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DPHHS HAN ADVISORY

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Health Advisory: Influenza in Montana

The first confirmed cases of influenza for the 2007-2008 season have occurred in Montana in the following counties: Gallatin (H1), Cascade (H1) and Blaine (TBD). If you want to know more about the epidemiology of influenza in Montana, be sure to read the Montana Communicable Disease Weekly report that is issued every Friday or check out <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/epidemiology/commun-disease-epi-index.shtml>.

Action Requested

- **Remind providers to submit specimens to the Montana Public Health Laboratory for PCR confirmation**
- **Continue to vaccinate**

Resources

2007 ACIP Recommendations: <http://www.cdc.gov/MMWR/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5510a1.htm>

U.S. influenza surveillance reports: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivity.htm>

Additional information: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu>.

Cover Your Cough posters: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/covercough.htm>

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