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Usually this bulletin will be released on a bi-weekly basis. However once flu activity begins to increase it will be produced on a weekly basis.

As the season develops additional charts and tables will be added where necessary.

Summary

- GP consultation rates for confirmed Influenza decreased from 19.9 in week 46 to 11.7 in week 48. In week 47, rates in weeks 47 and 48 are lower than the corresponding rates in weeks 47 and 48 in previous years.
- Out of hours Influenza call rates remain stable and low.
- There were no influenza detections in weeks 47 and 48.
- There were five RSV detections in weeks 47 and 48.

Introduction

Surveillance of influenza activity in Northern Ireland is supported by a number of surveillance systems and in place. A new development for this bulletin will be surveillance of critical care patients in hospitals with confirmed influenza.

Additional surveillance systems are:

- GP national surveillance system representing 11.7% of Northern Ireland population.
- GP out of hours surveillance system.
- Virological reports from the Regional Virus Laboratory (RVL).
- Mortality data from Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA).



The Influenza Weekly Surveillance Bulletin is produced by the PHA and covers statistics for Northern Ireland. The bulletin is produced during the flu season

Details

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Health Care Professionals

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