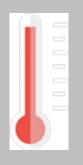


# Flu Watch

MMWR Week 46: November 12 to November 18, 2023

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

# **Geographic Spread**



South Carolina reported widespread activity this week.

### Influenza Indicators

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

# Regional Influenza Activity



No Change



No Change



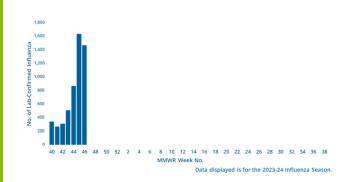
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# **Virologic Surveillance**

This week **1,457** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **5,333** lab-confirmed tests reported.



# Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **6.0%**, which is **above** South Carolina's baseline (**3.2%**). The ILI activity level overall was **high**.

# 7% 6% 5% 4% 4% 2% 1% 0% 28-Oct 4-Nov 11-Nov 18-Nov Week Ending 11-Nov 18-Nov

# **Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations**

This week **79** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **55** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **5.3 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **270** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

### **Influenza-Associated Deaths**

This week, **1** influenza-associated death was reported. The cumulative mortality rate is **0.1 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **4** influenza-associated deaths.

For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: <a href="http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/">http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/</a>

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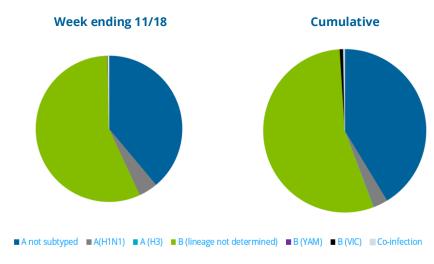
# **Virologic Surveillance**

Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type to Date*							
	No. of Cases (%)						
Influenza Type	This Week	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	5 season average		
Overall	1457	5333	32271	544	6591		
Influenza A	628(43.1)	2359(44.2)	31661(98.1)	491(90.3)	6443(97.8)		
A(H3)		4(0.2)	737(2.3)	44(9.0)	158(2.5)		
A(H1N1)	61(9.7)	152(6.4)	720(2.3)	10(2.0)	149(2.3)		
A(NS)**	567(90.3)	2203(93.4)	30204(95.4)	437(89.0)	6136(95.2)		
Influenza B	825(56.6)	2959(55.5)	566(1.8)	53(9.7)	139(2.1)		
B (Victoria)	2(0.2)	39(1.3)			1(0.7)		
B(Yamagata)							
B (LND)⁺	823(99.8)	2920(98.7)	566(100.0)	53(100.0)	138(99.3)		
Influenza Virus Coinfection <sup>§</sup>	4(0.3)	15(0.3)	44(0.1)	-	9(0.1)		

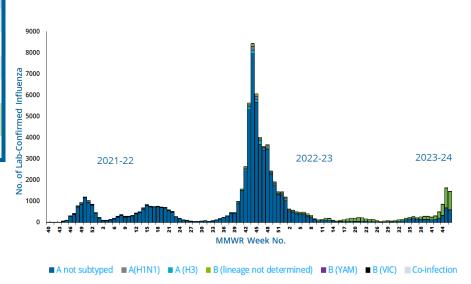


<sup>\*\*</sup>NS - not subtyped +LND - lineage not determined

## **Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type**



# Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, 2021-22 Season to Present



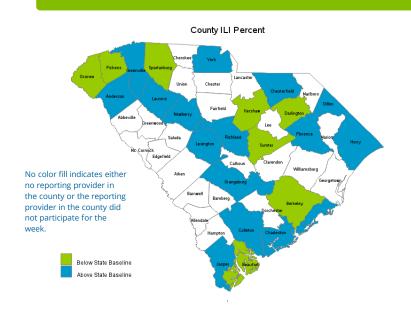
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>§</sup>Cases with more than one influenza A subtype in the same sample or with influenza A and B viral types in the same sample simultaneously.

# Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

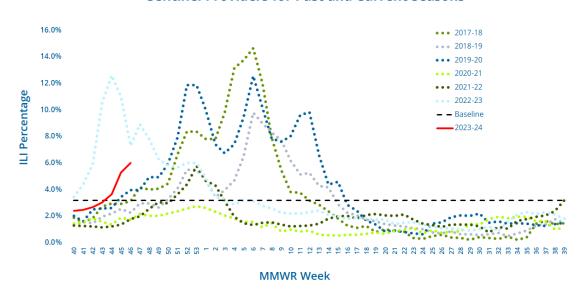
This week, the ILI activity level was **high** and **6.0%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **above** the state baseline of **3.2%**.

Reports were received from providers in **23** counties, representing all DHEC Public Health regions.

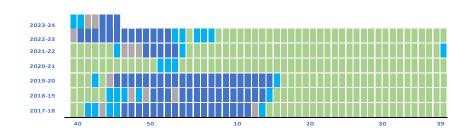
\*\*ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.\*\*



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



State ILI Activity Level by MMWR Week, 2017-18 Influenza
Season to Present



ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

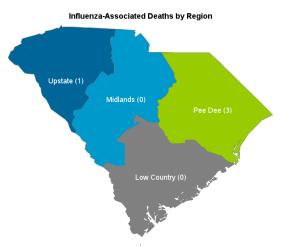
# Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

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	79(1.6)	4(1.4)	5(0.6)	18(0.9)	17(1.7)	35(3.9)
2023-24	270(5.3)	12(4.2)	18(2.2)	58(2.8)	57(5.7)	125(13.9)
2022-23	1275(25.1)	41(14.4)	75(9.1)	287(13.9)	252(25.0)	620(68.8)
2021-22	26(0.5)	2(0.7)	1(0.1)	8(0.4)	5(0.5)	10(1.1)
5 season average	303(6.0)	12(4.3)	16(2.0)	69(3.3)	62(6.1)	144(16.0)

### 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	1(0.0)				1(0.1)	
2023-24	4(0.1)				1(0.1)	3(0.3)
2022-23	34(0.7)		2(0.2)		5(0.5)	27(3.0)
2021-22	2(0.0)					2(0.2)
5 season	9(0.2)		1(0.1)		1(0.1)	7(0.8)
average						

\*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 2023-24 influenza season began on October 1, 2023 and will end on September 28, 2024.



### **Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons**



# Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations, 2021-22 Season to Present

