Deaths due to Pneumonia and Influenza: During week 1, 6.9% of deaths were due, in part, to pneumonia or influenza. Compared to historical data, this is slightly above normal limits.

School Absenteeism: No data available due to winter break.

State Influenza Activity: During week 52*, overall influenza activity was “regional” in California. Based on available data from 47 out of an average of 127 enrolled sentinel providers, the percentage of visits for ILI in week 51 (3.4%) was below the epidemic threshold (4.1%). No influenza-associated death in adults less than 65 years of age was reported during Week 52. One influenza outbreak was reported no novel influenza cases have been detected in California to date.

National Influenza Activity: During week 52*, influenza continued to increased in the United States. The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 4.3%, above the national baseline of 2.0%. All 10 regions reported ILI at or above region-specific baseline levels. Twenty states experienced high ILI activity, eight states and New York City experienced moderate ILI activity, six states experienced low ILI; 16 states experienced minimal ILI activity and the District of Columbia had insufficient data. The geographic spread of influenza in 25 states was reported as widespread; 20 states reported regional influenza activity; Puerto Rico and three states reported local influenza activity; the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and two states reported sporadic influenza activity, and the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam did not report. During week 52, 6.5% of all deaths reported through the 122-Cities Mortality Reporting System were due to P&I. This percentage was below the epidemic threshold of 7.0% for week 52. Two influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported.

During week 1, 5.7% of visits to physician sentinel sites were related to influenza-like illnesses. Compared to historical data, this is within normal limits.

During week 1, 7.6% of visits to Riverside County emergency departments were related to influenza-like illnesses. Compared to historical data, this is slightly above normal limits.

Deaths due to Pneumonia and Influenza: During week 1, 6.9% of deaths were due, in part, to pneumonia or influenza. Compared to historical data, this is slightly above normal limits.