

Geographic Spread



South Carolina reported **widespread activity** this week. This is the **fourteenth consecutive** week at widespread activity.

Influenza Activity



Overall, there was a decrease in influenza activity this week.

Regional Influenza Activity



No change



Decreased



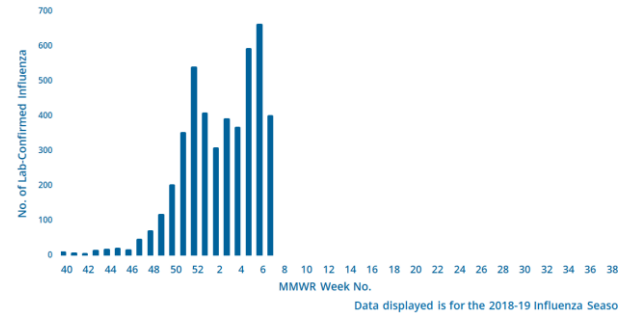
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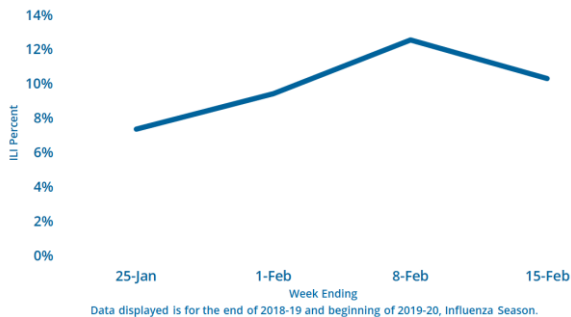
Virologic Surveillance

This week **399** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **4517** lab-confirmed tests reported.



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **10.3%**, which is **above** South Carolina's baseline (**3.6%**). The ILI activity level overall was **high**.



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

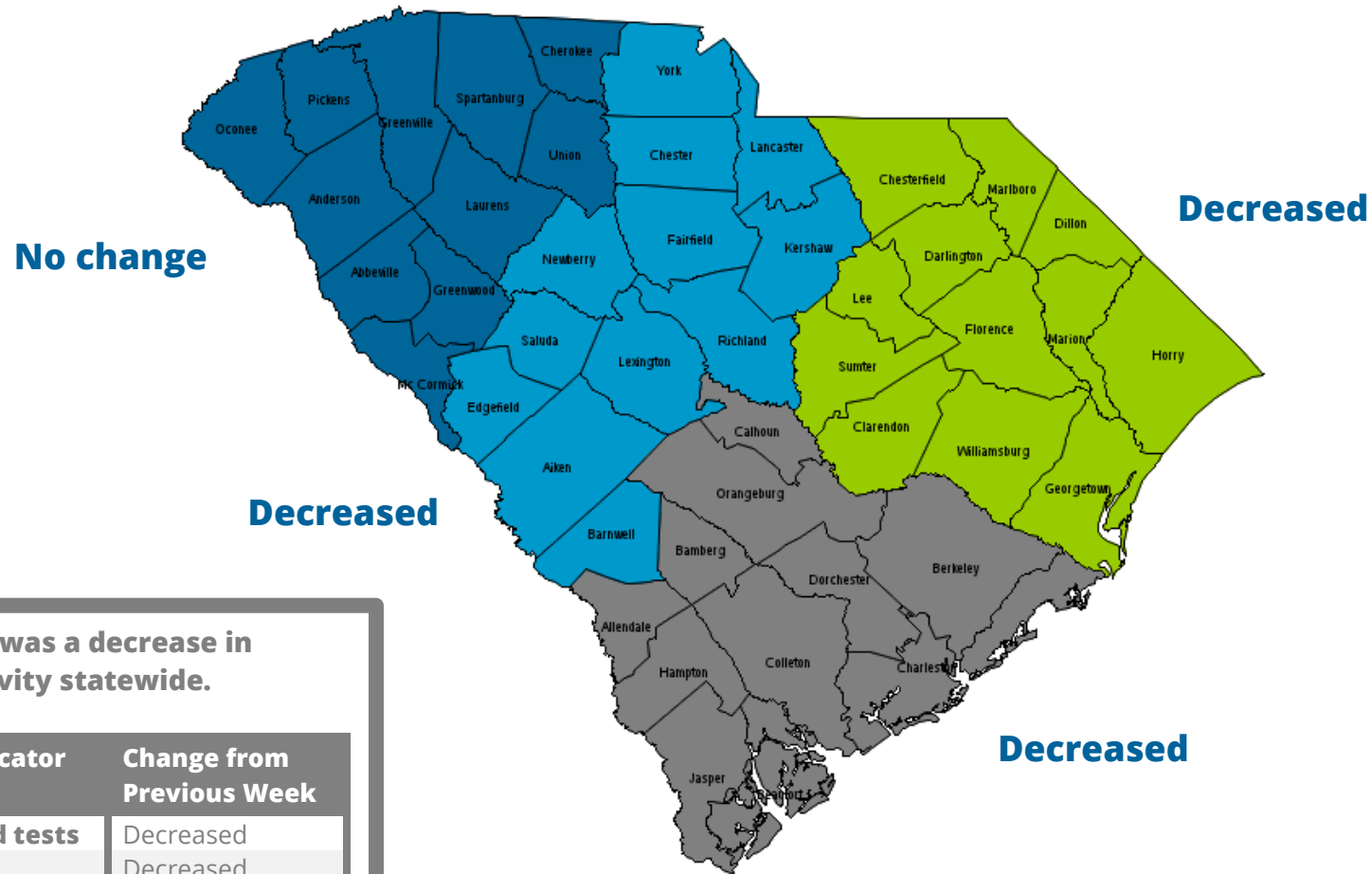
This week **210** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **55** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **42.1 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **2141** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week **8** influenza-associated deaths were reported however, 2 deaths occurred during previous weeks. The cumulative mortality rate is **1.3 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **76** influenza-associated deaths.

Influenza Activity*

In the 4 Public Health Regions, activity showed...



Overall there was a decrease in influenza activity statewide.

Influenza Indicator	Change from Previous Week
Lab-confirmed tests	Decreased
ILI Percent	Decreased
Hospitalizations	Decreased

*Indicators for assessing influenza activity include: lab-confirmed tests, ILI percent, and hospitalizations.

Virologic Surveillance

Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type To Date*					
Influenza Type	No. of Cases (%)				5 season average
	This Week	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	
Overall	399	4517	2338	3150	1483
Influenza A	310(77.7)	2937(65.0)	2255(96.4)	2384(75.7)	1249(84.2)
A(H3)	--	29(1.0)	258(11.4)	499(20.9)	263(21.1)
A(H1N1)	83(26.8)	651(22.2)	223(9.9)	176(7.4)	104(8.3)
A(NS)*	227(73.2)	2257(76.8)	1774(78.7)	1709(71.7)	882(70.6)
Influenza B	88(22.1)	1572(34.8)	74(3.2)	757(24.0)	234(15.8)
B (Victoria)	16(18.2)	203(12.9)	1(1.4)	1(0.1)	1(0.4)
B(Yamagata)	--	5(0.3)	--	45(5.9)	9(3.8)
B (LND)+	72(81.8)	1364(86.8)	73(98.6)	711(93.9)	224(95.7)
Influenza Virus Co-infection**	1(0.3)	8(0.2)	9(0.4)	9(0.3)	N/A

*NS - not subtyped *LND - lineage not determined

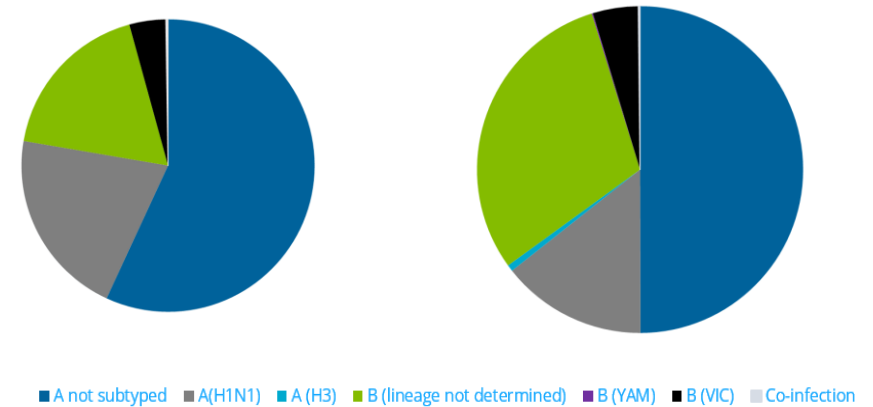
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**Cases with more than one influenza A subtype in the same sample or influenzas A and B in the same sample simultaneously.

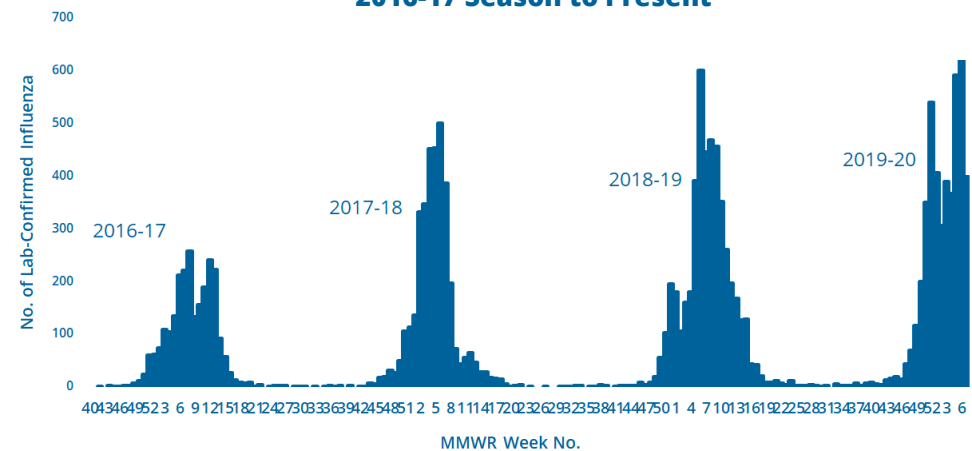
Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type

Week ending 2/15

Cumulative



Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, 2016-17 Season to Present



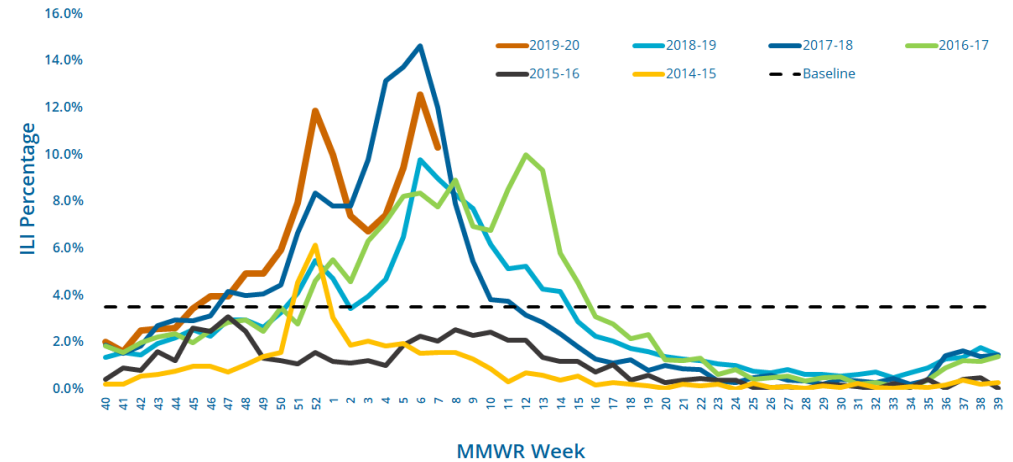
Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **high** and **10.3%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers was attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **above** the state baseline, **3.6%**.

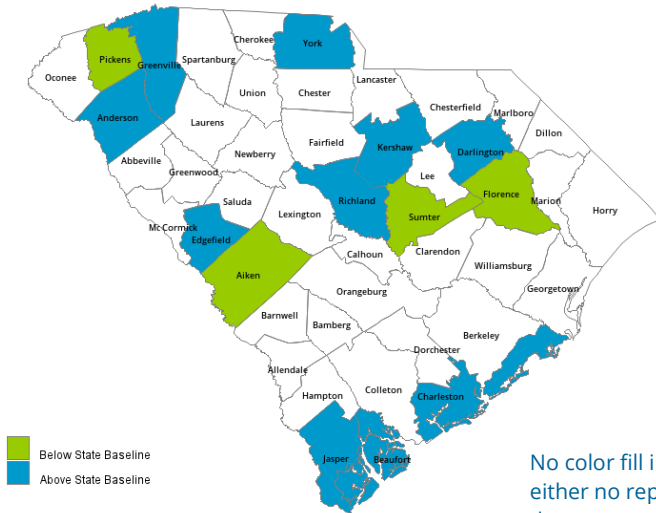
Reports were received from providers in **14** counties, representing all DHEC Public Health regions.

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

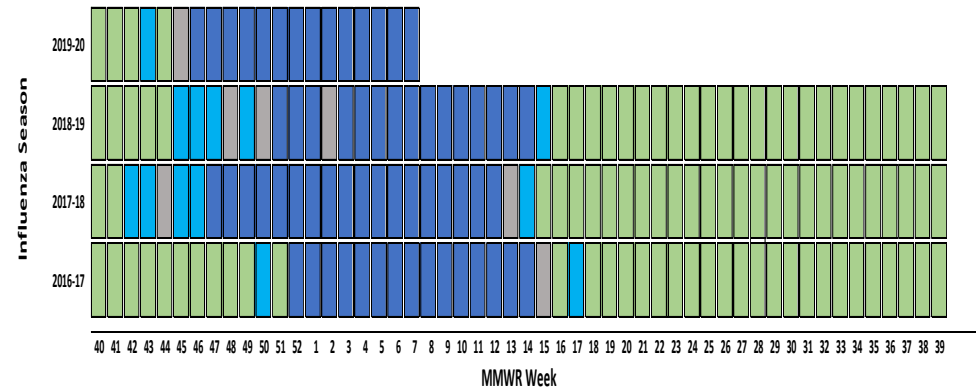
Percentage of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Visits Reported by Sentinel Providers for Past and Current Seasons



County ILI Percent



State ILI Activity Level by MMWR Week, 2016-17 Influenza Season to Present



ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: **MINIMAL** **LOW** **MODERATE** **HIGH**

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group*

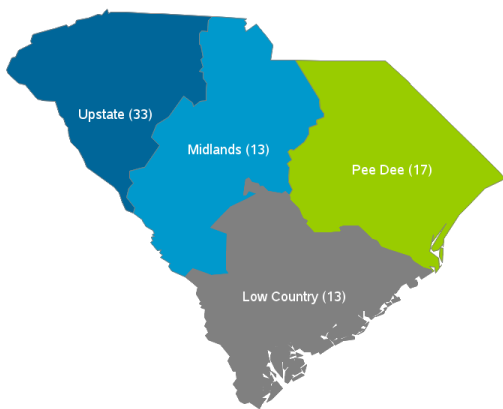
Influenza Season	No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)					
	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week	210(4.1)	9(3.0)	16(2.0)	47(2.3)	60(5.9)	78(8.9)
2019-20	2141(42.1)	129(43.4)	116(14.1)	455(21.9)	607(60.1)	834(95.3)
2018-19	1395(27.8)	73(24.9)	72(8.9)	202(9.8)	346(34.7)	702(81.2)
2017-18	3798(76.6)	134(45.9)	108(13.4)	481(23.6)	845(85.3)	2230(268.8)
5 season average	1792(36.6)	87(29.9)	70(8.7)	242(11.9)	393(40.1)	1000(125.6)

Influenza-Associated Deaths by Age Group*

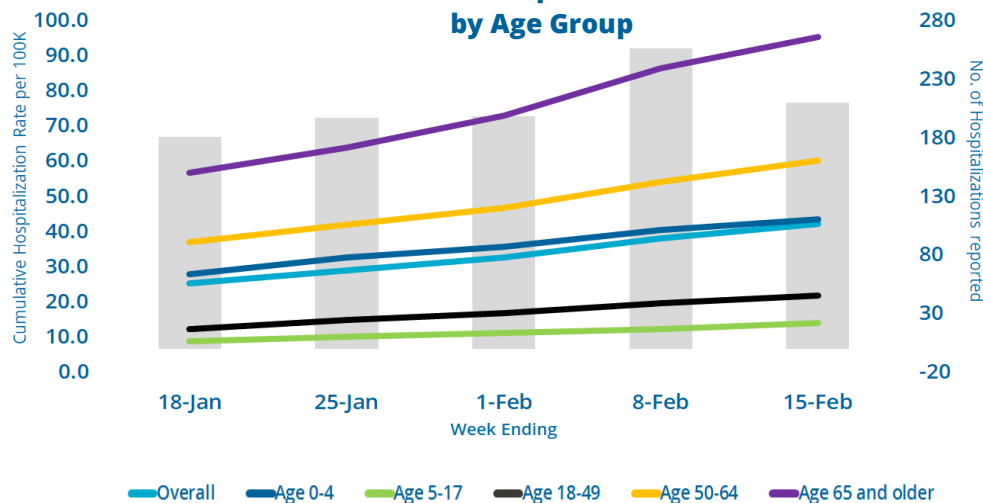
Influenza Season	No. of Deaths (Rate)					
	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week	6(0.1)	--	--	--	2(0.2)	4(0.5)
2019-20	76(1.3)	--	1(0.1)	15(0.7)	21(1.8)	39(4.0)
2018-19	49(1.0)	2(0.7)	--	2(0.1)	14(1.4)	31(3.6)
2017-18	221(4.5)	1(0.3)	--	20(1.0)	42(4.2)	158(19.0)
5 season average	86(1.7)	1(0.2)	1(0.1)	6(0.3)	15(1.5)	63(7.9)

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Influenza-Associated Deaths by Region



Cumulative Hospitalization Rate by Age Group



Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalization, 2016-17 Season to Present

