

## **Flu Watch**

## MMWR Week 46: November 10 to November 16, 2019

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

## Geographic Spread



South Carolina reported widespread activity this week. This is the **first** week at widespread activity.

### **Influenza Activity**



Overall, there was a decrease in influenza activity this week.

Data displayed is for the 2018-19 Influenza Seaso

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Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **3.9%**, which is **above** South Carolina's baseline (**3.6%**). The ILI activity level overall was **high**.



This week **11** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **69** lab-confirmed tests reported.



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations This week 14 influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by 45 hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is 1.9 per 100,000. In the current flu season,

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there have been **97** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

### **Influenza-Associated Deaths**

This week **0** 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	11	69	19	37	17		
Influenza A	3(27.3)	35(50.7)	14(73.7)	34(91.9)	14(82.4)		
A(H3)		6(17.1)	1(7.1)	19(55.9)	6(42.9)		
A(H1N1)		5(14.3)	4(28.6)		1(7.1)		
A(NS)*	3(100.0)	24(68.6)	9(64.3)	15(44.1)	7(50.0)		
Influenza B	8(72.7)	34(49.3)	5(26.3)	3(8.1)	3(17.6)		
B (Victoria)		1(2.9)	1(20.0)		0(0.0)		
B(Yamagata)				1(33.3)	0(0.0)		
B (LND) <sup>+</sup>	8(100.0)	33(97.1)	4(80.0)	2(66.7)	3(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 **high** and **3.9%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers was attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **above** the state baseline, **3.6%.** 

Reports were received from providers in **11** 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

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Below State Baseline

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#### 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

ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH



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No color fill indicates

either no reporting or does not participate.

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## **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	14(0.3)	4(1.4)			6(0.6)	4(0.5)	
2019-20	97(1.9)	12(4.0)	1(0.1)	19(0.9)	22(2.2)	43(4.9)	
2018-19	86(1.7)	4(1.4)	5(0.6)	19(0.9)	21(2.1)	37(4.3)	
2017-18	72(1.5)	3(1.0)	2(0.2)	11(0.5)	14(1.4)	42(5.1)	
5 season average	80(1.6)	7(2.3)	5(0.6)	14(0.7)	19(1.9)	35(4.4)	

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(0.1)	
2018-19	3(0.1)				1(0.1)	2(0.2)	
2017-18	2(0.0)					2(0.2)	
5 season	3(0.1)				1(0.1)	2(0.3)	
average							

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



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