

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 49: December 4 to December 10, 2022

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Influenza Indicators

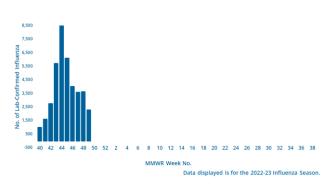


South Carolina reported widespread activity this week.

Virologic Surveillance

This week 2.271 lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been 39,187 lab-confirmed tests reported.

| Influenza Indicator | Change from Previous Week |
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| Lab-confirmed tests | Decreased |
| ILI Percent | Decreased |
| Hospitalizations | Decreased |

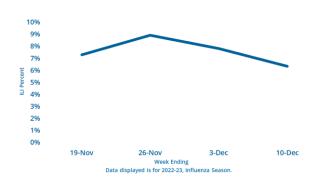


Regional Influenza Activity



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was 6.4%, which is above South Carolina's baseline (3.6%). The ILI activity level overall was high.



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week 191 influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by 50 hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **39.6 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **2012** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

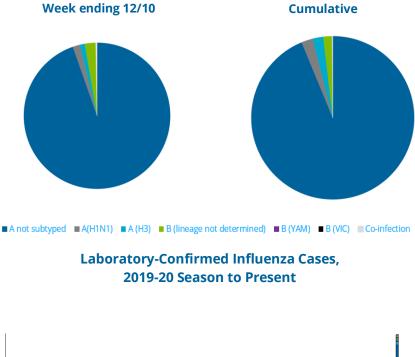
This week. **19** influenza-associated deaths were reported; however, 8 deaths occurred during previous weeks. The cumulative mortality rate is 1.0 per 100,000. In the current flu season, there have been 49 influenza-associated deaths.

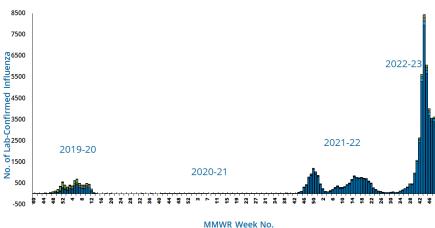
For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/Infe ctiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/

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 | 2271 | 39187 | 2720 | 50 | 648 | | |
| Influenza A | 2210(97.3) | 38453(98.1) | 2628(96.6) | 9(18.0) | 583(90.0) | | |
| A(H3) | 25(1.1) | 822(2.1) | 106(4.0) | | 30(5.1) | | |
| A(H1N1) | 36(1.6) | 892(2.3) | 136(5.2) | 1(11.1) | 39(6.7) | | |
| A(NS)** | 2149(97.2) | 36739(95.5) | 2386(90.8) | 8(88.9) | 514(88.2) | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Influenza B | 55(2.4) | 682(1.7) | 91(3.3) | 39(78.0) | 64(9.9) | | |
| B (Victoria) | | | | | 3(4.7) | | |
| B(Yamagata) | | | | | 1(1.6) | | |
| B (LND) ⁺ | 55(100.0) | 682(100.0) | 91(100.0) | 39(100.0) | 60(93.8) | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Influenza Virus Coinfection [§] | 6(0.3) | 52(0.1) | 1(0.0) | 2(4.0) | 1(0.2) | | |
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Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type





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

⁵Cases with more than one influenza A subtype in the same sample or with influenza A and B viral types in the same sample simultaneously.

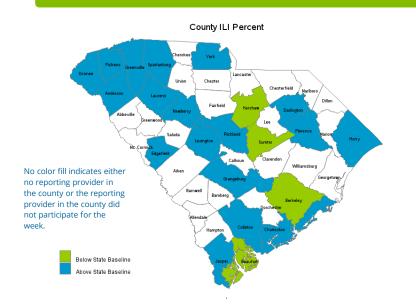
■ A not subtyped ■ A(H1N1) ■ A (H3) ■ B (lineage not determined) ■ B (YAM) ■ B (VIC) ■ Co-infection

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

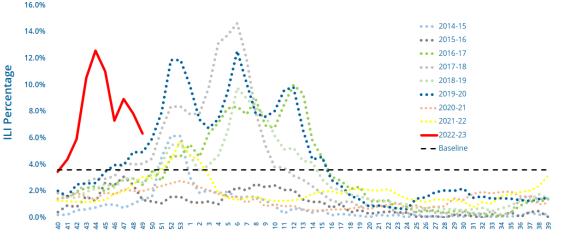
This week, the ILI activity level was **high** and **6.4%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **above** the state baseline of **3.6%**.

Reports were received from providers in **22** counties, representing all DHEC Public Health regions.

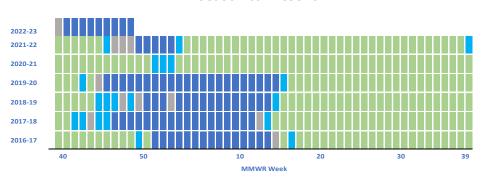
ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.



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

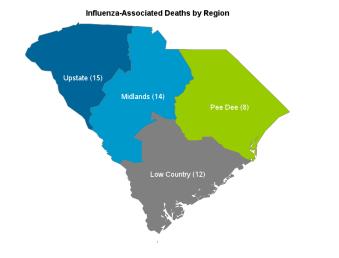
ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

| Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group* | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | No. of Hospitalizations (Rate) | | | | | |
| Influenza Season | Overall | Ages 0-4 | Ages 5-17 | Ages 18-49 | Ages 50-64 | Ages 65+ |
| This Week | 191(3.8) | 9(3.0) | 2(0.2) | 22(1.1) | 52(5.2) | 106(12.1) |
| 2022-23 | 2012(39.6) | 69(23.2) | 92(11.2) | 387(18.6) | 434(43.0) | 1030(117.7) |
| 2021-22 | 85(1.7) | 9(3.1) | 2(0.2) | 18(0.9) | 10(1.0) | 46(5.3) |
| 2020-21 | 47(0.9) | 2(0.7) | | 16(0.8) | 8(0.8) | 21(2.5) |
| 5 season average | 139(2.8) | 10(3.4) | 5(0.7) | 25(1.2) | 32(3.3) | 67(8.6) |
| Influenza-Associated Deaths by Age Group* | | | | | | |

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|---------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | No. of Deaths (Rate) | | | | | |
| Influenza Season | Overall | Ages 0-4 | Ages 5-17 | Ages 18-49 | Ages 50-64 | Ages 65+ |
| This Week | 11(0.2) | | | 1(0.1) | 2(0.2) | 8(0.9) |
| 2022-23 | 49(1.0) | | 2(0.2) | 1(0.1) | 10(1.0) | 36(4.1) |
| 2021-22 | 3(0.1) | | | | 1(0.1) | 2(0.2) |
| 2020-21 | 3(0.1) | | | 1(0.1) | 1(0.1) | 1(0.1) |
| 5 season | 6(0.1) | | | | 1(0.1) | 5(0.6) |
| average | | | | | | |

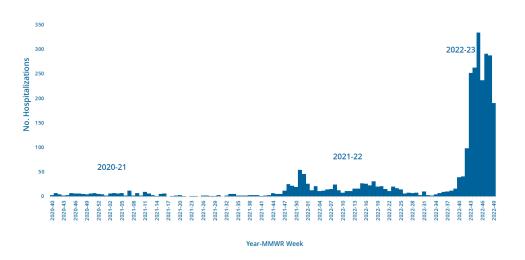
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100.0 90.0 80.0 70.0 60.0 50.0 40.0 30.0 20.0 10.0

Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons

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



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