Forecasting call Nov 1 2018

Teams:

ARETE

BioFire

UGA?

CrowdSmart

Columbia

Delphi

VT

FSN

Flu Outlook

Flu X – Uva

Google?

HumNat

ISU

KBSI

KoT

KPWHI

LANL

NEU

PPSFT

PSI

Protea

Rice

Scripps?

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GH

GSU

Tulane

Univ of Arizona

UGA

Minnesota

Melbourne

Yale

Surveillance Update: Alicia Budd

Very low through summer – more typical low level as of this time of year. 75% A, just over 75% of those H1N1

New providers every year, but in more recent years trended to new enrollees being larger volume EDs or larger healthcare systems pulling from large patient populations. Can change distributions of patients and impact the ILI report. Working on a report to quantify this impact and will be sharing with forecasters shortly.

Dave – how this might impact ILI compared to past ILI – potentially due to differences in providers such as Region 8 (esp CO). New group of providers is picking up more ILI than previous groups of providers

Website Update: Mike

New server system this year, with new levels of security and red tape.

Faster visualizations, more stable, etc once they get it up and running.

Issues from last week are almost fixed – need to be able to both upload and download submissions.

Try to submit last week’s submissions via the webpage – help in terms of testing. Report back if it works or if it doesn’t

Communication Plans: Matt

Press stuff as part of vaccination week in early December

Planning forecasting page on CDC flu website – some information on forecasting challenge, how it works, and links to the new website.

Open Questions: