



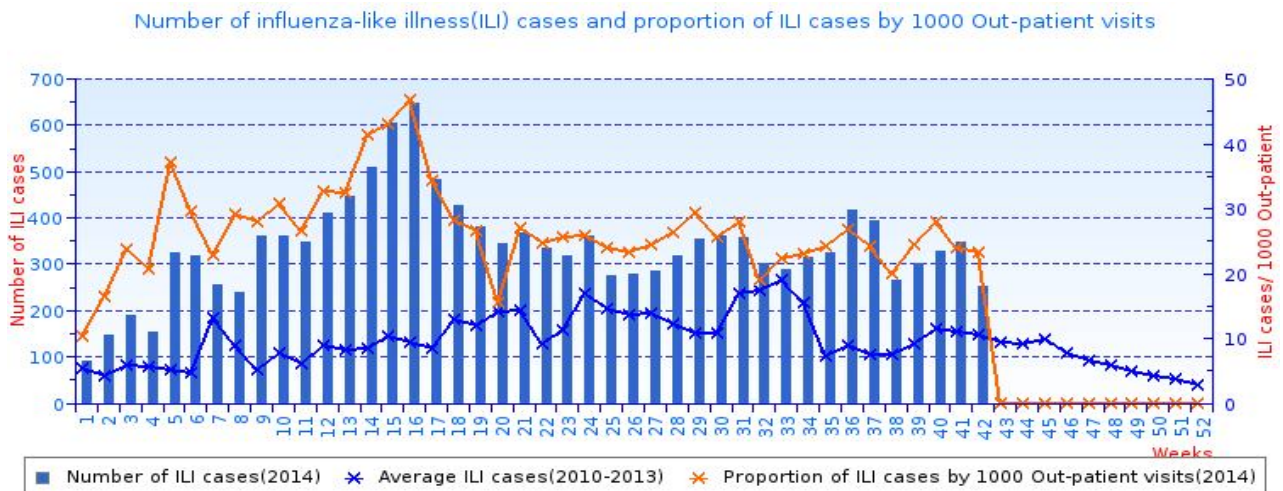
**Influenza-like-illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) surveillance, Week 42 (12-18<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2014)**

**Synopsis**

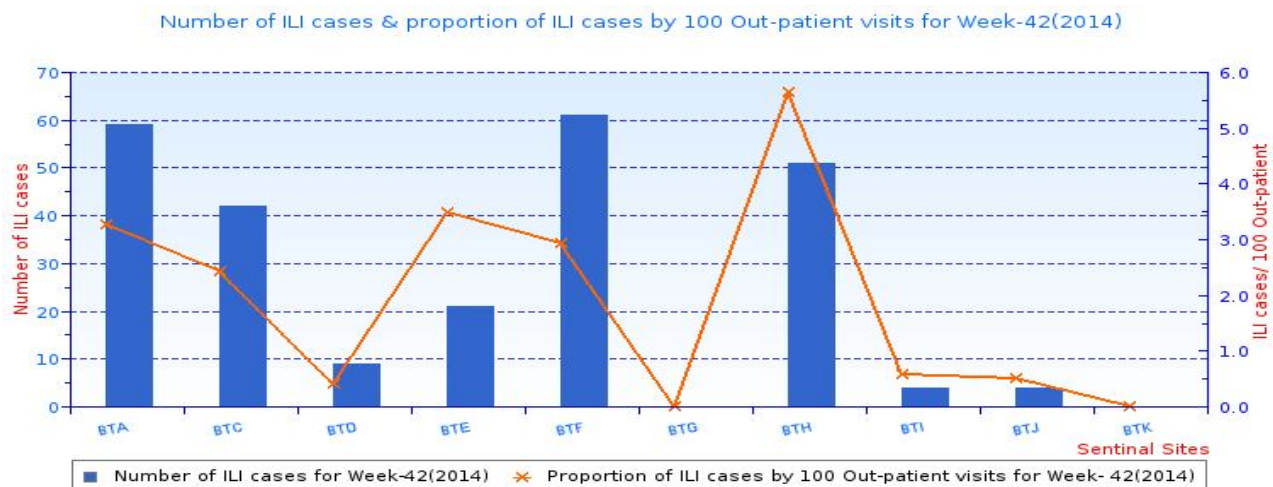
The incidence of ILI and SARI for the week was 23/1000 outpatient visits and 5/100 hospitalized patients respectively. The highest incidence of ILI and SARI cases were reported from Phuntsholing and Punakha Hospital respectively. The ILI cases were commonly observed among age group 15-29 years while SARI cases were observed among 0-1 year age group. From **23** samples received and tested by Real-Time RT-PCR, positivity rate was **21.74%**. **Flu B and A/H3** was found dominant circulating strain for the week.

**1. Influenza Like-Illness (ILI) surveillance**

Average ILI incidence in the sentinel sites for the week was 23 cases per 1000 outpatient visits which is lower than the previous week (Figure 1). The highest ILI incidence for the week among sentinel sites was observed in Phuntsholing Hospital (61 cases) followed by Mongar Hospital (59 cases). Gelephu and Samtse Hospitals have reported for the week (Figure 2).



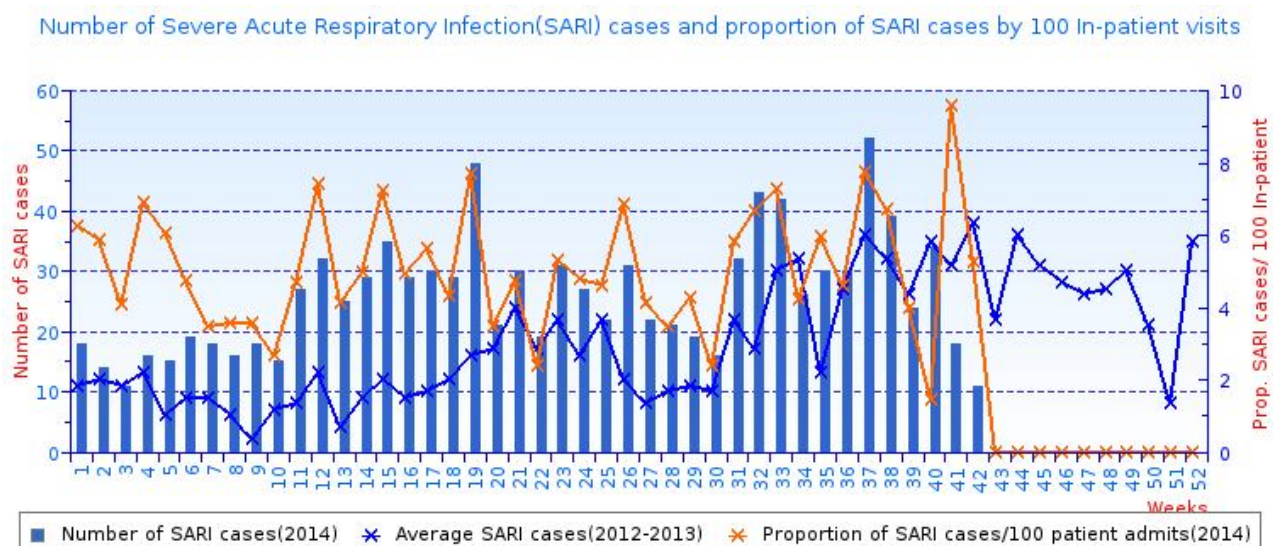
**Figure 1:** Average number of ILI cases reported for 42 week and previous weeks. (Data source: **Online** weekly reporting from sentinel sites.



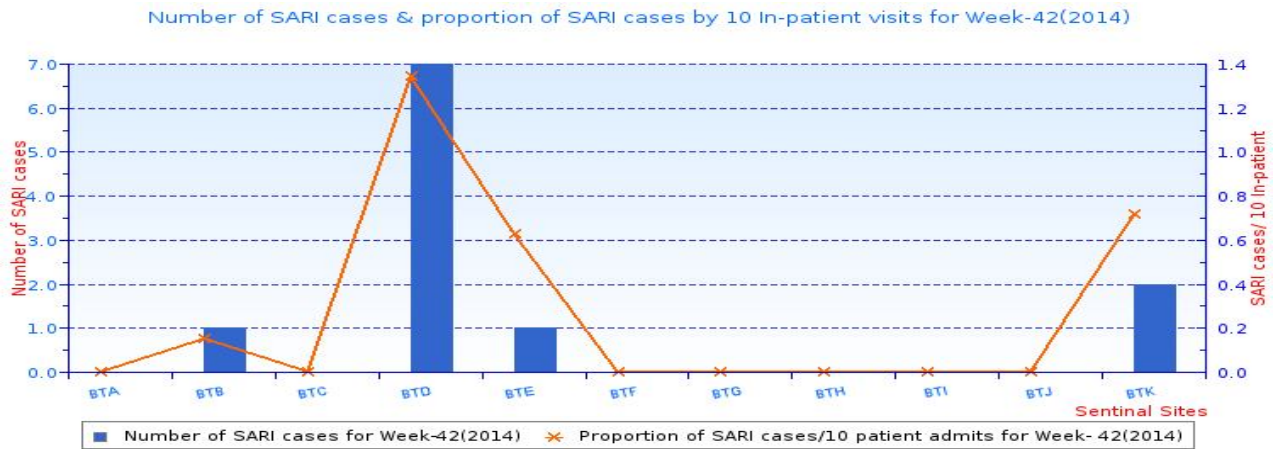
**Figure 2:** The number of ILI cases reported by sites (Data source: **Online** weekly reports from sentinel sites).

## 2. Severe Acute Respiratory Infections (SARI) surveillance

Average SARI incidence in the sentinel sites for the week was 5 SARI cases per 100 hospitalized patients which is lower than the previous week (Figure 3). The highest SARI incidence for the week among sentinel sites was observed in Punakha Hospital (7 SARI cases). Trashigang, Tsirang, Phuntsholing, Paro and Samdrup Jongkhar Hospitals have reported for the week (Figure 4).



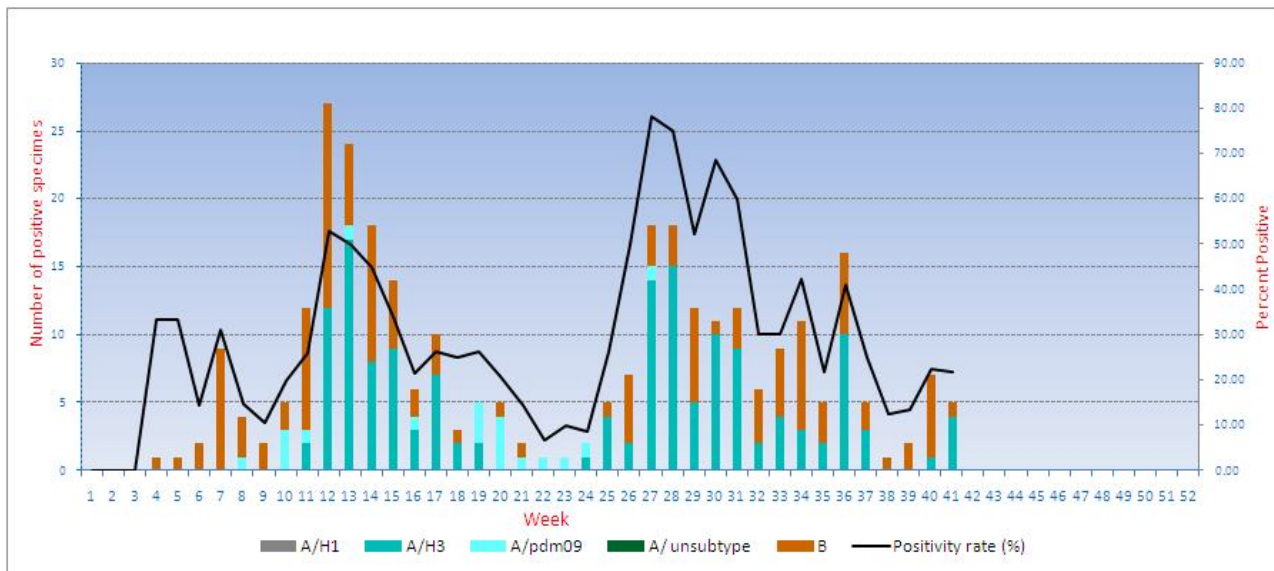
**Figure 3:** Average number of SARI cases reported for 42 week and previous weeks. (Data source: **Online** weekly reporting from sentinel sites).



**Figure 4:** The number of SARI cases reported by sites (Data source: **Online** weekly reports from sentinel sites).

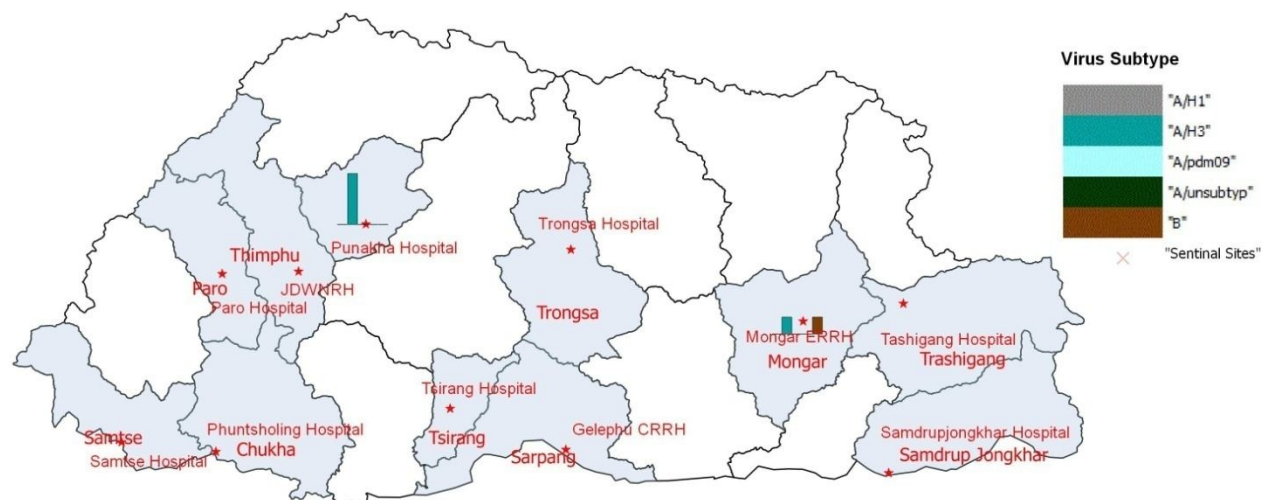
### 3. Virological Surveillance

Of total **23** ILI samples tested by RT-PCR, **5/23 (21.74%)** were positive for Influenza viruses (Flu B- 1; A/H3- 4), however few sites have not collected samples (Figure 5 & 6; Table 1).



**Figure 5:** Trend of influenza virus subtype by week, for the week 41, 2014

A total of **8** SARI samples received, **5** samples were positive for Respiratory Syncytial Viruses (RSV), one sample positive for Flu B and Flu A/H3 respectively.



**Figure 6:** Influenza subtype virus by sentinel sites for week 41 (2014).

**Table 1:** ILI/SARI samples received from sentinel sites for the week 41 (2014).

Sl. No	Surveillance sites	No. of ILI samples received	No. of SARI samples Received	Influenza virus type and subtype				
				A/H1	A/H3	A/pdm09	A/un-subtyped	B
1	Mongar RR Hospital	3	0		1			1
2	JDWNRH, Thimphu	0	0					
3	Paro Hospital	5	1					
4	Punakha Hospital	4	4		3			
5	Trongsa Hospital	0	0					
6	Phuntsholing Hospital	2	0					
7	Gelephu RR Hospital	0	1					
8	Trashigang Hospital	2	2					
9	Tsirang Hospital	2	0					
10	S/Jongkhar Hospital	2	0					
11	Samtse hospital	3	0					
	<b>Total</b>	23	8		4			1
<b>Note: Weekly sample target for the surveillance is minimum 50 samples ( i.e. 4-5 samples per site weekly)</b>								



#### 4. Age Distribution among ILI and SARI cases

ILI cases were commonly observed in age group 15-29 and SARI cases were commonly observed in 0-1 years of age group (Table 2).

**Table 2:** ILI and SARI age categorization

Age (Years)	ILI		SARI	
	Number	Proportion (%)	Number	Proportion (%)
0-1	22	8.76	6	54.55
2-4	44	17.53	1	9.09
5-14	63	19.51	2	18.18
15-29	67	26.69	2	18.18
30-64	45	17.93	0	0.00
65+	10	3.98	0	0.00

#### 5. Influenza Outbreak

One ARI outbreak reported during the week 42 (13-Oct-14) from Tashidingkha Middle Secondary School, Punakha. The outbreak was immediately investigated by PHL team and District Health Officials from Punakha. Rapid test was done onsite and throat swab was collected from symptomatic cases. A total of 15 throat swab was collected for Influenza RT-PCR testing and confirmed that 5 out 15 were Influenza B type viruses.

#### 6. Death due to SARI/Pneumonia

No death cases were reported during the week.

**Note:** Following Clinicians, Laboratory staff and other Hospital staffs are currently involved in ILI/SARI surveillance in their respective sites as listed below;

**Contact list for responsible persons involved for ILI/SARI Surveillance**

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**Note:** (Data is preliminary and may change as more reports are received)