

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 50: December 6 to December 12, 2020

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Influenza Indicators

Influenza Activity

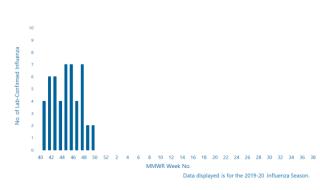


Overall, there was no change in influenza activity this week.

Virologic Surveillance

This week **2** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **49** lab-confirmed tests reported.

Influenza Indicator	Change from Previous Week			
Lab-confirmed tests	No change			
ILI Percent	No change			
Hospitalizations	Increased			

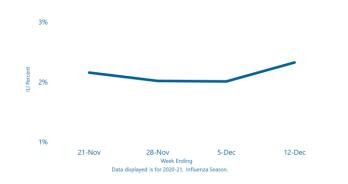


Regional Influenza Activity



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **2.3%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.6%**). The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**.



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **6** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **54** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **1.0 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **53** influenzaassociated hospitalizations.

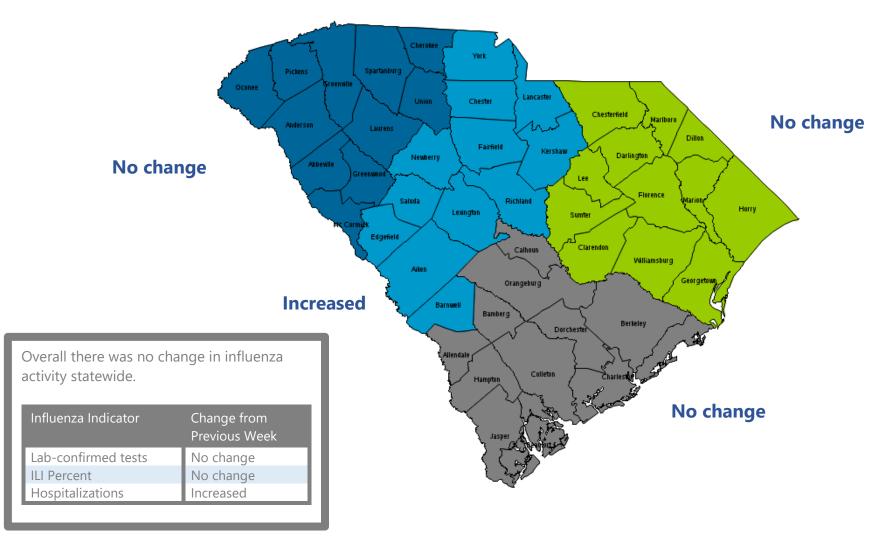
Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week **2** influenza-associated deaths were reported however, one death occurred during previous weeks. The cumulative mortality rate is **0.1 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **4** influenza-associated deaths.

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	2	49	509	93	162					
Influenza A	0(0.0)	7(14.3)	222(43.6)	78(83.9)	94(58.0)					
A(H3)			11(5.0)	9(11.5)	15(16.0)					
A(H1N1)		1(14.3)	64(28.8)	22(28.8)	19(20.2)					
A(NS)**		6(85.7)	147(66.2)	47(60.3)	60(63.8)					
Influenza B	2(100.0)	42(85.7)	285(56.0)	14(15.1)	68(42.0)					
B (Victoria)			35(12.3)	1(7.1)	7(10.3)					
B(Yamagata)					1(1.5)					
- В (LND)+	2(100.0)	42(100.0)	250(87.7)	13(92.9)	60(88.2)					
Influenza Virus Co-infection [§]	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	2(0.4)	1(1.1)	N/A					
Influenza/ SARS- CoV-2 Coinfection [£]	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	N/A	N/A					

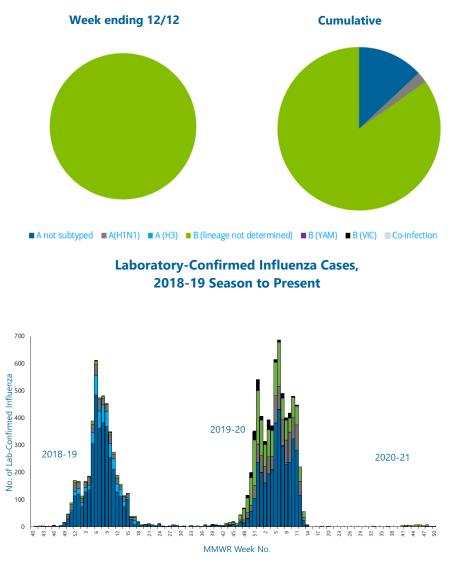
*Data presented from previous influenza seasons represents the data from that season through the same week as the current season. Nationally, the influenza season begins with MMWR week 40 and ends with MMWR week 39. The 2020-21 influenza season began on September 27, 2020 and will end on October 3, 2021.

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

[§]Cases with more than one influenza A subtype in the same sample or with influenza A and B viral types in the same sample simultaneously.

[£]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

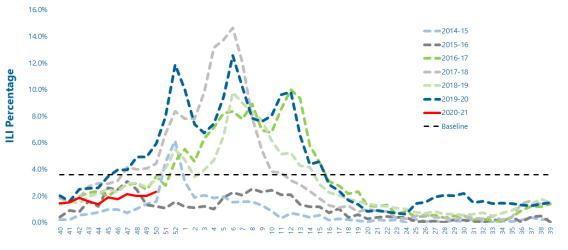
This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **2.3%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is below the state baseline of **3.6%**.

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

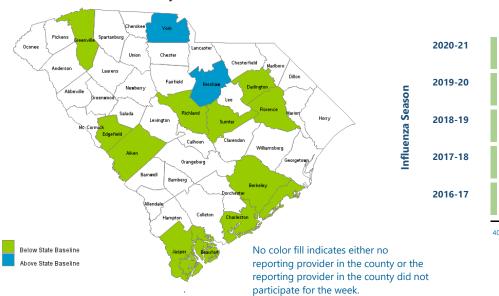
ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.

County ILI Percent

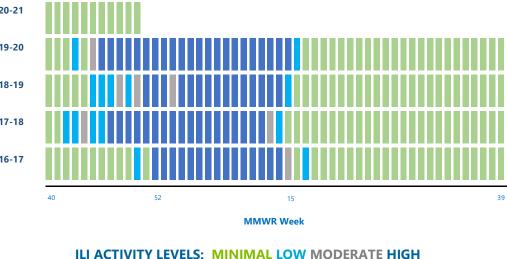
Percentage of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Visits Reported by Sentinel Providers for Past and Current Seasons



MMWR Week



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



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Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

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	6(0.1)			3(0.1)	1(0.1)	2(0.2)		
2020-21	53(1.0)	2(0.7)		19(0.9)	9(0.9)	23(2.6)		
2019-20	311(6.2)	26(8.9)	22(2.7)	66(3.2)	82(8.2)	115(13.3)		
2018-19	184(3.7)	11(3.8)	8(1.0)	33(1.6)	51(5.1)	81(9.8)		
5 season average	200(4.1)	15(5.2)	11(1.3)	34(1.6)	50(5.1)	90(11.2)		
Influenza-Associated Deaths by Age Group*								
	No. of Deaths (Rate)							
Influenza		Ages	Ages	Ages	Ages	Ages		

5-17

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18-49

1(0.1)

2(0.1)

1(0.1)

50-64

1(0.1)

1(0.1)

5(0.5)

2(0.2)

65+

1(0.1)

2(0.2)

9(1.0)

8(0.9)

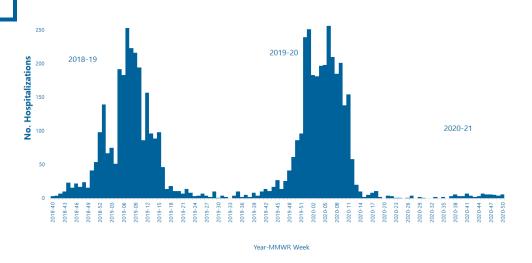
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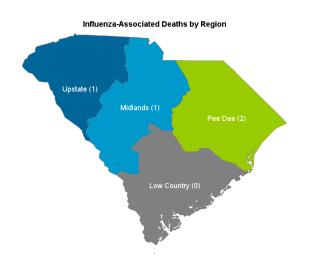
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100.0 90.0 80.0 70.0 Hospitalization Case Rate 60.0 50.0 40.0 30.0 20.0 10.0 0.0 MMWR Week **— — 2**016-17 **— — 2**017-18 **— — 2**018-19 **— — 2**019-20 **— — 2**020-21

Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons

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





Season

This Week

2020-21

2019-20

2018-19

5 season

average

Overall

1(0.0)

4(0.1)

12(0.2)

14(0.3)

10(0.2)

0-4

1(0.3)
