

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 15: April 6, 2025 to April 12, 2025

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

Geographic Spread



South Carolina reported regional activity this week.

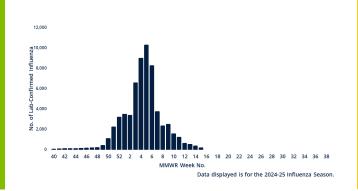
Influenza Indicators

Influenza Indicator	Change from Previous Week			
Lab-confirmed tests	Decreased			
ILI Percent	Decreased			
Hospitalizations	Decreased			

Regional Influenza Activity Decreased Decreased Decreased

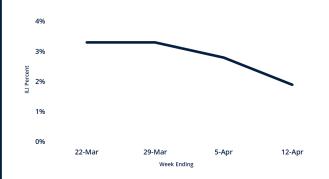
Virologic Surveillance

This week **167** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been 61,787 lab-confirmed tests reported.



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was 1.9%, which is below South Carolina's baseline (3.2%). The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**.



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

Decreased

This week 40 influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by 55 hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is 160.2 per 100,000. In the current flu season, there have been 8136 influenzaassociated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week, 15 influenza-associated deaths were reported; however, 12 deaths occurred during previous weeks. The cumulative mortality rate is 5.8 per 100,000. In the current flu season, there have been 294 influenza-associated deaths.

For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: https://dph.sc.gov/professionals/public-health-data/fluwatch

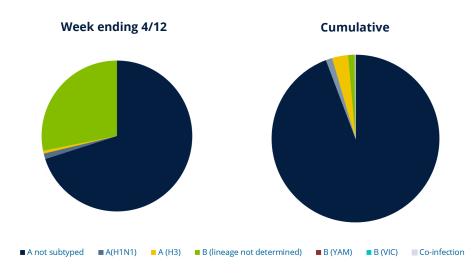
For national surveillance, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Virologic Surveillance

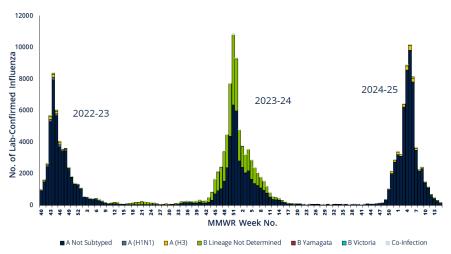
Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type to Date*							
	No. of Cases (%)						
Influenza Type	This Week	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	5 Season Average		
Overall	167	61,787	76,852	51,117	28,669		
Influenza A	120(71.9)	60476(97.9)	45879(59.7)	49771(97.4)	21811(76.1)		
A(H3)	1(0.8)	1821(3.0)	240(0.5)	992(2.0)	321(1.5)		
A(H1N1)	2(1.7)	786(1.3)	3219(7.0)	1826(3.7)	1263(5.8)		
A(NS)**	117(97.5)	57869(95.7)	42420(92.5)	46953(94.3)	20227(92.7)		
Influenza B	47(28.1)	1239(2.0)	30537(39.8)	1293(2.5)	6751(23.5)		
B (Victoria)			92(0.3)		64(0.9)		
B(Yamagata)							
B (LND) ⁺	47(100.0)	1239(100.0)	30445(99.7)	1293(100.0)	6687(99.1)		
Influenza Virus Coinfection§		72(0.1)	436(0.6)	53(0.1)	107(0.4)		

^{*}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 2024-25 influenza season began on September 29, 2024 and will end on September 27, 2025.

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type



Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, 2022-23 Season to Present



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

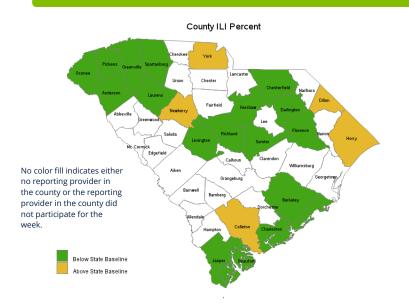
⁵Cases with more than one influenza A subtype in the same sample or with influenza A and B viral types in the same sample simultaneously.

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

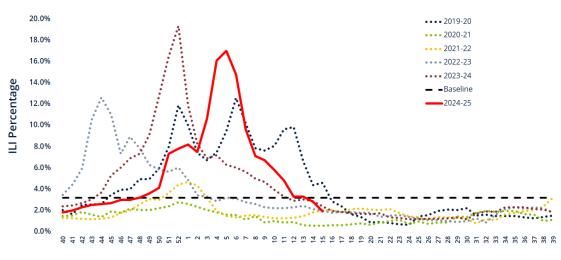
This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **1.9%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline of **3.2%**.

Reports were received from providers in **22** counties, representing all DPH 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.

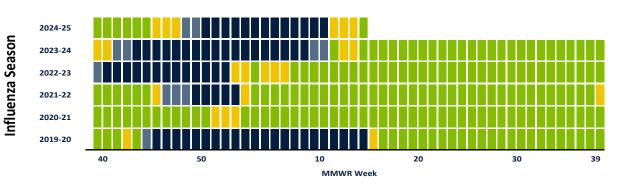


Percentage of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Visits Reported by Sentinel Providers for Past and Current Seasons



MMWR Week

State ILI Activity Level by MMWR Week, 2017-18 Influenza Season to Present



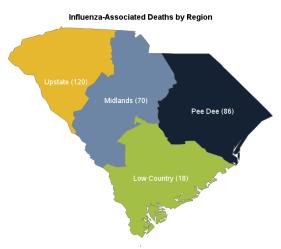
ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

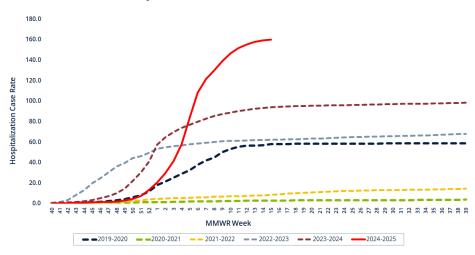
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group*						
	No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)					
Influenza		Ages	Ages	Ages	Ages	Ages
Season	Overall	0-4	5-17	18-49	50-64	65+
This Week	40(0.8)	2(0.7)		5(0.2)	12(1.2)	21(2.3)
2024-25	8136(160.2)	257(90.0)	226(27.4)	1318(64.0)	1822(180.7)	4513(500.6)
2023-24	4761(93.7)	174(61.0)	208(25.2)	890(43.2)	1209(119.9)	2280(252.9)
2022-23	3167(62.4)	85(29.8)	123(14.9)	560(27.2)	688(68.2)	1711(189.8)
5 Season Average	2294(45.2)	89(31.3)	99(12.0)	441(21.4)	573(56.9)	1092(121.1)

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	3(0.1)				1(0.1)	2(0.2)
2024-25	294(5.8)	1(0.4)	1(0.1)	20(1.0)	46(4.6)	226(25.1)
2023-24	174(3.4)		3(0.4)	20(1.0)	40(4.0)	111(12.3)
2022-23	148(2.9)		5(0.6)	7(0.3)	32(3.2)	104(11.5)
5 Season Average	98(1.9)		2(0.2)	11(0.5)	23(2.3)	62(6.9)

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Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons



Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations, 2022-23 Season to Present

