

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 46: November 14 to November 20, 2021

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

Geographic Spread



Influenza Indicators

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

Regional Influenza Activity



Increased



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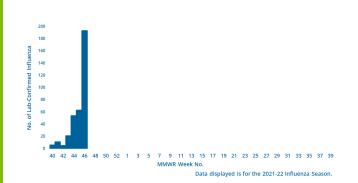
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No change

Virologic Surveillance

This week **193** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been 353 lab-confirmed tests reported.



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was 2.0%, which is below South Carolina's baseline (3.6%). The ILI activity level overall was minimal.



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week 5 influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by 42 hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **0.4 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been 26 influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week **0** influenza-associated deaths were reported. The cumulative mortality rate is **0.0** per 100,000. In the current flu season, there has been 1 influenza-associated death.

For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: https://www.scdhec.gov/FluWatch

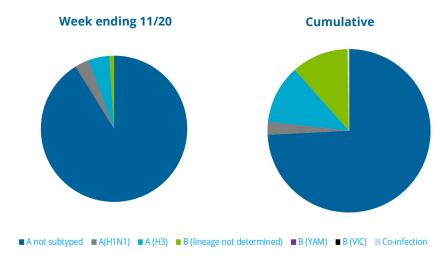
For national surveillance, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Virologic Surveillance

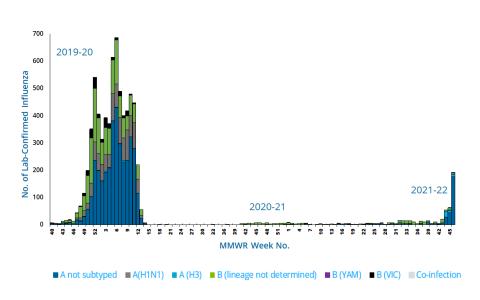
Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type to Date*							
	No. of Cases (%)						
Influenza Type	This Week	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	5 season average		
Overall	193	353	34	80	38		
Influenza A	191(99.0)	312(88.4)	5(14.7)	40(50.0)	21(55.3)		
A(H3)	9(4.7)	41(13.1)		6(15.0)	6(28.6)		
A(H1N1)	6(3.1)	9(2.9)	1(20.0)	6(15.0)	3(14.3)		
A(NS)**	176(92.1)	262(84.0)	4(80.0)	28(70.0)	12(57.1)		
Influenza B	2(1.0)	40(11.3)	28(82.4)	39(48.8)	16(42.1)		
B (Victoria)				3(7.7)	1(6.3)		
B(Yamagata)							
B (LND) ⁺	2(100.0)	40(100.0)	28(100.0)	36(92.3)	15(93.8)		
Influenza Virus Coinfection§	0(0.0)	1(0.3)	1(2.9)	1(1.3)	1(2.6)		
Influenza/SARS -CoV-2 Coinfection [£]	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	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 2021-22 influenza season began on October 3, 2021 and will end on October 1, 2022.

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type



Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, 2019-20 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.

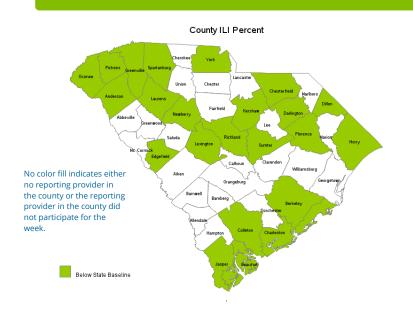
[£]Lab-confirmed influenza cases who also tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus from specimens collected on the same date.

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

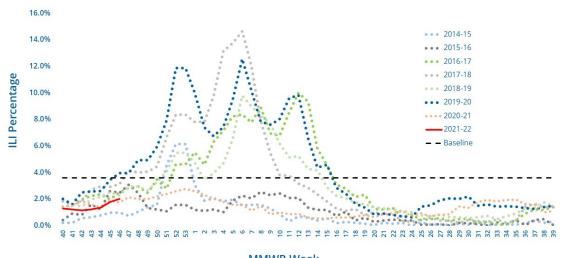
This week, the ILI activity level was minimal and 2.0% of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline of **3.6%**.

Reports were received from providers in 23 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.

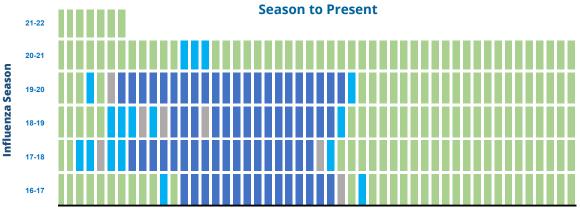


Percentage of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Visits Reported by **Sentinel Providers for Past and Current Seasons**



MMWR Week

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



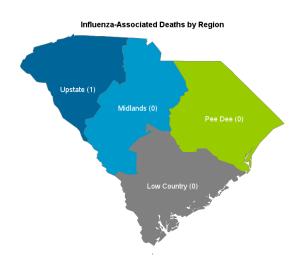
ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

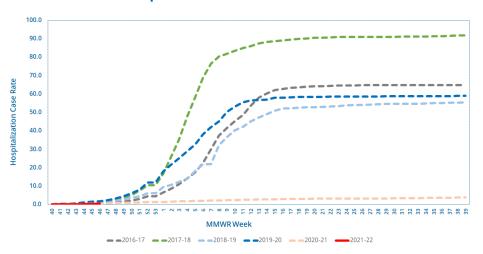
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group*							
	No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)						
Influenza Season	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+	
This Week	5(0.1)			3(0.1)	1(0.1)	1(0.1)	
2021-22	26(0.5)	2(0.6)	1(0.1)	8(0.4)	5(0.5)	10(1.1)	
2020-21	32 (0.6)	2(0.7)		11(0.5)	8(0.8)	11(1.3)	
2019-20	97 (2.0)	12(4.1)	1(0.1)	19(0.9)	22(2.2)	43(5.2)	
5 season average	65(1.3)	4(1.5)	2(0.2)	13(0.6)	15(1.6)	31(3.9)	

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)						
2021-22	1(0.0)					1(0.1)	
2020-21	2(0.0)			1(0.1)	1(0.1)		
2019-20	3(0.1)					3(0.3)	
5 season average	1(0.0)					1(0.1)	

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Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons



Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations, 2019-20 Season to present

