**Geographic Spread**

South Carolina reported **sporadic activity** this week.

**Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths**

A total of **2** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by 24 hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **90.5** per 100,000. There was **1** laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated death reported; however, this death occurred in a previous week. The cumulative mortality rate is **5.5** per 100,000. Compared to the previous week, the number of reported hospitalizations **decreased** by **14** (**87.5%**) and number of reported deaths **decreased** by **1** (**100%**). In the current flu season, there have been **4,491** influenza-associated hospitalizations and **272** influenza-associated deaths reported.

**Virologic Surveillance**

A total of **97** influenza cases (**96** positive rapid antigen detection tests; **1** lab-confirmed test) were reported from 22 counties representing all four DHEC Public Health regions. Influenza B was most frequently reported by clinical labs. Compared to the previous week, this is a **decrease** of **31** cases (**24.2%**). In the current flu season, there have been **135,218** influenza cases (**131,665** positive rapid antigen detection tests; **3,553** lab-confirmed tests) reported.

**Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance**

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **1.19%**, which is **below** South Carolina’s baseline (**3.13%**). Compared to the previous week, this is an **increase** of **0.10%**.

The ILI activity level was **minimal**.

For a description of South Carolina’s influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: [http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/](http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/)

For national surveillance, please visit: [https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/](https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/)
This week, 1 lab-confirmed cases and 96 positive rapid influenza detection tests were reported by clinical labs.

**Influenza B** was most frequently reported by clinical labs.
Virologic Surveillance

Map of Influenza Cases (n)*
and Influenza Case Rate/100,000 By County
For Week Ending 5/26/2018

Weekly Influenza Case Rate per 100K

- 0 to 25 persons
- 26 to 50 persons
- 51 to 75 persons
- Greater than 75 persons

*Includes all lab-confirmed and positive rapid cases

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This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and 1.19% of patient visits to SC ILINet providers was attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline, 3.13%.

Reports were received from providers in 6 counties, representing all 4 DHEC Public Health regions.

**ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.**

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**ILI Activity Levels:**

- **Minimal**
- **Low**
- **Moderate**
- **High**

No color fill indicates either no reporting or does not participate.
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths

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The percentage of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza was 4.3%. This is below the epidemic threshold for the week ending May 5, 2018.