

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 2: January 9 to January 15, 2022

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

Geographic Spread



South Carolina reported **widespread activity** this week. This is the fourth consecutive week at widespread activity.

Influenza Indicators

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

Regional Influenza Activity



Decreased



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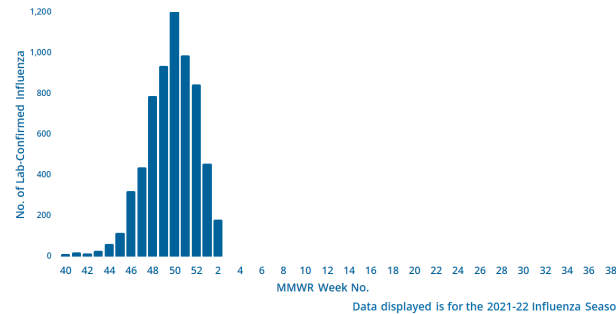
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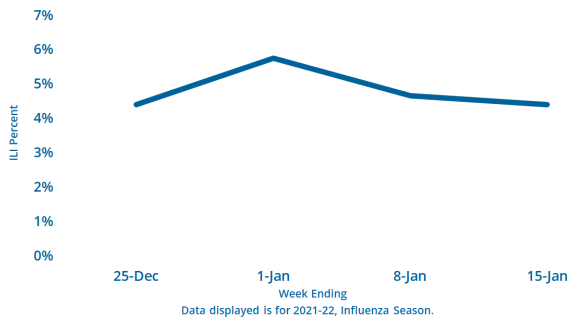
Virologic Surveillance

This week **175** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **6,327** lab-confirmed tests reported.



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **4.4%**, which is **above** South Carolina's baseline (**3.6%**). The ILI activity level overall was **high**.



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **16** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **40** hospitals however, **3** hospitalizations occurred during previous weeks. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **4.8 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **243** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week **0** influenza-associated deaths were reported. The cumulative mortality rate is **0.0 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **2** influenza-associated deaths.

Virologic Surveillance

Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type to Date*

Influenza Type	No. of Cases (%)				
	This Week	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	5 season average
Overall	175	6327	88	2125	625
Influenza A	169(96.6)	6178(97.6)	16(18.2)	1164(54.8)	538(67.6)
A(H3)	8(4.7)	183(2.9)	--	18(1.5)	73(13.6)
A(H1N1)	4(2.4)	266(4.4)	1(6.3)	303(26.0)	95(17.7)
A(NS)**	157(92.9)	5729(92.7)	15(93.8)	843(72.4)	370(68.8)
Influenza B	6(3.4)	146(2.3)	67(76.1)	955(44.9)	255(32.0)
B (Victoria)	--	--	--	128(13.4)	26(10.2)
B(Yamagata)	--	--	--	3(0.3)	4(1.6)
B (LND)+	6(100.0)	146(100.0)	67(100.0)	824(86.3)	225(88.2)
Influenza Virus Coinfection[§]	0(0.0)	3(0.0)	5(5.7)	6(0.3)	3(0.4)
Influenza/SARS-CoV-2 Coinfection[¶]	20(11.8)	93(1.5)	11(12.5)	0(0.0)	N/A

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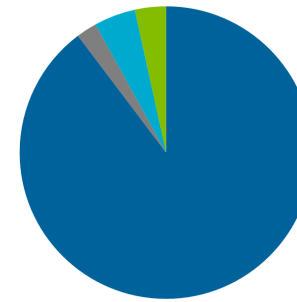
**NS - not subtyped +LND - lineage not determined

§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.

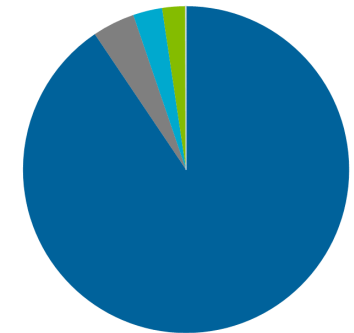
¶Lab-confirmed influenza cases who also tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus from specimens collected on the same date.

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type

Week ending 1/15

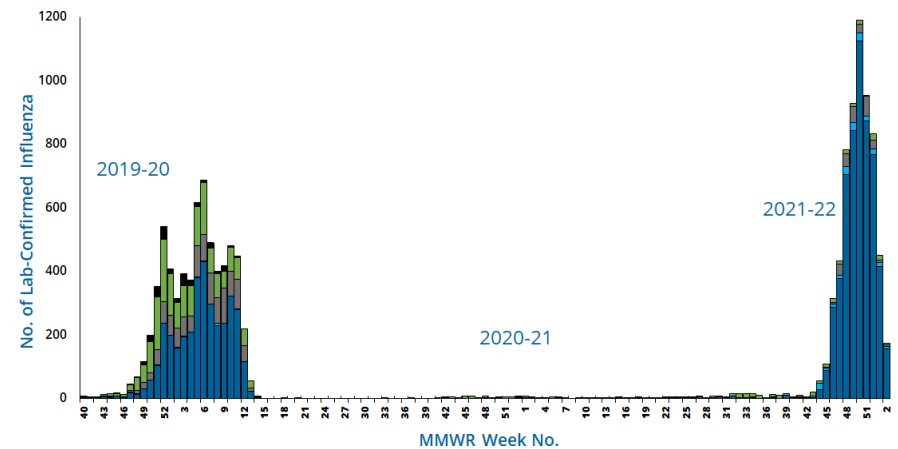


Cumulative



■ A not subtyped ■ A(H1N1) ■ A (H3) ■ B (lineage not determined) ■ B (YAM) ■ B (VIC) ■ Co-infection

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, 2019-20 Season to Present



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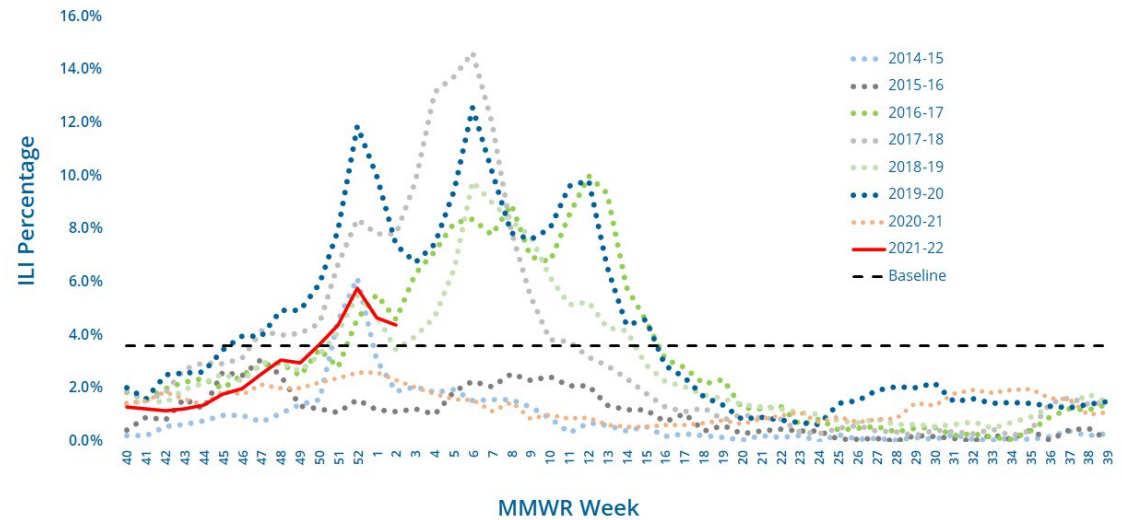
Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **high** and **4.4%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **above** the state baseline of **3.6%**.

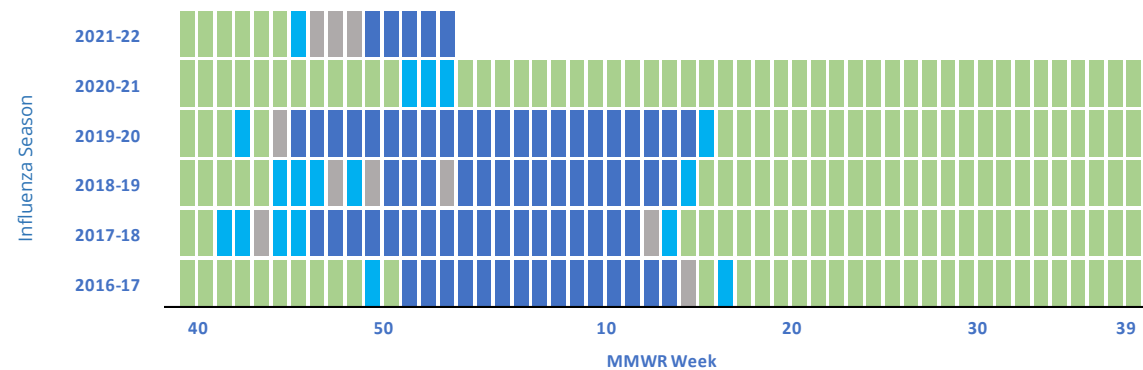
Reports were received from providers in **25** counties, representing all DHEC Public Health regions.

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

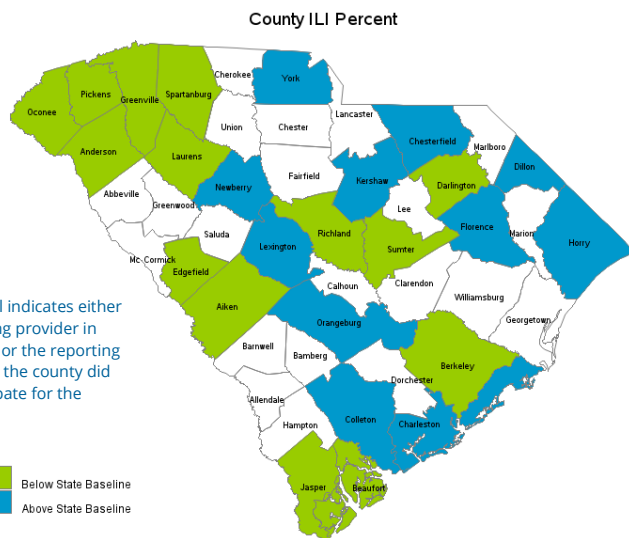
Percentage of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Visits Reported by Sentinel Providers for Past and Current Seasons



State ILI Activity Level by MMWR Week, 2016-17 Influenza Season to Present



ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: **MINIMAL** **LOW** **MODERATE** **HIGH**



No color fill indicates either no reporting provider in the county or the reporting provider in the county did not participate for the week.

Below State Baseline
Above State Baseline

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group*

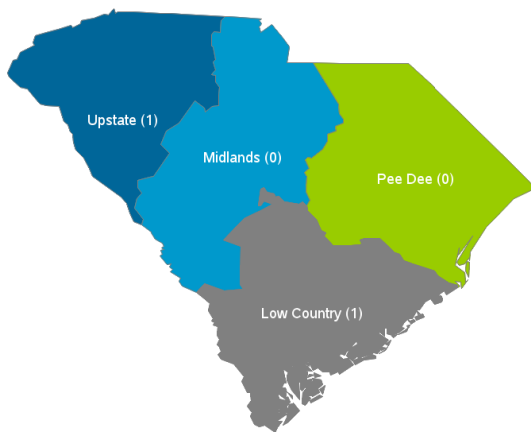
Influenza Season	No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)					
	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week	13(0.3)	1(0.3)	1(0.1)	2(0.1)	1(0.1)	8(0.9)
2021-22	243(4.8)	22(7.4)	11(1.3)	50(2.4)	34(3.4)	123(14.1)
2020-21	77(1.5)	2(0.7)	--	26(1.3)	14(1.4)	35(4.0)
2019-20	1099(22.2)	67(23.0)	67(8.3)	215(10.5)	327(33.0)	423(51.0)
5 season average	672(13.8)	32(11.1)	28(3.6)	112(5.5)	168(17.2)	332(42.5)

Influenza-Associated Deaths by Age Group*

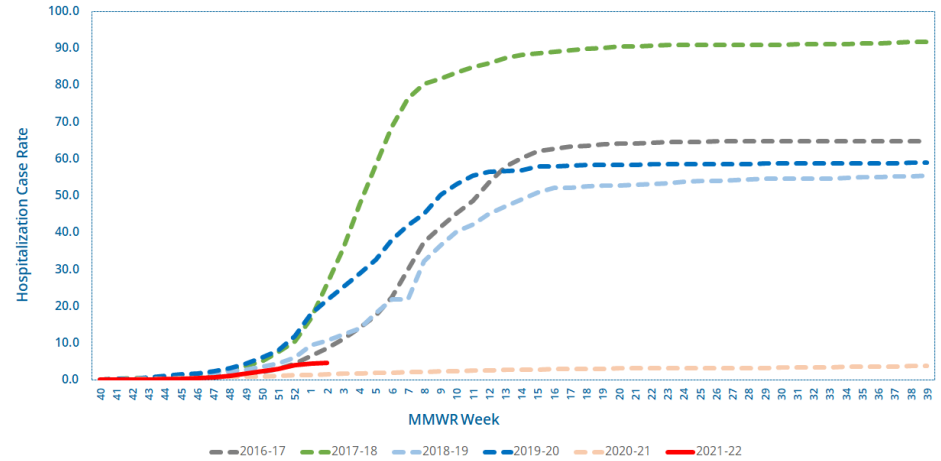
Influenza Season	No. of Deaths (Rate)					
	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week	0(0.0)	--	--	--	--	--
2021-22	2(0.0)	--	--	--	1(0.1)	1(0.1)
2020-21	10(0.2)	--	--	2(0.1)	1(0.1)	7(0.8)
2019-20	39(0.8)	--	--	8(0.4)	8(0.8)	23(2.6)
5 season average	25(0.5)	--	--	2(0.1)	6(0.6)	17(2.0)

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Influenza-Associated Deaths by Region



Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons



Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations, 2019-20 Season to present

