

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 16: April 18 to April 24, 2021

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

Influenza Activity



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

Influenza Indicators

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

Regional Influenza Activity



No change



No change



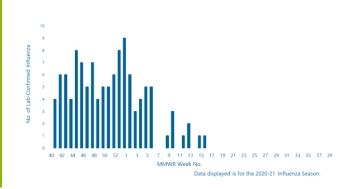
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Virologic Surveillance

This week 1 lab-confirmed test was reported. In the current flu season, there have been 116 labconfirmed tests reported.



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **0.6%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.6%**). The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**.

1%



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **7** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **36** hospitals, however **one** hospitalization occurred during previous weeks. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **3.0 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **154** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week **0** influenza-associated deaths were reported. The cumulative mortality rate is **0.4 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **18** influenza-associated deaths.

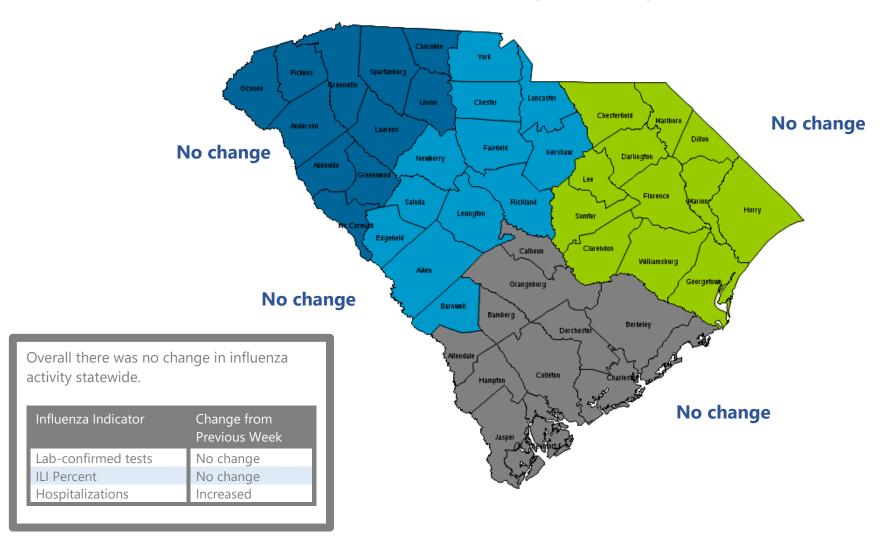
For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to:

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



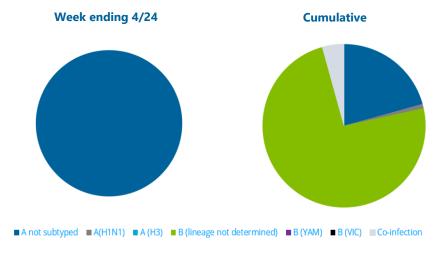
*Indicators for assessing influenza activity include: lab-confirmed tests, ILI percent, and hospitalizations.

Virologic Surveillance

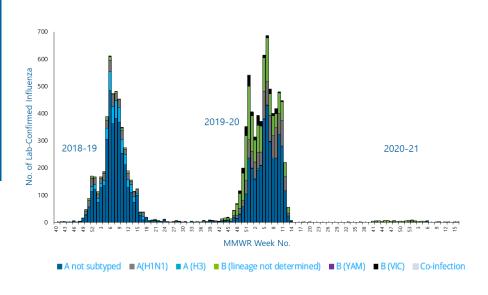
Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type to Date*							
	No. of Cases (%)						
Influenza Type	This Week	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	5 season average		
Overall	1	116	6722	4644	3693		
Influenza A	1(100.0)	25(21.6)	4729(70.4)	4495 (96.8)	2848(77.1)		
A(H3)			40(0.8)	571(12.7)	314(11.0)		
A(H1N1)		1(4.0)	1121(23.7)	445(9.9)	483(17.0)		
A(NS)**	1(100.0)	24(96.0)	3568(75.4)	3479(77.4)	2051(72.0)		
Influenza B	0(0.0)	86(74.1)	1984(29.5)	138(3.0)	845(22.9)		
B (Victoria)			249(12.6)	3(2.2)	51(6.0)		
B(Yamagata)			6(0.3)		12(1.4)		
B (LND)+	0(0.0)	86(100.0)	1729(87.1)	135(97.8)	782(92.5)		
Influenza Virus Coinfection§	0(0.0)	5(4.3)	9(0.1)	11(0.2)	N/A		
Influenza/SARS- CoV-2 Coinfection [£]	0(0.0)	15(13.8)	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.

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type



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



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

⁵Cases with more than one influenza A subtype in the same sample or with influenza A and B viral types in the same sample simultaneously.

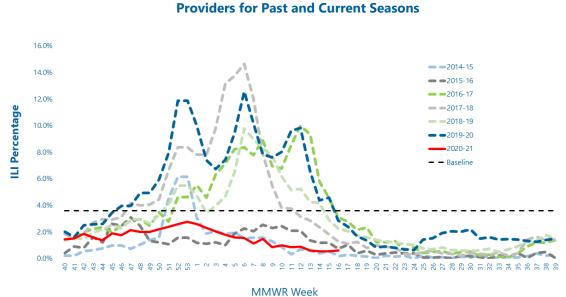
[£]Lab-confirmed influenza cases who also tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus from specimens collected on the same date.

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

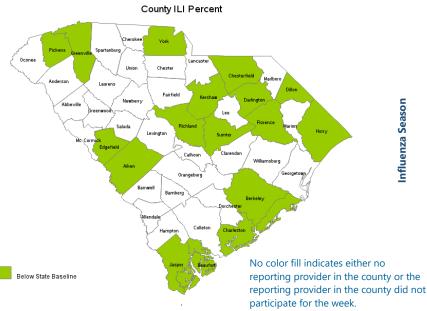
This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **0.6%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is below the state baseline of **3.6%**.

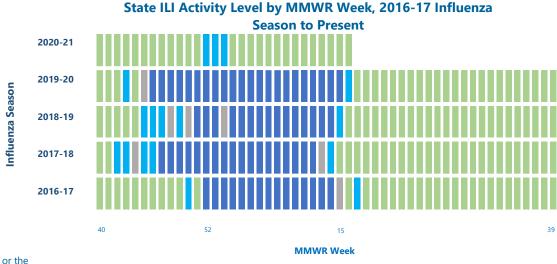
Reports were received from providers in **17** counties, representing all DHEC Public Health regions.

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





ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

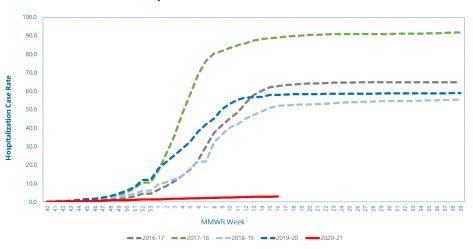
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group*						
	No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)					
Influenza Season	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week	6(0.1)			1(0.1)	2(0.2)	3(0.3)
2020-21	154(3.0)	2(0.7)		45(2.2)	35(3.5)	72(8.2)
2019-20	2967(59.1)	160(54.5)	144(17.8)	618(30.0)	843(84.5)	1202(139.0)
2018-19	2682 (53.0)	123(42.1)	123(15.3)	405(19.8)	645(65.1)	1332(160.6)
5 season average	2832(57.8)	145(49.8)	129(16.1)	467(23.0)	700(71.4)	1391(174.0)

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	18(0.4)			2(0.1)	2(0.2)	14(1.6)
2019-20	134(2.6)		1(0.1)	23(1.1)	36(3.6)	74(8.5)
2018-19	96(1.9)	2(0.7)	1(0.1)	7(0.3)	23(2.3)	63(7.2)
5 season average	129(2.6)	1(0.3)	1(0.1)	15(0.7)	27(2.7)	85(9.9)

Upstate (6) Midlands (1) Pee Dee (10)

Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons



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

