



SAGINAW COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

protecting and promoting the public's health since 1928

What is Influenza-Like-Illness (ILI)?

It is part of the Saginaw County Department of Public Health's (SCDPH) Mission and vision to promote and protect the public's health, and one way this is accomplished is through disease surveillance and reporting. This influenza season SCDPH is actively monitoring influenza activity within Saginaw County.

The term ILI refers to **influenza-like illness (ILI)**, or in other words an illness which has consistent symptoms of influenza but may not be laboratory confirmed. **ILIs** are reported to the department from a variety of sources such as: hospitals, doctor's offices, and schools, with schools being a primary source by way of weekly submission of disease reports.

These reports bring a large amount of data to the department. Each **ILI** reported is then calculated and tallied at the local and state level. These numbers give the department a very good picture of where the flu is in regards to number and severity within our community allowing us to give proper guidelines and actions to the public.

The overall goal of the department is to decrease the spread of influenza and limit cases.