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## STAT SUMMARY: Deceased Albertans who had lab-confirmed influenza at time of death

EDMONTON – In the [weekly influenza data report](#) posted to the Alberta Health Services (AHS) website on Jan. 14, 2016, AHS confirmed five deaths in individuals who had lab-confirmed influenza at the time of death. These five deaths are the first deaths to be reported in the 2015/16 influenza season.

The below chart provides all case-specific details that AHS will be releasing on these deaths. No further information will be provided to protect confidentiality.

Zone of Residence	Age Group	Influenza Immunization Status	Influenza Strain (confirmed by lab)
Calgary Zone	Between 18 and 64 years of age	Not immunized	Influenza A - H3N2
Calgary Zone	65 years of age or older	Not immunized	Influenza A - H3N2
Edmonton Zone	Less than 18 years of age	Not immunized	Influenza A - H1N1
Edmonton Zone	Less than 18 years of age.	Partially immunized <i>(At time of death, had received only one of the two doses required to be fully protected this season).</i>	Influenza A - H1N1
Edmonton Zone	65 years of age or older	Not immunized	Influenza A - H1N1

### Data Notes:

1 – All deaths reported above (and included in the [AHS weekly influenza data update](#)) have occurred within the 2015/16 season to date. The exact date of death for each case is not provided to protect confidentiality.

2 – Deaths reported above (and included in the [AHS weekly influenza data update](#)) represent individuals who have died in hospital in Alberta and had lab-confirmed influenza at time of death.

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3 – Children less than nine years of age who are receiving influenza immunization for the first time this influenza season require two doses of influenza vaccine, given approximately four weeks apart. Both doses are required to be considered fully protected.

For the complete weekly influenza data update, please visit [www.ahs.ca/influenza](http://www.ahs.ca/influenza). The data posted on this site is updated weekly, on Thursdays.

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