

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 29: July 18 to July 24, 2021

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Influenza Indicators

Influenza Activity

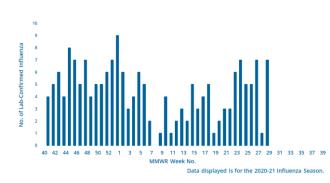


Due to the low number of reported influenza cases, the influenza activity level is not listed in this report.

Virologic Surveillance

This week **7** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **185** lab-confirmed tests reported.

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

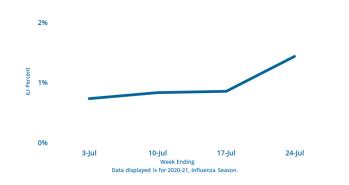


_____Regional Influenza Activity



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **1.4%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.6%**). The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**.



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **1** influenza-associated hospitalization was reported by **30** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **3.3 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **169** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

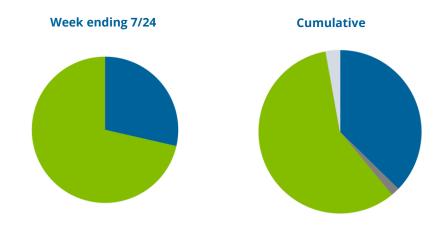
Influenza-Associated Deaths

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: <u>http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/Infe</u> ctiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/

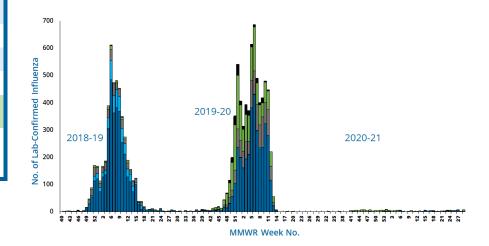
Virologic Surveillance

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type



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

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



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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	7	185	6725	4775	3771			
Influenza A	2(28.6)	71(38.4)	4730(70.3)	4609 (96.5)	2894(76.7)			
A(H3)			40(0.8)	598(13.0)	333(11.5)			
A(H1N1)		3(4.2)	1121(23.7)	465(10.1)	491(17.0)			
A(NS)**	2(100.0)	68(95.8)	3569(75.5)	3546(76.9)	2070(71.5)			
Influenza B	5(71.4)	109(58.9)	1986(29.5)	153(3.2)	877(23.3)			
B (Victoria)			249(12.5)	3(2.0)	51(5.8)			
B(Yamagata)			6(0.3)		12(1.4)			
B (LND) ⁺	5(100.0)	109(100.0)	1731(87.2)	150(98.0)	814(92.8)			
Influenza Virus Coinfection [§]	0(0.0)	5(2.7)	9(0.1)	13(0.3)	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.

**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.

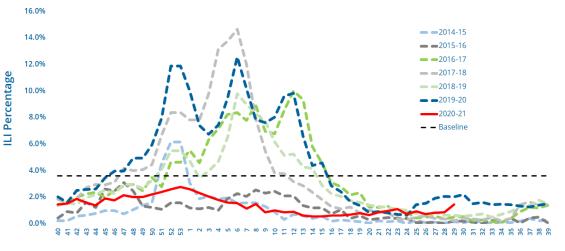
Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **1.4%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline of **3.6%**.

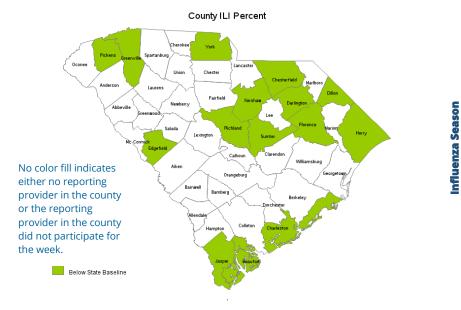
Reports were received from providers in **15** counties, representing all DHEC Public Health regions.

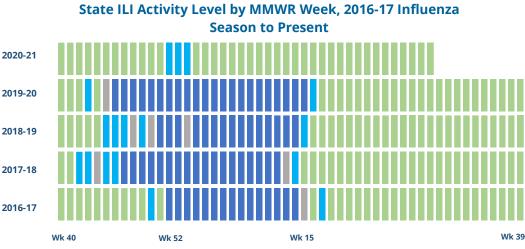
ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.

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



MMWR Week



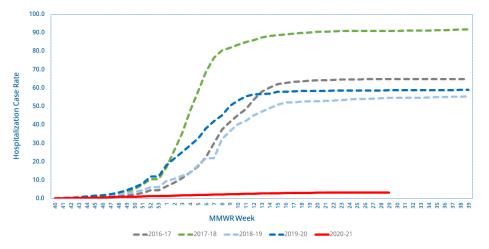


ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

	Influen	za- Associate	ed Hospitaliz	ations by Ag	e Group*			
	No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)							
Influenza Season	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+		
This Week 2020-21	1(0.0) 169(3.3)	 2(0.7)		 48(2.3)	 38(3.8)	1(0.1) 81(9.3)		
2019-20 2018-19	3004(59.8) 2744 (55.3)	160(54.5) 127(43.5)	145(17.9) 127(15.8)	630(30.6) 422(20.7)	851(85.3) 675(68.1)	1218(140.9) 1393(167.9)		
5 season average	2930(59.8)	150(51.6)	135(16.9)	485(23.9)	725(74.0)	1435(179.6)		
Influenza-Associated Deaths by Age Group*								
	No. of Deaths (Rate)							
			NO. OT D	eatris (Rate)				
Influenza Season	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+		
	Overall 0(0.0)		Ages	Ages		<u> </u>		
Season		0-4	Ages	Ages		65+		
Season This Week	0(0.0)	0-4	Ages	Ages 18-49	50-64	65+ 		
Season This Week 2020-21	0(0.0) 18(0.4)	0-4 	Ages 5-17 	Ages 18-49 2(0.1)	50-64 2(0.2)	65+ 14(1.6)		





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

