Influenza
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I. Trends in the Philippines

A total of 59,802 influenza-like illness cases were reported nationwide from January 1 to June 30, 2018 for Morbidity Weeks 1 to 26 (Figure 1). This is 15% lower compared to the same time period last year (N=70,465).

Figure 1. Reported Influenza-like Illness cases by Morbidity Week (N=59,802) Philippines, Jan 1 – Jun 30, 2018 vs 5-year average data

II. Geographic Distribution of Cases

Most of the influenza-like illness cases reported were from CARAGA (12,900, 22%), Region 04A (7,339, 12%) and Region 10 (6,033, 10%). There were 11 reported deaths with a Case-Fatality Ratio (CFR) of less than 1% (Table 1).

Table 1. Reported Influenza-like Illness Cases and Deaths by Region (N=59,802) Philippines, Jan 1 – Jun 30, 2018 vs 2017 same time period

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III. Profile of Cases

A. Age Group and Sex

Among the 59,802 Influenza-like illness cases, there were 30,094 (50%) males and 29,708 (50%) females. Age ranges from less than 1 month to 99 years (median: 4 years). Most of those affected belong to the 1 to 4 age group (29%) (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Reported Influenza-like illness cases by Age group and Sex (N=59,802)
Philippines, Jan 1 – Jun 30, 2018

B. Laboratory Status and Case Classification

Out of the 59,802 Influenza-like illness cases, there were 2,672 (4%) tested cases. Twenty (1%) are laboratory-confirmed Influenza cases. Among the 20 confirmed influenza cases, influenza B was the most common isolated pathogen (9, 45%) (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Laboratory Status of ILI cases and Isolated Pathogens of confirmed Influenza Cases (N=20)
Philippines, Jan 1 – Jun 30, 2018

1 Influenza A: H3N2 (4); unspecified subtype (2)
2 Influenza B: Yamagata- lineage (6), Victoria- lineage (1), unspecified subtype (2)
3 Parainfluenza: type 1 (4), type 3 (1)

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