

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 44: October 30 to November 5, 2022

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

Geographic Spread



Influenza Indicators

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

Regional Influenza Activity



Increased



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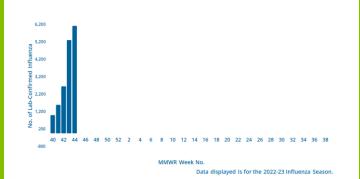
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Virologic Surveillance

This week **6,101** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **16,579** lab-confirmed tests reported.



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **12.7%**, which is **above** South Carolina's baseline (**3.6%**). The ILI activity level overall was **high**.

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Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **246** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **46** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **13.3 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **670** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

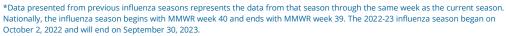
This week, **5** influenza-associated deaths were reported; however, **3** deaths occurred during previous weeks. The cumulative mortality rate is **0.2 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **10** influenza-associated deaths.

For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/Infe

For national surveillance, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

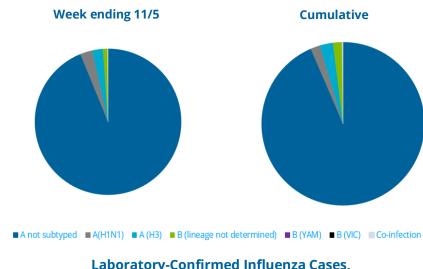
Virologic Surveillance

Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type to Date*							
	No. of Cases (%)						
Influenza Type	This Week	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	5 season average		
Overall	6,101	16,579	109	19	40		
Influenza A	6033(98.9)	16251(98.0)	77(70.6)	3(15.8)	26(65.0)		
A(H3)	143(2.4)	435(2.7)	24(31.2)		8(30.8)		
A(H1N1)	166(2.8)	312(1.9)	1(1.3)		2(7.7)		
A(NS)**	5724(94.9)	15504(95.4)	52(67.5)	3(100.0)	16(61.5)		
Influenza B	63(1.0)	302(1.8)	32(29.4)	16(84.2)	14(35.0)		
B (Victoria)							
B(Yamagata)							
B (LND)⁺	63(100.0)	302(100.0)	32(100.0)	16(100.0)	14(100.0)		
Influenza Virus Coinfection [§]	5(0.1)	26(0.2)	0(0.0)	0(0.0)			

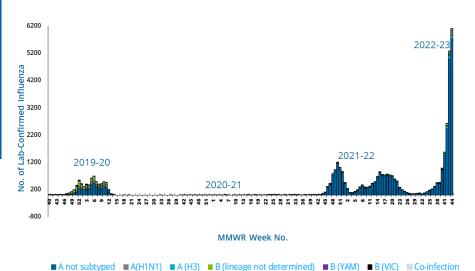


^{**}NS - not subtyped +LND - lineage not determined

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type



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



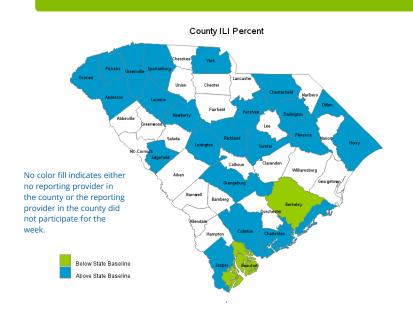
[§]Cases with more than one influenza A subtype in the same sample or with influenza A and B viral types in the same sample simultaneously.

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

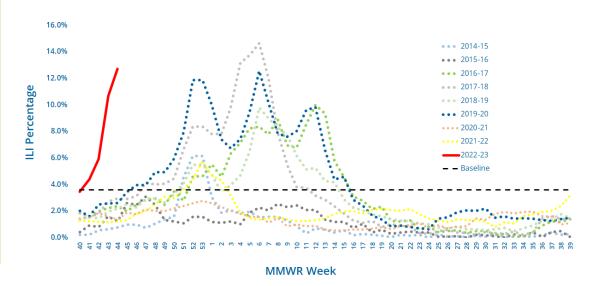
This week, the ILI activity level was **high** and **12.7%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **above** the state baseline of **3.6%**.

Reports were received from providers in **24** counties, representing all DHEC Public Health regions.

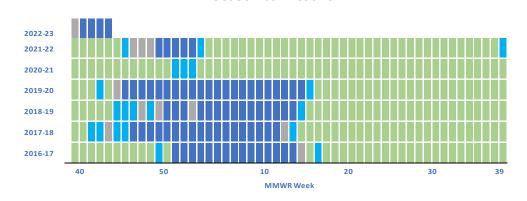
ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.



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



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

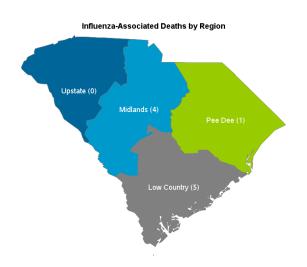


ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

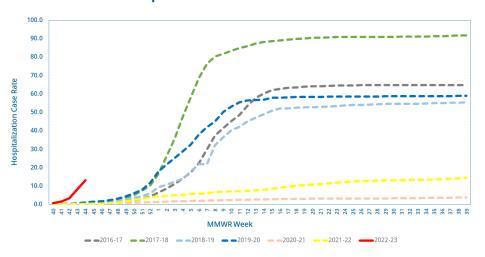
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

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	246(4.8)	3(1.0)	12(1.5)	52(2.5)	53(5.3)	126(14.4)
2022-23	670(13.3)	26(8.8)	52(6.3)	159(7.6)	118(11.7)	315(36.0)
2021-22	16(0.2)	1()	1(0.1)	5(0.1)	3(0.2)	6(0.6)
2020-21	19 (0.4)	2(0.7)		6(0.3)	4(0.4)	7(0.8)
5 season average	36(0.8)	2(0.7)	2(0.2)	9(0.4)	8(0.8)	15(1.6)
Influenza-Associated Deaths by Age Group*						
	No. of Deaths (Rate)					
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	No. of Deaths (Rate)						
Influenza Season	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+	
This Week	2(0.1)				1(0.1)	1(0.1)	
2022-23	10(0.2)		1(0.1)		3(0.3)	6(0.7)	
2021-22	1(0.0)					1(0.1)	
2020-21	1(0.0)			1(0.1)			
5 season	1(0.0)					1(0.1)	
average							



Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons



Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations, 2020-21 Season to present

