

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 53: December 27, 2020 to January 2, 2021

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

Influenza Activity



Overall, there was no change in influenza activity this week.

Influenza Indicators

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

Regional Influenza Activity



Decreased



No change

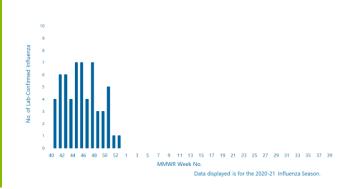
No change



Increased

Virologic Surveillance

This week **1** lab-confirmed test was reported. In the current flu season, there have been **58** lab-confirmed tests reported.



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **2.8%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.6%**). The ILI activity level overall was **low**.

II Percent

2% 12-Dec 19-Dec 26-Dec 2-Jan Week Ending Data displayed is for 2020-21, Influenza Season.

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **4** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **40** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **1.4 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **69** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week 1 influenza-associated death was reported. The cumulative mortality rate is 0.1 per 100,000. In the current flu season, there have been 5 influenza-associated deaths.

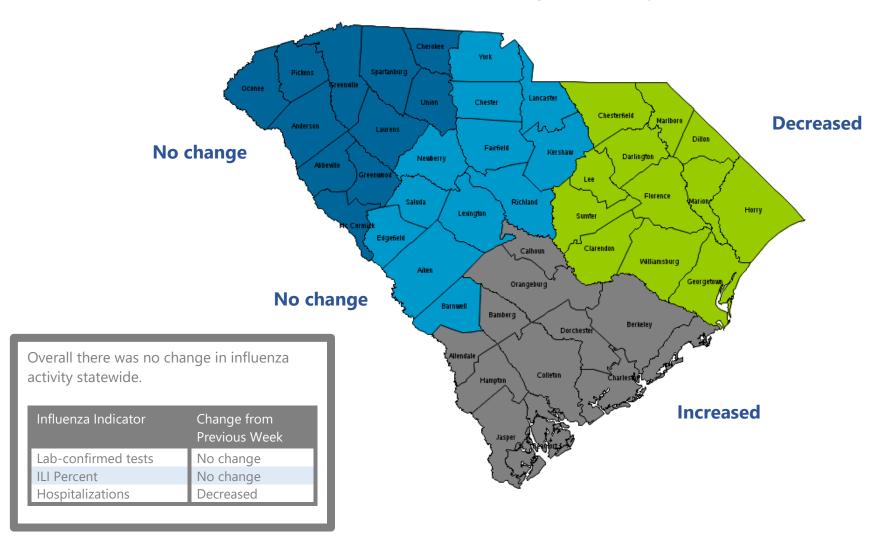
For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to:

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

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

Influenza Activity*

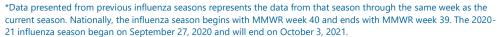
In the 4 Public Health Regions, activity showed



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

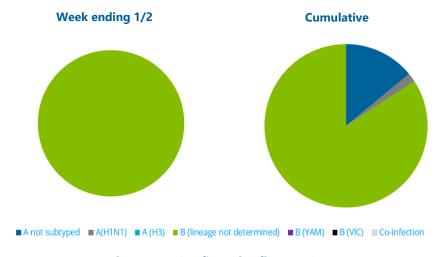
Virologic Surveillance

Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type to Date*							
	No. of Cases (%)						
Influenza Type	This Week	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	5 season average		
Overall	1	58	1403	353	454		
Influenza A	0(0.0)	9(15.5)	679(48.4)	319(90.4)	286(63.0)		
A(H3)			13(1.9)	32(10.0)	37(12.9)		
A(H1N1)		1(11.1)	179(26.4)	74(23.2)	55(19.2)		
A(NS)**		8(88.9)	487(71.7)	213(66.8)	194(67.8)		
Influenza B	1(100.0)	49(84.5)	719(51.2)	30(8.5)	168(37.0)		
B (Victoria)			104(14.5)	1(3.3)	21(12.5)		
B(Yamagata)			2(0.3)		2(1.2)		
B (LND)+	1(100.0)	49(100.0)	613(85.3)	29(96.7)	145(86.3)		
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Influenza Virus Coinfection§	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	5(0.4)	4(1.1)	N/A		
Influenza/SARS- CoV-2 Coinfection [£]	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	N/A	N/A		

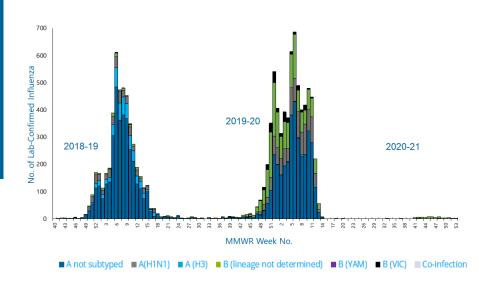


^{**}NS – not subtyped +LND – lineage not determined

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type



Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, 2018-19 Season to Present



[§]Cases with more than one influenza A subtype in the same sample or with influenza A and B viral types in the same sample simultaneously.

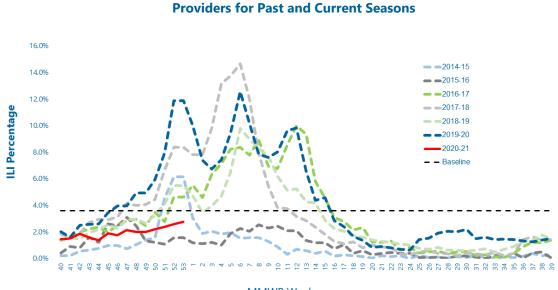
[£]Lab-confirmed influenza cases who also tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus in the same sample.

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **low** and **2.8%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is below the state baseline of **3.6%**.

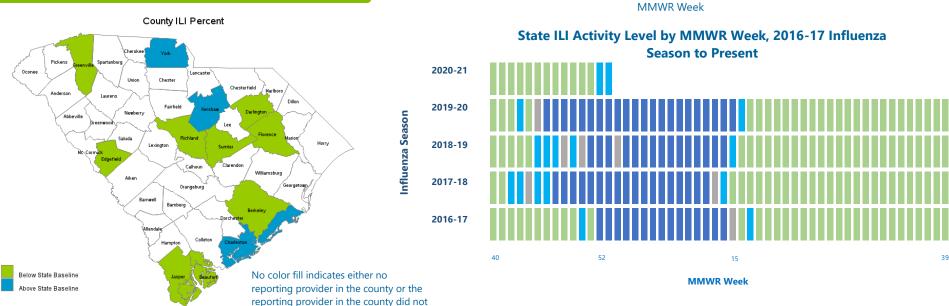
Reports were received from providers in **12** counties, representing all DHEC Public Health regions.

ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.



ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

Percentage of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Visits Reported by Sentinel



participate for the week.

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

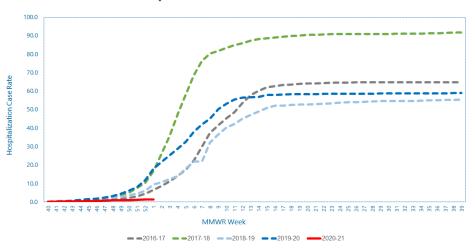
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group*							
	No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)						
Influenza Season	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+	
This Week	4(0.1)				1(0.1)	3(0.3)	
2020-21	69(1.4)	2(0.7)		21(1.0)	13(1.3)	33(3.8)	
2019-20	665(13.2)	48(16.3)	52(6.4)	130(6.3)	189(18.9)	246(28.5)	
2018-19	336(6.8)	21(7.2)	11(1.4)	62(3.0)	95(9.6)	147(17.7)	
5 season average	383(7.8)	26(8.9)	21(2.6)	66(3.2)	98(9.9)	172(21.3)	

Influenza-Associated Deaths by Age Group*

	No. of Deaths (Rate)					
Influenza Season	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week	1(0.0)					1(0.1)
2020-21	5(0.1)			1(0.1)	1(0.1)	3(0.3)
2019-20	20(0.4)			4(0.2)	2(0.2)	14(1.6)
2018-19	17(0.3)	1(0.3)			8(0.8)	8(0.9)
5 season average	14(0.3)			1(0.1)	3(0.3)	10(1.1)

Upstate (2) Midlands (1) Pee Dee (2)

Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons



Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations, 2018-19 Season to present

