

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 9: February 25, 2024 to March 2, 2024

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Influenza Indicators

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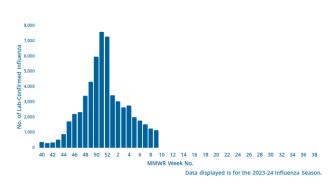
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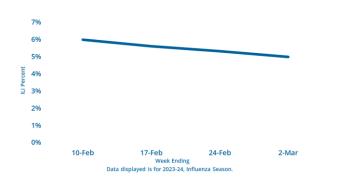
South Carolina reported **widespread activity** this week.

Virologic Surveillance

This week **1,120** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **56,068** lab-confirmed tests reported.

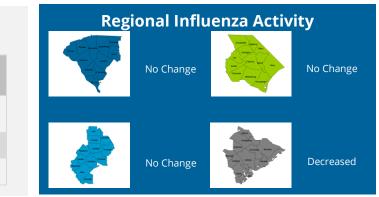
Influenza Indicator	Change from Previous Week
Lab-confirmed tests	No Change
ILI Percent	No Change
Hospitalizations	No Change





Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **105** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **47** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **87.5 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **4442** influenza-associated hospitalizations.



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **5.0%**, which is **above** South Carolina's baseline (**3.2%**). The ILI activity level overall was **high**.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week, **1** influenza-associated death was reported. The cumulative mortality rate is **2.2 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **114** 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> <u>ctiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/</u>

Virologic Surveillance

Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type to Date*						
	No. of Cases (%)					
enza pe	This Week	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	5 season average	
	1120	56068	54588	8130	14346	
Α	752(67.1)	33301(59.4)	53065(97.2)	7869(96.8)	13599(94.8)	
	19(2.5)	168(0.5)	1015(1.9)	261(3.3)	341(2.5)	
)	35(4.7)	3123(9.4)	1800(3.4)	408(5.2)	684(5.0)	
	698(92.8)	30010(90.1)	50250(94.7)	7200(91.5)	12574(92.5)	
a B	367(32.8)	22541(40.2)	1452(2.7)	254(3.1)	727(5.1)	
ria)		113(0.5)			48(6.6)	
gata)					1(0.1)	
÷	367(100.0)	22428(99.5)	1452(100.0)	254(100.0)	678(93.3)	

Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type

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71(0.1)

7(0.1)

**NS - not subtyped +LND - lineage not determined

Influenza

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Overall

Influenza A

A(H1N1)

A(NS)**

Influenza B B (Victoria) B(Yamagata) B (LND)⁺

Influenza Virus

Coinfection[§]

A(H3)

1(0.1)

[§]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.

226(0.4)

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

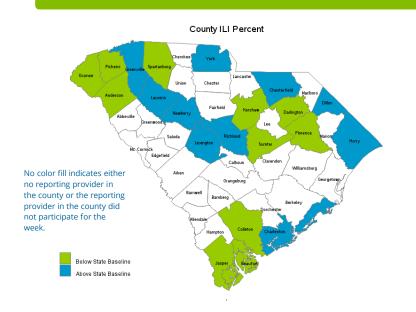
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Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

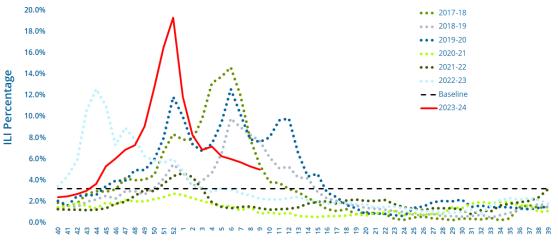
This week, the ILI activity level was **high** and **5.0%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **above** the state baseline of **3.2%**.

Reports were received from providers in **21** 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



Season to Present

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

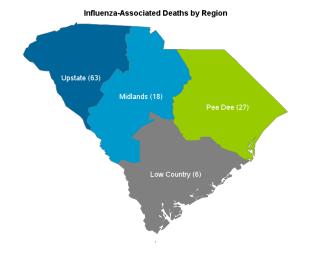
ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

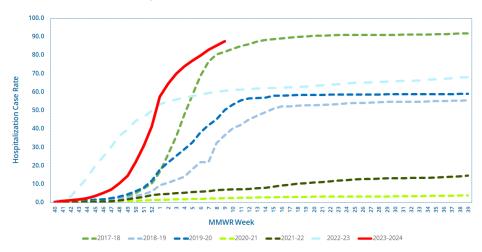
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group* No. of Hospitalizations (Rate)						
Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+	
105(2.1)	7(2.5)	2(0.2)	16(0.8)	28(2.8)	52(5.8)	
4442(87.5)	165(57.8)	189(22.9)	837(40.6)	1128(111.9)	2123(235.5)	
3082(60.7)	84(29.4)	120(14.6)	552(26.8)	679(67.4)	1647(182.7)	
350(6.9)	25(8.8)	18(2.2)	76(3.7)	72(7.1)	159(17.6)	
1594(31.4)	71(24.9)	74(9.0)	298(14.5)	391(38.8)	760(84.3)	
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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	114(2.2)		3(0.4)	8(0.4)	27(2.7)	76(8.4)	
2022-23	141(2.8)		5(0.6)	6(0.3)	29(2.9)	101(11.2)	
2021-22	19(0.4)			1(0.0)	5(0.5)	13(1.4)	
5 season average	70(1.4)		1(0.1)	7(0.3)	18(1.8)	44(4.9)	

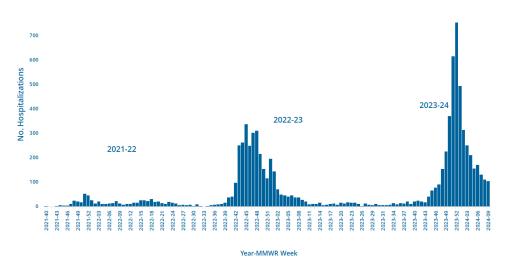
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Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons

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



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