

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 17: April 19 to April 25, 2020

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

Geographic Spread

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

Virologic Surveillance

This week **0** lab-confirmed tests were

reported. In the current flu season, there

have been 6639 lab-confirmed tests reported.

Influenza Activity



Overall, there was no change in influenza activity this week.





Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **2.4%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline **(3.6%)**. The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**.



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **8** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **43** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **58.1 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **2954** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week **0** influenza-associated deaths were reported. The cumulative mortality rate is **2.5 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **126** influenza-associated deaths.

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

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



Influenza Activity*

In the 4 Public Health Regions, activity showed...



*Indicators for assessing influenza activity include: lab-confirmed tests, ILI percent, and hospitalizations.

Virologic Surveillance

Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type To Date*								
	No. of Cases (%)							
influenza Type	This Week	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	5 season average			
Overall	0	6639	4514	3769	2540			
Influenza A	0(0.0)	4664(70.2)	4374(96.9)	2678(71.0)	2049(80.7)			
A(H3)		40(0.9)	574(13.1)	537(20.1)	379(18.5)			
A(H1N1)		1099(23.6)	367(8.4)	215(8.0)	246(12.0)			
A(NS)*		3525(75.5)	3433(78.5)	1926(71.9)	1424(69.5)			
Influenza B	0(0.0)	1965(29.6)	129(2.9)	1080(28.7)	491(19.3)			
B (Victoria)		249(12.7)	3(2.3)	2(0.2)	1(0.2)			
B(Yamagata)		6(0.3)		54(5.0)	11(2.2)			
B (LND) ⁺		1710(87.0)	126(97.7)	1024(94.8)	479(97.6)			
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Influenza Virus Co-infection**	0(0.0)	10(0.2)	11(0.2)	11(0.3)	N/A			
*NS – not subtyped *LND – lineage not determined								

*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 2019-20 influenza season began on September 29, 2019 and will end on September 26, 2020.

**Cases with more than one influenza A subtype in the same sample or influenzas A and B in the same sample simultaneously.

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type



Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, 2016-17 Season to Present 800 700 No. of Lab-Confirmed Influenza 600 500 2019-2 2018-400 2017-18 2016-17 300 200 100 40/3464/5523 6 912151821242738336942454512 5 81114172022693253841447501 4 710131619225281343740434645523 6 91215

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Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **2.4%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers was attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline, **3.6%**.

Reports were received from providers in **12** 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.





MMWR Week





ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths



Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalization, 2016-17 Season to Present



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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	8(0.2)			3(0.1)	1(0.1)	4(0.5)	
2019-20	2954(58.1)	160(53.9)	144(17.6)	621(29.8)	844(83.6)	1206(137.9)	
2018-19	2645(52.6)	123(41.9)	123(15.2)	408(19.8)	649(65.0)	1342(155.2)	
2017-18	4442(89.6)	155(53.1)	138(17.1)	578(28.3)	1039(104.8)	2532(305.2)	
5 season average	2820(57.5)	148(50.7)	124(15.5)	414(20.4)	637(64.9)	1497(187.5)	

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)	
2019-20	126(2.5)		1(0.1)	20(1.0)	33(3.3)	72(8.2)	
2018-19	98(2.0)	2(0.7)	1(0.1)	7(0.3)	23(2.3)	65(7.5)	
2017-18	287(5.8)	3(1.0)		27(1.3)	51(5.1)	206(24.8)	
5 season average	130(2.7)	1(0.4)	1(0.1)	12(0.6)	23(2.4)	93(11.6)	

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Influenza-Associated Deaths by Region