

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 8: February 19 to February 25, 2023

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Influenza Indicators

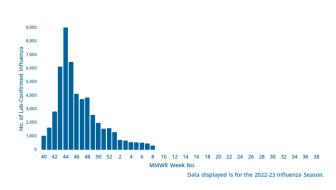
Geographic Spread

South Carolina reported local activity this week.

Virologic Surveillance

This week 270 lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been 53,073 lab-confirmed tests reported.

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

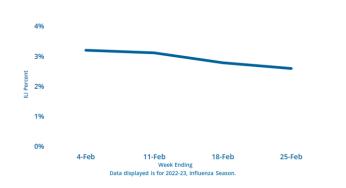


Regional Influenza Activity



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was 2.6%, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (3.6%). The ILI activity level overall was minimal.



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week 38 influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by 51 hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is 60.1 per 100,000. In the current flu season, there have been 3.053 influenza-associated hospitalizations.

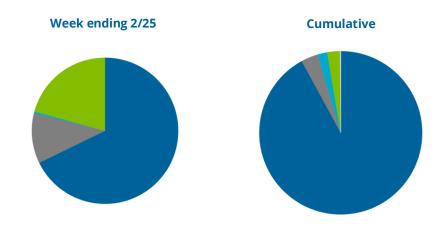
Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week. 2 influenza-associated deaths were reported; however, **1** death occurred during a previous week. The cumulative mortality rate is **2.6 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **130** 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/

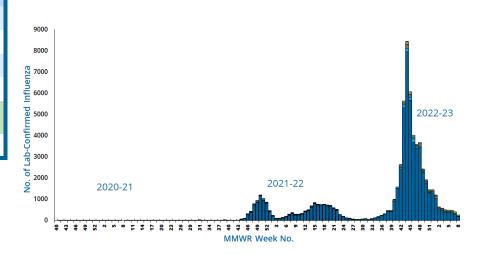
Virologic Surveillance

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type



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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	270	53073	7830	108	3867		
Influenza A	214(79.3)	51653(97.3)	7579(96.8)	23(21.3)	3269(84.5)		
A(H3)	1(0.5)	1017(2.0)	239(3.2)		225(6.9)		
A(H1N1)	30(14.0)	1785(3.5)	390(5.1)	1(4.3)	331(10.1)		
A(NS)**	183(85.5)	48851(94.6)	6950(91.7)	22(95.7)	2713(83.0)		
Influenza B	56(20.7)	1353(2.5)	244(3.1)	80(74.1)	590(15.3)		
B (Victoria)					45(7.6)		
B(Yamagata)					11(1.9)		
B (LND)⁺	56(100.0)	1353(100.0)	244(100.0)	80(100.0)	534(90.5)		
Influenza Virus Coinfection [§]	-	67(0.1)	7(0.1)	5(4.6)	8(0.2)		

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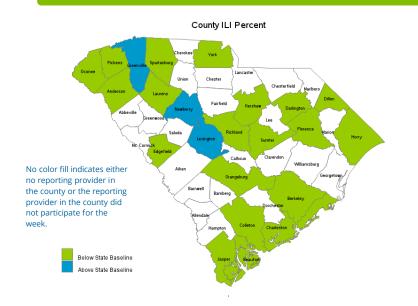
[§]Cases with more than one influenza A subtype in the same sample or with influenza A and B viral types in the same sample simultaneously.

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

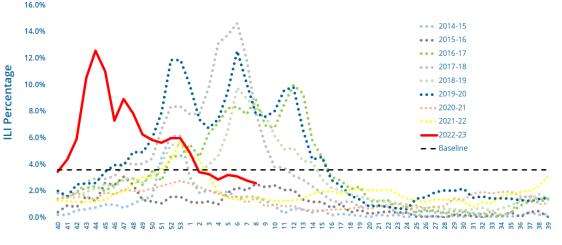
This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **2.6%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline of **3.6%**.

Reports were received from providers in **23** counties, representing all DHEC Public Health regions.

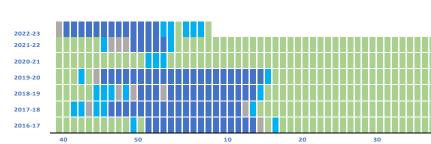
ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.



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

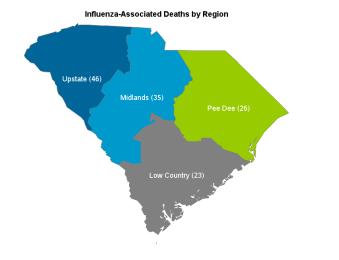
ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

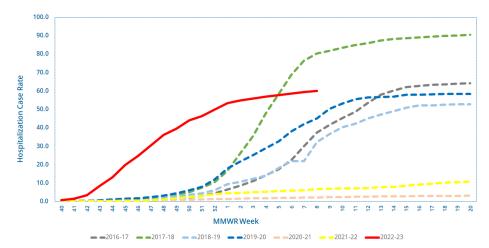
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group*						
	No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)					
Influenza	0	Ages	Ages	Ages	Ages	Ages
Season	Overall	0-4	5-17	18-49	50-64	65+
This Week	38(0.7)	1(0.4)	1(0.1)	8(0.4)	5(0.5)	23(2.6)
2022-23	3053(60.1)	82(28.7)	117(14.1)	548(26.6)	674(66.9)	1632(181.0)
2021-22	337(6.6)	25(8.8)	18(2.2)	74(3.6)	67(6.6)	153(17.0)
2020-21	113(2.2)	2(0.7)		35(1.7)	23(2.3)	53(5.9)
5 season	1(00/24.1)	70(26.0)	71(0,0)	274(12.4)	415(42.0)	050(102.0)
average	1688(34.1)	78(26.9)	71(8.8)	274(13.4)	415(42.0)	850(103.6)
Influenza-Associated Deaths by Age Group*						

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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)
2022-23	130(2.6)		5(0.6)	6(0.3)	28(2.8)	91(10.1)
2021-22	18(0.4)			1(0.1)	4(0.4)	13(1.4)
2020-21	16(0.3)			2(0.1)	2(0.2)	12(1.3)
5 season average	86(1.7)	1(0.3)		9(0.5)	20(2.0)	56(6.8)

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Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons

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

