

Update on Flu Surveillance 2010-2011

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Proposed Reporting Requirements

- Influenza-associated pediatric mortality
- Influenza-related deaths in pregnant/postpartum (≤ 6 weeks) women
- New strains of “novel” influenza A (laboratories only)
- Weekly flu reports

Laboratory

- 72 hour window (collection to receipt) for flu surveillance specimens
- DSHS Lab: PCR testing of all flu surveillance specimens
 - culture for a subset
- Lab criteria eliminated
- Goals, not limits*
- LRNs will participate in flu surveillance

*Proposed

DSHS Central Office Flu Mailbox

- flutexas@dshs.state.tx.us
- Weekly regional flu reports
- What else?
 - VTM and supply orders
 - ILINet questions
 - Anything flu-related that you would normally send to Carol, Lesley, or Irene
- Individual email addresses still okay too