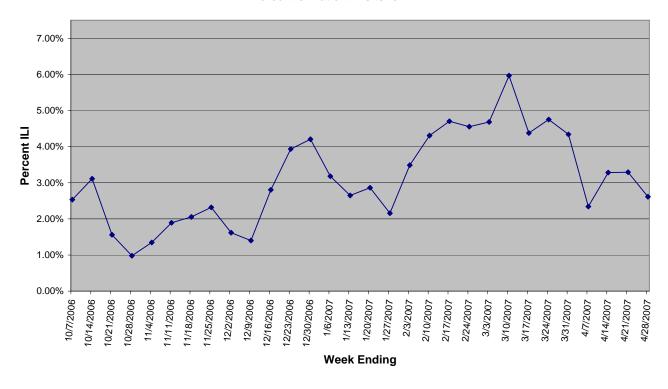
During the months October through April, the Kane County Health Department tracks influenza activity in our county by monitoring

- Visits to Emergency Departments for Influenza Like Illness<sup>1</sup>
- · Hospital laboratory testing for influenza
- Absenteeism in schools grades K-12

The health department would like to thank the participating hospital and school district employees who provide weekly reports that make this monitoring possible.

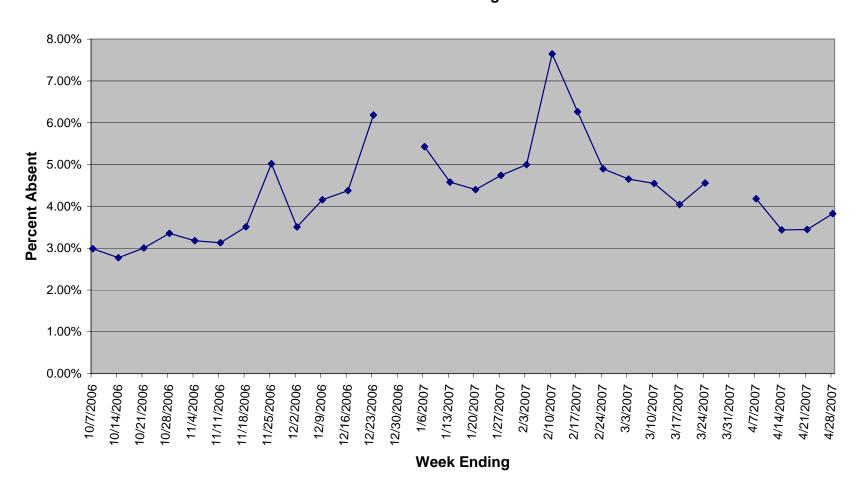
Below are graphs representing the percentage of ER patients that were seen with ILI, the average absenteeism rate from a sampling of elementary, middle and high schools in Kane County and influenza laboratory testing activity.

Kane County Health Department 2006-2007 Influenza-Like-Illness Surveillance Participating Emergency Rooms (N=2) Percent of Patient Visits for ILI

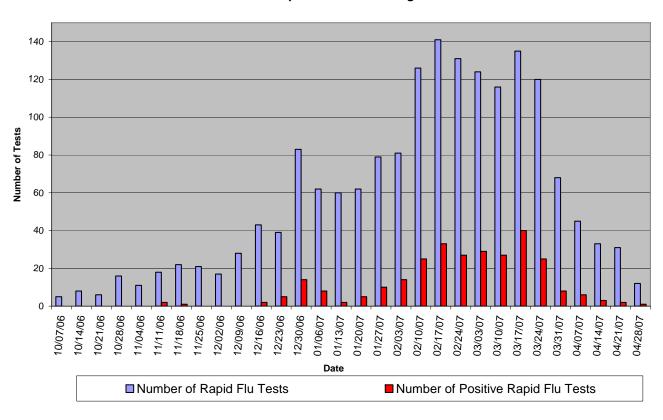


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Influenza-like- illness (ILI) is defined as fever > 100° F with cough or sore throat without other known cause

Kane County Health Department 2006-2007 Influenza-Like-Illness Surveillance Participating Schools (N=20) Absenteeism Average



2006-2007 Kane County Health Department Influenza-Like-Illness Surveillance Participating Laboratories (N=3) Rapid Influenza Testing



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