

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 1: January 3 to January 9, 2021

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

Influenza Activity



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

Influenza Indicators

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

Regional Influenza Activity Decreased Decreased Decreased



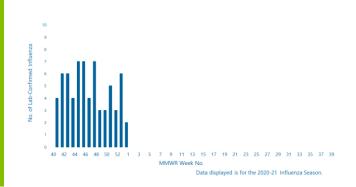
No change



Decreased

Virologic Surveillance

This week 2 lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been 68 lab-confirmed tests reported.



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **2.7**%, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.6**%). The ILI activity level overall was **low**.

2%

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **1** influenza-associated hospitalization was reported by **39** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **1.4 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **70** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week **2** influenza-associated deaths were reported, however both deaths occurred during previous weeks. The cumulative mortality rate is **0.1 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **7** influenza-associated deaths.

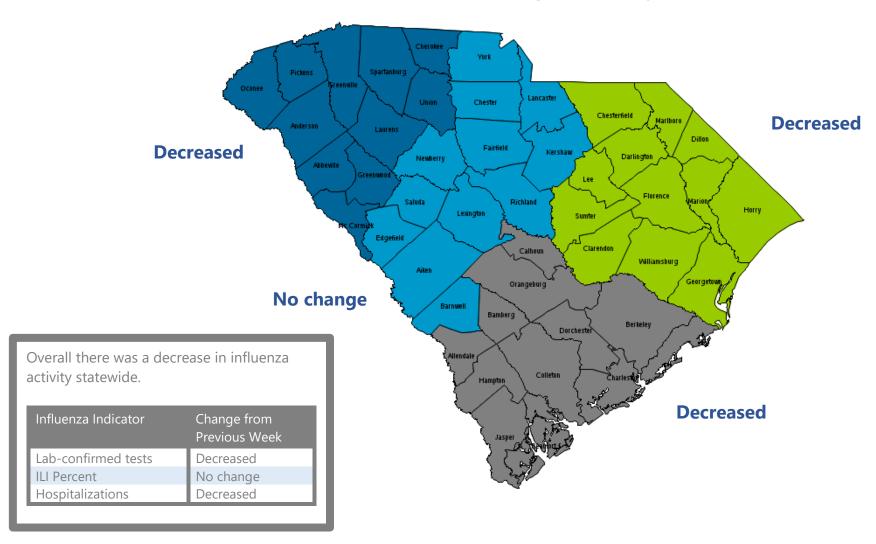
For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to:

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

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

Influenza Activity*

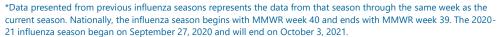
In the 4 Public Health Regions, activity showed



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

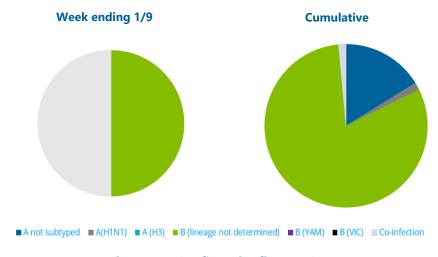
Virologic Surveillance

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	68	1811	521	610		
Influenza A	0(0.0)	12(17.6)	942(48.4)	482(90.4)	406(66.6)		
A(H3)			15(1.6)	50(10.4)	52(12.8)		
A(H1N1)		1(8.3)	242(25.7)	98(20.3)	74(18.2)		
A(NS)**		11(91.7)	685(72.7)	334(69.3)	280(69.0)		
Influenza B	1(50.0)	55(80.9)	863(51.2)	35(8.5)	204(33.4)		
B (Victoria)			116(13.4)	1(2.9)	23(11.3)		
B(Yamagata)			3(0.3)		3(1.5)		
B (LND)+	1(100.0)	55(100.0)	744(86.2)	34(97.1)	178(87.3)		
Influenza Virus Coinfection§	1(50.0)	1(1.5)	6(0.3)	4(0.8)	N/A		
Influenza/SARS- CoV-2 Coinfection [£]	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	N/A	N/A		

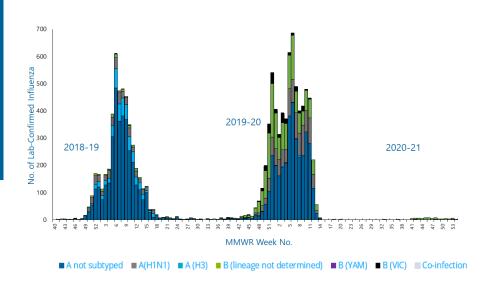


^{**}NS – not subtyped +LND – lineage not determined

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type



Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, 2018-19 Season to Present



[§]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.

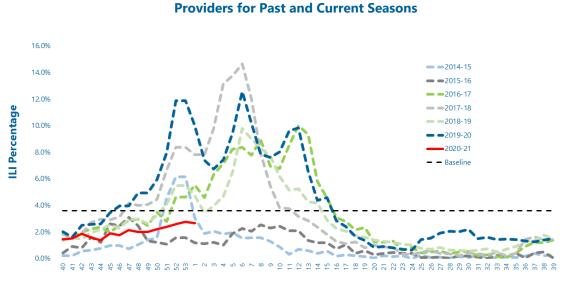
[£]Lab-confirmed influenza cases who also tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus in the same sample.

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **low** and **2.7%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is below the state baseline of **3.6%**.

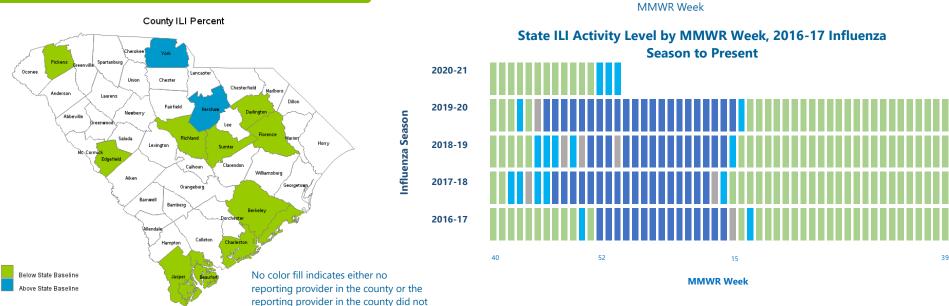
Reports were received from providers in **12** counties, representing all DHEC Public Health regions.

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



ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

Percentage of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Visits Reported by Sentinel



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participate for the week.

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

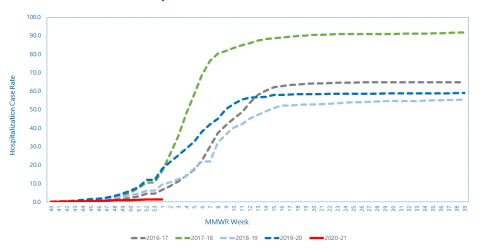
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group*							
	No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)						
Influenza Season	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+	
This Week	1(0.0)			1(0.1)			
2020-21	70(1.4)	2(0.7)		22(1.1)	13(1.3)	33(3.8)	
2019-20	916(18.2)	63(21.5)	58(7.2)	181(8.8)	259(25.9)	355(41.1)	
2018-19	475(9.6)	27(9.3)	13(1.6)	87(4.3)	121(12.2)	227(27.4)	
5 season average	534(10.8)	32(11.1)	24(3.0)	90(4.4)	132(13.4)	256(31.5)	

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	7(0.1)			1(0.1)	1(0.1)	5(0.6)
2019-20	32(0.6)			7(0.3)	6(0.6)	19(2.2)
2018-19	20(0.4)	1(0.3)			9(0.9)	10(1.1)
5 season average	19(0.4)			2(0.1)	4(0.4)	13(1.5)

Upstate (4) Midlands (1) Pee Dee (2)

Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons



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

