

## **Flu Watch**

#### MMWR Week 37: September 6 to September 12, 2020

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

#### **Geographic Spread**

South Carolina reported **no activity** this week.

**Virologic Surveillance** 

This week 1 lab-confirmed test was reported.

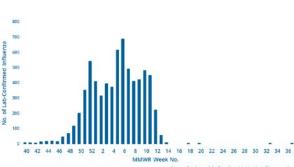
In the current flu season, there have been

6727 lab-confirmed tests reported.

#### **Influenza Activity**



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



Data displayed is for the 2019-20 Influenza Season.

### 2% 1% 22-Aug 29-Aug 5-Sep 12-Sep Week Ending Data displayed is for 2019-20, Influenza Season.

#### **Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations**

This week **3** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **26** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **58.8 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **2991** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

#### Regional Influenza Activity



#### Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **1.7%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline **(3.6%)**. The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**.

#### **Influenza-Associated Deaths**

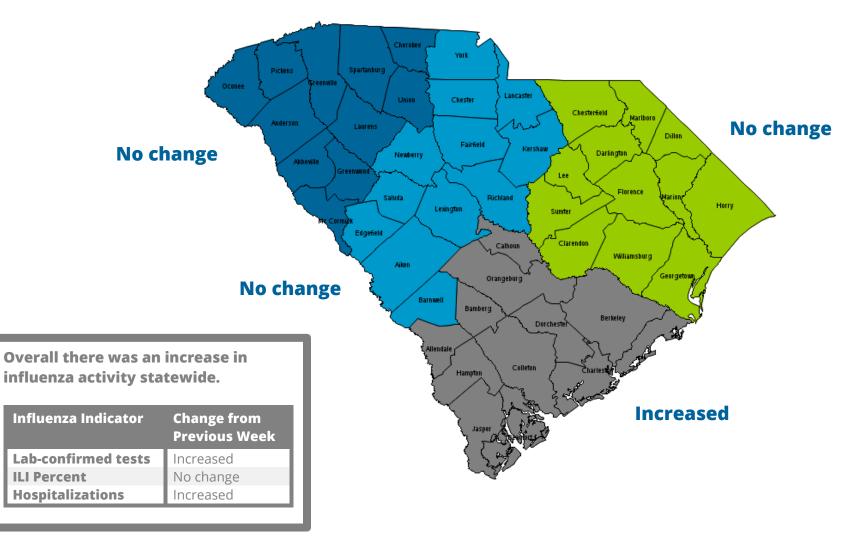
This week **0** influenza-associated death was reported. The cumulative mortality rate is **2.8 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **141** influenza-associated deaths.

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

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

# Influenza Activity\*

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



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

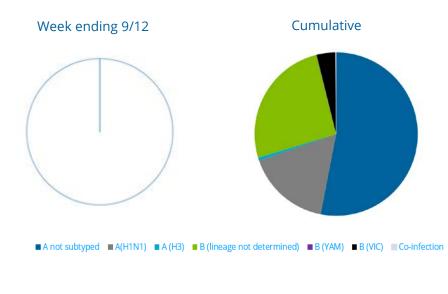
### **Virologic Surveillance**

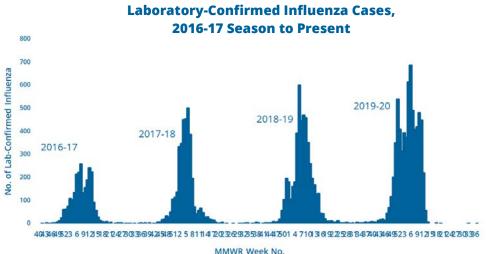
Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type To Date*								
No. of Cases (%)								
Influenza Type	This Week	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	5 season average			
Overall	1	6727	4627	3813	2641			
Influenza A	0(0.0)	4730(70.3)	4465(96.5)	2700(70.8)	2123(80.4)			
A(H3)		40(0.8)	594(13.3)	541(20.0)	410(19.3)			
A(H1N1)		1121(23.7)	371(8.3)	220(8.1)	250(11.8)			
A(NS)*		3569(75.5)	3500(78.4)	1939(71.8)	1463(68.9)			
Influenza B	1(100.0)	1988(29.6)	148(3.2)	1102(28.9)	518(19.6)			
B (Victoria)		249(12.5)	4(2.7)	2(0.2)	1(0.2)			
B(Yamagata)		6(0.3)		54(4.9)	11(2.1)			
B (LND)⁺	1(100.0)	1733(87.2)	144(97.3)	1046(94.9)	506(97.7)			
Influenza Virus Co-infection**	0(0.0)	9(0.1)	14(0.3)	11(0.3)	N/A			
*NS – not sub	typed	<sup>+</sup> LND – linea	ge not deter	mined				

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\*\*Cases with more than one influenza A subtype in the same sample or influenzas A and B in the same sample simultaneously.

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





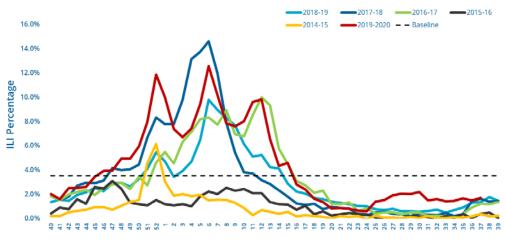
### **Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance**

This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **1.7%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers was attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline, **3.6%**.

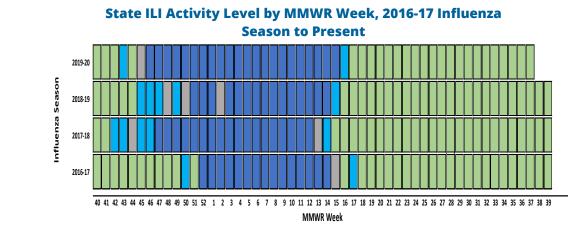
Reports were received from providers in **12** counties, representing all DHEC Public Health regions.

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

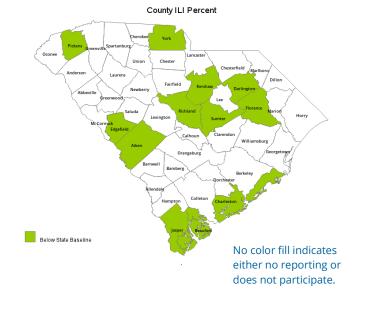
#### Percentage of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Visits Reported by Sentinel Providers for Past and Current Seasons



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ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

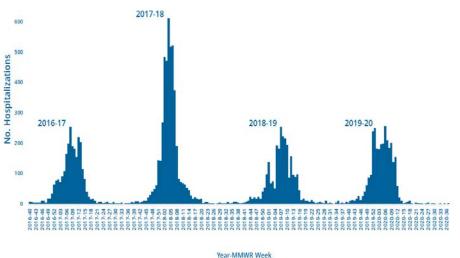


### **Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths**

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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	3(0.1)			1(0.1)	2(0.2)			
2019-20	2991(58.8)	160(53.9)	145(17.7)	631(30.3)	855(84.7)	1221(139.6)		
2018-19	2772(55.2)	130(44.3)	128(15.8)	434(21.1)	679(68.0)	1401(162.0)		
2017-18	4544(91.6)	161(55.2)	142(17.6)	596(29.2)	1059(106.8)	2586(311.7)		
5 season average	2915(59.5)	154(53.0)	129(16.1)	433(21.3)	661(67.4)	1538(192.7)		

	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	0(0.0)							
2019-20	141(2.8)		1(0.1)	24(1.2)	36(3.6)	80(9.1)		
2018-19	105(2.1)	2(0.7)	1(0.1)	8(0.4)	26(2.6)	68(7.9)		
2017-18	291(5.9)	3(1.0)		27(1.3)	52(5.2)	209(25.2)		
5 season average	135(2.8)	1(0.4)	1(0.1)	12(0.6)	25(2.6)	96(12.0)		

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