What is ILINet?
An outpatient Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Surveillance Network. Providers across the country volunteer to send year-round ILI data to CDC. This is used in combination with other influenza surveillance data by both Vermont and the CDC to get a picture of influenza activity within the state and country.

Who can be a sentinel provider?
Physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners of any specialty and in any type of practice are eligible. The only practice settings that are not eligible are elementary, middle, or high school health centers and any type of institutional setting such as long-term care facilities and prisons.

What is required of sentinel providers?
Providers who volunteer are asked to collect the total number of patient visits and the number of patient visits for ILI by age group (0-4, 5-24, 25-49, 50-64, and 65+) each week. This data is then sent on a weekly basis to the CDC either via the internet or fax.

What is the case definition for ILI?
Fever (recorded temperature of >100ºF or >37.8ºC) AND Cough and/or sore throat (in the absence of a known cause).

How to Enroll
Email the following information to Jennifer.Pistole@Vermont.gov

Name
Practice Name
Practice Type
Address
City
Zip
Telephone Number
Fax Number
Primary Email Address
Secondary Email Address

If the provider is not the primary contact for flu surveillance and someone else in the office will be submitting weekly data (e.g., office manager, nurse manager, etc.), please list the name and email address of that person.

Why volunteer?
Providers play a crucial role in helping public health understand the burden of influenza on Vermont. Influenza causes substantial morbidity and mortality every year and continuous surveillance ensures that public health is aware of the situation and can take measures to keep Vermonters safe. By providing data you are helping us monitor and keep track of how it is affecting our state and country. The information you provide is sent out to public health partners to keep them informed and can be used to guide prevention and control activities.

For more information or if you have any questions, contact Jennifer.Pistole@Vermont.gov (802)-863-7240