

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 34: August 22 to August 28, 2021

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

Influenza Indicators

Influenza Activity

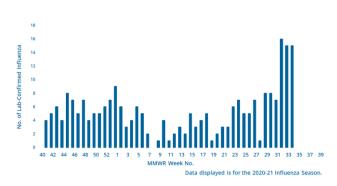


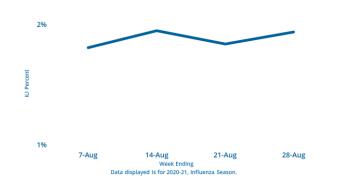
Due to the low number of reported influenza cases, the influenza activity level is not listed in this report.

Virologic Surveillance

This week **15** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **248** lab-confirmed tests reported.

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





Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **5** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **26** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **3.6 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **184** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

<u>Reg</u>ional Influ<u>enza Activ</u>ity



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 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/

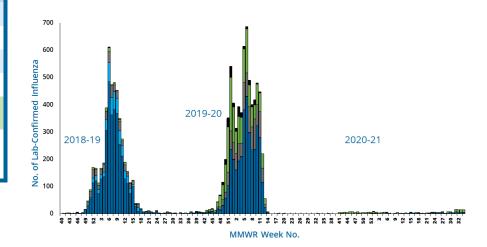
Virologic Surveillance

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type



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





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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	15	248	6726	4786	3777				
Influenza A	5(33.3)	92(39.1)	4730(70.3)	4618 (96.5)	2898(76.7)				
A(H3)			40(0.8)	601(13.0)	334(11.5)				
A(H1N1)	2(40.0)	5(5.2)	1121(23.7)	465(10.1)	492(17.0)				
A(NS)**	3(60.0)	97(94.8)	3569(75.5)	3552(76.9)	2072(71.5)				
Influenza B	10(66.7)	146(58.9)	1987(29.5)	154(3.2)	879(23.3)				
B (Victoria)			249(12.5)	3(1.9)	51(5.8)				
B(Yamagata)			6(0.3)		12(1.4)				
B (LND) ⁺	10(100.0)	146(100.0)	1732(87.2)	151(98.1)	816(92.8)				
Influenza Virus Coinfection [§]	0(0.0)	5(2.0)	9(0.1)	14(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.

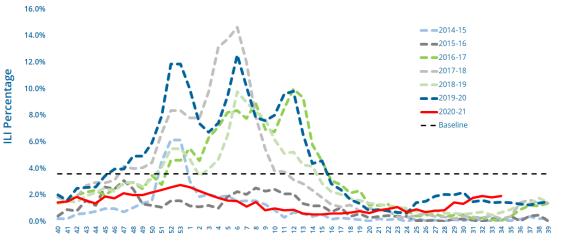
Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

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

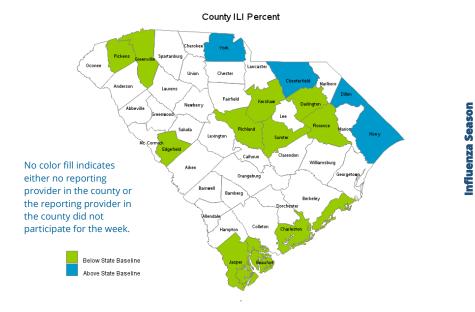
Reports were received from providers in **15** counties, representing all DHEC Public Health regions.

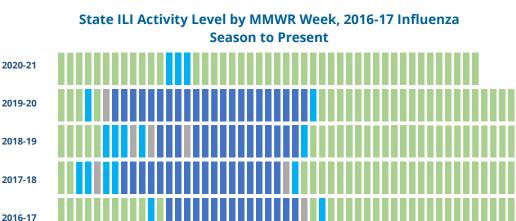
ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.

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



MMWR Week





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ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

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Wk 39

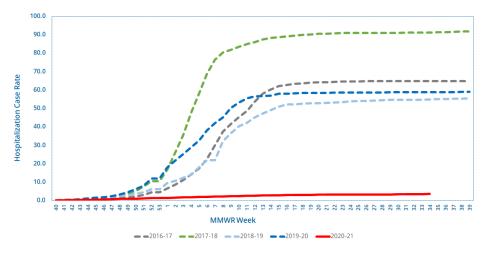
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

	Influen	za- Associate	ed Hospitaliz	ations by Age	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	5(0.1)			2(0.1)	1(0.1)	2(0.2)		
2020-21	184(3.6)	2(0.7)		53(2.6)	40(4.0)	89(10.2)		
2019-20	3007(59.8)	160(54.5)	145(17.9)	630(30.6)	852(85.4)	1220(141.1)		
2018-19	2755 (55.5)	129(44.2)	127(15.8)	425(20.8)	676(68.2)	1398(168.5)		
5 season average	2938(59.9)	151(51.7)	135(16.9)	487(24.0)	727(74.1)	1438(180.0)		
Influenza-Associated Deaths by Age Group*								
	No. of Deaths (Rate)							
Influenza		Ages	Ages	Ages	Ages	Ages		
Season	Overall	0-4	5-17	18-49	50-64	65+		
Season This Week	Overall 0(0.0)		5-17	18-49				
		0-4	5-17 	18-49 2(0.1)		65+		
This Week	0(0.0)	0-4	5-17 1(0.1)		50-64	65+ 		
This Week 2020-21	0(0.0) 18(0.4)	0-4 		 2(0.1)	50-64 2(0.2)	65+ 14(1.6)		

Influenza-Associated Deaths by Region

Midlands (1)

Upstate (6)



Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons

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

