

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 14: April 3 to April 9, 2022

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Influenza Indicators

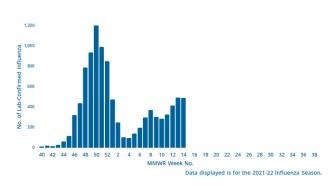
Geographic Spread

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

Virologic Surveillance

This week **483** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **9883** lab-confirmed tests reported.

Influenza Indicator	Change from Previous Week
Lab-confirmed tests	No Change
ILI Percent	No Change
Hospitalizations	Decrease



Regional Influenza Activity Decrease No Change



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

Increase

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **1.9%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.6%**). The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**.



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **14** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **31** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **8.1 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **410** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week **2** influenza-associated deaths were reported; however, **2** deaths occurred during previous weeks. The cumulative mortality rate is **0.4 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **21** 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

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	483	9883	121	6722	3470				
Influenza A	475(98.3)	9636(97.5)	29(24.0)	4729(70.4)	2655(76.6)				
A(H3)	25(5.3)	351(3.6)		40(0.8)	304(11.5)				
A(H1N1)	25(5.3)	464(4.8)	1(3.4)	1121(23.7)	365(13.7)				
A(NS)**	425(89.4)	8821(91.5)	28(96.6)	3568(75.4)	1986(74.8)				
Influenza B	3(0.6)	234(2.4)	87(71.9)	1984(29.5)	808(23.3)				
B (Victoria)				249(12.6)	51(6.3)				
B(Yamagata)				6(0.3)	11(1.4)				
B (LND)⁺	3(100)	234(100.0)	87(100.0)	1729(87.1)	747(92.2)				
, ,									
Influenza Virus Coinfection [§]	5(1.0)	13(0.1)	5(4.1)	9(0.1)	7(0.2)				
Influenza/SARS -CoV-2 Coinfection [£]	3(0.6)	133(1.3)	15(11.4)	0(0.0)	N/A				

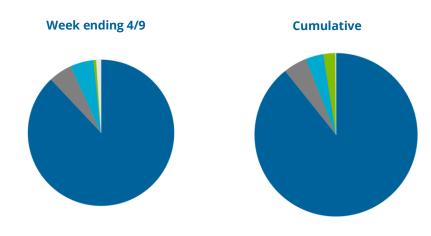
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**NS – not subtyped +LND – lineage not determined

[§]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.

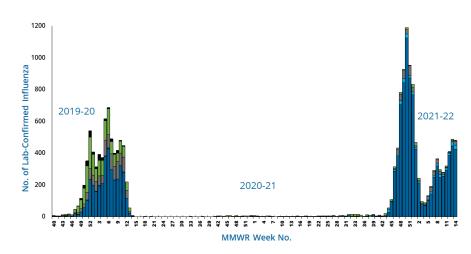
[£]Lab-confirmed influenza cases who also tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus from specimens collected on the same date.

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type



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

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, 2019-20 Season to Present



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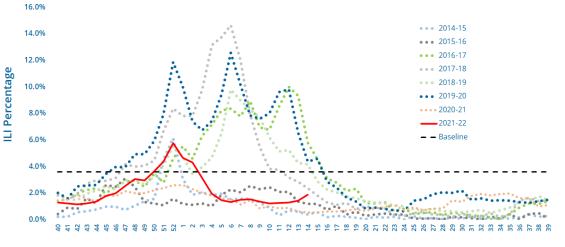
Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **1.9%** 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 **24** counties, representing all DHEC Public Health regions.

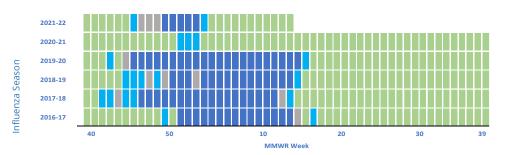
ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.



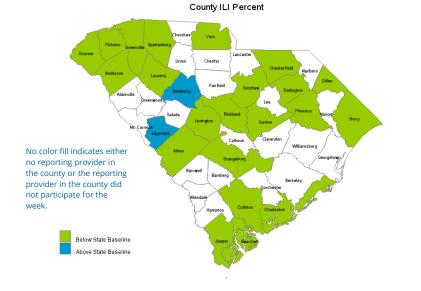


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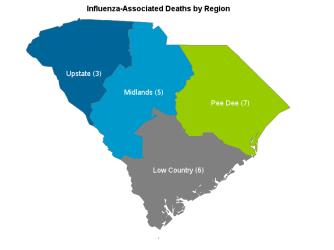
ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

	Influen	za- Associate	d Hospitaliz	ations by Age	e Group*		
	No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)						
Influenza Season	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+	
This Week	14(0.3)			1(0.1)	4(0.7)	9(0.7)	
2021-22	410(8.1)	26(8.8)	21(2.6)	86(4.1)	87(8.6)	190(21.7)	
2020-21	143(2.8)	2(0.7)		43(2.1)	32(3.2)	66(7.6)	
2019-20	2960(59.7)	160(54.8)	144(17.9)	617(30.2)	842(84.9)	1197(144.3)	
5 season average	2453(50.5)	105(36.3)	104(13.1)	384(19.0)	604(61.9)	1256(162.4)	
Influenza-Associated Deaths by Age Group*							
	In	fluenza-Asso	ciated Death	ns by Age Grou	up*		
	In	fluenza-Asso		ns by Age Grou eaths (Rate)	up*		
Influenza Season	In Overall	fluenza-Asso Ages 0-4		, ,	up* Ages 50-64	Ages 65+	
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Season		Ages	No. of D Ages	eaths (Rate) Ages	Ages 50-64	65+	
Season This Week	Overall 	Ages	No. of D Ages	eaths (Rate) Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	65+ 	
Season This Week 2021-22	Overall 21(0.4)	Ages 0-4 	No. of D Ages	eaths (Rate) Ages 18-49 1(0.1)	Ages 50-64	65+ 14(1.6)	

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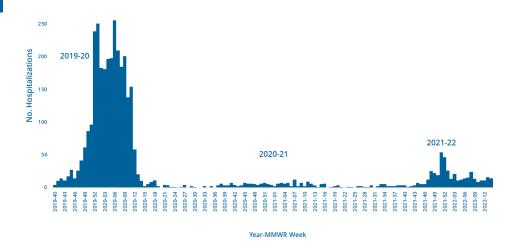


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Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations, 2019-20 Season to present



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