

## Flu Watch

MMWR Week 31: July 29 to August 4, 2018

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

## **Geographic Spread**

South Carolina reported **no activity** this week.



# Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths

This week **2** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by 24 hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **91.1** per 100,000. There were **0** laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated deaths reported this week. The cumulative mortality rate is **5.9** per 100,000. Compared to the previous week, the number of reported hospitalizations increased by **1** (**100%**) cases and deaths **remained the same**. In the current flu season, there have been **4,517** influenza-associated hospitalizations and **292** influenza-associated deaths reported.



## **Virologic Surveillance**

A total of **19** influenza cases (**18** positive rapid antigen detection tests; **1** lab-confirmed test) were reported from 10 counties representing all four DHEC Public Health regions. Influenza A was most frequently reported by clinical labs. Compared to the previous week, the number of reported influenza cases increased by **5** (**35.7%**) cases. In the current flu season, there have been **135,526** influenza cases (**131,940** positive rapid antigen detection tests; **3,586** lab-confirmed tests) reported.

For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: <a href="http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/">http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/</a>

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### **Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance**

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **0.35%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.13%**). Compared to the previous week, this is a **decrease** of **0.08%**.

The ILI activity level was minimal.

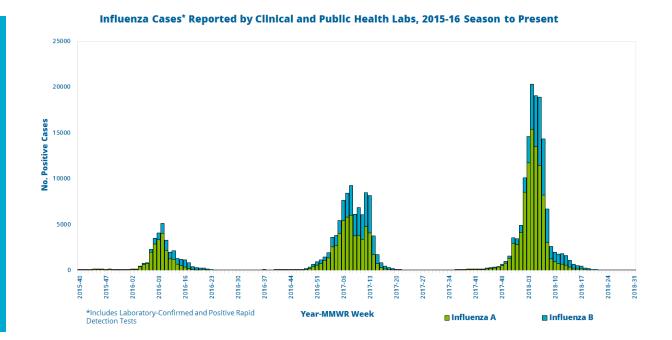
For national surveillance, please visit: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/">https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/</a>



# **Virologic Surveillance**

This week, **1** lab-confirmed case and **18** positive rapid influenza detection tests were reported by clinical labs.

**Influenza A** was most frequently reported by clinical labs.

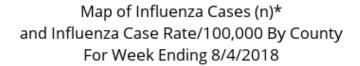


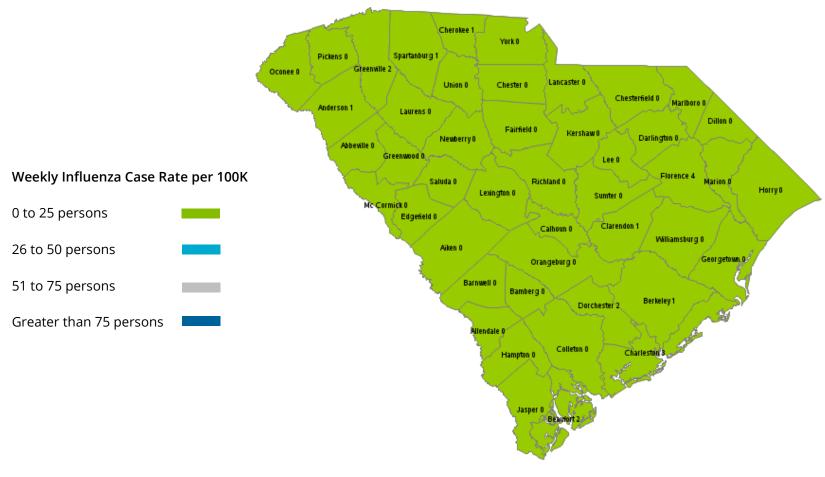
#### Influenza Cases Reported by Public Health and Clinical Labs, This Week and Season Total

Influenza Type	Public	Health Lab	С	linical Labs	Total		
	This Week	Season Total	This Week	Season Total	This Week	Season Total	
Overall	0	242	19	135284	19	135526	
Influenza A	0	180 (74.4%)	10 (52.6%) 91231 (67.4%)		10 (52.6%)	91411 (67.4%)	
A (H3)		138 (76.7%)		394 (0.4%)		532 (0.6%)	
A (H1N1)		42 (23.3%)		170 (0.2%)		212 (0.2%)	
A (not subtyped)			10 (100%)	90667 (99.4%)	10 (100%)	90667 (99.2%)	
Influenza B	0	62 (25.6%)	9 (47.4%)	43531 (32.2%)	9 (47.4%)	43593 (32.2%)	
B (Victoria)		2 (3.2%)				2 (0.0%)	
B (Yamagata)		55 (88.7%)				55 (0.2%)	
B (lineage not performed)		5 (8.1%)	9 (100%)	43531 (100%)	9 (100%) 43536 (99.8%)		
Influenza (not typed)				522 (0.4%)		522 (0.4%)	



# **Virologic Surveillance**





\*Includes all lab-confirmed and positive rapid cases

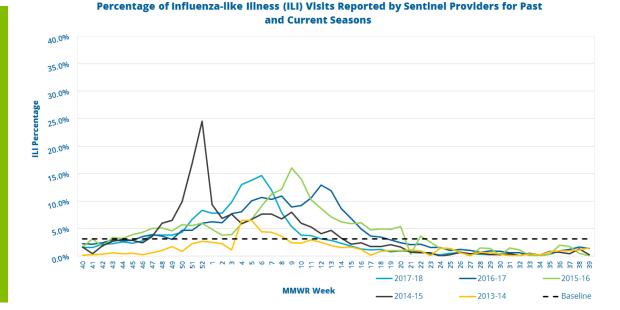


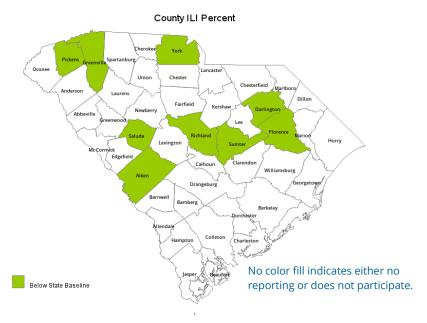
## Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **0.35%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers was attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline, **3.13%**.

Reports were received from providers in 9 counties, representing 3 of the 4 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.\*\*





# State ILI Activity Level 2017-18 Calendar by Week of the Year

OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	<b>APR</b>	MAY	JUN	JUL	<b>AUG</b>	SEP
40	44	48	1	5	9	14	18	22	<b>27</b>	31	
41	45	49	2	6	10	15	19	23	28		
42	46	50	3	7	11	16	20	24	29		
43	47	<b>51</b>	4	8	12	17	21	25	30		
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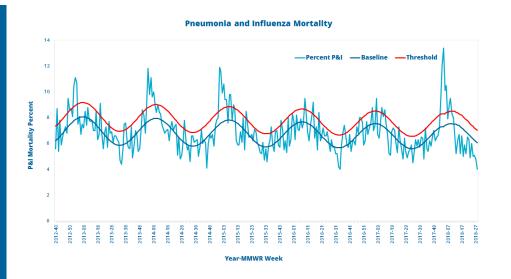
**ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH** 



# Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

Age	Hospitalizations			Deaths			
Group							
	This Week	Rate per	Season	This Week	Rate per	Season	
		100, 000	Total		100, 000	Total	
0 to 4	0	54.2	159		1.0	3	
5 to 17	0	17.5	141				
18 to 49	2	29.5	590		1.3	27	
50 to 64	0	116.0	1056		5.7	52	
65 & older	0	406.9	2571		33.2	210	
Total	2	91.1	4517		5.9	292	

The percentage of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza was 4.0%. This is **below** the epidemic threshold for the week ending Jul 14, 2018.



#### Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group, 2015-16 Season to Present

