

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 44: October 27 to November 2, 2019

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

Geographic Spread

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

Influenza Activity



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

Regional Influenza Activity



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was 2.6%, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (3.6%). The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**.



This week **12** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **42** lab-confirmed tests reported.





Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations This week **16** influenza-associated

hospitalizations were reported by **49** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **1.1 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **55** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week **1** influenza-associated death was reported. In the current flu season, there has been **1** influenza-associated death.

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	12	42	16	13	9		
Influenza A	4(33.3)	22(52.4)	11(68.7)	11(84.6)	7(77.8)		
A(H3)	1(25.0)	4(18.2)		9(81.8)	3(42.9)		
A(H1N1)	1(25.0)	4(18.2)	2(18.2)		1(14.2)		
A(NS)*	2(50.0)	14(63.6)	9(81.8)	2(18.2)	3(42.9)		
Influenza B	8(66.7)	20(47.6)	5(31.3)	2(15.4)	2(22.2)		
B (Victoria)		1(5.0)	1(20.0)		0(0.0)		
B(Yamagata)				1(50.0)	0(0.0)		
B (LND) ⁺	8(100.0)	19(95.0)	4(80.0)	1(50.0)	2(100.0)		

*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.

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type





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Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **2.6%** 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.

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



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



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group*							
	No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)						
Influenza		Ages	Ages	Ages	Ages	Ages	
Season	Overall	0-4	5-17	18-49	50-64	65+	
This Week	16(0.3)	2(0.7)		4(0.2)	5(0.5)	5(0.6)	
2019-20	55(1.1)	4(1.4)	1(0.1)	14(0.7)	10(1.0)	26(3.0)	
2018-19	48(1.0)	2(0.7)	5(0.6)	12(0.6)	15(1.5)	14(1.6)	
2017-18	41(0.8)	2(0.7)	2(0.2)	6(0.3)	8(0.8)	23(2.8)	
5 season average	47(1.0)	4(1.3)	3(0.4)	8(0.4)	12(1.3)	20(2.6)	

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							
2019-20	1(0.0)					1(0.0)	
2018-19							
2017-18	1(0.0)					1(0.1)	
5 season	2(0.0)				1(0.1)	1(0.2)	
average							

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