

# NETWORKING FOR A HEALTHIER PA

Help monitor the activity, subtypes, and antiviral resistance patterns of influenza viruses circulating in the Commonwealth.



## JOIN OUR TEAM

### ILINet, the Reporting Network

The U.S. Outpatient Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) is a nationwide volunteer network of healthcare providers, including emergency departments, family practices, and student health centers

ILINet data is used in conjunction with testing, virologic, and syndromic surveillance data to present a precise geographical representation of influenza.

### What is Influenza-like Illness Reporting?

Influenza-like illness (ILI) data collection focuses on patient visits that involve symptoms due to respiratory infections such as influenza, SARS-CoV-2, or RSV.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines ILI as fever  $\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$  + cough and/or sore throat.

### Make a Difference by Joining

The U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) is the primary source for outpatient influenza surveillance data in PA and the nation.

Your information is used to guide prevention and control activities, vaccine strain selection, antiviral resistance testing, and patient care.

### Become an ILINet Partner

Complete the enrollment form: <https://tinyurl.com/3j7r63f4> and email it to: [RA-DHILINET@pa.gov](mailto:RA-DHILINET@pa.gov)

**Questions?** Please reach out to **Hannah Lund** at 717-787-3350 or: [RA-DHILINET@pa.gov](mailto:RA-DHILINET@pa.gov)

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[ILINet \(pa.gov\)](http://ILINet(pa.gov))

## FREE EASY Reporting to ILINet

Report the number of ILI patients you see per week electronically through a CDC secure website.

No individual or identifiable patient data is submitted. Data is reported by age groups.

Free specimen collection kits, specimen transportation, and testing at PA's public health lab.

Submit up to three samples per season from patients seen with ILI.

Specimens do not need to be collected weekly to remain in the network.

Reporting usually takes less than five minutes.