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Dear Potential ILINet Participant,

Have you considered joining the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet)?

You will serve as a sentinel site within your community and contribute to a statewide and national sentinel surveillance effort to monitor influenza activity. You will receive influenza and SARS-CoV-2 testing services at the Indiana Department of Health Laboratory (IDOHL) at no cost to you! ILINet sentinel sites are offered rapid influenza & SARS-CoV-2+Influenza diagnostic kits upon request.

Participation from our ILINet Providers is vital for monitoring the prevalence and spread of influenza viruses! The important public health information obtained from this influenza surveillance is used to guide prevention and control activities and patient care.

#### **ILINet Providers:**

- Can be from outpatient settings including emergency medicine, family practice, student health, internal medicine, and urgent care, pediatric offices, etc.
- Report on a weekly basis the total number of patients seen and the number of those patients with influenza-like illness (ILI) by age group. ILI is described as the presence of fever greater than 100°F with cough and/or sore throat in the absence of a known cause.
- Submit nasopharyngeal (NP) swabs weekly to IDOHL from ILI patients for testing and subtyping.
- Receive positive influenza and SARS-CoV-2 testing results from IDOHL for their submitted specimens.

#### **Indiana Department of Health:**

- Uses ILINet data to determine the start and peak of influenza season in Indiana.
- Provides free shipping materials and testing to ILINet Providers.
- Submits ILINet specimens to the CDC for antigenic characterization and vaccine strain selection.
- Tests select specimens for antiviral resistance and novel influenza viruses.
- Identifies which influenza viruses and other respiratory viruses, commonly circulate in Indiana.
- Updates a weekly Influenza Dashboard with timely and relevant seasonal influenza updates.

If you are interested in joining the ILINet program, please fax the completed enrollment form to (317) 234-2812. You may also scan and email the forms to [lmounsey@health.in.gov](mailto:lmounsey@health.in.gov). For questions, please contact Layne Mounsey, Infectious Disease Epidemiologist & Influenza Coordinator, at 317-495-4115.

Thank you for your interest!

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