

## **Influenza season 2015-2016**

Influenza season 2015-2016 in Lithuania significantly different from the previous one: the incidence rate of influenza and the number of hospitalizations during the influenza season were higher and were registered epidemic.

During influenza season 2015-2016, of all influenza viruses which were circulating in the environment A (H1)v influenza virus accounted the largest part (76,0 %). In Europe A(H1N1pdm09) influenza virus accounted for 91 % of all influenza viruses.

During influenza season 2015-2016, 7.3 % of the population of Lithuania were vaccinated, compared to 7.5 % in 2014-2015. Compared to vaccination coverage in other EU countries, (in the risk group of 65 years old and above) influenza vaccination coverage in Lithuania is among the lowest, followed only by Slovenia, Slovakia, Poland, Romania, Latvia and Estonia.

A number of 1843 individuals were hospitalized in 2015-2016 compared to 903 in influenza season 2014-2015. Children (0-17 years of age) accounted for the major part of the hospitalized (917 cases). 138 persons were hospitalized in intensive care units. For the same reason were hospitalized 22 pregnant women.