

FCPH Board Meeting
January 10, 2023

Medical Director's Report Summary

- INFLUENZA

- Activity remains high, but does appear to be starting to decline in many areas
- 99% of testing is Influenza A (70% of which is H3N2, 30% H1N1)
 - Covered by this year's vaccine strains
 - No resistance noted to antivirals
- Estimated 22 million illnesses, 230,000 hospitalizations, 14,000 deaths
- 74 pediatric deaths - 2 reported so far in Ohio, 1 in Franklin County

- COVID-19

- Still present and spreading; so far no major spike due to holiday gatherings
- PIC Mortality Data (Deaths due to Pneumonia, Influenza, Covid-19) – still more Covid-19 than influenza
- Vaccines – available for everyone 6 months and up, including bivalent boosters
 - vaccine uptake has slowed down (especially in the younger children)

- NCH Weekly Respiratory Pathogen Report

- Reflects national trends: decreasing RSV and influenza; Sars-Cov-2 steady, other typical respiratory viruses present

- Report from Kaiser Family foundation

- Looked at certain parental attitudes towards vaccines – 2019 (pre-Covid) and 2022
- The majority still favor giving healthy children vaccines
- 35% of respondents in 2022 say parents should be able to opt out of at least some vaccines; this was 23% in 2019
- They attributed this change to controversies surrounding the Covid-19 vaccine as well as distrust of public health authorities