

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 45: November 6 to November 12, 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	Decreased
ILI Percent	Decreased
Hospitalizations	Increased

Regional Influenza Activity



Decreased



Decreased



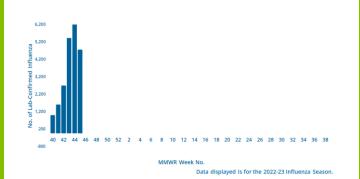
Decreased



No Change

Virologic Surveillance

This week **4,739** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **23,343** lab-confirmed tests reported.



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **10.9%**, which is **above** South Carolina's baseline (**3.6%**). The ILI activity level overall was **high**.

14% 12% 10% 10% 8% 4% 2% 0% 22-Oct 29-Oct 5-Nov 12-Nov Week Ending Data displayed is for 2022-23. Influenza Season.

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **310** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **53** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **19.7 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **1003** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week, 1 influenza-associated death was reported; however, the death occurred during a previous week. The cumulative mortality rate is **0.2 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **11** 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/

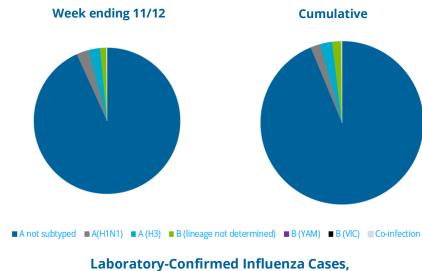
Virologic Surveillance

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	4739	23343	219	27	70		
Influenza A	4667(98.5)	22888(98.1)	178(81.3)	4(14.8)	49(70.0)		
A(H3)	122(2.6)	567(2.5)	33(18.5)		10(20.4)		
A(H1N1)	127(2.7)	445(1.9)	3(1.7)	1(25.0)	3(4.3)		
A(NS)**	4418(94.7)	21876(95.6)	142(79.8)	3(75.0)	36(73.4)		
Influenza B	65(1.4)	418(1.8)	41(18.7)	22(81.5)	20(28.6)		
B (Victoria)							
B(Yamagata)							
B (LND)⁺	65(100.0)	418(100.0)	41(100.0)	22(100.0)	20(100.0)		
Influenza Virus Coinfection§	7(0.1)	37(0.2)	-	1(3.7)	1(1.4)		

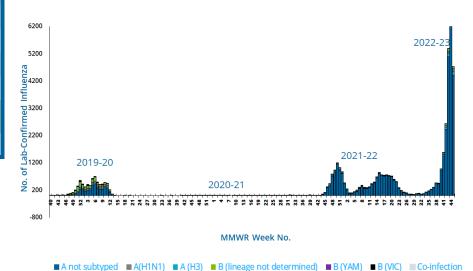


^{**}NS - not subtyped +LND - lineage not determined

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type



Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases 2019-20 Season to Present



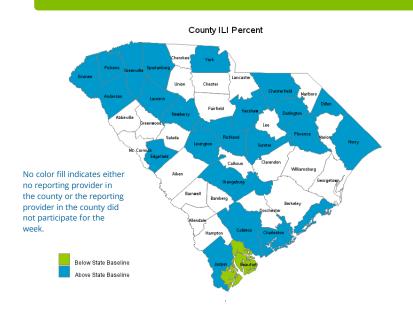
[§]Cases with more than one influenza A subtype in the same sample or with influenza A and B viral types in the same sample simultaneously.

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

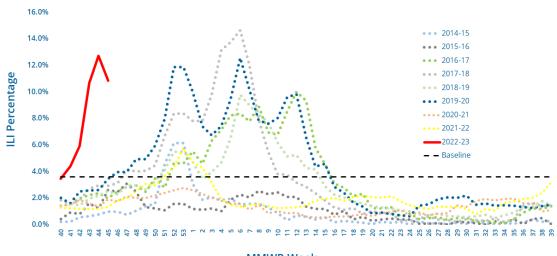
This week, the ILI activity level was **high** and **10.9%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **above** the state baseline of **3.6%**.

Reports were received from providers in **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.

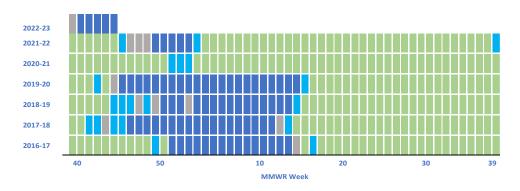


Percentage of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Visits Reported by Sentinel Providers for Past and Current Seasons



MMWR Week

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

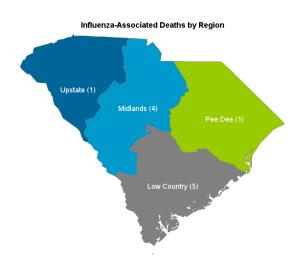


ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

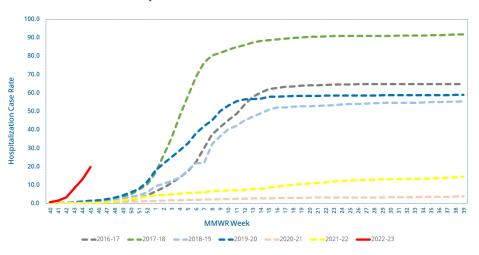
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

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	310(6.1)	9(3.0)	18(2.2)	68(3.3)	70(6.9)	148(16.9)
2022-23	1003(19.7)	35(11.8)	71(8.7)	234(11.2)	189(18.7)	471(53.84)
2021-22	21(0.4)	2(0.6)	1(0.1)	5(0.1)	4(0.4)	9(1.0)
2020-21	26(0.5)	2(0.7)		9(0.4)	5(0.5)	10(1.2)
5 season average	51(1.0)	4(1.2)	2(0.2)	11(0.6)	12(1.2)	22(2.8)

average						
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						
2022-23	11(0.2)		1(0.1)		4(0.4)	6(0.7)
2021-22	1(0.0)					1(0.1)
2020-21	1(0.0)			1(0.1)		
5 season average	1(0.0)					1(0.1)



Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons



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

