

# **Flu Watch**

MMWR Week 47: November 20 to November 26, 2022

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**Influenza Indicators** 

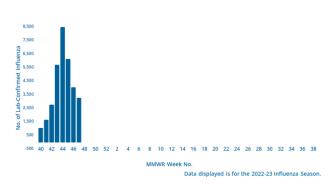
<b>Geographic Spread</b>
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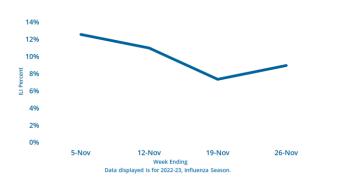
South Carolina reported widespread activity this week.

### **Virologic Surveillance**

This week 3.217 lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been 32,633 lab-confirmed tests reported.

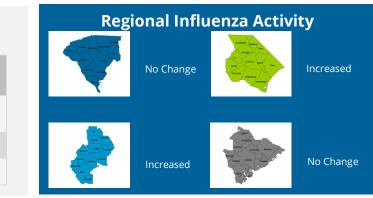
Influenza Indicator	Change from Previous Week
Lab-confirmed tests	No Change
ILI Percent	Increased
Hospitalizations	Increased





## **Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations**

This week 281 influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by 50 hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **30.4 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **1523** influenza-associated hospitalizations.



## Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was 9.0%, which is above South Carolina's baseline (3.6%). The ILI activity level overall was high.

## **Influenza-Associated Deaths**

This week. **5** influenza-associated deaths were reported; however, **1** death occurred during a previous week. The cumulative mortality rate is **0.4 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **21** influenza-associated deaths.

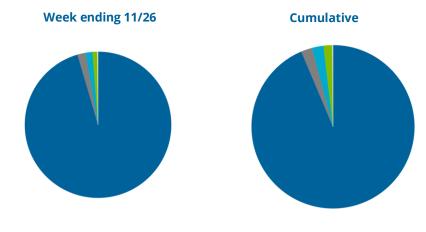
For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/Infe ctiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/

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

# **Virologic Surveillance**

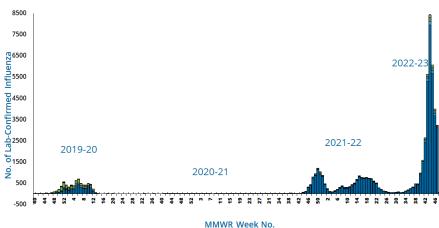
Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type to Date*									
	No. of Cases (%)								
Influenza Type	This Week	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	5 season average				
Overall	3217	32633	976	39	244				
Influenza A	3178(98.8)	32020(98.1)	912(93.4)	6(15.4)	210(86.1)				
A(H3)	49(1.5)	735(2.3)	54(5.9)		17(12.0)				
A(H1N1)	58(1.8)	733(2.3)	45(4.9)	1(16.7)	13(4.3)				
A(NS)**	3071(96.6)	30552(95.4)	813(89.1)	5(83.3)	180(84.6)				
Influenza B	35(1.1)	571(1.8)	64(6.6)	32(82.1)	33(13.5)				
B (Victoria)					1()				
B(Yamagata)									
B (LND) <sup>+</sup>	35(100.0)	571(100.0)	64(100.0)	32(100.0)	32(100.0)				
Influenza Virus Coinfection <sup>§</sup>	4(0.1)	42(0.1)		1(2.6)	1(0.4)				

#### Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type



■ 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



\*Data presented from previous influenza seasons represents the data from that season through the same week as the current season. Nationally, the influenza season begins with MMWR week 40 and ends with MMWR week 39. The 2022-23 influenza season began on October 2, 2022 and will end on September 30, 2023.

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<sup>§</sup>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.

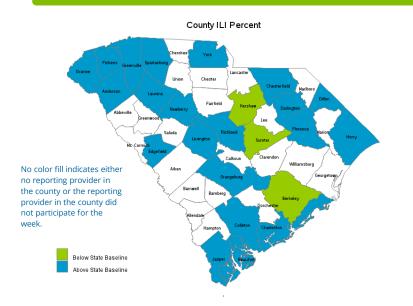
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## Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

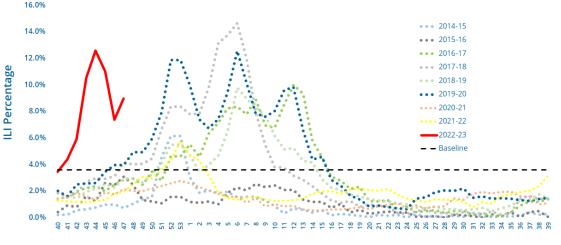
This week, the ILI activity level was **high** and **9.0%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **above** the state baseline of **3.6%**.

Reports were received from providers in **24** counties, representing all DHEC Public Health regions.

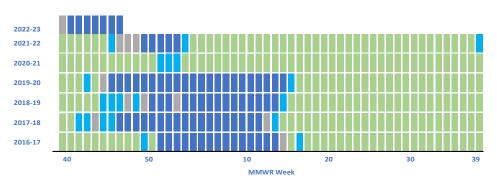
\*\*ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.\*\*



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



MMWR Week



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

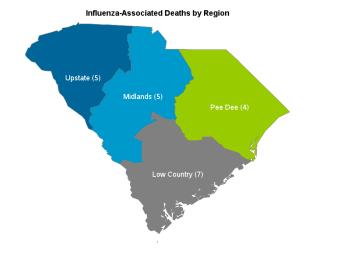
ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

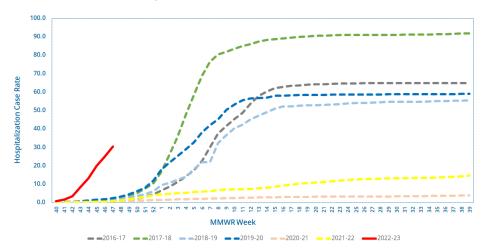
# Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group*									
	No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)								
Influenza		Ages	Ages	Ages	Ages	Ages			
Season	Overall	0-4	5-17	18-49	50-64	65+			
This Week	281(5.5)	7(2.4)	13(1.6)	41(2.0)	64(6.3)	156(17.8)			
2022-23	1523(30.4)	48(16.2)	87(10.6)	325(15.6)	311(30.8)	752(86.0)			
2021-22	38(0.8)	5(1.7)	1(0.1)	10(0.5)	6(0.6)	16(1.9)			
2020-21	38(0.8)	2(0.7)		13(0.6)	8(0.8)	15(1.8)			
5 season average	81(1.7)	7(2.3)	2(0.3)	16(0.8)	18(1.9)	38(4.9)			
Influenza-Associated Deaths by Age Group*									

No. of Deaths (Rate) Influenza Ages Ages Ages Ages Ages Season Overall 0-4 5-17 18-49 50-64 65+ This Week 4(0.1) ---1(0.1) 3(0.3) ------2022-23 1(0.1) 6(0.6) 21(0.4) \_\_\_ 14(1.6) ---2021-22 3(0.1) 1(0.1)2(0.2) ---------2020-21 2(0.0) 1(0.1) 1(0.1) ---5 season 4(0.1) 1(0.1) 3(0.4) --average

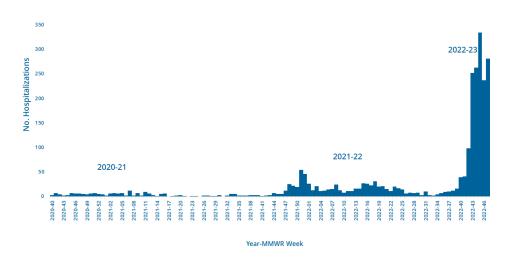
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#### **Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons**

#### Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations, 2020-21 Season to present



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