

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 38: September 17 to September 23, 2023

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

Geographic Spread



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

Influenza Indicators

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

Regional Influenza Activity



No Change



No Change



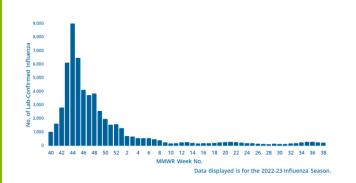
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Virologic Surveillance

This week **185** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **59,317** lab-confirmed tests reported.



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **2.1%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.6%**). The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**.

2% 2% 1% 0% 2-Sep 9-Sep 16-Sep 23-Sep

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **22** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **53** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **67.8 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **3,443** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

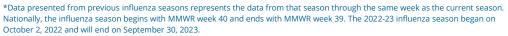
This week, **1** influenza-associated death was reported. The cumulative mortality rate is **3.2 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **162** influenza-associated deaths.

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

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

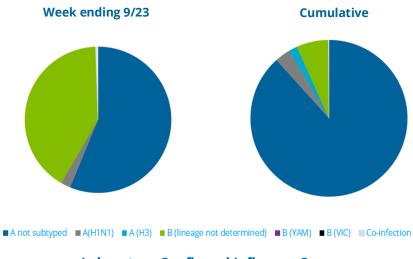
Virologic Surveillance

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	185	59317	18713	295	6870		
Influenza A	108(58.4)	55235(93.1)	18110(96.8)	105(35.6)	6054(88.1)		
A(H3)		1020(1.8)	587(3.2)		355(5.9)		
A(H1N1)	4(3.7)	1910(3.5)	562(3.1)	7(6.7)	475(7.8)		
A(NS)**	104(96.3)	52305(94.7)	16961(93.7)	98(93.3)	5224(86.3)		
Influenza B	76(41.1)	4002(6.7)	582(3.1)	185(62.7)	804(11.7)		
B (Victoria)					52(6.5)		
B(Yamagata)					12(1.5)		
B (LND)⁺	76(100.0)	4002(100.0)	582(100.0)	185(100.0)	740(92.0)		
Influenza Virus Coinfection [§]	1(0.5)	80(0.1)	21(0.1)	5(1.7)	12(0.2)		

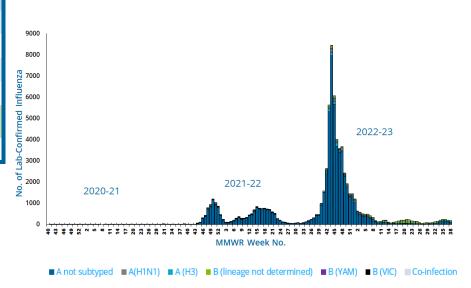


^{**}NS - not subtyped +LND - lineage not determined

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type



Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, 2020-21 Season to Present



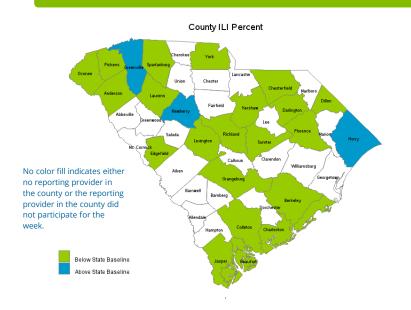
[§]Cases with more than one influenza A subtype in the same sample or with influenza A and B viral types in the same sample simultaneously.

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

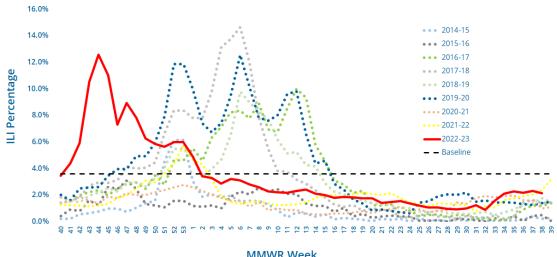
This week, the ILI activity level was minimal and 2.1% of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline of **3.6%**.

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.

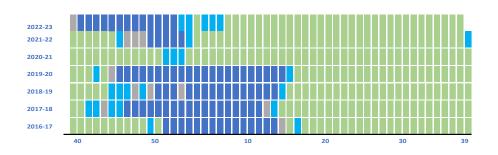


Percentage of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Visits Reported by Sentinel Providers for Past and Current Seasons



MMWR Week

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



ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

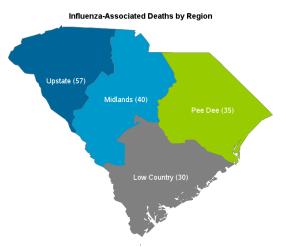
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

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	22(0.4)	1(0.4)		10(0.5)	4(0.4)	7(0.8)
2022-23	3443(67.8)	88(30.8)	126(15.3)	625(30.4)	747(74.1)	1857(206.0)
2021-22	728(14.3)	36(12.6)	34(4.1)	169(8.2)	153(14.6)	336(36.7)
2020-21	193(3.8)	2(0.7)		58(2.8)	40(4.0)	93(10.3)
5 season average	2252(45.4)	98(33.7)	90(11.2)	378(18.5)	557(56.3)	1129(136.8)

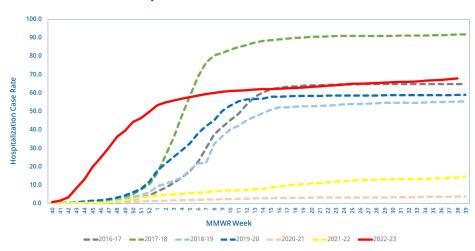
Influenza-Associated Deaths by Age Group*

	No. of Deaths (Rate)					
Influenza Season	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week	1(0.0)				1(0.1)	
2022-23	162(3.2)		6(0.7)	8(0.4)	37(3.7)	111(12.3)
2021-22	37(0.7)		2(0.2)	1(0.1)	10(1.0)	24(2.7)
2020-21	20(0.4)			3(0.1)	2(0.2)	15(1.7)
5 season	119(2.4)	1(0.3)	1(0.1)	13(0.6)	25(2.5)	79(9.5)
average						

*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 2022-23 influenza season began on October 2, 2022 and will end on September 30, 2023.



Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons



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

