

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 42: October 12, 2025 to October 18, 2025

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

Geographic Spread



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

Influenza Indicators

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

Regional Influenza Activity





Decreased



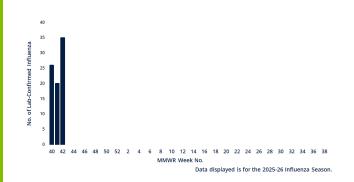
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Virologic Surveillance

This week **35** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **81** lab-confirmed tests reported.

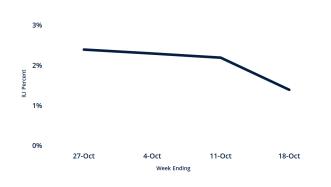


Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **5** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **49** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **0.8 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **40** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **1.4%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.7%**). The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**.



Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week, **0** influenza-associated deaths were reported. The cumulative mortality rate is **0.0 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **0** 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

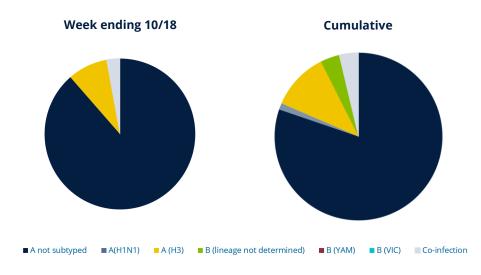
For national surveillance, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Virologic Surveillance

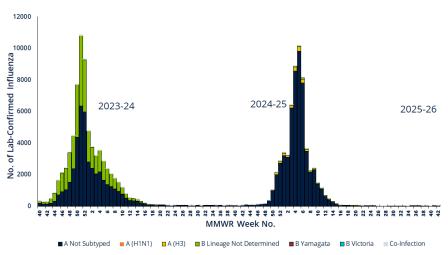
Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type to Date*							
	No. of Cases (%)						
Influenza Type	This Week	2025-26	2024-25	2023-24	5 Season Average		
Overall	35	81	161	900	1250		
Influenza A	34(97.1)	75(92.6)	144(89.4)	504(56.0)	1141(91.3)		
A(H3)	3(8.8)	9(12.0)	11(7.6)	1(0.2)	34(3.0)		
A(H1N1)		1(1.3)	3(2.1)	23(4.6)	20(1.8)		
A(NS)**	31(91.2)	65(86.7)	130(90.3)	480(95.2)	1087(95.2)		
Influenza B	-	3(3.7)	12(7.5)	392(43.6)	105(8.4)		
B (Victoria)				1(0.3)			
B(Yamagata)							
B (LND) ⁺		3(100.0)	12(100.0)	391(99.7)	105(100.0)		
Influenza Virus Coinfection [§]	1(2.9)	3(3.7)	5(3.1)	4(0.4)	4(0.3)		

^{*}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 2025-26 influenza season began on September 28, 2025 and will end on October 3, 2026.

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type



Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, 2023-24 Season to Present



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

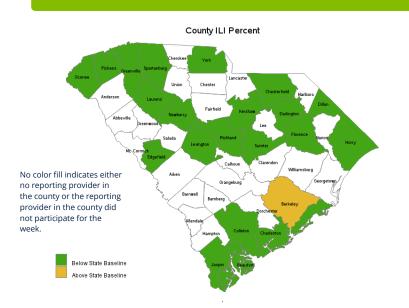
[§]Cases with more than one influenza A subtype in the same sample or with influenza A and B viral types in the same sample simultaneously.

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

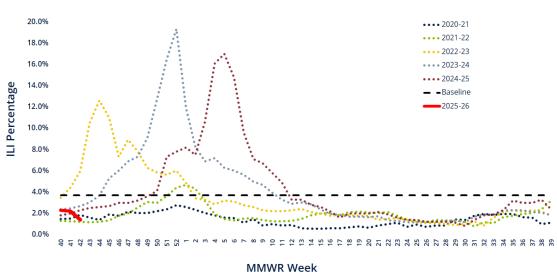
This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and 1.4% of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline of 3.7%.

Reports were received from providers in 22 counties, representing all DPH Public Health regions.

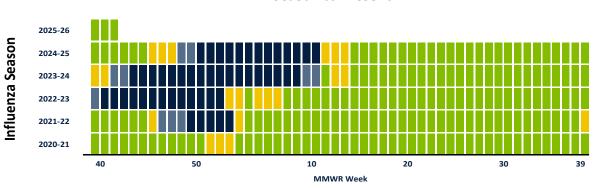
ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.



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



State ILI Activity Level by MMWR Week, 2020-21 Influenza Season to Present



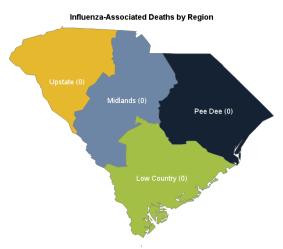
ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

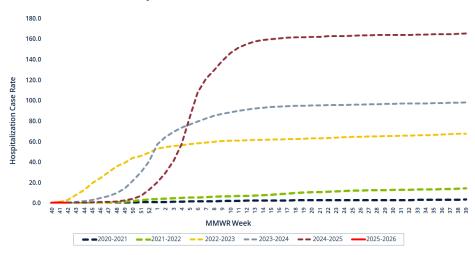
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group*						
	No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)					
Influenza Season	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week	5(0.1)			1(0.0)		4(0.4)
2025-26	40(0.8)	1(0.4)		5(0.2)	5(0.5)	29(3.2)
2024-25	27(0.5)	1(0.4)		4(0.2)	8(0.8)	14(1.6)
2023-24	62(1.2)	3(1.1)	1(0.1)	13(0.6)	10(1.0)	35(3.9)
5 Season Average	52(1.1)	2(0.8)	4(0.6)	11(0.6)	9(1.0)	26(3.1)

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						
2025-26						
2024-25						
2023-24	2(0.1)					2(0.2)
5 Season Average	1(0.0)					1(0.1)

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Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons



Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations, 2023-24 Season to Present

