



Dutchess County Department of Health Public Health Advisory*

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Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Network (ILINet)

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Please Distribute to: Healthcare Providers, Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics, Primary Care, Infectious Diseases, Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Geriatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The Dutchess County Department of Health is encouraging providers to join the Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Network (ILINet).

Providers interested in joining ILINet, please call DCDOH at 845-486-3735

OR

New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) at 518-473-4439

- ILINet providers report total number of ILI patients (no patient specific information is submitted) each week to the state via internet or fax.
- ILINet providers are able to submit patient specimens to NYSDOH Wadsworth Center for viral testing and sub-typing free of charge.

ILINet data is critical in monitoring the course of influenza virus activity locally. Nationally, it is used to guide prevention and control activities, vaccine strain selection, and patient care.

For more information or questions, please visit NYSDOH website:

http://www.nyhealth.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/surveillance/ilinet_program/

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