



# The BioSense Influenza Module

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# Outline

- What is the BioSense Influenza Module?
- Data sources
- Influenza module functionality
- Performance of BioSense influenza indicators
- Potential improvements to BioSense indicators
- New data sources

# What is the Influenza Module?

- Collaboration
  - ◆ Influenza Division/NCIRD
  - ◆ BioSense Program/NCPHI
- Deployed December 2007
- Purposes
  - ◆ Collate available surveillance data
  - ◆ Present in a single application
  - ◆ Common format and user interface
- State and local users have access to
  - ◆ National and regional level data
  - ◆ State-specific data



### VA, DoD, & Lab Test Order Data\*

**Analytic Home Page**

Analytical results for all syndromes displayed in summarized format, maps, graphs, and tables.

**Consolidated Line Graphs**

Time series graph display with all data sources plotted on each syndrome graph.

**Syndrome Specific Line Graphs**

Time series graph display with separate data source graphs for a single syndrome.

**Syndrome Specific Maps**

Map display with separate data source maps for a single syndrome.

**Syndrome Specific Tables**

Tabular display with access to detailed line lists of records for a single syndrome.

### Real-time Hospital Data

**Chief Complaint/Diagnosis**

Syndrome counts for patient chief complaint and physician diagnosis.

**Statistical Anomalies**

List of statistical anomalies for syndrome counts and rates.

**Time Series**

Time series graph of user-selected data, including statistical analyses.

**Describe**

Descriptive statistics of user-selected data, including ability to create subsets.

**Census**

Display of hospital census data.

**National Map**

Map of the United States displaying national distribution of disease indicators.

### Non-reactive BioWatch Results

BioWatch laboratory test results for environmental air samplers within your jurisdiction(s).

### Influenza Module

Influenza data from the U.S. Influenza Surveillance System, Influenza Division, CDC and BioSense.



BioSense Flu Status

Shared: All Portal Users



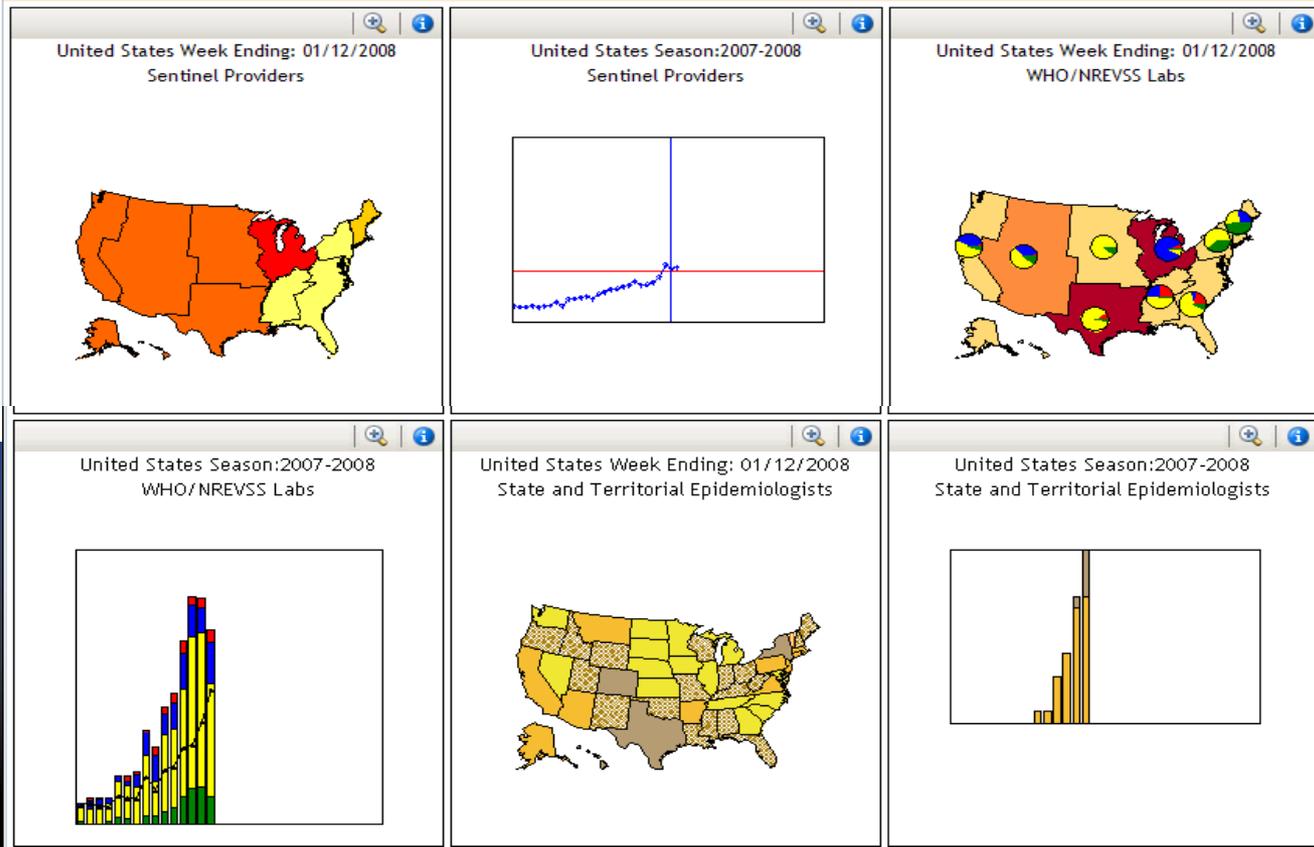
2007-2008 Influenza Season Week 2, ending January 12, 2008

Synopsis

During week 2 (January 6 - 12, 2008), influenza activity continued to increase in the United States.

- Two hundred eighty-three (9.8%) specimens tested by U.S. World Health Organization (WHO) and National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) collaborating laboratories were positive for influenza.
- The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza was equal to the epidemic threshold.
- The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was above national baseline levels, and the proportion of outpatient

FluView - Influenza Division Data Source



# Traditional Influenza Data Sources

- U.S. Influenza Sentinel Provider Network
  - ◆ % Influenza-like Illness (ILI)
- WHO/National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS)
  - ◆ # positive influenza isolates by type (e.g. B, H3N2); Percent positive
- State and Territorial Epidemiologists Reports
  - ◆ No Activity, Sporadic, Local Activity, Regional, Widespread

# BioSense Influenza Data Sources

- BioSense hospital emergency department (ED) chief complaints
  - ◆ Flu OR Fever OR Cough mentioned in chief complaint
  - ◆ 543 facilities reporting
- BioSense hospital emergency department final diagnosis (ICD-9-CM)
  - ◆ Acute Respiratory Illness (ARI)
  - ◆ ICD-9-CM codes 460-466, 480-488
    - ★ Upper respiratory tract infections
    - ★ Bronchitis/Bronchiolitis
    - ★ Pneumonia
    - ★ Influenza
  - ◆ 172 facilities reporting
- DoD/VA outpatient clinics final diagnosis (ICD-9-CM)
  - ◆ Acute Respiratory Illness (ARI)
  - ◆ 1188 facilities reporting

# BioSense Influenza Module Functionality

- Flu Kiosk
- Maps
- Time Series
- User-defined customized dashboard



Flu Kiosk

My Flu Dashboard

Map

Home

Time Series

New York City

Virginia

Map

Share

Select Data:

- DoD/VA Diagnosis
- BioSense Hospitals Diagnosis
- BioSense Hospitals Chief Complaint
- Sentinel Providers
- WHO/NREVSS Labs
- State and Territorial Epidemiologists

Map of:

- United States
- DHHS
- Census
- State
- Health District
- County

Stratify By Age

Shade by:

- Federal Region
- Census Division
- Facility

Flu Season

- 2004-2005
- 2005-2006

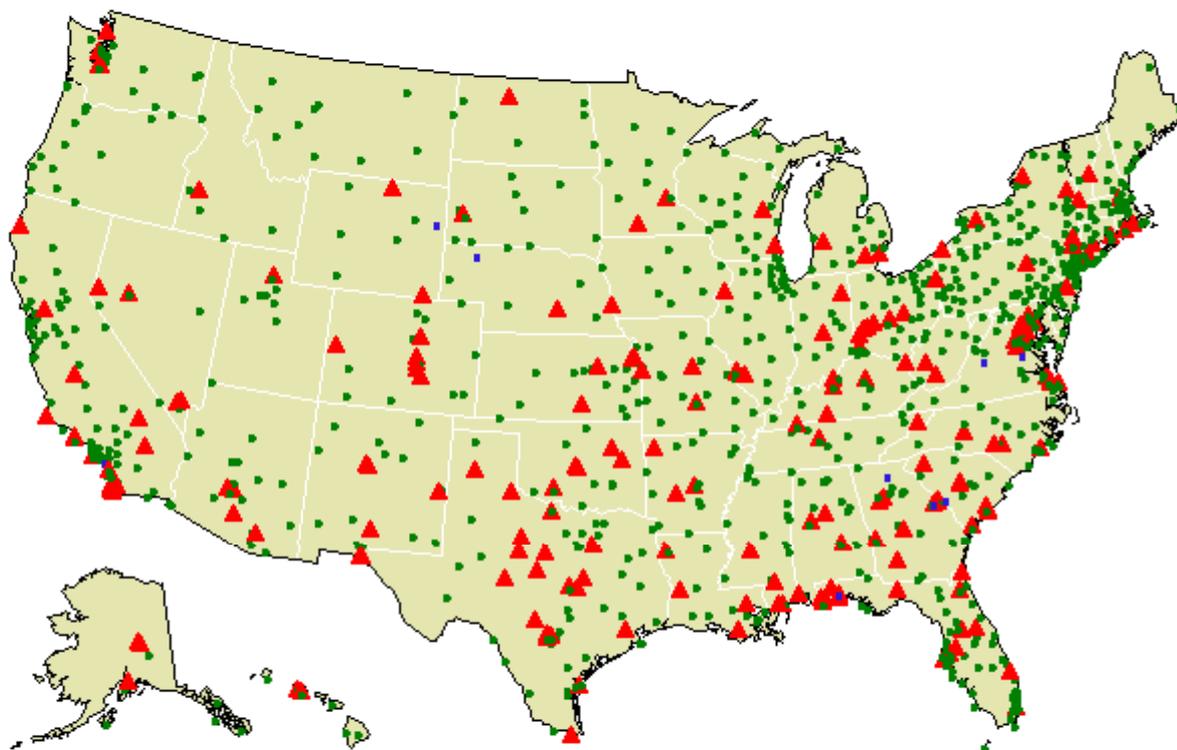
Flu Season Week

- 07 - Week ending 02/16/08
- 08 - Week ending 02/23/08
- 09 - Week ending 03/01/08
- 10 - Week ending 03/08/08

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Submit

BioSense Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic Data, ARI diagnoses (ICD-9-CM codes 460-466 or 480-488), United States, February 10 - 16, 2008, Shaded By: Facility



● Not Elevated    ▲ Elevated    ■ Insufficient Data



Flu Kiosk

My Flu Dashboard

Map

Home

Time Series

New York City

Virginia

Map

Share

BioSense Hospitals Emergency Department Chief Complaint Data, Flu-Fever-Cough, United States, Ages 0-4, February 10 - 16, 2008, Shaded By: Facility

Select Data:

- DoD/VA Diagnosis
- BioSense Hospitals Diagnosis
- BioSense Hospitals Chief Complaint
- Sentinel Providers
- WHO/NREVSS Labs
- State and Territorial Epidemiologists

Map of:

- United States
- DHHS
- Census
- State
- Health District
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Stratify By Age

Select Age(s)

- All Ages
- 0-4
- 5-17
- 18-49
- 50-64
- 65+

Shade by:

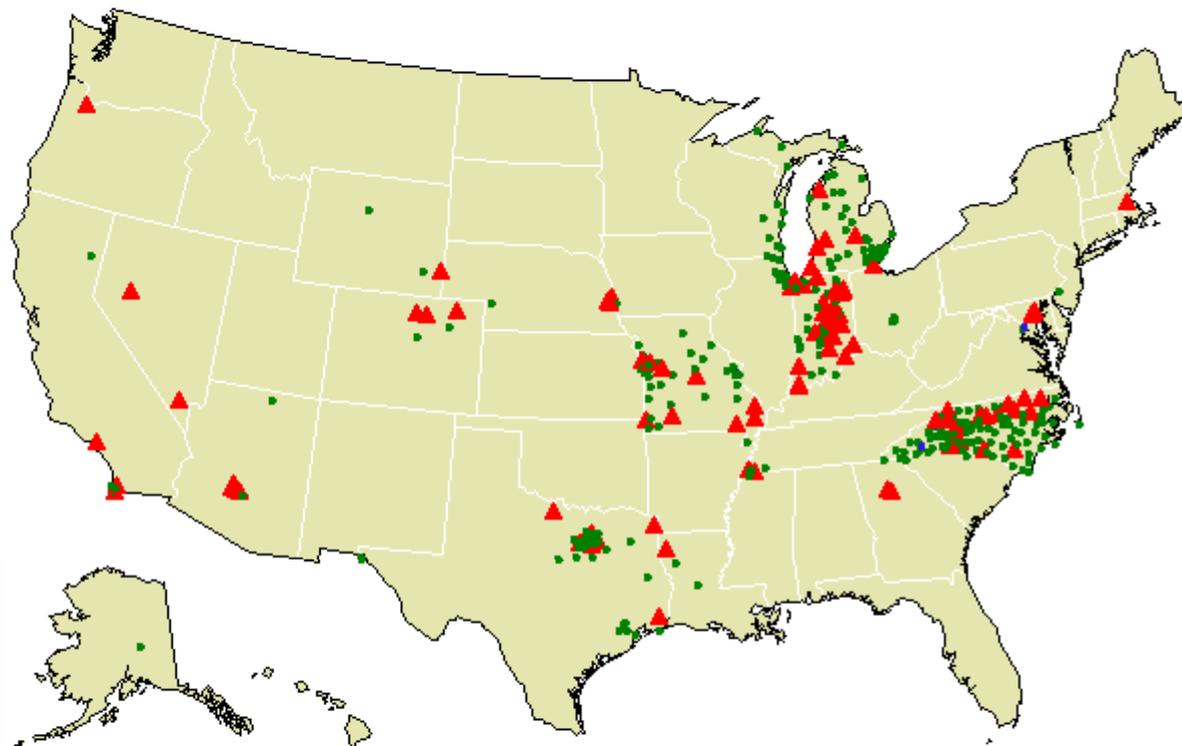
Facility

Flu Season Week

- 05 - Week ending 02/02/08
- 06 - Week ending 02/09/08
- 07 - Week ending 02/16/08
- 08 - Week ending 02/23/08

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Flu Kiosk

My Flu Dashboard

Map

Home

Time Series

Texas

### Time Series

Shared:

#### Select Data:

All Data Sources  
DoD/VA Diagnosis  
BioSense Hospitals Diagnosis  
BioSense Hospitals Chief Complaint  
Sentinel Providers  
WHO/NREVSS Labs  
State and Territorial Epidemiologists

#### Geographical Settings

United States  
DHHS  
Census  
State  
Health District  
County  
Facility

#### Flu Season

All Seasons  
2003-2004  
2004-2005  
2005-2006  
2006-2007  
2007-2008

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Season					
2007-2008					
Week No	End Week Date	No. of Facilities	ILI Visits	Total Visits	Weighted % ILI Visits
27	07/07/2007	679	1,060	165,051	0.656
28	07/14/2007	661	989	186,020	0.611
29	07/21/2007	663	1,122	192,676	0.601
30	07/28/2007	655	1,220	192,448	0.622
31	08/04/2007	641	985	182,026	0.571
32	08/11/2007	631	1,100	186,871	0.645
33	08/18/2007	630	1,200	194,326	0.659
34	08/25/2007	628	1,372	195,946	0.817
35	09/01/2007	610	1,373	195,382	0.633
36	09/08/2007	594	1,418	165,629	0.932
37	09/15/2007	590	1,342	181,914	0.967
38	09/22/2007	576	1,577	179,983	0.997
39	09/29/2007	632	1,957	244,395	1.072
40	10/06/2007	1,355	4,637	453,900	0.979
41	10/13/2007	1,412	5,608	464,808	1.204
42	10/20/2007	1,432	5,887	492,081	1.247
43	10/27/2007	1,461	6,385	481,656	1.381
44	11/03/2007	1,465	6,651	482,120	1.430

Performance of BioSense  
Influenza Indicators

Potential Improvements

# Acute Respiratory Illness (ARI)

## ■ Current

- ◆ ICD-9-CM codes 460-466, 480-488
- ◆ Upper respiratory infections, bronchitis/bronchiolitis, pneumonia, influenza
- ◆ Did not reflect increased influenza activity in 2007-8 season

## ■ Proposed

- ◆ Indicator is closer to standard definition of influenza-like illness
- ◆ (Fever AND (Cough OR Upper Resp Infx)) OR ILI

# Current and Proposed BioSense VA/DOD Indicator vs. Sentinel Provider %ILI, 2005-2008: U.S.

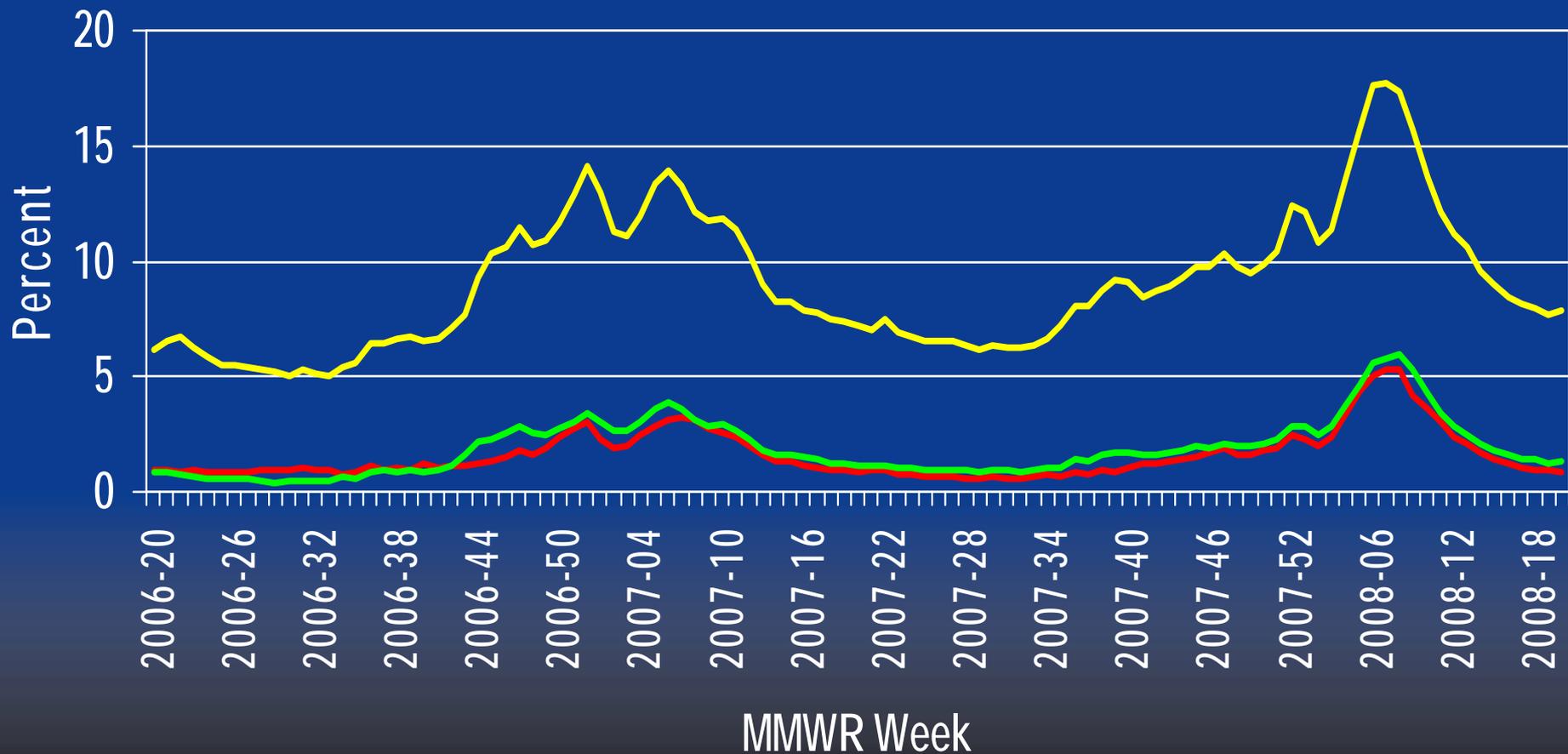


— Sentinel Provider %ILI — Current Indicator(ARI) — Proposed Indicator

# BioSense ED Chief Complaint

- Current
  - ◆ Flu OR Fever OR Cough mentioned in chief complaint
- Proposed
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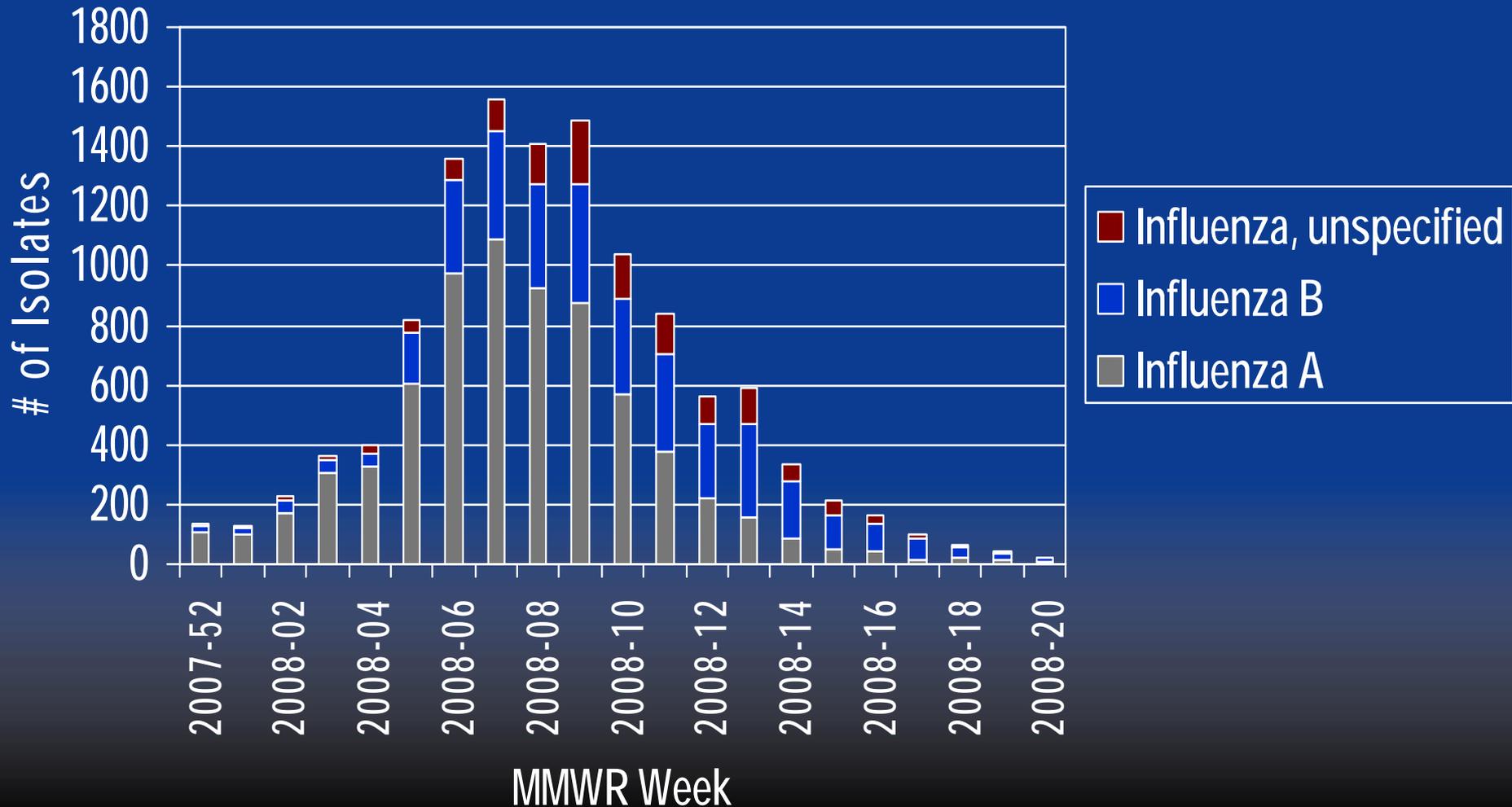


— Sentinel Provider %ILI — Current Indicator (Flu-Fever-Cough) — Proposed Indicator

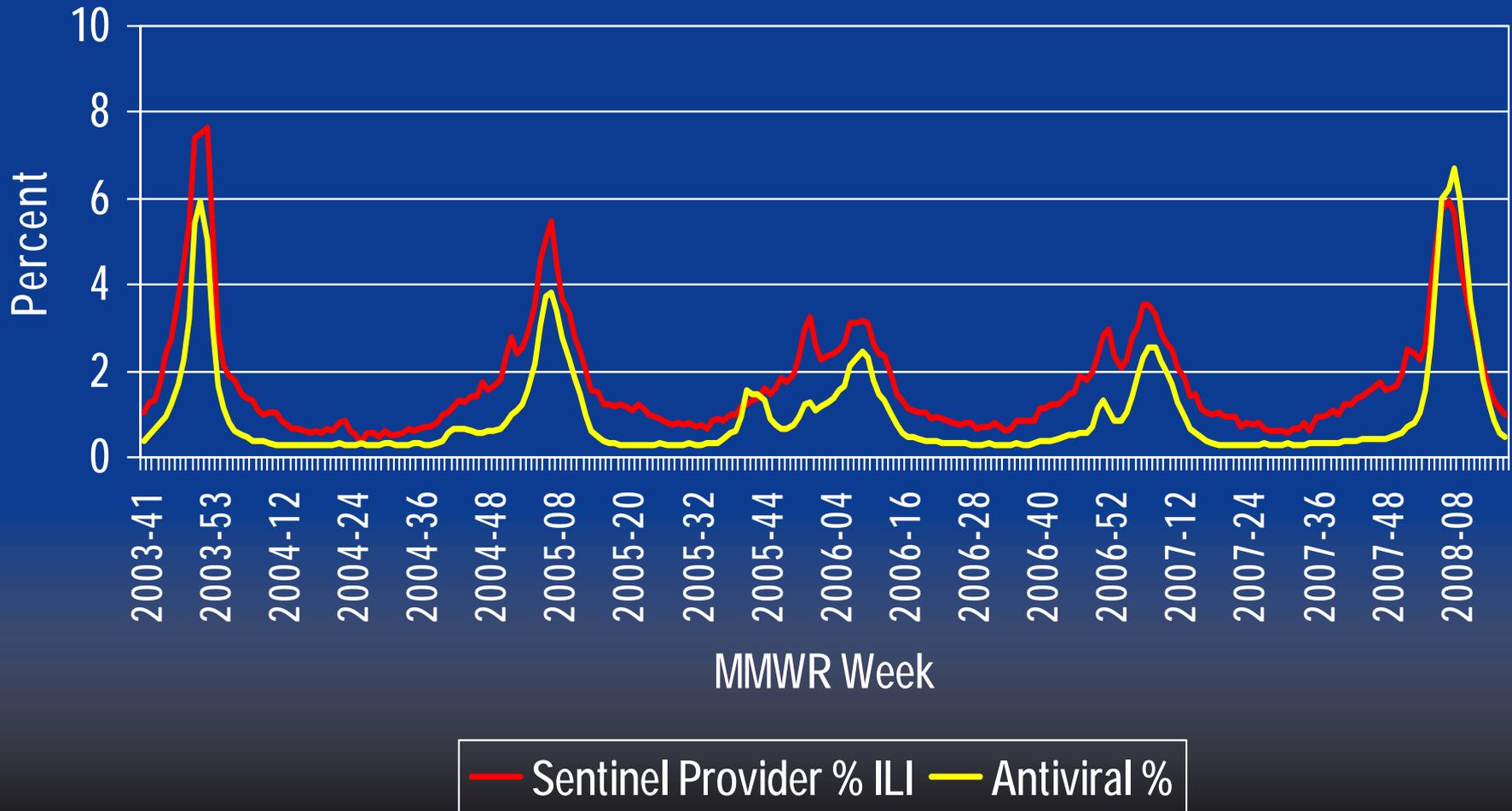
# New Data Sources

- Laboratory data
  - ◆ Lab Corp – 93 labs, 3711 healthcare providers
  - ◆ Quest – 30 labs, 4274 healthcare providers
  - ◆ # of influenza isolates; percent positive
- Influenza antiviral data
  - ◆ 20,000-30,000 outpatient pharmacies
  - ◆ Antiviral %: Ratio of influenza antiviral prescriptions to all anti-infective prescriptions

# Lab Corp and Quest, # of Influenza Isolates, 2007-2008: U.S.



# Influenza Antiviral %\*, 2003-2008: U.S.



— Sentinel Provider % ILI — Antiviral %

\* Ratio of influenza antiviral prescriptions to all anti-infective prescriptions

# State-Specific Webinars

- March-April 2008
- Separate webinars for 7 states and 1 metropolitan health department
- Focused on state-specific data
- Additional training + feedback
- Main feedback:
  - ◆ Would like to see more recent data
  - ◆ Would like to download data from table
  - ◆ Would like to see data from adjacent jurisdictions
  - ◆ Interest in new laboratory and antiviral data

# Conclusions

- BioSense Influenza Module is a novel application combining traditional and automated data sources on influenza activity
- Goal: Single application with common format and user interface for all federally available influenza data
- Improvements for upcoming influenza season based on first year experience and user feedback
- Appreciate your continued feedback and suggestions



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