

# **Flu Watch**

### MMWR Week 45: November 1 to November 7, 2020

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

### **Influenza Activity**

**Virologic Surveillance** 

This week 6 lab-confirmed tests were reported.

In the current flu season, there have been 24

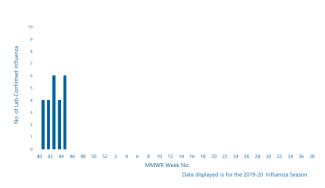
lab-confirmed tests reported.



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

### **Influenza Indicators**

Change from Previous Week
Increased
Increased
Increased

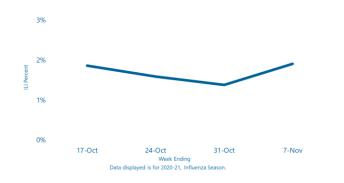


## Regional Influenza Activity



### Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **1.9%**, which is below South Carolina's baseline (**3.6%**). The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**.



#### Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **7** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by 38 hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is 0.5 per 100,000. In the current flu season, there have been **26** influenzaassociated hospitalizations.

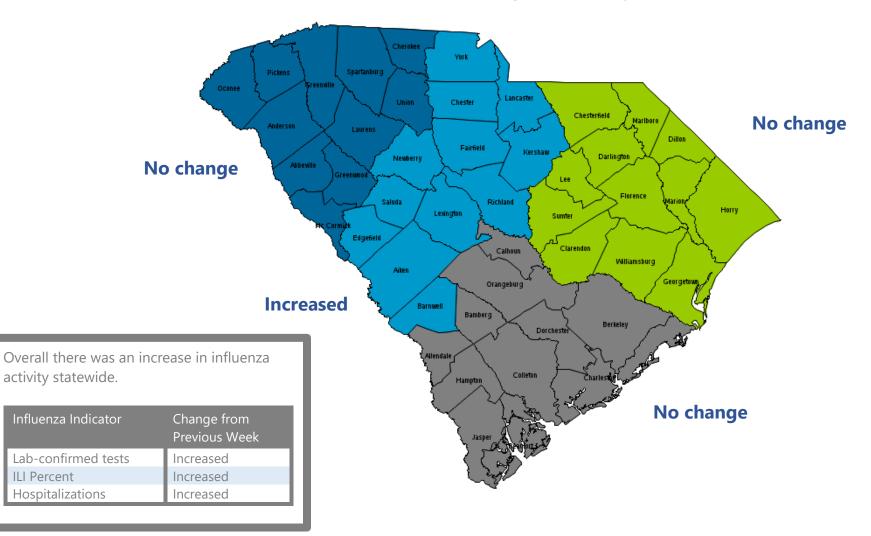
#### **Influenza-Associated Deaths**

This week **0** influenza-associated death was reported. The cumulative mortality rate is 0.0 per 100,000. In the current flu season, there has been **0** influenza-associated death.

For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: <u>http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/Infectio</u> usDiseases/Flu/FluData/

# 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	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	5 season average		
Overall	6	24	66	18	23		
Influenza A	1(16.7)	3(12.5)	35(53.0)	13(72.2)	15(68.2)		
A(H3)			6(17.1)		4(26.7)		
A(H1N1)	1(100.0)	1(33.3)	5(14.3)	5(38.5)	2(13.3)		
A(NS)**		2(66.7)	24(68.6)	8(61.5)	9(60.0)		
Influenza B	5(83.3)	21(87.5)	30(45.5)	5(27.8)	8(36.4)		
B (Victoria)			3(10.0)	1(20.0)	1(12.5)		
B(Yamagata)							
- В (LND)+	5(100.0)	21(100.0)	27(90.0)	4(80.0)	7(87.5)		
Influenza Virus Co-infection <sup>§</sup>	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	1(1.5)	0(0.0)	N/A		
Influenza/ SARS- CoV-2 Coinfection <sup>£</sup>	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	N/A	N/A		

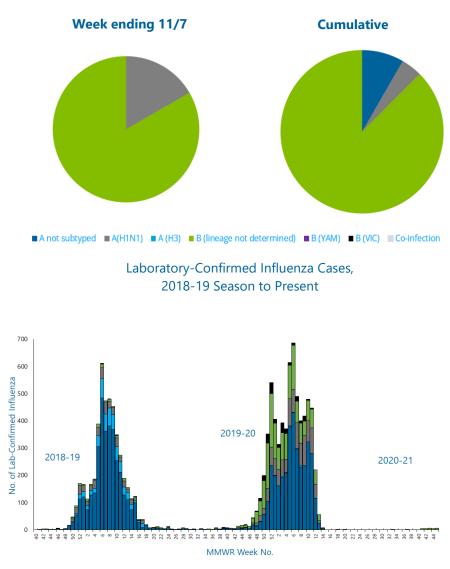
\*Data presented from previous influenza seasons represents the data from that season through the same week as the current season. Nationally, the influenza season begins with MMWR week 40 and ends with MMWR week 39. The 2020-21 influenza season began on September 27, 2020 and will end on October 3, 2021.

\*\*NS – not subtyped +LND – lineage not determined

<sup>§</sup>Cases with more than one influenza A subtype in the same sample or influenzas A and B in the same sample simultaneously.

<sup>£</sup>Cases who tested positive for influenza and SARS-CoV-2 viruses in the same sample.

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



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

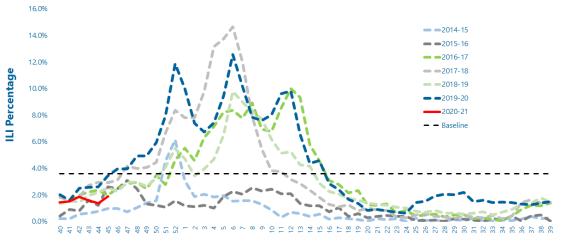
# Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and 1.9% of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is below the state baseline of 3.6%.

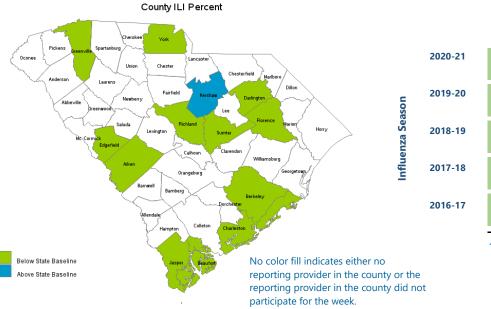
Reports were received from providers in 13 counties, representing all DHEC Public Health regions.

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

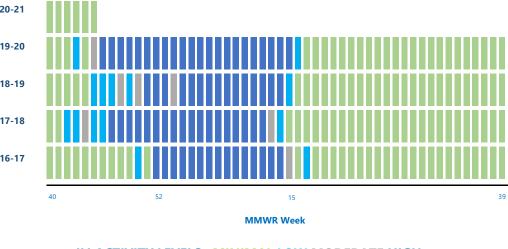
Percentage of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Visits Reported by Sentinel Providers for Past and Current Seasons



MMWR Week



State ILI Activity Level by MMWR Week, 2016-17 Influenza Season to Present



ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

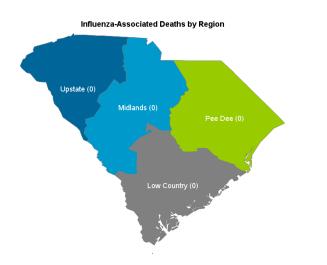
Flu Watch MMWR Week 45 Nov 1 – Nov 7, 2020

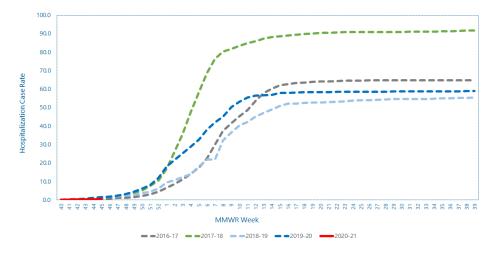
# Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group*							
No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)							
	Ages	Ages	Ages	Ages	Ages		
Overall	0-4	5-17	18-49	50-64	65+		
7(0.1)			3(0.1)	1(0.1)	3(0.3)		
26(0.5)	2(0.7)		9(0.4)	5(0.5)	10(1.1)		
83(1.7)	8(2.7)	1(0.1)	19(0.9)	16(1.6)	39(4.5)		
64(1.3)	4(1.4)	5(0.6)	16(0.8)	18(1.8)	21(2.5)		
64(1.3)	6(2.1)	3(0.3)	11(0.6)	16(1.6)	28(3.5)		
	<b>Overall</b> 7(0.1) 26(0.5) 83(1.7) 64(1.3)	Ages   Overall 0-4   7(0.1)    26(0.5) 2(0.7)   83(1.7) 8(2.7)   64(1.3) 4(1.4)	Ages Ages   Overall 0-4 5-17   7(0.1)     26(0.5) 2(0.7)    83(1.7) 8(2.7) 1(0.1)   64(1.3) 4(1.4) 5(0.6)	No. of Hospitalizations (Ra   Ages Ages Ages   Overall 0-4 5-17 18-49   7(0.1)   3(0.1)   26(0.5) 2(0.7)  9(0.4)   83(1.7) 8(2.7) 1(0.1) 19(0.9)   64(1.3) 4(1.4) 5(0.6) 16(0.8)	No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)   Ages		

Influenza-Associated Deaths by Age Group\*

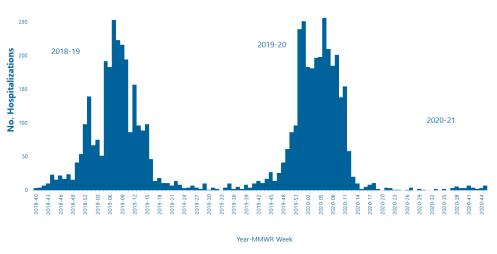
	No. of Deaths (Rate)						
Influenza Season	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+	
This Week	0(0.0)						
2020-21	0(0.0)						
2019-20	2(0.0)					2(0.1)	
2018-19	1(0.0)					1(0.1)	
5 season	2(0.0)					2(0.1)	
average							





Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons

#### Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations, 2018-19 Season to present



300