

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 34: August 21 to August 27, 2022

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

Geographic Spread



South Carolina reported **sporadic activity** this

Influenza Indicators

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

Regional Influenza Activity



Increase



Increase



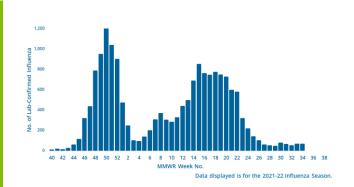
Increase



No Change

Virologic Surveillance

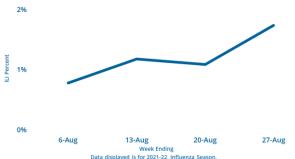
This week **63** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **17,401** lab-confirmed tests reported.



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **1.7%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.6%**). The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**.

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations



This week **4** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **33** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **13.5 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **688** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week, **0** influenza-associated deaths were reported. The cumulative mortality rate is **0.7 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **35** influenza-associated deaths.

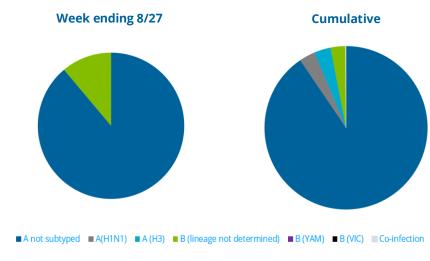
For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: https://www.scdhec.gov/FluWatch

Virologic Surveillance

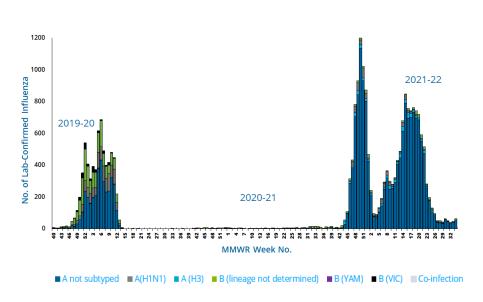
Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type to Date*							
	No. of Cases (%)						
Influenza Type	This Week	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	5 season average		
Overall	63	17,401	252	6,726	3,607		
Influenza A	56(88.9)	16868(96.9)	97(38.5)	4730(70.3)	2743(76.1)		
A(H3)		570(3.4)		40(0.8)	318(11.6)		
A(H1N1)		552(3.3)	5(5.2)	1121(23.7)	375(13.7)		
A(NS)**	56(100.0)	15746(93.3)	92(94.8)	3569(75.5)	2050(74.7)		
Influenza B	7(11.1)	513(2.9)	150(59.5)	1987(29.5)	856(23.7)		
B (Victoria)				249(12.5)	51(6.0)		
B(Yamagata)				6(0.3)	12(1.4)		
B (LND) ⁺	7(100.0)	513(100.0)	150(100.0)	1732(87.2)	793(92.6)		
Influenza Virus Coinfection [§]		20(0.1)	5(2.0)	9(0.1)	8(0.2)		
Influenza/SARS -CoV-2 Coinfection [£]		201(1.2)	15(6.4)	0(0.0)	N/A		

^{*}Data presented from previous influenza seasons represents the data from that season through the same week as the current season. Nationally, the influenza season begins with MMWR week 40 and ends with MMWR week 39. The 2021-22 influenza season began on October 3, 2021 and will end on October 1, 2022.

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type



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



^{**}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.

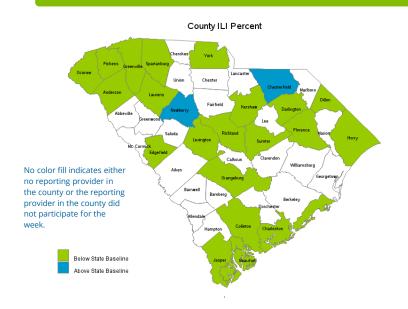
[£]Lab-confirmed influenza cases who also tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus from specimens collected on the same date.

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

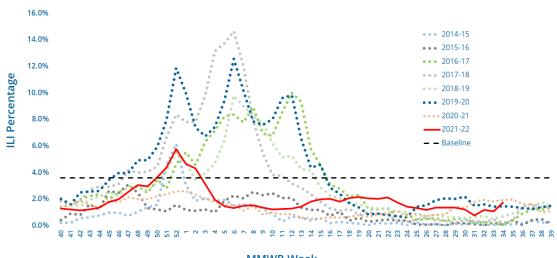
This week, the ILI activity level was minimal and 1.7% of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline of **3.6%**.

Reports were received from providers in 23 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.

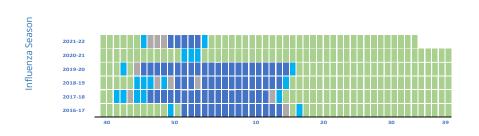


Percentage of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Visits Reported by Sentinel Providers for Past and Current Seasons



MMWR Week

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



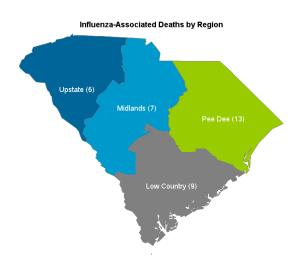
ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

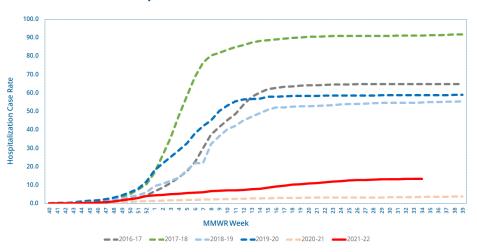
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group*						
	No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)					
Influenza Season	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week	4(0.1)			1(0.1)		3(0.3)
2021-22	688(13.5)	34(11.4)	29(3.5)	161(7.7)	145(14.4)	319(36.5)
2020-21	184(3.7)	2(0.7)		53(2.6)	40(4.0)	89(10.3)
2019-20	3007(60.6)	160(54.8)	145(18.0)	630(30.9)	852(86.0)	1220(147.1)
5 season average	2603(53.5)	113(39.0)	109(13.7)	409(20.2)	640(65.6)	1332(172.2)

Influenza-Associated Deaths by Age Group*						
	No. of Deaths (Rate)					
Influenza Season	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week						
2021-22	35(0.7)		2(0.2)	1(0.1)	10(1.0)	22(2.5)
2020-21	18(0.4)			2(0.1)	2(0.2)	14(1.6)
2019-20	140(2.8)		1(0.1)	24(1.2)	36(3.6)	79(9.0)
5 season average	130(2.6)	1(0.4)	1(0.1)	14(0.7)	26(2.6)	88(10.5)

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Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons



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

