



Flu Watch

MMWR Week 34: August 23, 2026 to August 29, 2026

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

Geographic Spread



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

Influenza Indicators

Influenza Indicator	Change from Previous Week
Lab-confirmed tests	Increase
ILI Percent	No Change
Hospitalizations	No Change

Regional Influenza Activity



No Change



Increased



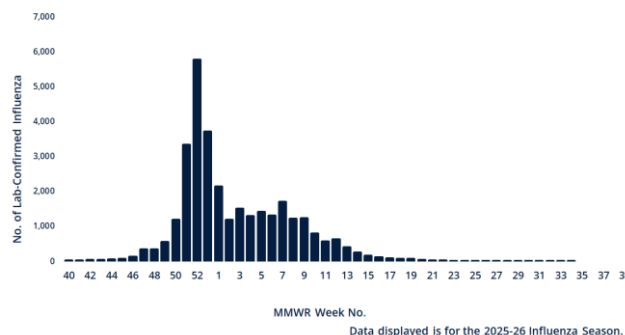
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Increased

Virologic Surveillance

This week **10** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **32,198** lab-confirmed tests reported.

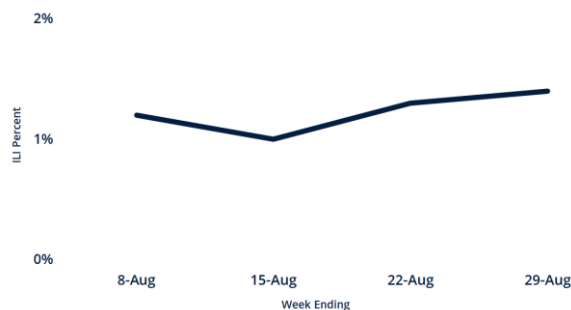


Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **7** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **57** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **98.2 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **4,988** 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 (**3.2%**). The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**.



Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week, **no** influenza-associated deaths were reported. The cumulative mortality rate is **4.2 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **211** 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/flu-watch>

For national surveillance, please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>