For week 42 (10/17/10-10/23/10), the overall state ILI rate (3.5%) was comparable to last week (3.2%), but was lower than this time last year (6.9%).

*There was not a week 53 for the 2009-2010 season. The value is an average of week 52, 2009 and week 01, 2010.*
During week 42, two districts (2 and 6) had an increase in ILI activity; two districts (3 and 8) had a decrease, while the remaining districts (1, 4, 5, 7, and 9) remained about the same.

Since September, there have been six respiratory samples that were positive by influenza PCR testing. Three were positive for influenza A (H3), one of which had a documented travel history to Florida prior to the onset of symptoms, and represented an imported case. The other three confirmed influenza cases were Flu B. The cases were identified from the following counties: Attala, Holmes, Jasper, Lamar, Oktibbeha, and Perry.
Mississippi reported “sporadic” (Small numbers of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases or a single laboratory-confirmed influenza outbreak has been reported, but there is no increase in cases of ILI) activity for week 42. For more information on flu activity nationwide, please refer to the CDC’s website at: http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivity.htm.