

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 41: October 8 to October 14, 2017

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



Geographic Spread

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



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths

A total of **9** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by 36 hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **0.3** per 100,000. There were **0** laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated deaths reported. The cumulative mortality rate is **0** per 100,000. Compared to the previous week, the number of reported hospitalizations **increased** by 3 (50%). In the current flu season, there have been **15** influenza-associated hospitalizations and **0** influenza-associated deaths reported.



Virologic Surveillance

A total of **108** influenza cases (108 positive rapid antigen detection tests; 0 lab-confirmed tests) were reported from 23 counties representing all four DHEC Public Health regions. Influenza A was most frequently reported by clinical labs. Compared to the previous week, this is an **increase** of 6 cases (5.8%). In the current flu season, there have been **210** influenza cases (207 positive rapid antigen detection tests; 3 lab-confirmed tests) reported.

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

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Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **1.88%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline **(3.13%)**.

The ILI activity level was **low.**

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

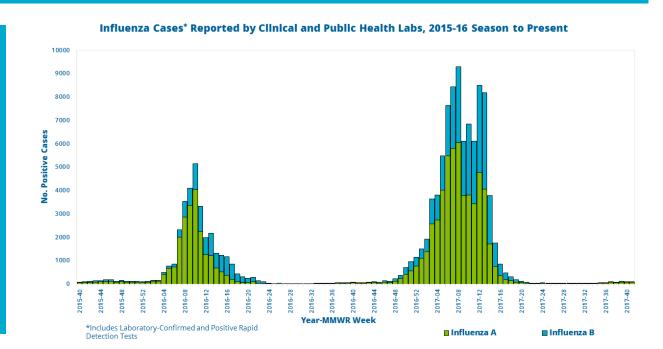


Virologic Surveillance

This week, **0** lab-confirmed cases and **108** positive rapid influenza detection tests were reported by clinical labs.

The percentage of specimens sent to the state public health lab that tested positive for influenza was **20%.**

Influenza A was most frequently reported by clinical labs, while the state public health lab did not report any positive influenza results.

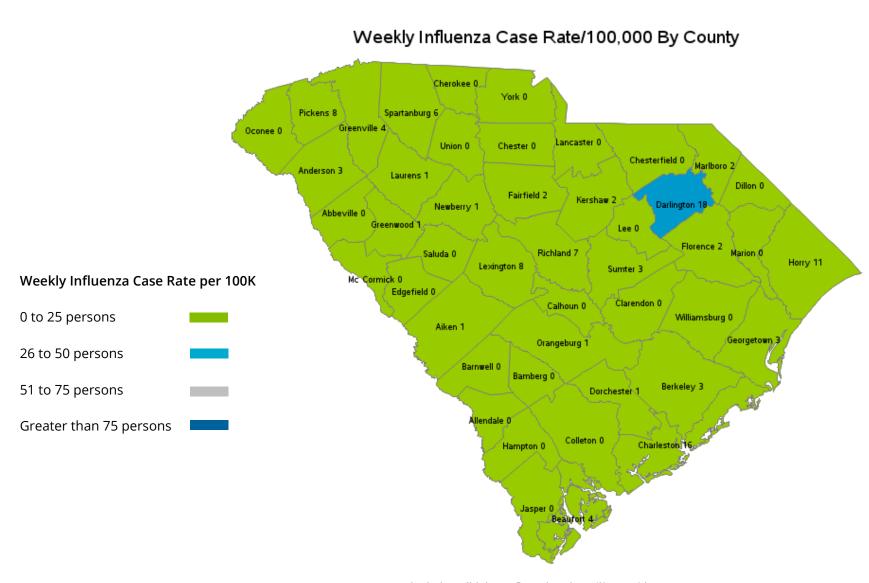


Influenza Cases Reported by Public Health and Clinical Labs, This Week and Season Total

Influenza Type	Public	: Health Lab	CI	inical Labs	Total		
	This Week	Season Total	This Week	Season Total	This Week	Season Total	
Overall	0	1	108	209	108	210	
Influenza A	0 0		79 (73.1%) 163 (78.0%)		79 (73.1%) 163 (77.6%		
A (H3)				2 (1.2%)		2 (1.2%)	
A (H1N1)							
A (not subtyped)			79 (100%)	161 (98.8%)	79 (100%)	161 (98.8%)	
Influenza B	0	1 (100%)	25 (23.2%)	42 (20.1%)	25 (23.2%)	43 (20.5%)	
B (Victoria)							
B (Yamagata)		1 (100%)				1 (2.3%)	
B (lineage not performed)	not performed)		25 (100%)	42 (100%)	25 (100%)	42 (97.7%)	
Influenza (not typed)			4 (3.7%)	4 (1.9%)	4 (3.7%)	4 (1.9%)	



Virologic Surveillance



Includes all lab-confirmed and positive rapid cases

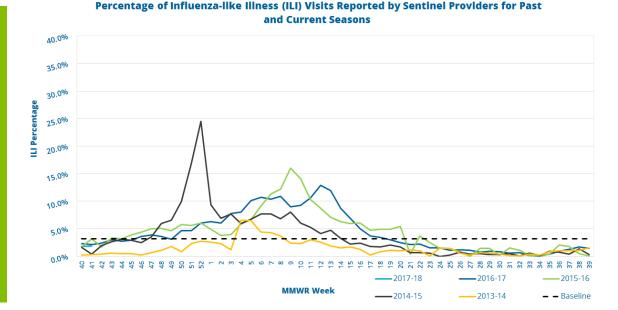


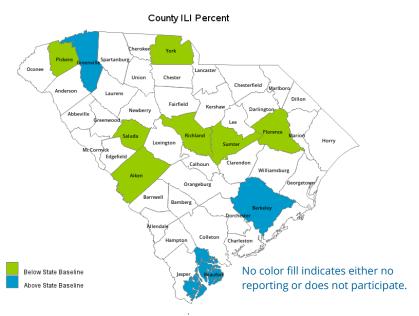
Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **low** and **1.88%** 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 10 counties, representing all 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	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
40											
41											

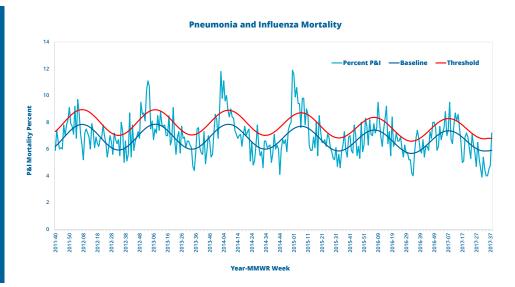
ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH



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	0.3	1	0	0.0	0	
5 to 17	1	0.1	1	0	0.0	0	
18 to 49	2	0.1	2	0	0.0	0	
50 to 64	2	0.3	3	0	0.0	0	
65 & older	4	1.3	8	0	0.0	0	
Total	9	0.3	15	0	0.0	0	

The percentage of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza was 7.2%. This is **above** the epidemic threshold for the week ending September 23, 2017.



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

