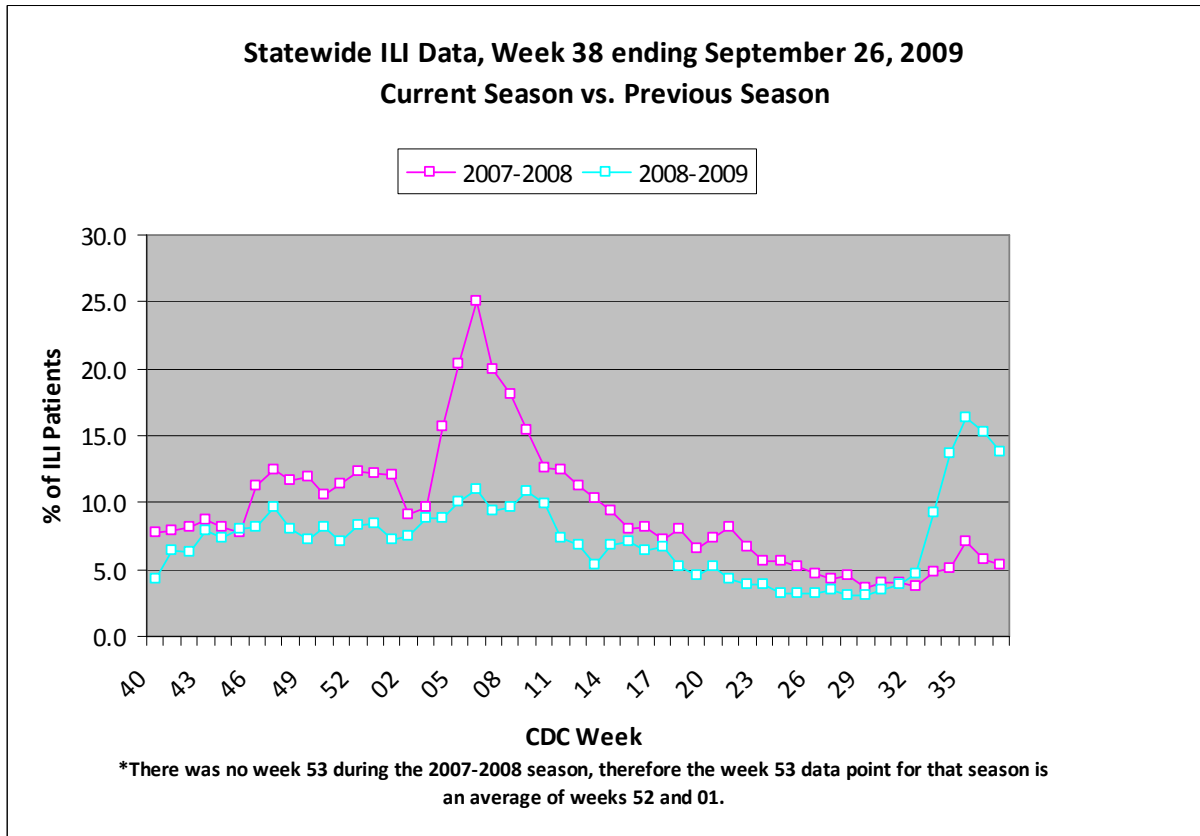


For week 38 (09/20/09- 09/26/09), the overall state ILI rate (12.7%) decreased from last week (13.8%), but was still higher than this time last year (7.5%).



During week 38, most districts (2, 4, 5, and 7) had a decrease in ILI activity, two districts (8 and 9) had an increase, and two districts (1 and 6) remained about the same.

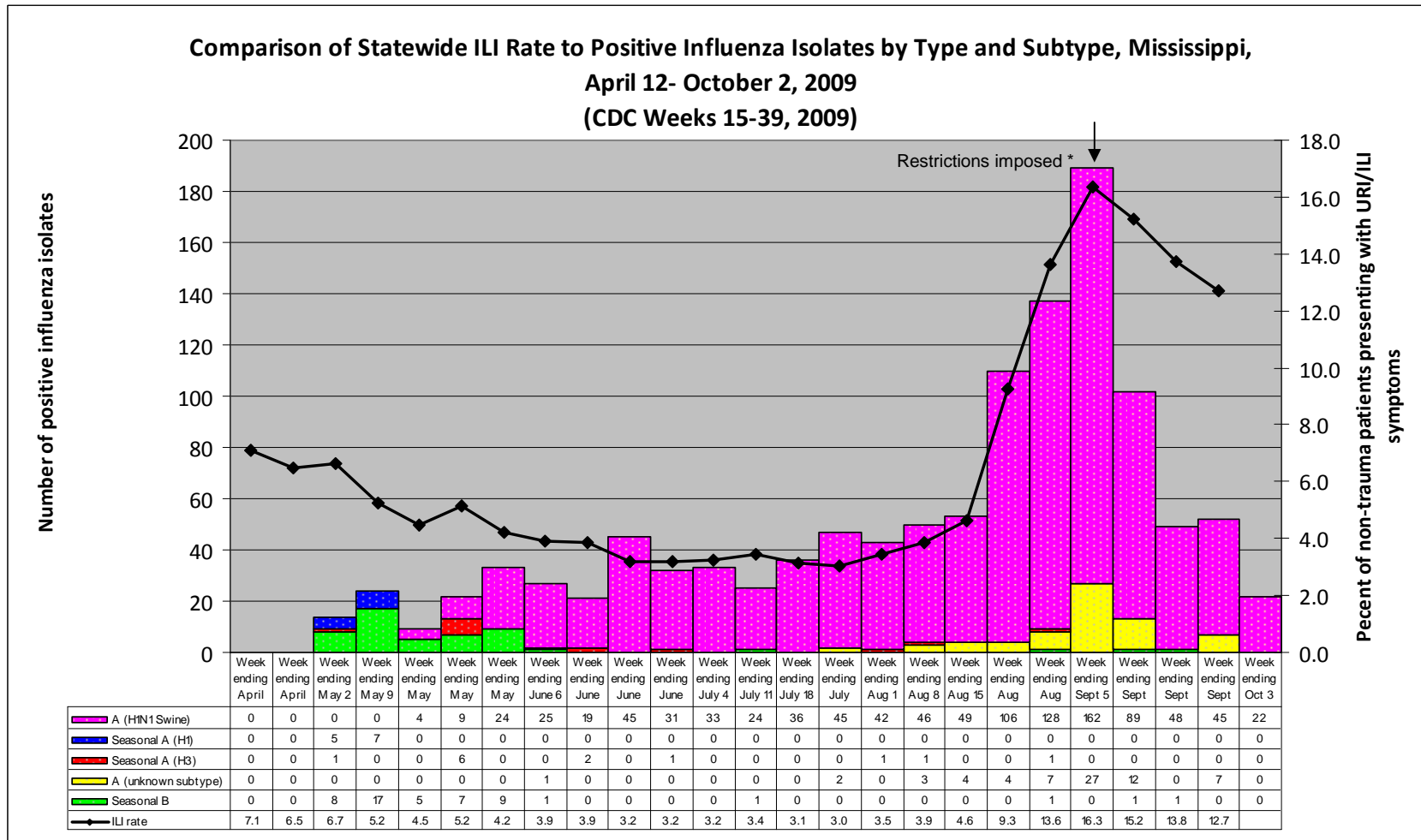
*****To date, 2460 flu specimens have been submitted for testing to the MSDH PHL since April 27th. 1032 lab-confirmed novel H1N1 specimens have been reported to MSDH. This total includes 192 positives reported from outside labs. The positives were from the following counties:**

County	Total
Total	1032
Adams	6
Alcorn	5
Amite	0
Attala	2
Benton	0
Bolivar	8
Calhoun	16
Carroll	3
Chickasaw	11
Choctaw	5
Claiborne	1
Clarke	20
Clay	5
Coahoma	62
Copiah	7
Covington	9
DeSoto	62
Forrest	20
Franklin	3
George	6
Greene	4
Grenada	30
Hancock	14
Harrison	93
Hinds	47
Holmes	4
Humphreys	2
Issaquena	0
Itawamba	0
Jackson	57
Jasper	10
Jefferson	1
Jefferson Davis	2
Jones	15
Kemper	6
Lafayette	9
Lamar	19
Lauderdale	13
Lawrence	2

County	Total
Leake	18
Lee	7
Leflore	3
Lincoln	9
Lowndes	11
Madison	29
Marion	36
Marshall	12
Monroe	18
Montgomery	8
Neshoba	16
Newton	6
Noxubee	3
Oktibbeha	22
Panola	25
Pearl River	6
Perry	2
Pike	11
Pontotoc	2
Prentiss	1
Quitman	9
Rankin	38
Scott	11
Sharkey	0
Simpson	2
Smith	5
Stone	2
Sunflower	3
Tallahatchie	2
Tate	21
Tippah	1
Tishomingo	2
Tunica	8
Union	3
Walthall	17
Warren	6
Washington	9
Wayne	1
Webster	7
Wilkinson	1

County	Total
Winston	37
Yalobusha	9
Yazoo	6
Unknown	8

Below is a comparison of the state ILI rate to the number of positive influenza isolates since mid- April. Starting in late May and into October, the predominate flu type identified continues to be novel H1N1 (swine) flu.



*Restrictions imposed the week ending September 12 on the number of laboratory specimens accepted by the Public Health Laboratory

Mississippi reported “widespread” (Outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI cases and recent laboratory-confirmed influenza in at least half the regions of the state with recent laboratory evidence of influenza in the state) activity for week 38. For more information on flu activity nationwide, please refer to the CDC’s website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivity.htm>.

