

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 39: September 20 to September 26, 2020

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

Geographic Spread

South Carolina reported **no activity** this week.

Virologic Surveillance

This week **0** lab-confirmed test was reported.

In the current flu season, there have been

6727 lab-confirmed tests reported.

Influenza Activity



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



Data displayed is for the 2019-20 Influenza Season.

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Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **3** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **29** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **59.0 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **3000** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

<u>Regional Influenza Activity</u>



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **1.5%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline **(3.6%)**. The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week **0** influenza-associated death was reported. The cumulative mortality rate is **2.8 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **141** 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	6727	4638	3815	2645		
Influenza A	0(0.0)	4730(70.3)	4471(96.4)	2702(70.8)	2126(80.4)		
A(H3)		40(0.8)	595(13.3)	541(20.0)	411(19.3)		
A(H1N1)		1121(23.7)	371(8.3)	222(8.2)	251(11.8)		
A(NS)*		3569(75.5)	3505(78.4)	1939(71.8)	1464(68.9)		
Influenza B	0(0.0)	1988(29.6)	153(3.3)	1102(28.9)	519(19.6)		
B (Victoria)		249(12.5)	7(4.6)	2(0.2)	2(0.2)		
B(Yamagata)		6(0.3)		54(4.9)	11(2.1)		
B (LND) ⁺		1733(87.2)	146(95.4)	1046(94.9)	506(97.7)		
Influenza Virus Co-infection**	0(0.0)	9(0.1)	14(0.3)	11(0.3)	N/A		
*NS – not subtyped *LND – lineage not determined							

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**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





Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was minimal and **1.5%** 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.**

County ILI Percent

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



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ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths

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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	0(0.0)					
2019-20	141(2.8)		1(0.1)	24(1.2)	36(3.6)	80(9.1)
2018-19	105(2.1)	2(0.7)	1(0.1)	8(0.4)	26(2.6)	68(7.9)
2017-18	292(5.9)	3(1.0)		27(1.3)	52(5.2)	210(25.3)
5 season average	135(2.8)	1(0.4)	1(0.1)	12(0.6)	25(2.6)	96(12.0)

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