

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 32: August 5 to August 11, 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 1 influenza-associated hospitalization was reported by 19 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 decreased by 1 (50%) cases and deaths remained the same. In the current flu season, there have been 4,518 influenza-associated hospitalizations and 292 influenza-associated deaths reported.



Virologic Surveillance

A total of **17** influenza cases (**16** positive rapid antigen detection tests; **1** lab-confirmed test) were reported from 6 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 **2** (**10.5%**) cases. In the current flu season, there have been **135,544** influenza cases (**131,956** positive rapid antigen detection tests; **3,588** lab-confirmed tests) reported.

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

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Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **0.31%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.13%**). Compared to the previous week, this is a **decrease** of **0.04%**.

The ILI activity level was minimal.

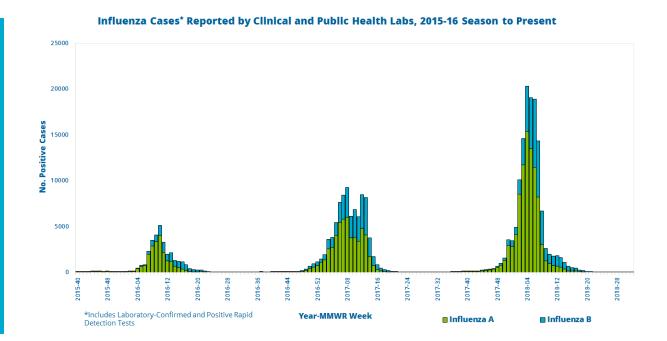
For national surveillance, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/



Virologic Surveillance

This week, **1** lab-confirmed case and **16** positive rapid influenza detection tests were reported by clinical labs.

Influenza A was most frequently reported by clinical labs.

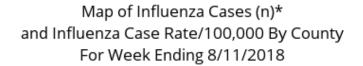


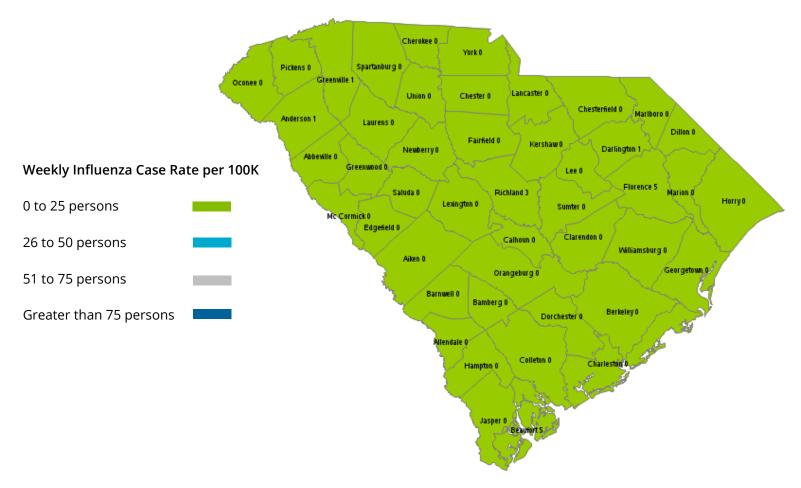
Influenza Cases Reported by Public Health and Clinical Labs, This Week and Season Total

| Influenza Type | Public | Health Lab | c | linical Labs | Total | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|--|
| | This Week | Season Total | This Week | Season Total | This Week | Season Total | |
| Overall | 0 | 243 | 17 | 135301 | 17 | 135544 | |
| Influenza A | 0 | 181 (74.4%) | 9 (52.9%) 91240 (67.4%) | | 9 (52.9%) | 91421 (67.4%) | |
| A (H3) | | 139 (76.7%) | | 394 (0.4%) | | 533 (0.6%) | |
| A (H1N1) | | 42 (23.3%) | | 170 (0.2%) | | 212 (0.2%) | |
| A (not subtyped) | | | 9 (100%) | 90676 (99.4%) | 9 (100%) | 90676 (99.2%) | |
| Influenza B | 0 | 62 (25.6%) | 8 (47.1%) | 43539 (32.2%) | 8 (47.1%) | 43601 (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%) | 8 (100%) | 43539 (100%) | 8 (100%) | 43544 (99.8%) | |
| Influenza (not typed) | | | | 522 (0.4%) | | 522 (0.4%) | |



Virologic Surveillance





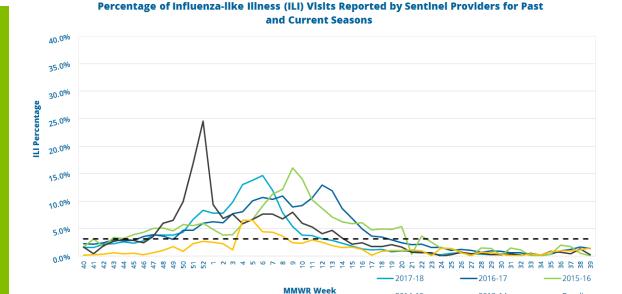


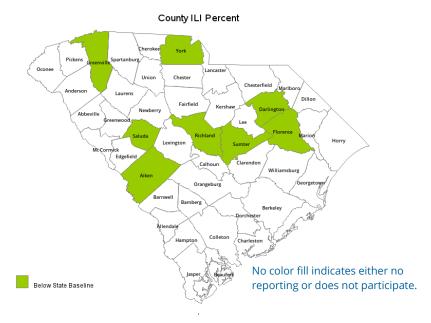
Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **0.31%** 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 8 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

— 2014-15

2013-14

Baseline

| OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP |
|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|-----|------------|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|
| 40 | 44 | 48 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 14 | 18 | 22 | 27 | 31 | |
| 41 | 45 | 49 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 15 | 19 | 23 | 28 | 32 | |
| 42 | 46 | 50 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 16 | 20 | 24 | 29 | | |
| 43 | 47 | 51 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 17 | 21 | 25 | 30 | | |
| | | 52 | | | 13 | | | 26 | | | |

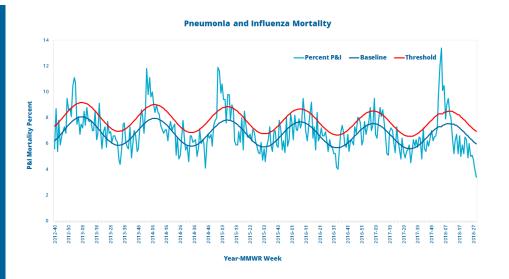
ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

| Age Group | 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 | 0 | 29.5 | 590 | | 1.3 | 27 | |
| 50 to 64 | 0 | 116.0 | 1056 | | 5.7 | 52 | |
| 65 & older | 1 | 407.0 | 2572 | | 33.2 | 210 | |
| Total | 1 | 91.1 | 4518 | | 5.9 | 292 | |

The percentage of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza was 3.4%. This is **below** the epidemic threshold for the week ending Jul 21, 2018.



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

