



Weekly Influenza Report Week 29 (07/19/09-07/25/09)

National Synopsis: Seasonal

Synopsis: During week 29 (July 19-25, 2009), influenza activity decreased in the United States; however, there were still higher levels of influenza-like illness than is normal for this time of year.

- Six hundred forty-three (16.1%) specimens tested by U.S. World Health Organization (WHO) and National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) collaborating laboratories and reported to CDC/Influenza Division were positive for influenza.
- A total of 5,514 hospitalizations and 353 deaths associated with novel influenza A (H1N1) viruses have been reported to CDC.
- Over 98% of all subtyped influenza A viruses being reported to CDC were novel influenza A (H1N1) viruses.
- The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) was below the epidemic threshold.
- Two influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported; both deaths were associated with novel influenza A (H1N1) virus infection.
- The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was below national and region-specific baseline levels.
- Four states and Puerto Rico reported geographically widespread influenza activity, eight states reported regional influenza activity, 19 states and the District of Columbia reported local influenza activity, and 19 states reported sporadic influenza activity.

DELAWARE INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE:

Total Laboratory Confirmed Cases of Seasonal Influenza: 754

Influenza A: 468

Influenza B: 284 **

Influenza A&B: 2

Counties:

- **New Castle – 339**
- **Kent – 248**
- **Sussex – 167**

Age Range: 13 days – 94 yrs

Deaths: 1 reported in week 13

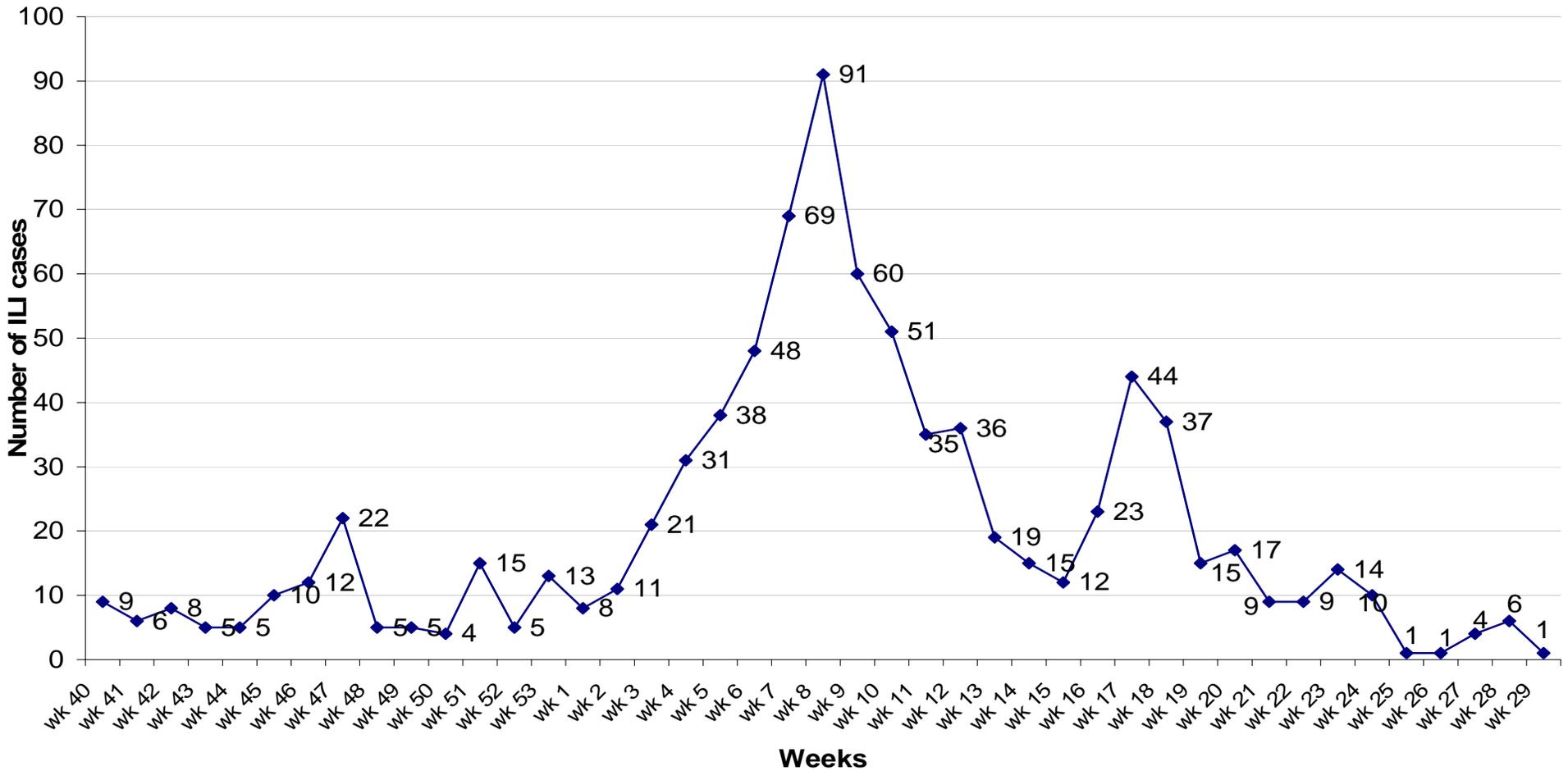
Total Unconfirmed Cases: 135

Influenza Activity for Week 29: Sporadic

**** NOTE:** DPH Laboratory ceased testing of Influenza B specimens May 3, 2009. The data provided above represents testing performed prior to May 3, 2009.

- ➡ **No Activity:** No laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza and no reported increase in the number of cases of ILI.
- ➡ **Sporadic:** Small numbers or isolated cases of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases or a single laboratory-confirmed influenza outbreak has been reported, but there is no increase in cases of ILI.
- ➡ **Local:** Outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI cases and recent laboratory-confirmed influenza in a single region of the state.
- ➡ **Regional:** Outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI and recent laboratory confirmed influenza in at least 2 but less than half the regions of the state. (This level of activity does not apply for small states with 4 or fewer regions.)
- ➡ **Widespread:** Outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI cases and recent laboratory-confirmed influenza in at least half the regions of the state.

**ILI cases reported from Sentinel providers
5 of 12 sentinel providers reporting**



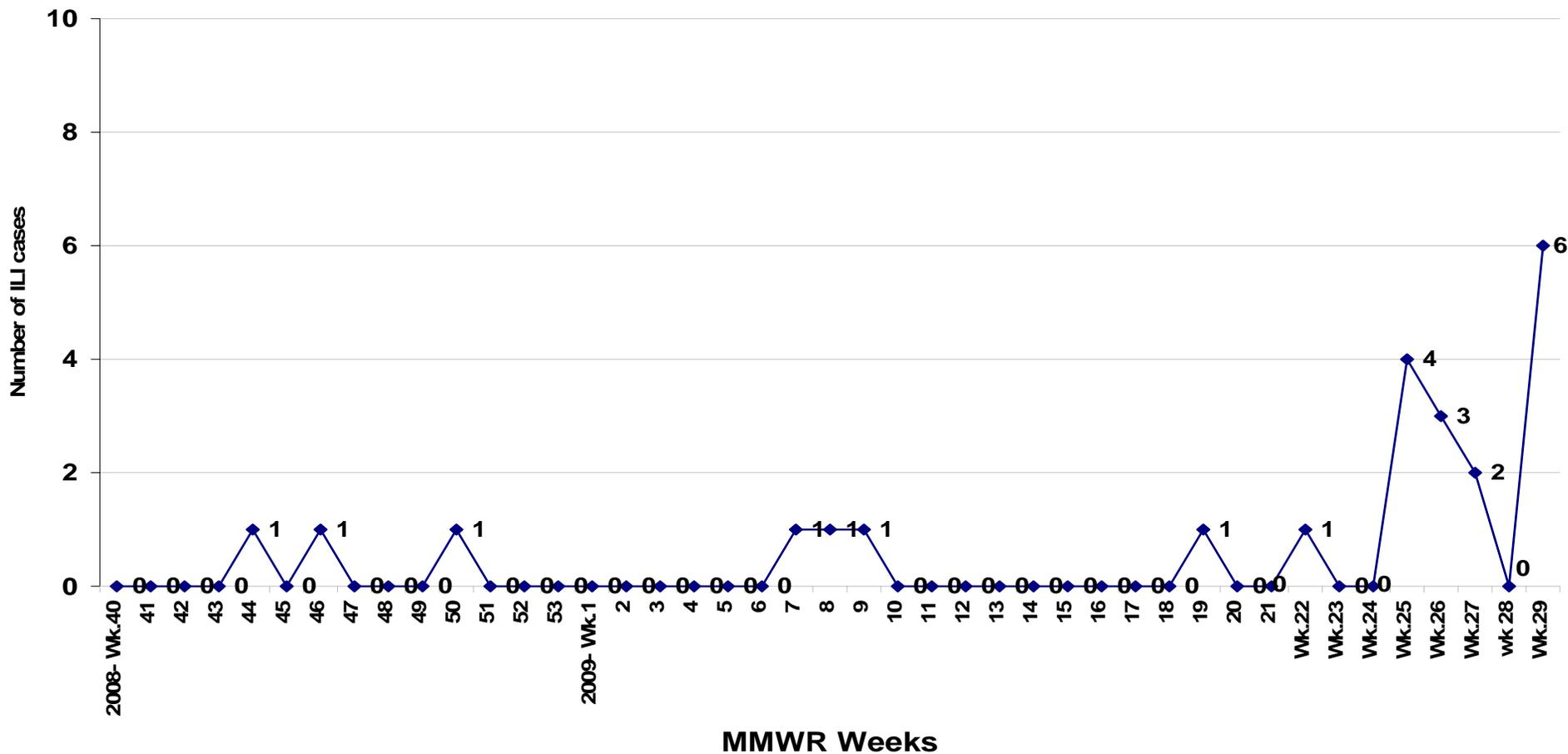
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ILI cases reported from Corporations/LTCF

4 of 5* sites reporting

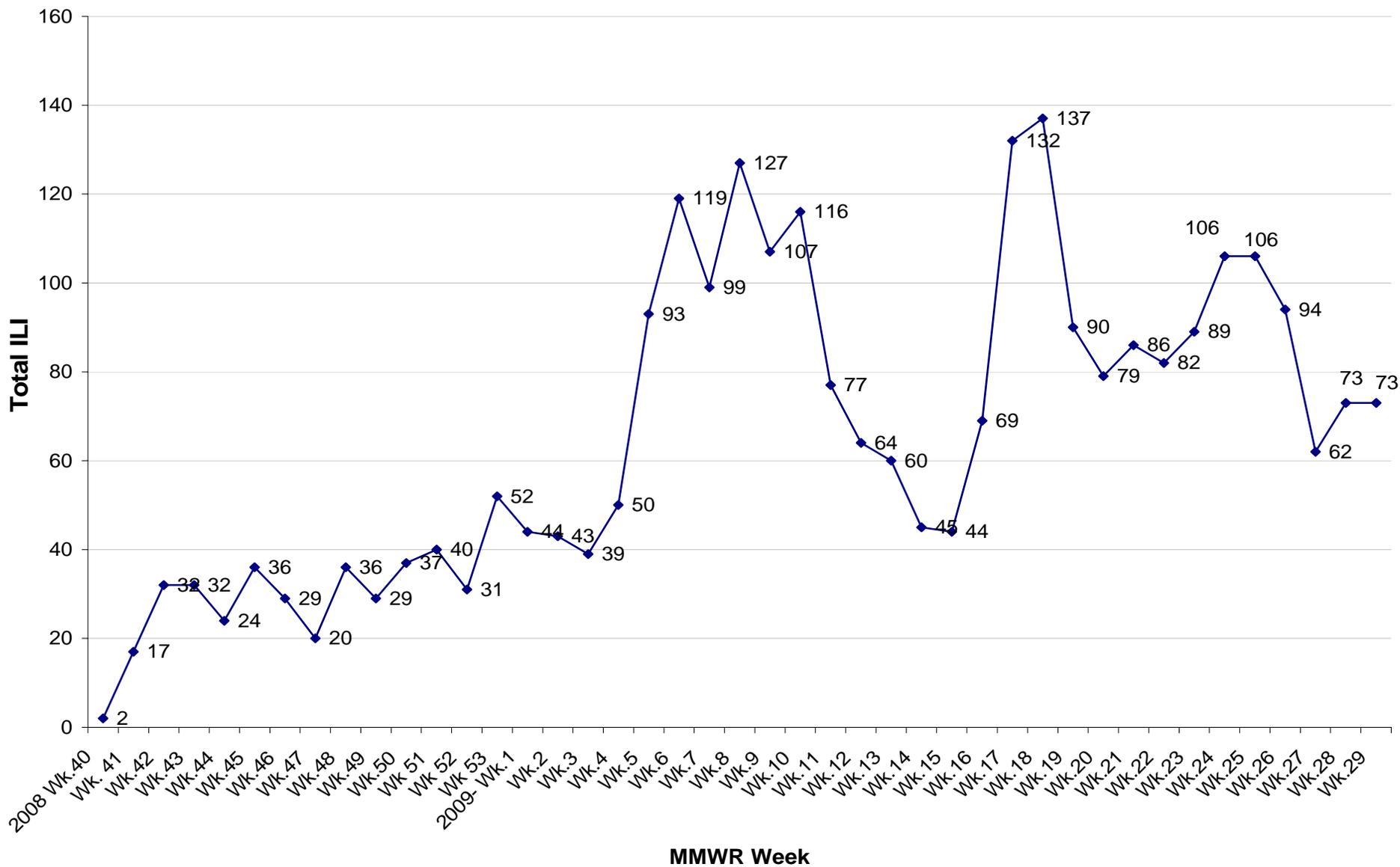
(*one organization that previously reported is no longer participating)



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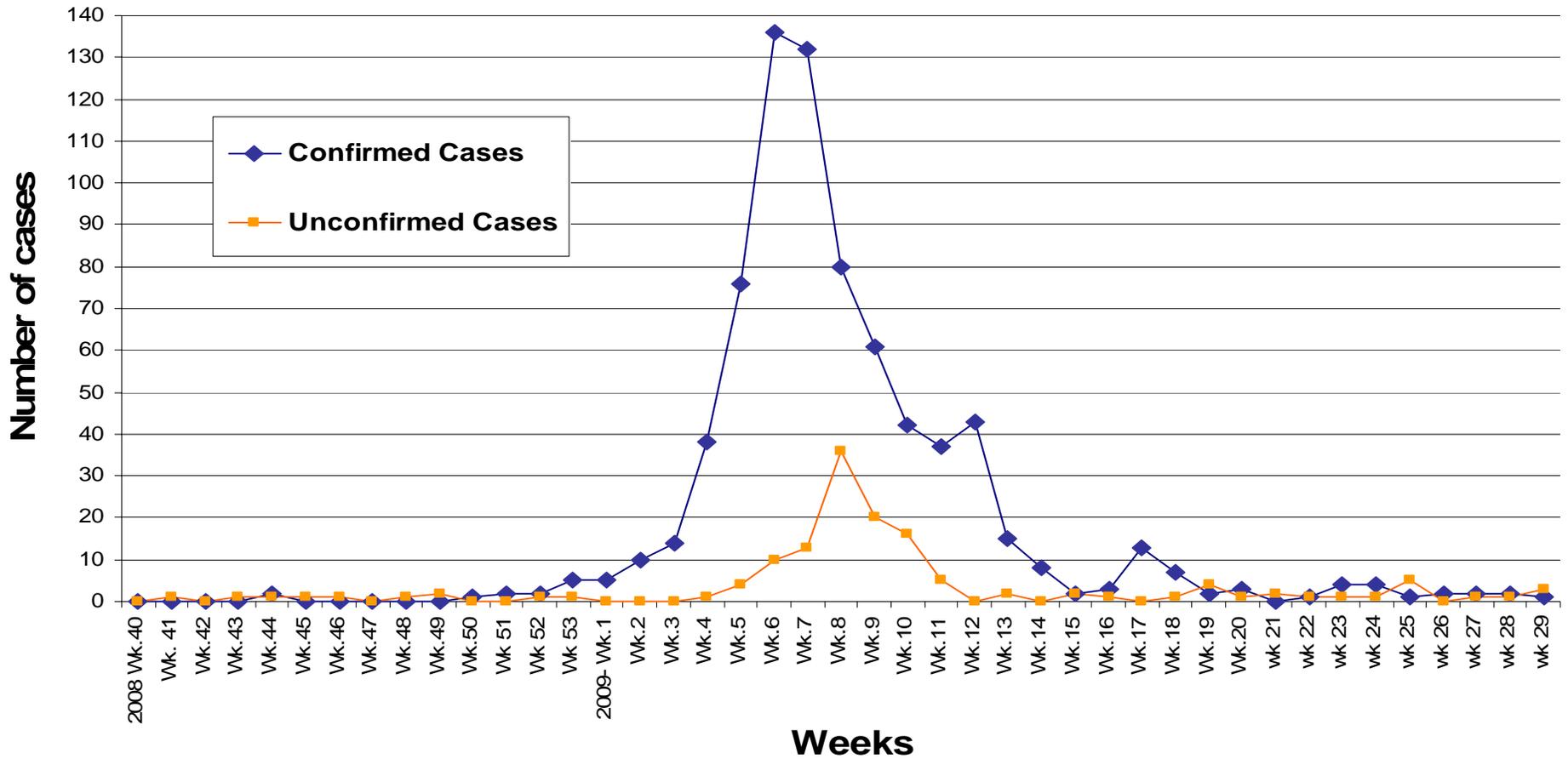
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Hospital ILI Cases 8 of 8 hospitals reporting



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2008-2009 Influenza season Confirmed and Unconfirmed Seasonal Influenza

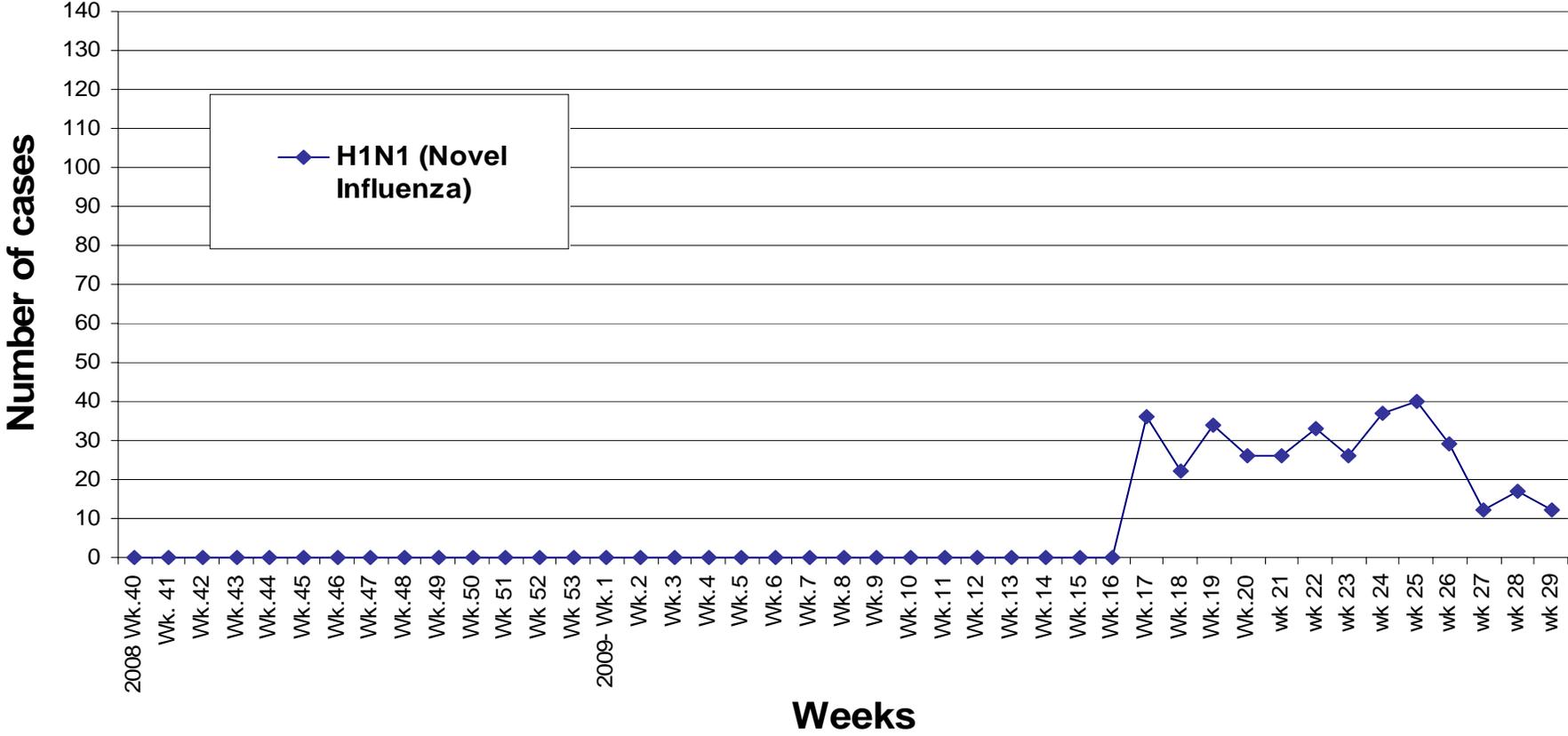


***NOTE:**

Confirmed cases: PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) positive or Influenza culture positive.

Unconfirmed cases: Rapid assay positive, not confirmed with PCR or culture.

**2008-2009 Influenza season
Confirmed H1N1 Novel Influenza**



****NOTE:**
H1N1 (Novel Influenza): PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) positive