

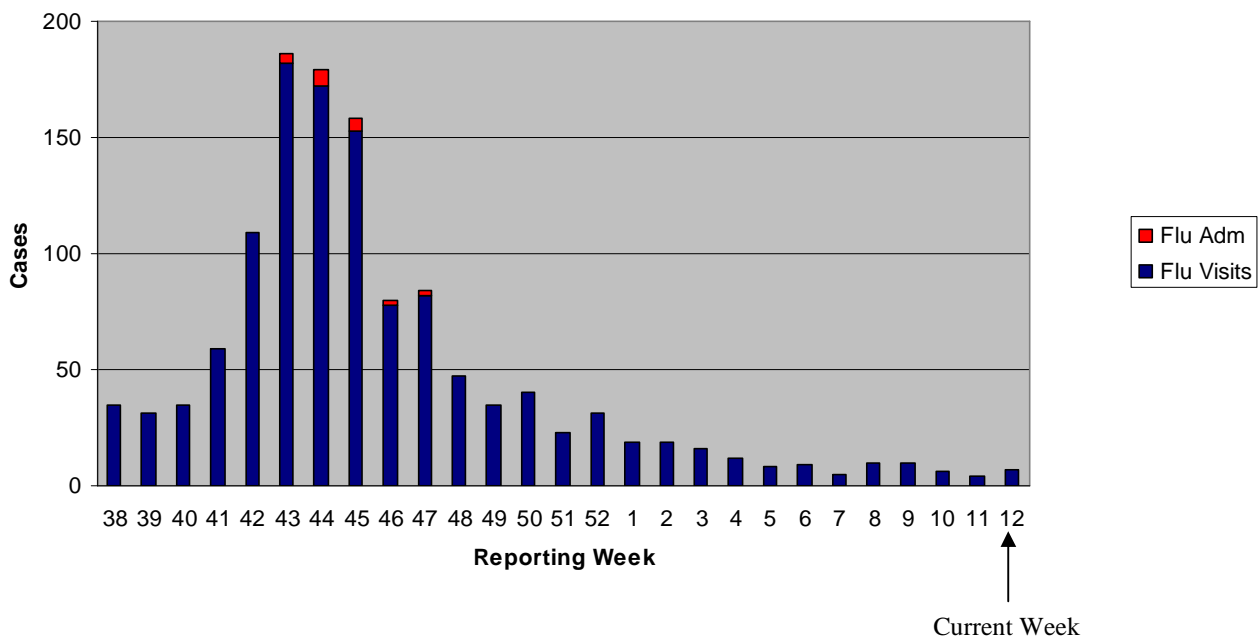
**Ulster County H1N1 Update - Released: 02 –April 10**

**Ulster County Department of Health  
Seasonal and H1N1 Influenza Advisory  
Update 4/2/10**

**Influenza Monitoring:**

**\*Ulster County Influenza Epidemiology Summary:** Ulster County Hospital Emergency Departments reported that the number of patients seen with influenza like illness has remained stable, as compared to the weeks ending 3/06/10 and 3/13/10. (Figure 1) School absenteeism rates were elevated for the week ending 3/20/10. However, no unusual influenza like illness clusters were reported to the Ulster County Department of Health (UCDOH). Additionally, absenteeism rates have decreased for the subsequent reporting week.

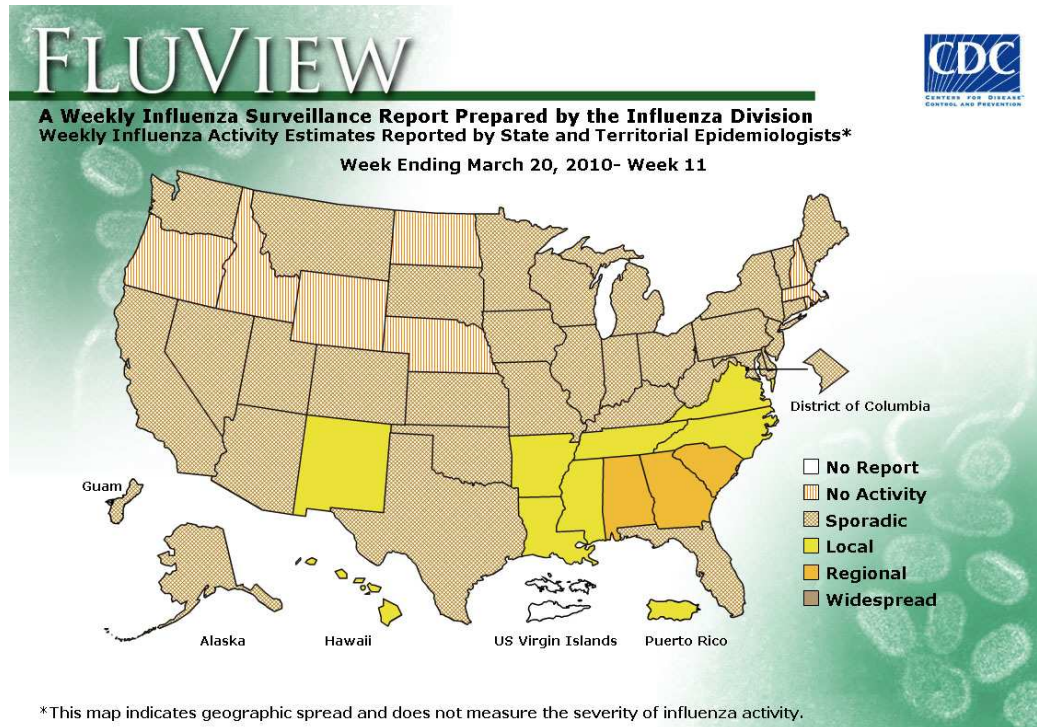
\*The most recent Ulster County H1N1 data is available for the week ending March 27, 2010.



**Figure 1: H1N1 Flu in Ulster County EDs: Sept. 26, 2009 (Reporting Wk 38) –March 27, 2010 (Reporting Wk 12)**

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**National Epidemiology:** The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has reported that H1N1 influenza is still circulating. Several states, primarily in the Southeast, continue to report regional or local flu activity. (Figure 2) Accordingly, Dr. Anne Schuchat from the CDC and Surgeon General Regina Benjamin are reminding Americans that vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others.



**Figure 2: CDC Flu View Weekly Influenza Estimates**

### **Status of Prevention Efforts:**

#### **Flu Vaccination Information:**

**H1N1 Influenza Vaccine:** UCDOH wrapped up their final H1N1 vaccination clinics on March 26, 2010. In total, UCDOH held seventeen successful public vaccination clinics between the months of December and March. **If you would still like to receive the vaccine, visit <http://www.flucliniclocator.org> to find out about other H1N1 flu vaccination clinics scheduled near you.**

**Seasonal Influenza Vaccine:** The Ulster County Department of Health (UCDOH) is no longer offering seasonal flu vaccine for the 2009-2010 season. The influenza schedule for the 2010-2011 season is typically posted in the late fall when vaccine becomes available. Please check UCDOH's website and the flu hotline closer to that time for more information.

**UCDOH Website:** [www.UlsterCountyNY.gov/health](http://www.UlsterCountyNY.gov/health)  
**UCDOH Flu Hotline:** 845-340-3093