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Widespread Influenza Activity and Pediatric Flu Deaths Confirmed in Michigan

(Adrian, MI) The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has reported two confirmed pediatric influenza-associated deaths. One child (<18 years of age) is from central Michigan and the other is from the Southeast region of Michigan. Both children tested positive for influenza B infection. Additional suspected pediatric influenza-associated deaths in Michigan are currently under investigation.

Incidents of Influenza (flu) are now widespread throughout the state of Michigan. Eighty-five confirmed cases of influenza have been reported to the Lenawee County Health Department this flu season, with the majority of cases reported in the past few weeks. Of those cases, seven have been hospitalized. Both Influenza A and B strains have been reported to the health department during this 2019-2020 influenza season.

Influenza claims the lives of adults and children every year across the United States. In addition to getting a flu vaccine (if you are 6 months old or older), you can help stop the spread of influenza by proper handwashing, covering your mouth while coughing or sneezing, staying home from work or school when ill and consulting your healthcare provider.

It is not too late to get your flu shot for this season! Contact your healthcare provider, pharmacy or the Lenawee County Health Department at 517-264-5226 to schedule your appointment today.

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