

# ILINet Sentinel Site Program Overview

Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Prevention Division



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This is a community, statewide and national program that monitors influenza-like illness activity during the influenza season each year.

This program is vital for monitoring the prevalence and spread of influenza viruses.

Information provided by ILINet Sentinel Sites is used to help guide the prevention and control activities, patient care, and vaccine development for Indiana and the United States.

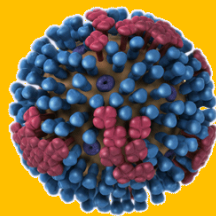
## Objectives of Influenza Surveillance

- Monitor influenza-like illness (ILI) activity
- Rapidly detect novel influenza events
- Describe seasonal occurrence of influenza
- Determine the types of circulating influenza viruses and non-influenza respiratory viruses
- Inform healthcare professionals and public health partners with weekly influenza surveillance data and reports
- Support influenza vaccination with real-world influenza surveillance data
- Respond to community or institutional ILI outbreaks

ILI Definition = **fever** (measured  $>100^{\circ}\text{F}$ ,  $37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) plus **cough** and/or **sore throat**

**Participation is completely voluntary and totally FREE.**

ILINet Sentinel Sites are provided with **FREE influenza A/B and SARS-CoV-2 rapid tests, along with FREE specimen subtyping at IDOH Laboratory.**



## Getting Involved as a Sentinel Site

**It's easy to become an ILINet Sentinel Site participant!**

1. Complete our IDOH ILINet Enrollment Form (found on Influenza webpage)
2. Commit to reporting ILI Activity on a weekly basis during the influenza season.
3. Commit to sending weekly respiratory specimens to IDOH Laboratory for testing and subtyping.

**Scan the QR code to view the IDOH Influenza Dashboard**



**IDOH Influenza Webpage:** <https://www.in.gov/health/idepd/influenza/>