



# Flu Watch

MMWR Week 1: January 4, 2025 to January 10, 2026

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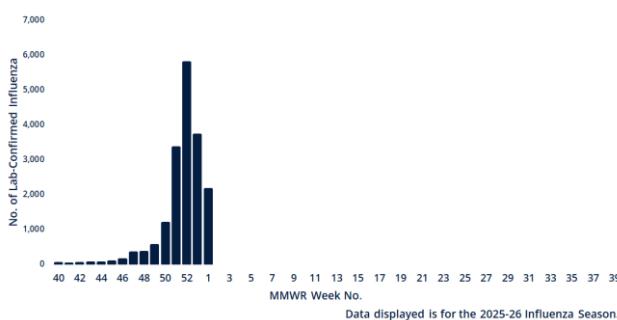
## Geographic Spread



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

## Virologic Surveillance

This week **2,145** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **17,779** lab-confirmed tests reported.



## Influenza Indicators

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

## Regional Influenza Activity



Decreased



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## Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **8.5%**, which is **above** South Carolina's baseline (**3.7%**). The ILI activity level overall was **high**.



For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to:

<https://dph.sc.gov/professionals/public-health-data/flu-watch>

## Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week, **20** influenza-associated deaths were reported; however, **1** death occurred during a previous week. The cumulative mortality rate is **0.9 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **45** influenza-associated deaths.

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

# Virologic Surveillance

Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type to Date*					
Influenza Type	No. of Cases (%)				
	This Week	2025-26	2024-25	2023-24	5 Season Average
Overall	2145	17779	10975	50856	22763
Influenza A	2049(95.5)	17207(96.8)	10720(97.7)	29371(57.8)	18244(80.1)
A(H3)	157(7.7)	1140(6.6)	508(4.7)	40(0.1)	343(1.9)
A(H1N1)	4(0.2)	22(0.1)	190(1.8)	2168(7.4)	856(4.7)
A(NS)**	1888(92.1)	16045(93.2)	10022(93.5)	27163(92.5)	17045(93.4)
Influenza B	93(4.3)	534(3.0)	221(2.0)	21114(41.5)	4427(19.4)
B (Victoria)	--	--	--	91(0.4)	18(0.4)
B(Yamagata)	--	--	--	--	--
B (LND)*	93(100.0)	534(100.0)	221(100.0)	21023(99.6)	4409(99.6)
Influenza Virus Coinfection§	3(0.1)	38(0.2)	34(0.3)	371(0.7)	92(0.4)

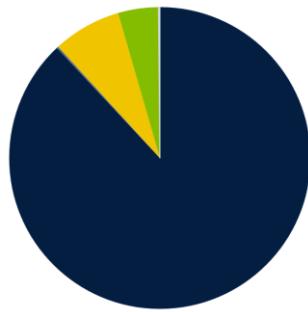
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\*\*NS – not subtyped      +LND – lineage not determined

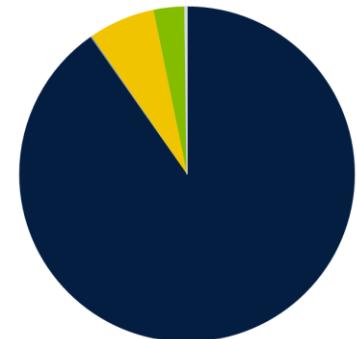
§Cases with more than one influenza A subtype in the same sample or with influenza A and B viral types in the same sample simultaneously.

## Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type

Week ending 1/10

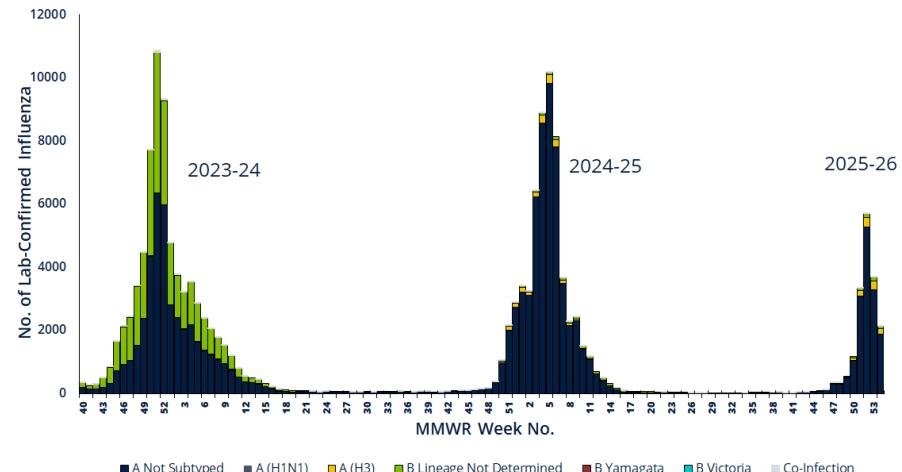


Cumulative



■ A Not Subtyped   ■ A (H1N1)   ■ A (H3)   ■ B Lineage Not Determined   ■ B Yamagata   ■ B Victoria   ■ Co-Infection

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



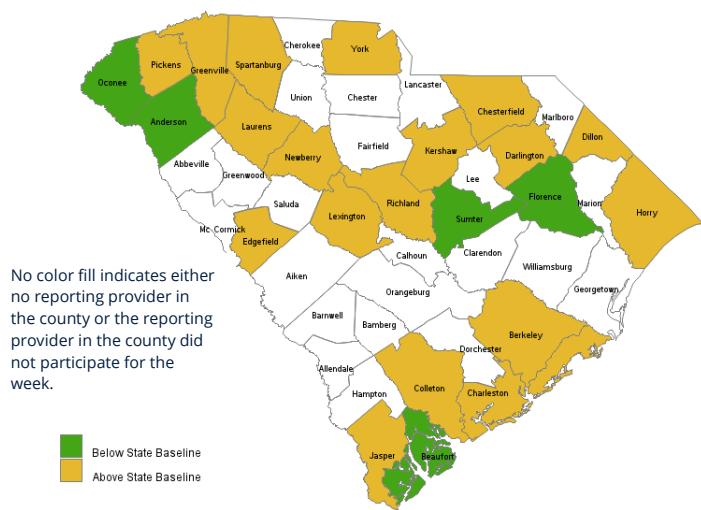
# Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **high** and **8.5%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **above** the state baseline of **3.7%**.

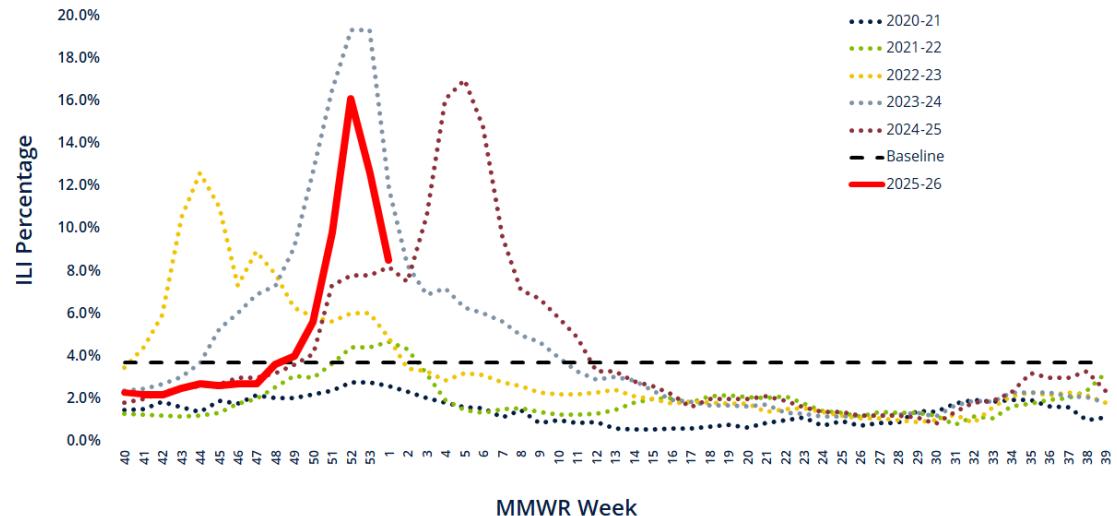
Reports were received from providers in **23** counties, representing all DPH Public Health regions.

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

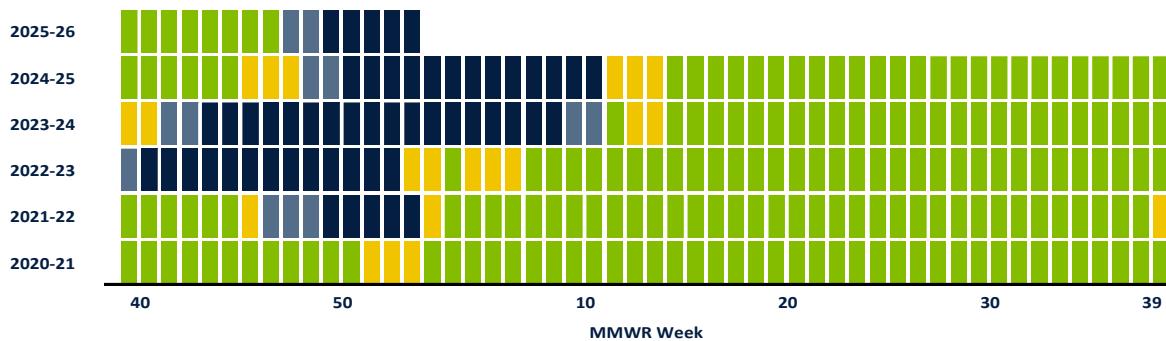
County ILI Percent



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**

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# Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

## Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group\*

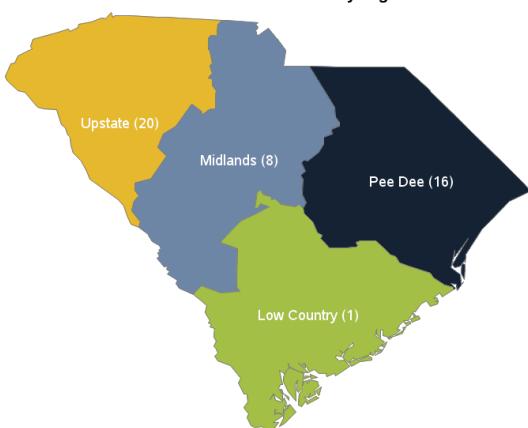
Influenza Season	No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)					
	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week	501(9.9)	18(6.3)	14(1.7)	89(4.3)	86(8.5)	294(32.6)
2025-26	2914(57.4)	120(42.0)	97(11.8)	483(23.5)	524(52.0)	1690(187.5)
2024-25	1047(20.6)	30(10.5)	23(2.8)	175(8.5)	239(23.7)	580(64.3)
2023-24	2976(58.6)	106(37.1)	123(14.9)	578(28.1)	766(76.0)	1403(155.6)
5 Season Average	1328(27.8)	50(16.6)	55(6.5)	250(12.8)	319(32.9)	654(79.2)

## Influenza-Associated Deaths by Age Group\*

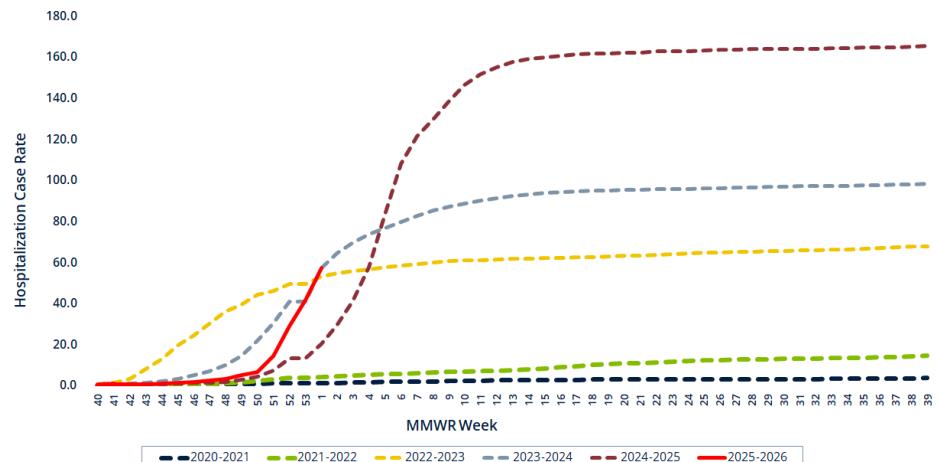
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	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week	19(0.4)	--	1(0.1)	--	4(0.4)	14(1.6)
2025-26	45(0.9)	--	1(0.1)	--	10(1.0)	34(3.8)
2024-25	19(0.4)	--	--	2(0.1)	2(0.2)	15(1.7)
2023-24	92(1.8)	--	2(0.2)	15(0.7)	21(2.1)	54(6.0)
5 Season Average	44(0.9)	--	1(0.1)	5(0.2)	9(1.0)	29(3.5)

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## Influenza-Associated Deaths by Region



## Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons



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

