Fighting the Flu-House Bill 198



Flu Activity in Georgia

Each year from October to mid-May, Georgia's Department of Public Health tracks flu activity throughout the State and reports the findings in the Georgia Weekly Influenza Report. Along with other surveillance components, influenza-like illness is tracked with the help of volunteer sentinel providers (private providers, occupational health providers, student health clinics and emergency departments) as part of CDC's ILINet program. While each individual case of influenza is not reportable to health authorities, we monitor flu activity by watching the percent of doctors' visits that are for "influenza-like illness" (fever >100° F and cough and/or sore throat). When these doctors' visits for "influenza-like illnesses" begin to increase compared to baseline levels, we suspect that influenza is active in an area. Baseline levels are considered to be 0-3%.

After House Bill 198 passed in the 2017 Legislative session, schools are required to provide information to parents and guardians of students in grades 6 through 12 on influenza and its vaccine whenever other health information is provided. Below you will find many resources on Influenza and the flu vaccine.

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