## INFECTIONS CAUSED BY INFLUENZA VIRUSES AMONG THE CHILDREN IN POLAND DURING THE 2017/2018 EPIDEMIC SEASON

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Influenza is an infectious disease that is a threat to both children and adults. During the 2017/2018 epidemic season in Poland among children the codomination of A and B influenza viruses was observed and the dominance of influenza B was observed for all age groups combined. The subtype A/H1N1/pdm09 dominated among the influenza A viruses. The results were also analyzed in three smaller age groups (0-4, 5-9, 10-14). In children the infections caused by influenza A virus were the most frequent in the youngestage group. Older children were infected by influenza B virus predominantly.

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