

### Flu Watch

MMWR Week 27: July 1 to July 7, 2018

All data are provisional and subject to change as more reports are received.

#### **Geographic Spread**

South Carolina reported **no activity** this week.



# Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths

This week **0** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by 18 hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **90.9** per 100,000. There were **0** laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated deaths reported this week. The cumulative mortality rate is **5.8** per 100,000. Compared to the previous week, the number of reported hospitalizations decreased by **2** cases (**100.0%**) and deaths **remained the same**. In the current flu season, there have been **4,509** influenza-associated hospitalizations and **289** influenza-associated deaths reported.



#### **Virologic Surveillance**

A total of **20** influenza cases (**19** positive rapid antigen detection tests; **1** lab-confirmed tests) were reported from 6 counties representing all four DHEC Public Health regions. Influenza A was most frequently reported by clinical labs. Compared to the previous week, this is a **decrease** of **11** cases (**35.5%**). In the current flu season, there have been **135,439** influenza cases (**131,866** positive rapid antigen detection tests; **3,573** lab-confirmed tests) reported.

For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: <a href="http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/">http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/</a>

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#### **Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance**

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **0.44%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.13%**). Compared to the previous week, this is a **decrease** of **0.15%**.

The ILI activity level was minimal.

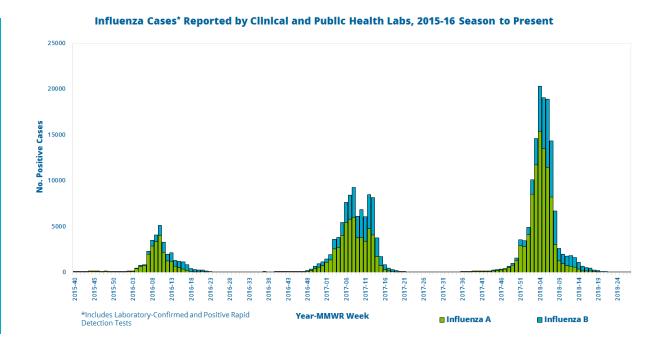
For national surveillance, please visit: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/">https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/</a>



## **Virologic Surveillance**

This week, **1** lab-confirmed case and **19** positive rapid influenza detection tests were reported by clinical labs.

**Influenza A** was most frequently reported by clinical labs.

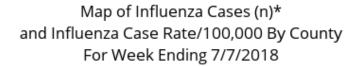


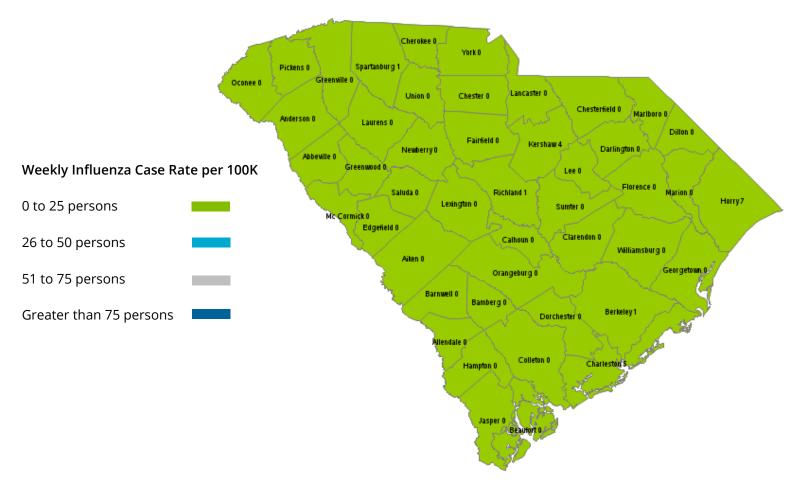
#### Influenza Cases Reported by Public Health and Clinical Labs, This Week and Season Total

Influenza Type	Public	Health Lab	CI	inical Labs	Total		
	This Week	Season Total	This Week	Season Total	This Week	Season Total	
Overall	0	233	20	135206	20	135439	
Influenza A	0	173 (74.2%)	13 (65.0%) 91191 (67.4%)		13 (65.0%)	91364 (67.4%)	
A (H3)		131 (75.7%)		394 (0.4%)		525 (0.6%)	
A (H1N1)		42 (24.3%)		170 (0.2%)		212 (0.2%)	
A (not subtyped)			13 (100%)	90627 (99.4%)	13 (100%)	90627 (99.2%)	
Influenza B	0	60 (25.8%)	6 (30.0%)	43495 (32.2%)	6 (30.0%)	43555 (32.2%)	
B (Victoria)		2 (3.4%)		<u></u>		2 (0.0%)	
B (Yamagata)		53 (88.3%)				53 (0.1%)	
B (lineage not performed)		5 (8.3%)	6 (100%)	43495 (100%)	6 (100%)	43500 (99.9%)	
Influenza (not typed)			1 (5.0%)	520 (0.4%)	1 (5.0%)	520 (0.4%)	



# **Virologic Surveillance**







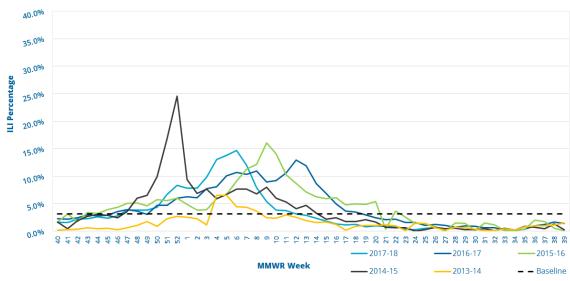
### Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **0.44%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers was attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline, **3.13%**.

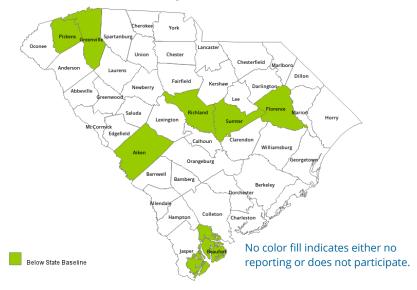
Reports were received from providers in 7 counties, representing all 4 DHEC Public Health regions.

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

# Percentage of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Visits Reported by Sentinel Providers for Past and Current Seasons



#### County ILI Percent



### State ILI Activity Level 2017-18 Calendar by Week of the Year

OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	<b>APR</b>	MAY	JUN	JUL	<b>AUG</b>	SEP
40	44	48	1	5	9	14	18	22	27		
41	45	49	2	6	10	15	19	23			
42	46	50	3	7	11	16	20	24			
43	47	51	4	8	12	17	21	25			
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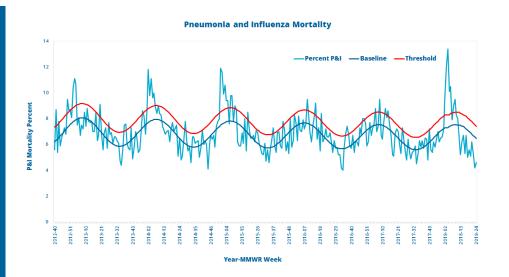
ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH



# Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

Age	Hospitalizations			Deaths			
Group							
	This Week	Rate per	Season	This Week	Rate per	Season	
		100, 000	Total		100, 000	Total	
0 to 4	0	54.2	159		1.0	3	
5 to 17	0	17.5	141				
18 to 49	0	29.3	587		1.3	27	
50 to 64	0	115.9	1055		5.6	51	
65 & older	0	406.3	2567		32.9	208	
Total	0	90.9	4509		5.8	289	

The percentage of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza was 4.6%. This is **below** the epidemic threshold for the week ending June 16, 2018.



#### Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group, 2015-16 Season to Present

