



Morbidity Week 10 - March 8-14, 2015

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Introduction

Influenza-like Illness is an acute viral disease of the respiratory tract characterized by fever, headache, myalgia, prostration, coryza, sore throat and even cough. The incubation period is usually 1-3 days.

Influenza-like Illness may be clinically indistinguishable from disease caused by acute respiratory viruses, such as common cold, croup, bronchiolitis, viral pneumonia and undifferentiated acute respiratory disease.

Disease transmission is through airborne spread among crowded populations in enclosed spaces wherein the influenza virus may persist for hours, particularly in the cold and in low humidity.

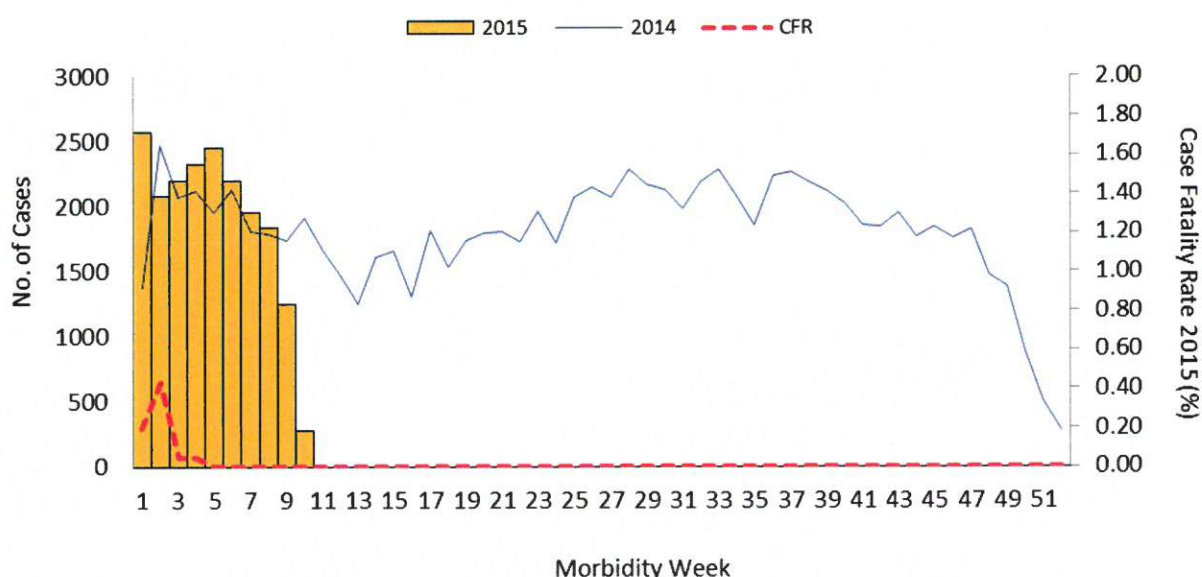
Trend in the Philippines

A total of **19,151** suspect influenza-like illness cases was reported nationwide from January 1 to March 14, 2015. This is **1.2%** lower compared to the same time period last year (**19,384**).

Geographic Distribution

Most of the cases were from the following regions: **Region XII** (20.6%), **Region IV-A** (18.4%), **Region X** (16.8%), **Region XI** (11.4%) and **CAR** (10%).

Fig. 1 Suspect Influenza-like Illness Cases by Morbidity Week,
Philippines, as of March 14, 2015
2015* vs 2014 (N=19,151)



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Profile of Cases

Ages of cases ranged from less than 1 month to 97 years old (median = 5 years). Majority of cases were male (51.2%). Most of the cases belonged to the 1 to 4 years age group (31.6%) (Fig. 2). There were 16 deaths (CFR=0.08%).

Fig. 2 Suspect Influenza-like Illness Cases by Agegroup and Sex
Philippines, as of March 14, 2015 (N=19,151)

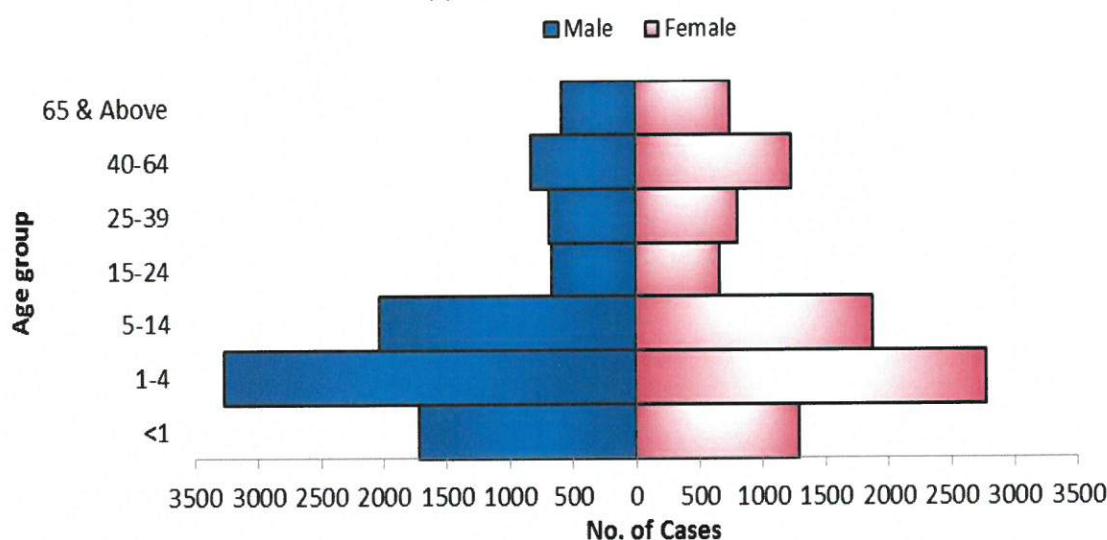
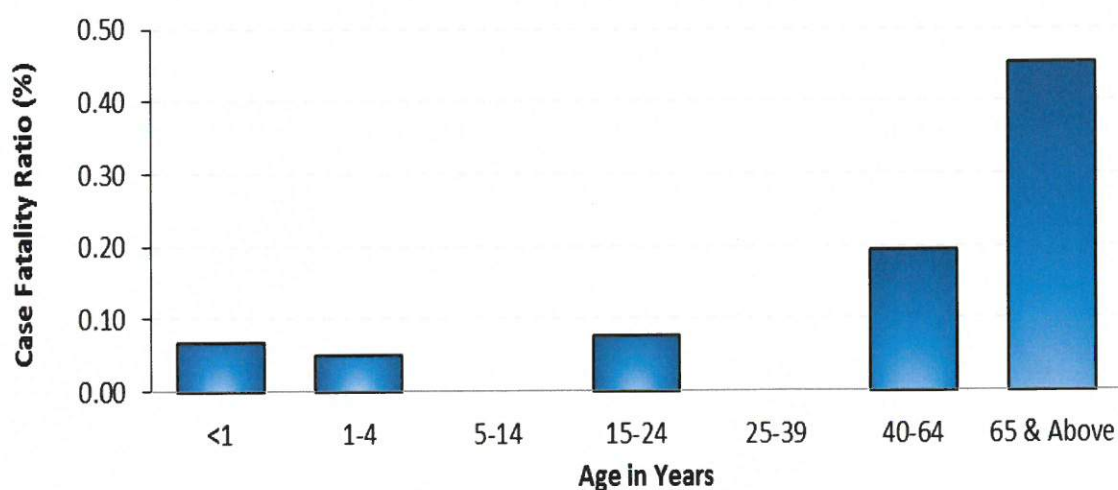


Fig. 3 Suspect Influenza-like Illness Case Fatality Rate (CFR) by Age Group,
Philippines, as of March 14, 2015



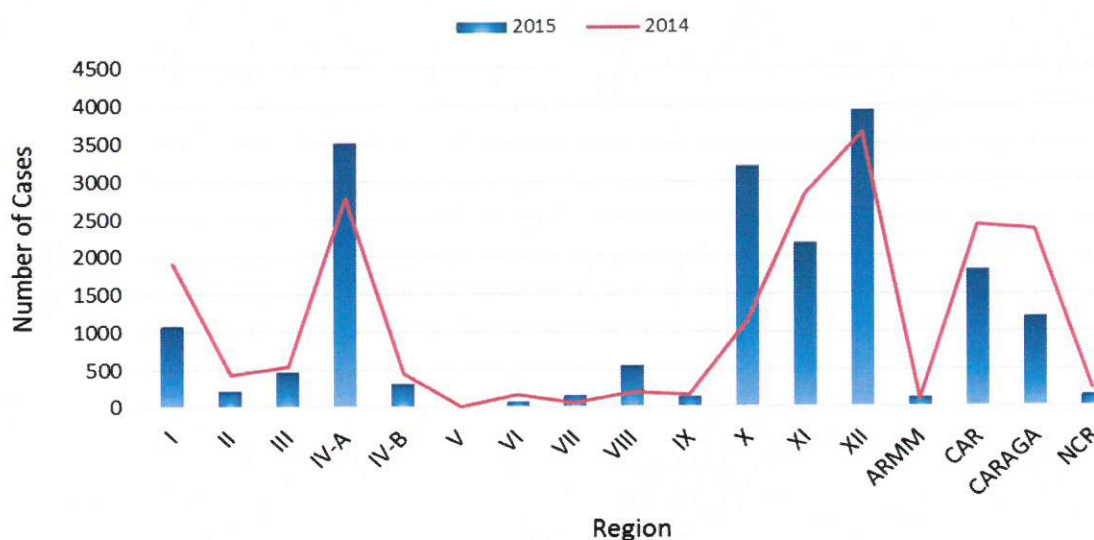
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**Fig. 4 Suspect Influenza-like Illness Cases by Region
Philippines, 2015 vs 2014***



**Table 1. Influenza-like Illness Cases & Deaths by Region
Philippines, 2015* vs 2014**

Region	Cases			Deaths			
	2015	2014	% Change	2015	CFR (%)	2014	CFR (%)
I	1082	1905	-43.2	0	0.00	2	0.10
II	210	426	-50.7	0	0.00	0	0.00
III	464	537	-13.6	0	0.00	0	0.00
IV-A	3524	2780	26.8	0	0.00	0	0.00
IV-B	305	443	-31.2	0	0.00	0	0.00
V	3	4	-25.0	0	0.00	0	0.00
VI	71	163	-56.4	0	0.00	0	0.00
VII	161	58	177.6	0	0.00	0	0.00
VIII	541	201	169.2	0	0.00	1	0.50
IX	134	164	-18.3	0	0.00	0	0.00
X	3214	1141	181.7	1	0.03	3	0.26
XI	2191	2819	-22.3	13	0.59	14	0.50
XII	3949	3647	8.3	0	0.00	1	0.03
ARMM	129	96	34.4	0	0.00	0	0.00
CAR	1822	2410	-24.4	0	0.00	0	0.00
CARAGA	1194	2343	-49.0	2	0.17	8	0.34
NCR	157	247	-36.4	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	19151	19384	-1.2	16	0.08	29	0.15

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**Table 2. Weekly Influenza-like Illness Summary Report by Region
Philippines, as of March 14, 2015**

Region	Morbidity Week				10th Morbidity Week		Cumulative Total 1st wk to 10th wk	
	6	7	8	9	2015	2014	2015	2014
I	135	113	104	43	4	134	1082	1905
II	24	16	7	1	0	22	210	426
III	33	41	40	61	4	60	464	537
IV-A	410	353	348	343	137	247	3524	2780
IV-B	40	5	6	10	6	36	305	443
V	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	4
VI	11	8	3	0	0	11	71	163
VII	9	21	70	20	4	6	161	58
VIII	42	118	122	40	21	90	541	201
IX	11	6	15	3	2	17	134	164
X	417	307	304	334	79	148	3214	1141
XI	253	202	231	140	4	274	2191	2819
XII	443	430	352	154	13	334	3949	3647
ARMM	9	8	7	9	3	13	129	96
CAR	196	183	100	41	0	276	1822	2410
CARAGA	152	112	115	40	1	227	1194	2343
NCR	19	29	11	5	1	25	157	247
Total	2204	1952	1835	1247	279	1920	19151	19384

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