

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 47: November 17 to November 23, 2019

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 **second** consecutive week at widespread activity.

Influenza Activity



Overall, there was an increase in influenza activity this week.

Regional Influenza Activity



Increased



No change



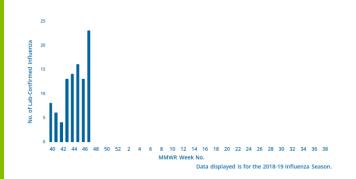
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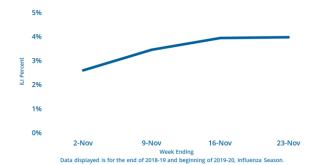
Virologic Surveillance

This week **23** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **97** lab-confirmed tests reported.



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **4.0%**, which is **above** South Carolina's baseline **(3.6%)**. The ILI activity level overall was **high**.



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **26** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **56** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **2.4 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **123** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

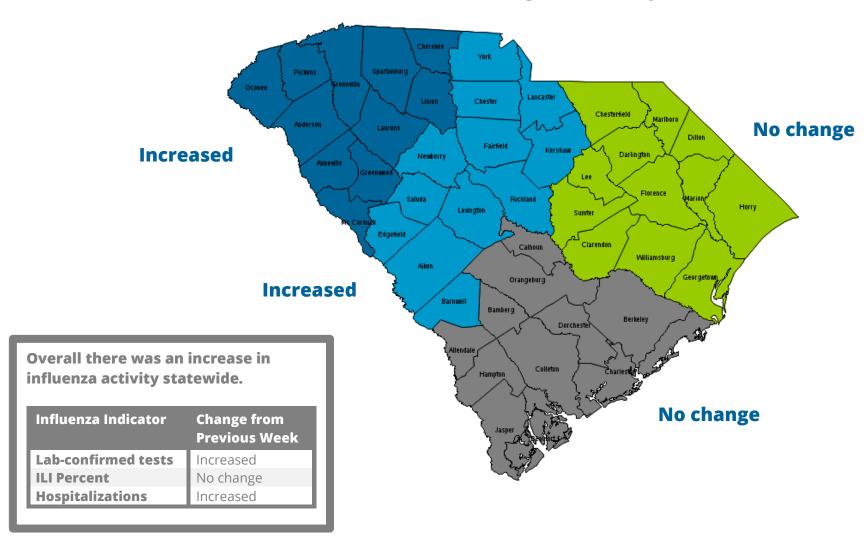
This week **2** influenza-associated death was reported. In the current flu season, there has been **3** influenza-associated death.

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

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

Influenza Activity*

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

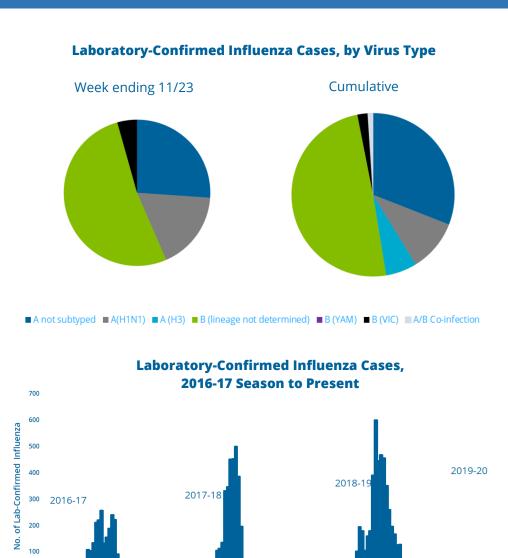


^{*}Indicators for assessing influenza activity include: lab-confirmed tests, ILI percent, and hospitalizations.

Virologic Surveillance

Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type To Date**								
		No. of Cases (%)						
Influenza	This		5 season					
Туре	Week	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	average			
Overall	23	97	20	57	26			
Influenza A	10(43.5)	46(47.4)	15(75.0)	53(93.0)	22(84.4)			
A(H3)		6(13.1)	1(6.7)	21(39.6)	9(40.9)			
A(H1N1)	4(40.0)	10(21.7)	5(33.3)	2(3.8)	2(9.1)			
A(NS)*	6(60.0)	30(65.2)	9(60.0)	30(56.6)	11(50.0)			
Influenza B	13(56.5)	50(51.5)	5(25.0)	4(7.0)	4(15.4)			
B (Victoria)	1(7.7)	2(4.0)	1(20.0)		0(0.0)			
B(Yamagata)				1(25.0)	0(0.0)			
B (LND) ⁺	12(92.3)	48(96.0)	4(80.0)	3(75.0)	3(100.0)			
Influenza A/B Co-infection		1(0.1)	N/A	N/A	N/A			

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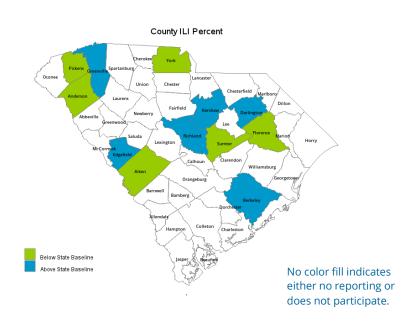
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Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

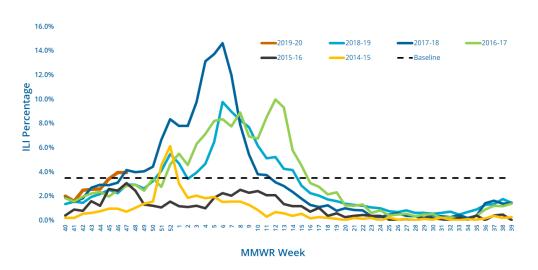
This week, the ILI activity level was **high** and **4.0%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers was attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **above** the state baseline, **3.6%**.

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

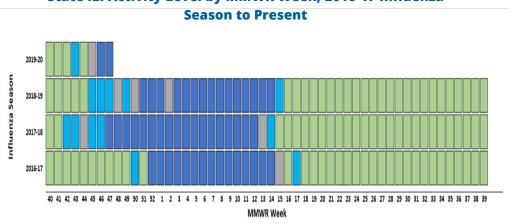
ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.



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



ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

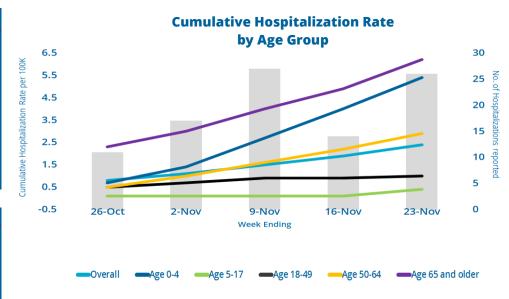
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths

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	26(0.5)	4(1.4)	2(0.2)	2(0.1)	7(0.7)	11(1.3)	
2019-20	123(2.4)	16(5.4)	3(0.4)	21(1.0)	29(2.9)	54(6.2)	
2018-19	103(2.1)	5(1.7)	5(0.6)	21(1.0)	26(2.6)	46(5.3)	
2017-18	101(2.0)	6(2.1)	3(0.4)	14(0.7)	21(2.1)	57(6.9)	
5 season average	102(2.1)	8(2.8)	6(0.7)	18(0.9)	24(2.4)	46(5.7)	

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	2(0.0)				1(0.1)	1(0.1)	
2019-20	3(0.1)				1(0.1)	2(0.2)	
	3(0.1)				1(0.1)	2(0.2)	
2017-18	2(0.0)				1(0.1)	2(0.2)	
5 season average	3(0.1)				1(0.1)	2(0.3)	

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

