

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 40: September 29 to October 5, 2019

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

Geographic Spread



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

Influenza Activity



Overall, there was a decrease in influenza activity this week.

Regional Influenza Activity



Decreased



No change



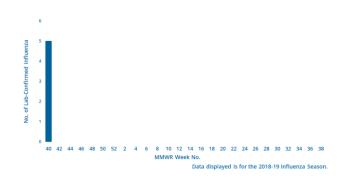
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Virologic Surveillance

This week **5** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **5** lab-confirmed tests reported.



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **2.01%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline **(3.53%)**. The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**.

296 296 196 196 14-Sep 21-Sep 28-Sep 5-Oct Week Ending Data displayed is for the end of 2018-19 and beginning of 2019-20, Influenza Season.

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **3** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **32** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **0.1 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **3** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week **0** influenza-associated deaths were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **0** influenza-associated deaths.

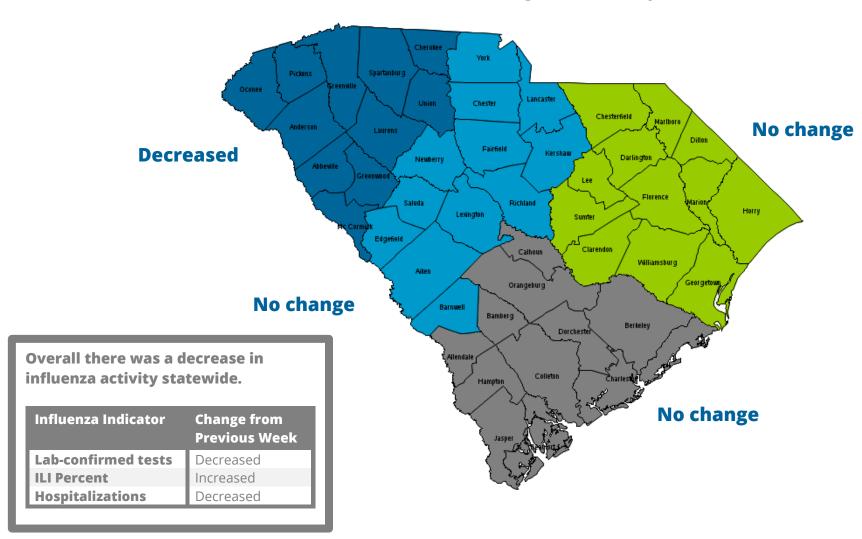
For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to:

http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/

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

Influenza Activity*

In the 4 Public Health Regions, activity showed...



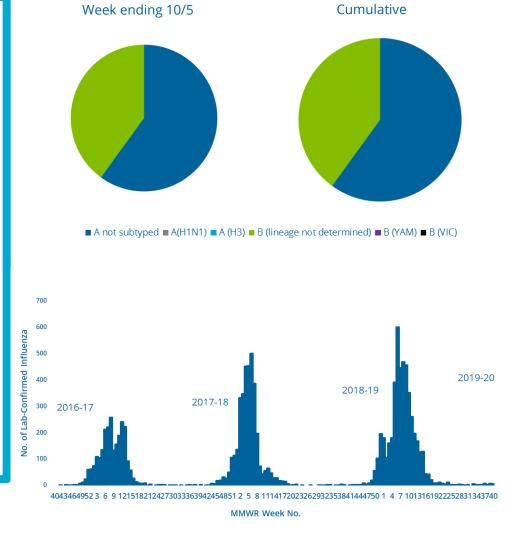
^{*}Indicators for assessing influenza activity include: lab-confirmed tests, ILI percent, and hospitalizations.

Virologic Surveillance

Influenza Type	Season Totals To Date								
No. (%)	This Week	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	5 season average				
Overall	7	7		2	2				
Influenza A	5(71.4)	5(71.4)		1(50.0)	1(50.0)				
A(H3)				1(100.0)					
A(H1N1)	1(20.0)	1(20.0)							
A(NS)*	4(80.0)	4(80.0)			1(100.0)				
Influenza B	2(28.6)	2(28.6)		1(50.0)	1(50.0)				
B (Victoria)									
B(Yamagata)				1(100.0)					
B (LND) ⁺	2(100.0)	2(100.0)							

*NS - not subtyped *LND - lineage not determined

Nationally, the influenza season begins with MMWR week 40 and ends with MMWR week 39. The 2019-20 influenza season began on September 29, 2019 and will end on September 26, 2020.

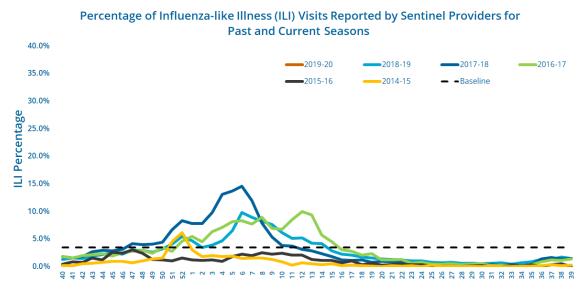


Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

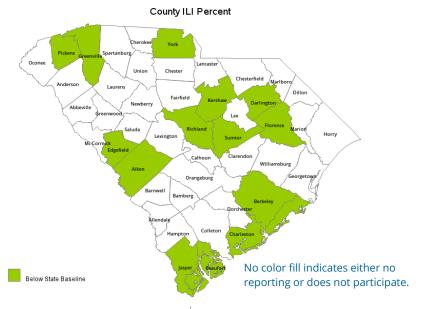
This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **2.01%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers was attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline, **3.53%**.

Reports were received from providers in **14** counties, representing all 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 2019-20 Calendar by Week of the Year

ОСТ	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
40	44	48	1	5	9	14	18	22	27	31	36
41	45	49	2	6	10	15	19	23	28	32	37
42	46	50	3	7	11	16	20	24	29	33	38
43	47	51	4	8	12	17	21	25	30	34	39
		52			13			26		35	

ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

Hospitalizations No. (Rate)	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week	3(0.1)					3(0.4)
2019-20	3(0.1)					3(0.4)
2018-19	2(0.0)			1(0.1)		1(0.2))
2017-18	9(0.2)	1(0.3)			3(0.3)	5(0.8)
5 season average	5(0.1)			1(0.0)	1(0.1)	3(0.5)

Deaths No. (Rate)	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week						
2019-20						
2018-19						
2017-18						
5 season average	1(0.0)					1(0.1)

