

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 3: January 16 to January 22, 2022

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Influenza Indicators

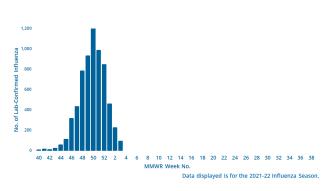
Geographic Spread

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

Virologic Surveillance

This week **91** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **6,488** lab-confirmed tests reported.

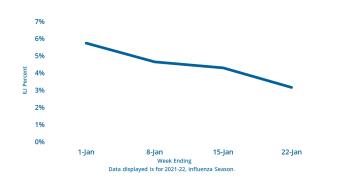
Influenza Indicator	Change from Previous Week
Lab-confirmed tests	Decreased
ILI Percent	Decreased
Hospitalizations	Increased



Regional Influenza Activity Image: Sector Se

Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **3.2%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.6%**). The ILI activity level overall was **low**.



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **21** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **40** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **5.2 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **264** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week **3** influenza-associated deaths were reported however, **2** deaths occurred during previous weeks. The cumulative mortality rate is **0.1 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **5** influenza-associated deaths.

For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: <u>https://www.scdhec.gov/FluWatch</u>

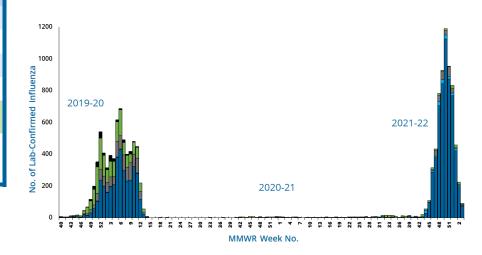
Virologic Surveillance

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type



■ A not subtyped ■ A(H1N1) ■ A (H3) ■ B (lineage not determined) ■ B (YAM) ■ B (VIC) ■ Co-infection





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Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type to Date*										
	No. of Cases (%)									
Influenza Type	This Week 2021-22		2020-21	2019-20	5 season average					
Overall	91	6488	91	2518	1004					
Influenza A	84(92.3)	6321(97.4)	16(17.6)	1421(56.4)	699(69.6)					
A(H3)	2(2.4)	189(3.0)		22(1.5)	94(13.4)					
A(H1N1)	9(10.7)	277(4.4)	1(6.3)	363(25.5)	115(16.5)					
A(NS)**	73(86.9)	5855(92.6)	15(93.8)	1036(72.9)	490(70.1)					
Influenza B	7(7.7)	164(2.5)	70(76.9)	1090(43.3)	255(30.0)					
B (Victoria)				163(15.0)	33(11.0)					
B(Yamagata)				4(0.4)	4(1.3)					
B (LND) ⁺	7(100.0)	164(100.0)	70(100.0)	923(84.7)	264(87.7)					
Influenza Virus Coinfection [§]	0(0.0)	3(0.0)	5(5.5)	7(0.3)	4(0.4)					
Influenza/SARS -CoV-2 Coinfection [£]	7(7.7)	100(1.5)	11(12.1)	0(0.0)	N/A					

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**NS – not subtyped +LND – lineage not determined

[§]Cases with more than one influenza A subtype in the same sample or with influenza A and B viral types in the same sample simultaneously.

[£]Lab-confirmed influenza cases who also tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus from specimens collected on the same date.

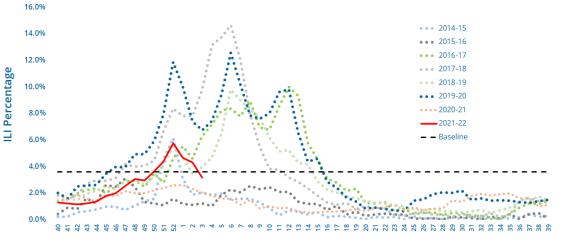
Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **low** and **3.2%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline of **3.6%**.

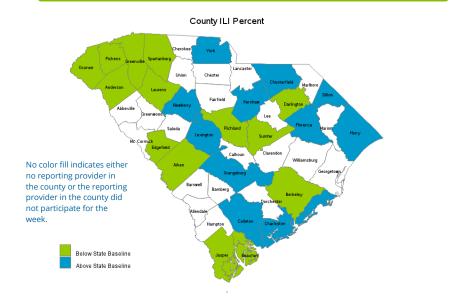
Reports were received from providers in **25** counties, representing all DHEC Public Health regions.

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

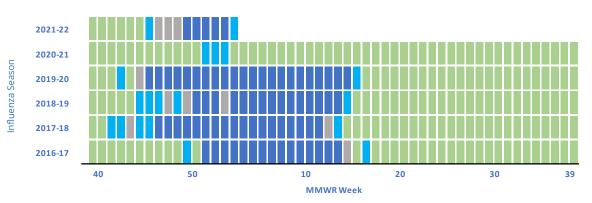




MMWR Week



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



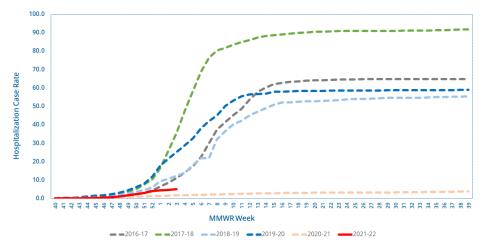
ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

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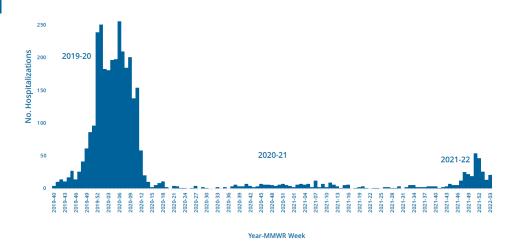
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group*								
	No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)							
Influenza Season	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+		
This Week	21(0.4)	2(0.7)	1(0.1)	6(0.3)	5(0.5)	7(0.8)		
2021-22	264(5.2)	24(8.1)	12(1.5)	56(2.7)	39(3.9)	130(14.9)		
2020-21	84(1.7)	2(0.7)		27(1.3)	17(1.7)	38(4.4)		
2019-20	1280(25.8)	83(28.4)	72(8.9)	256(12.5)	373(37.6)	496(59.8)		
5 season average	834(17.1)	41(14.2)	33(4.2)	134(6.6)	207(21.2)	419(53.7)		
Influenza-Associated Deaths by Age Group*								
	No. of Deaths (Rate)							
Influenza		Ages	Ages	Ages	Ages	Ages		
Season	Overall	0-4	5-17	18-49	50-64	65+		
This Week	1(0.0)					1(0.1)		
2021-22	5(0.1)				1(0.1)	4(0.5)		
2020-21	12(0.2)			2(0.1)	2(0.1)	8(0.8)		
2019-20	50(0.8)			9(0.4)	12(0.8)	29(2.6)		

Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons



Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations, 2019-20 Season to present



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3(0.1)

9(0.6)

25(2.0)



5 season

37(0.5)