

Diagnostic Virology Laboratory Newsletter

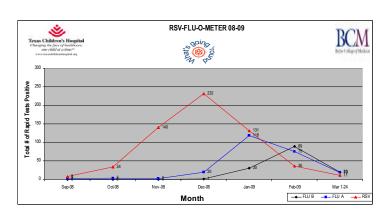




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The most common virus isolated in February was Influenza B. However, other respiratory viruses including Influenza A, RSV, Parainfluenza, Adenovirus and Rhinoviruses were also isolated. During the first weeks of March a decline in RSV and Influenza were noted. We are saddened to report now for influenza associated pediatric deaths at TCH, 3 due to Influenza b and 1 due to influenza A. Thank goodness it appears that RSV and Influenza season are almost over!! Stay tuned to the RSV-FLU-O-METER http://www.bcm.edu/web/pediatrics/documents/RSV-FLU-O-METER_08-09(combined).pdf and "What's Going Round NOW!"

http://www.bcm.edu/pediatrics/index.cfm?Realm=99991127& This Template=rapid-2008 for TCH updates as the winter virus season unfolds.

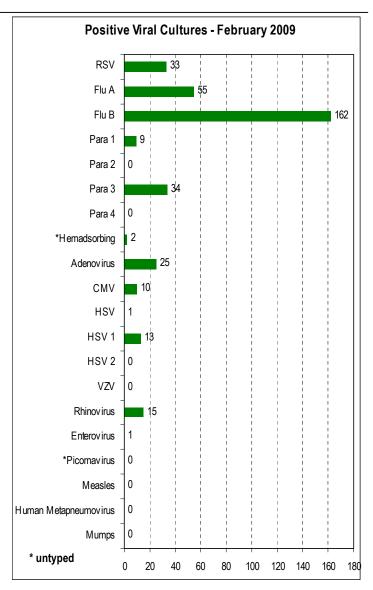


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EIA Rapid Test Results – March 1-24, 2009

	RSV	FLU A	FLU B	ADENO
Tested	506	610	610	281
Positive	11	19	20	17
% Positive	2	3	3	6



Viral Cultures - February 2009

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Total all	1352	Total Resp.	1185			
Positive	360	Positive	344			
% Positive	27	% Positive	29			

EIA Rapid Test Results – February 2009

	RSV	FLU A	FLU B	ADENO	
Tested	810	1076	1076	361	
Positive	36	75	89	12	
% Positive	4	7	8	3	