinel network, providers contribute to OK ViralView, an interactive resource that provides real-time respiratory disease trends that is updated weekly, and available year-round for monitoring.

Why Your Participation Matters

Respiratory viruses evolve constantly. Your participation keeps our surveillance system robust, and our state prepared for novel strains and burdensome seasonal surges. Together we can detect outbreaks sooner and protect vulnerable communities.

Become a Sentinel Partner Today

Enhance your impact and make a difference in public health. We look forward to working with you!

What is OSDH looking for?

OSDH is looking for providers willing to participate in weekly aggregate electronic data submission. We prefer outpatient primary care and urgent care practices, with great interest in providers who see underserved communities.

What would participation mean for my practice?

Participation has two components:

1 Data Collection and Reporting:

Track and report weekly aggregate number of patients that presented with influenza-like-illness (ILI*) by age group and total number of aggregate patients seen (for any reason). Submit clinical lab data, including the number of Flu A, Flu B, and RSV positive tests and the total number of tests performed. Reporting takes less than an hour per week and is done electronically through an automated REDCap survey. If your facility's EHR can export these data, we can work with your team to set up automated reporting to reduce or eliminate manual reporting each week.

ILI* is defined as having a fever (temperature of 100F [37.8C] or greater) and a cough and/or a sore throat.

2 (Optional) Influenza Subtyping:

Submit positive influenza specimens to the state public health laboratory for sub-typing and additional characterization.

Peak Season:
Minimum 4 positive specimens per week.

Acceleration/Deceleration:
2–3 positive specimens per week.

Summer/Off-Season:
 1–2 specimens per week.

Collection kits, specimen transport, and testing are provided at no charge. Partners get access to a secure internal dashboard with deidentified, aggregate results to track statewide and regional trends.

Ready to Join or Want More Information?

Scan the QR code to share your facility's contact details. The Respiratory Surveillance Coordinator will follow up to answer your questions and/or guide you through the next steps. If you are unable to scan the QR code or have questions in the meantime, email us at Respiratory@health.ok.gov.

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