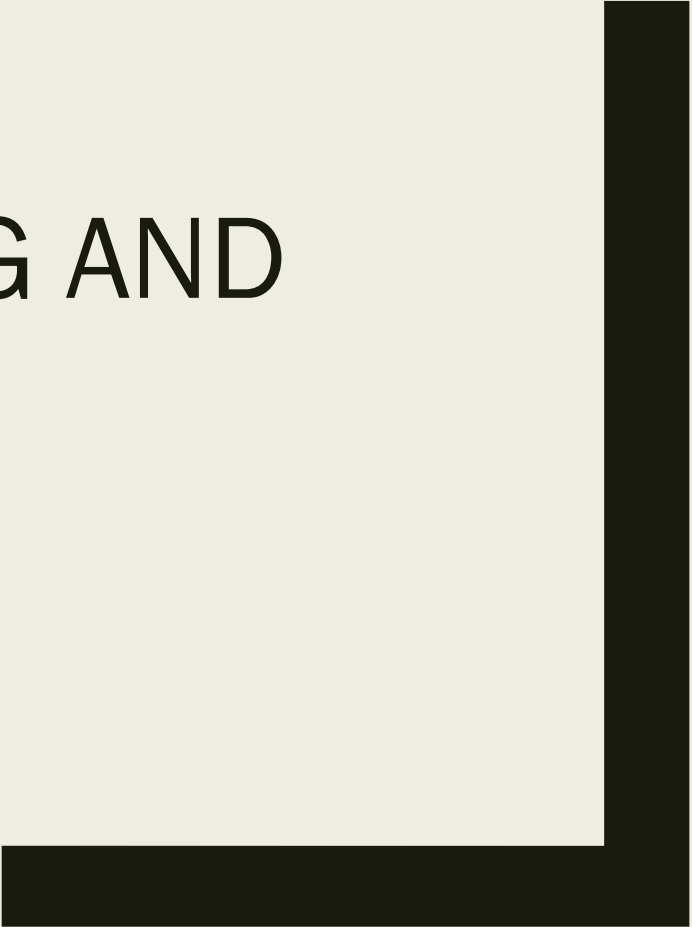




# PROVIDER RECRUITING AND REPORTING

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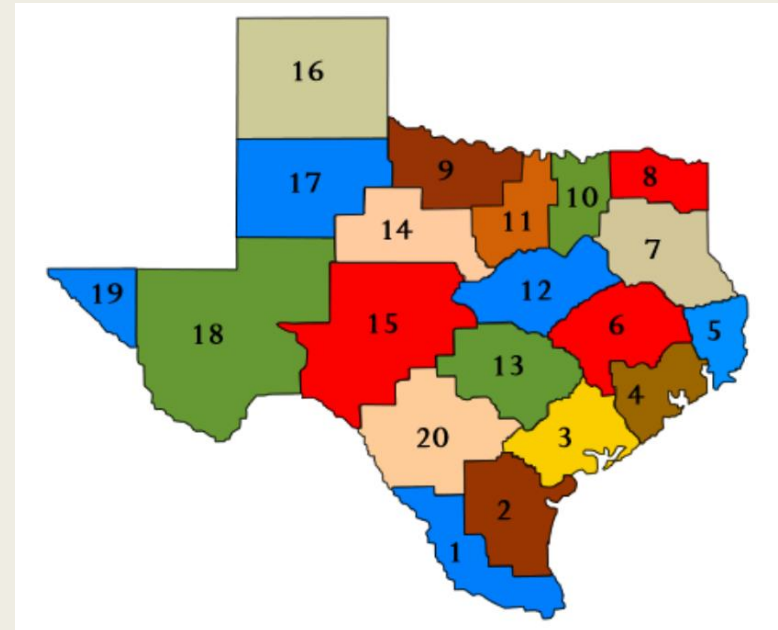
# Objectives

- Go over how our region has recruited reporting from both schools and hospitals
- Show our reporting form, and explain the process
- Discuss recruiting tips and year round reporting recruitment

# School Recruitment

- Education Service Centers
  - *Contact each one with a letter to send to each district*
- Successful at first, but participation dropped off due to high turnover

Education Service Centers



# School Recruitment

- Public Health Nurses at the Region
  - *Located in the communities*
  - *They work with schools and daycares in their counties*

# Hospital & Clinic Recruitment

- Send the report form at the beginning of every flu season to contacts at hospitals and clinics
- Yearly hospital visits by our Epi Nurse
  - *Visit each hospital in the region every year*
  - *Provide binder with resources about reporting on all conditions*
  - *Discuss flu reporting, provide the form, and explain the process*

# Report Forms

- Different forms for:
  - *Hospitals*
  - *Clinics*
  - *Schools*
  - *Local Health Department*

# Form Template

## FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

<b>To:</b> Sandi Henley RN, CIC	<b>FAX NUMBER:</b> 254-899-0405
<b>COMPANY:</b> Texas Department of State Health Services	<b>TOTAL NO. OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER:</b> 1
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<b>PHONE NUMBER:</b> 254-778-6744	<b>INFLUENZA REPORTING</b>

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### HOSPITAL WEEKLY FLU REPORT

Submit by 3:00 each Monday for the week prior (Sunday – Saturday)

Name (Hospital): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reporter: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email of Reporter: \_\_\_\_\_

WEEK ENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

Flu activity is defined as:

- Lab confirmed case: Flu case confirmed by rapid test, culture, antigen detection, or PCR (Flu A, Flu B, Not Differentiated Flu). **and/or,**
- Influenza-like illness activity (ILI): ILI is defined as fever over 100°F and cough and/or sore throat in the *absence of another diagnosis.* **and/or,**
- Institutional outbreak: A lab confirmed outbreak in a nursing home, hospital, prison, school, etc.

Please complete the table listing the number of flu cases seen in your facility.

If reporting an institutional outbreak – please provide details separately or call!

County (Residence of patient)	ILI	Rapid flu A	Rapid flu B	Rapid flu ND*	Culture/ PCR+ flu A	Culture/ PCR+ flu B

\*Not Differentiated Flu

Please fax or call (within one working day) patient information relating to :

- Influenza-related pediatric mortality (under 18 years of age). This includes pediatric deaths with an appropriate laboratory or rapid diagnostic test for all types of influenza virus.

Please email report to: [hsr7.epi@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:hsr7.epi@dshs.state.tx.us) by 3 p.m. on Mondays. If Monday is a holiday, send ASAP. The report may also be faxed to 254-899-0405 (no cover sheet needed). You may call 254-778-6744 with questions or comments. If sending additional information for a previously submitted report, please highlight the changes being made. **Thank you!**

# Form Tables

## Hospitals & LHDs

County <i>(Residence of patient)</i>	ILI	Rapid flu A	Rapid flu B	Rapid flu ND*	Culture/ PCR+ flu A	Culture/ PCR+ flu B

\*Not Differentiated Flu

## Clinics

**TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS SEEN FOR THE WEEK**

County <i>(Residence of patient)</i>	ILI	Rapid flu A	Rapid flu B	Rapid flu ND*	Culture/ PCR+ flu A	Culture/ PCR+ flu

\*ND = Not Differentiated Flu



# Form Tables

## Schools

Please complete the table listing the number of flu absences seen in your school/s. Only count a student's' absence one time for the week. In addition, if you put in the absence in the section "Absences due to parental report of influenza" do not put in "absences due to ILI".

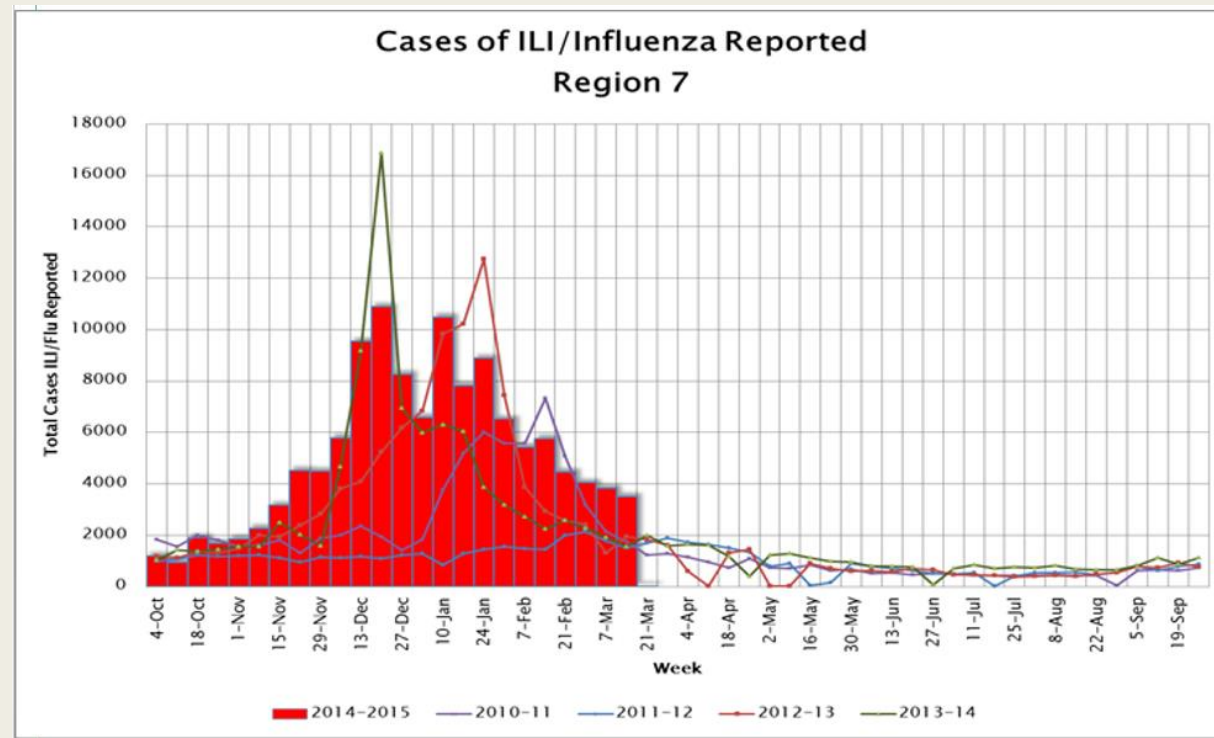
<b>County</b> <i>(Residence of Students)</i>	<i>Absences due to ILI</i>	<i>Absences due to parental report of influenza</i>

***If you have had a school closure please complete table below:***

School Closures	Date Closed	# Absences due to ILI necessitating closure	Total number of students	Date Re-Opened

# Recruitment Tip

- We have found that showing how the reports are used helps improve people's willingness to report
  - *Send flu reports directly to them*
  - *Create a regional report for the season*



# Year Round Reporting

- Tell reporters that we would like them to report year-round (except schools)
  - *End of flu season message, with summary and prompting to continue reporting*
- Encourages weekly reporting to become a habit

Questions??