Articles identified from literature searches (n = 1,002):
- PubMed (n = 533)
- EMBASE (n = 309)
- Cochrane (n = 160)

Potentially relevant articles identified and screened for retrieval (n = 747)

Duplicates removed (n = 255)

Articles excluded following initial review (n = 584):
- Not conducted in a country of interest (n = 375)
- No reported data of interest (n = 133)
- Not related to confirmed influenza or ILI (n = 71)
- Not related to a paediatric population (n = 5)

Relevant articles retrieved from Web site searches (n = 8)

Articles identified from Web site searches (n = 208)

Articles retrieved for more detailed evaluation (n = 171)

Duplicates removed (n = 3)

Articles not available (n = 3)

Articles excluded following review of full text (n = 129):
- No reported data of interest (n = 82)
- Not conducted in a country of interest (n = 18)
- Not related to confirmed influenza or ILI (n = 11)
- Not specific to a paediatric population (n = 13)
- Not an article type of interest (n = 5)

Additional articles identified from the reference lists of other articles from this literature search (n = 3)

Total relevant articles (n = 39)

Articles identified from literature searches (n = 558):
- PubMed (n = 192)
- EMBASE (n = 264)
- Cochrane (n = 102)

Potentially relevant articles identified and screened for retrieval (n = 406)

Duplicates removed (n = 152)

Articles excluded following initial review (n = 359):
- Not conducted in a country of interest (n = 124)
- No reported data of interest (n = 58)
- Not related to confirmed influenza or ILI (n = 96)
- Data for pandemic/H1N1, not seasonal influenza (n = 70)
- Not an article type of interest (n = 4)
- Not related to a paediatric population (n = 1)
- Duplicate (n = 6)

Relevant articles retrieved from Web site searches (n = 1)

Articles identified from Web site searches (n = 105)

Articles retrieved for more detailed evaluation (n = 48)

Articles excluded following review of full text (n = 41):
- Do not report data of interest (n = 19)
- Not conducted in a country of interest (n = 12)
- Not related to a paediatric population (n = 6)
- Data for pandemic/H1N1, not seasonal influenza (n = 6)
- Not an article type of interest (n = 2)

Additional articles recommended for inclusion (n = 4)

Total relevant articles (n = 11)

Total relevant articles (n = 50)

Articles reporting ILI (n = 37)

Studies selected for data extraction (n = 13)