Surveillance Items of Note:

- Recent influenza clusters at basic training centers in San Diego (A/H3) and New Jersey (B/Victoria) among recently arrived trainees who had been vaccinated < 14 days prior.

- Continued influenza and RSV cases in border and DoD beneficiary populations in Southwest US.

**FEBRILE RESPIRATORY ILLNESS CASES:**

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**AGE RECRUIT SURVEILLANCE:**

6 of 8 samples collected have completed testing:

- Ft. Leonard Wood (2), NRTC Great Lakes (0), MCRD San Diego (0), and MCRD Parris Island (6).
- Four of six samples from MCRD Parris Island were positive for Norovirus type G.II. All other samples tested negative.

**US Special Forces:**

- One out of three samples collected was positive for influenza A/H3 at a San Diego warfare training school.

**Yearly Influenza Rates: DoD Beneficiary ILI Surveillance**

**Noteworthy:**

- Twelve influenza B/Victoria specimens from border cases all had HA segment sequences that belonged to the genetic clade V1A, similar to the current B/Victoria vaccine strain. Ten of the twelve (83%) HA segments were further classified into a newly emerging subclade containing a six nucleotide deletion at amino acid positions 162 and 163, which correlates with antigenic dissimilarity to, and lack of protection by, the current vaccine strain.