

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 38: September 15 to September 21, 2019

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

Geographic Spread

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

Influenza Activity



Overall, there was a decrease in influenza activity this week.

Regional Influenza Activity



No change



No change



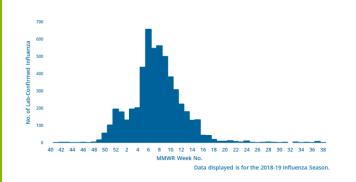
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Virologic Surveillance

This week 2 lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been 4755 lab-confirmed tests reported.



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **1.78%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline **(3.53%)**. The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**

2% 196 31-Aug 7-Sep Week Ending Data displayed is for the 2018-19 influenza Season

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **2** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **31** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **55.2 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **2774** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week *0* influenza-associated deaths were reported. The cumulative mortality rate is **2.1 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **105** influenza-associated deaths.

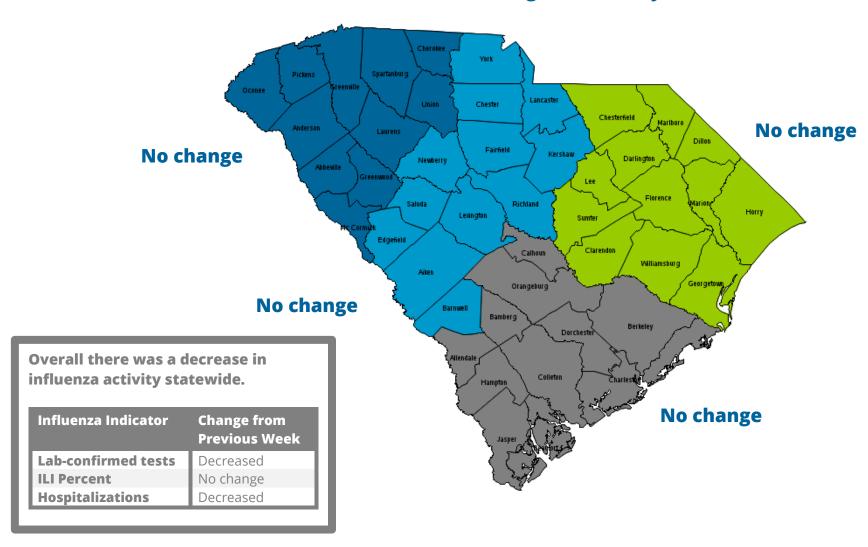
For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to:

http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/

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

Influenza Activity*

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



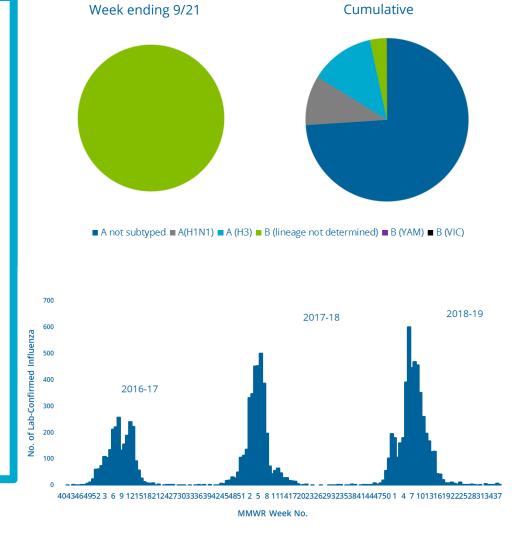
^{*}Indicators for assessing influenza activity include: lab-confirmed tests, ILI percent, and hospitalizations.

Virologic Surveillance

Influenza Type	Season Totals To Date								
No. (%)	This Week	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	5 season average				
Overall	2	4755	3595	2467	1796				
Influenza A	0	4594(96.6)	2460(68.4)	1582(64.1)	1294(72)				
A(H3)		611(13.3)	537(21.8)	417(26.4)	282(21.8)				
A(H1N1)		466(10.1)	214(8.7)	64(4.0)	300(23.2)				
A(NS)*		3517(76.6)	1709(69.5)	1101(69.6)	712(55.0)				
Influenza B	2(100.0)	161(3.4)	1135(31.6)	885(35.9)	502(28)				
B (Victoria)		2(1.2)	2(0.2)		0.4(0.1)				
B(Yamagata)			55(4.8)		11(2.2)				
B (LND)+	2(100.0)	159(98.8)	1078(95)	885(100)	490(97.7)				

*NS - not subtyped *LND - lineage not determined

Nationally, the influenza season begins with MMWR week 40 and ends with MMWR week 39. The 2018-19 influenza season began on September 30, 2018 and will end on September 28, 2019.

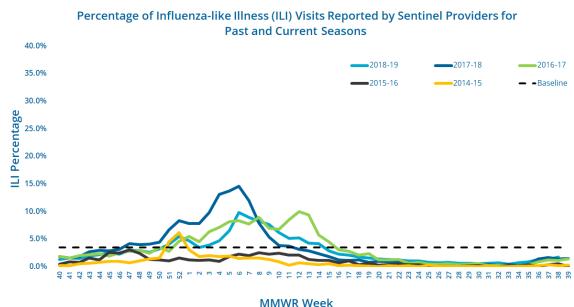


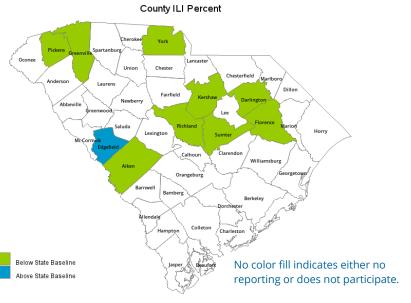
Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **1.78%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers was attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline, **3.53%**.

Reports were received from providers in **10** 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.





State ILI Activity Level 2018-19 Calendar by Week of the Year

OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
40	44	48	1	5	9	14	18	22	27	31	36
41	45	49	2	6	10	15	19	23	28	32	37
42	46	50	3	7	11	16	20	24	29	33	38
43	47	51	4	8	12	17	21	25	30	34	39
		52			13			26		35	

ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

Hospitalizations No. (Rate)	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week	2			1		1
2018-19	2774(55.2)	130(44.3)	128(15.8)	435(21.2)	679(68.0)	1402(162.2)
2017-18	4549(90.5)	161(54.8)	143(17.6)	596(29.0)	1059(106.1)	2590(299.6)
2016-17	2556(51.5)	117(40.1)	133(16.5)	346(17.0)	576(58.1)	1384(166.8)
5 season average	2753(56.0)	160(55.0)	120(15.0)	448(22.1)	646(65.8)	1379(170.1)

Deaths No. (Rate)	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week						
2018-19	105(2.1)	2(0.7)	1(0.1)	9(0.4)	24(2.4)	69(8.0)
2017-18	291(5.8)	3(1.0)		27(1.3)	52(5.2)	209(24.2)
2016-17	97(2.0)	1(0.3)	1(0.1)	9(0.4)	16(1.6)	70(8.4)
5 season average	130(2.6)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.1)	15(0.7)	24(2.5)	88(10.9)

