

# Flu Watch

MMWR Week 43: October 20 to October 26, 2019

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

# **Geographic Spread**



South Carolina reported **sporadic activity** this week.

# **Influenza Activity**



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

# **Regional Influenza Activity**



Decreased



Increased



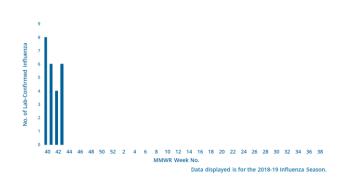
Increased



Decreased

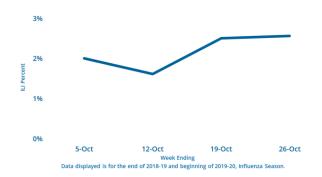
### **Virologic Surveillance**

This week *6* lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been *24* lab-confirmed tests reported.



### 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 **low**.



# **Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations**

This week **10** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **42** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **0.8 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **38** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

# **Influenza-Associated Deaths**

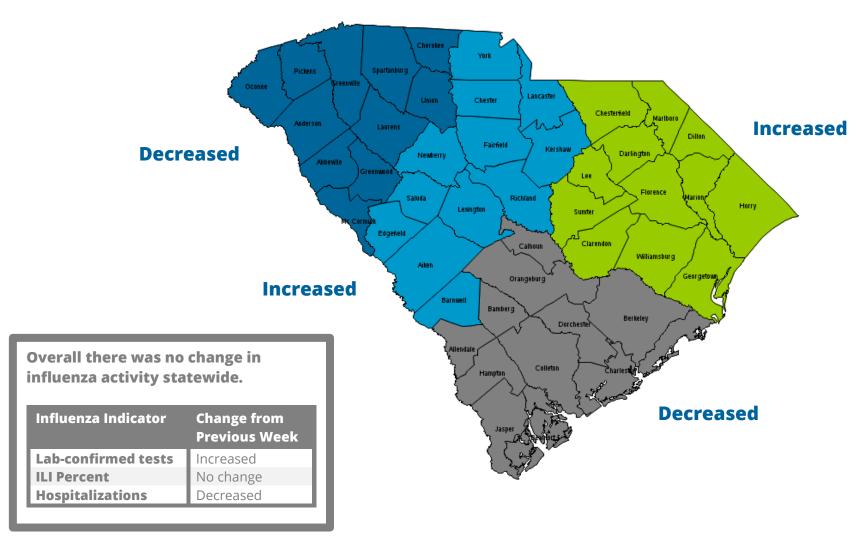
This week **0** influenza-associated deaths were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **0** influenza-associated deaths.

For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: <a href="https://www.scdhec.gov/FluWatch">https://www.scdhec.gov/FluWatch</a>

For national surveillance, please visit: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/">https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/</a>

# Influenza Activity\*

# In the 4 Public Health Regions, activity showed...

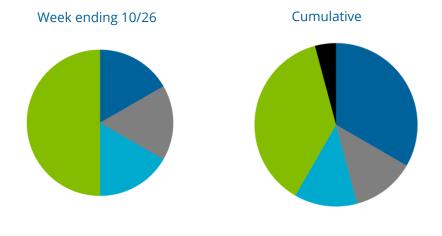


<sup>\*</sup>Indicators for assessing influenza activity include: lab-confirmed tests, ILI percent, and hospitalizations.

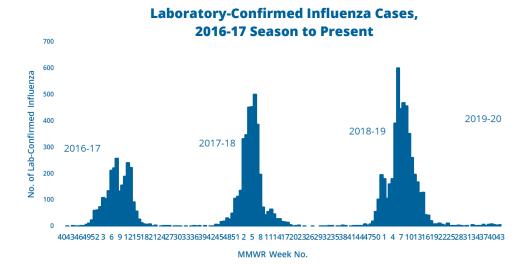
# **Virologic Surveillance**

Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type To Date**							
	No. of Cases (%)						
Influenza Type	This Week	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	5 season average		
Overall	6	24	15	5	6		
Influenza A	3(50.0)	14(58.3)	10(66.7)	3(60.0)	4(66.7)		
A(H3)	1(33.3)	3(21.4)		3(100.0)	1(25.0)		
A(H1N1)	1(33.3)	3(21.4)	1(10.0)		0(0.0)		
A(NS)*	1(33.3)	8(57.2)	9(90.0)		3(75.0)		
Influenza B	3(50.0)	10(41.7)	5(33.3)	2(40.0)	2(33.3)		
B (Victoria)		1(10.0)	1(20.0)		0(0.0)		
B(Yamagata)				1(50.0)	0(0.0)		
B (LND) <sup>+</sup>	3(100.0)	9(90.0)	4(80.0)	1(50.0)	2(100.0)		

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



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



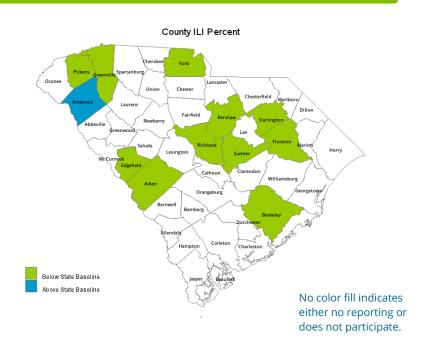
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# Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

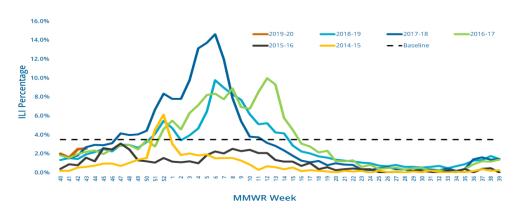
This week, the ILI activity level was **low** and **2.6%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers was attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline, **3.6%**.

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

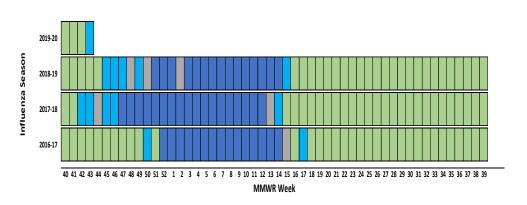
\*\*ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.\*\*



# 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 by Age Group



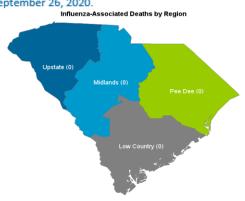
ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

# **Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths**

	Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group*  No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)						
Influenza	Overall	Ages	Ages	Ages	Ages	Ages	
Season		0-4	5-17	18-49	50-64	65+	
This Week	10(0.2)		1(0.1)	6(0.3)		3(0.3)	
2019-20	38(0.8)	2(0.7)	1(0.1)	10(0.5)	5(0.5)	20(2.3)	
2018-19	26(0.5)	2(0.7)	5(0.6)	7(0.3)	7(0.7)	5(0.6)	
2017-18	31(0.6)	2(0.7)	2(0.2)	5(0.2)	6(0.6)	16(1.9)	
5 season average	35(0.7)	3(1.2)	3(0.4)	6(0.3)	9(1.0)	14(1.8)	

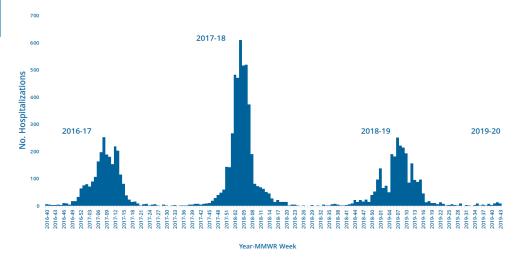
Influenza-Associated Deaths by Age Group*							
	No. of Deaths (Rate)						
Influenza Season	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+	
This Week							
2019-20							
2018-19							
2017-18	1					1(0.1)	
5 season average	2(0.0)				1(0.1)	1(0.2)	

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#### **Cumulative Hospitalization Rate** by Age Group 2.5 16 ılative Hospitalization Rate per 100K 14 2.0 12 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 5-Oct 12-Oct 19-Oct 2-Nov 9-Nov Week Ending

### Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalization, 2016-17 Season to Present



Age 65 and older