

### Flu Watch

MMWR Week 2: January 6 to January 12, 2019

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

#### **Geographic Spread**



South Carolina reported widespread activity this week. This is the **third** consecutive week at widespread activity.

#### **Influenza Activity**



Overall, there was **a decrease** in influenza activity this week.

#### **Regional Influenza Activity**



Decrease



No change



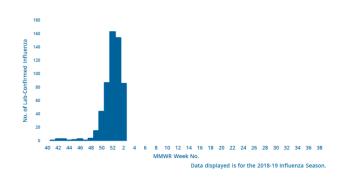
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#### **Virologic Surveillance**

This week there were **86** lab-confirmed tests reported. Influenza A was most frequently reported. In the current flu season, there has been **570** lab-confirmed tests reported.



#### Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **3.43%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline **(3.53%)**. The ILI activity level overall was providence.



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#### **Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations**

This week **67** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **54** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **10.8 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **542** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

#### **Influenza-Associated Deaths**

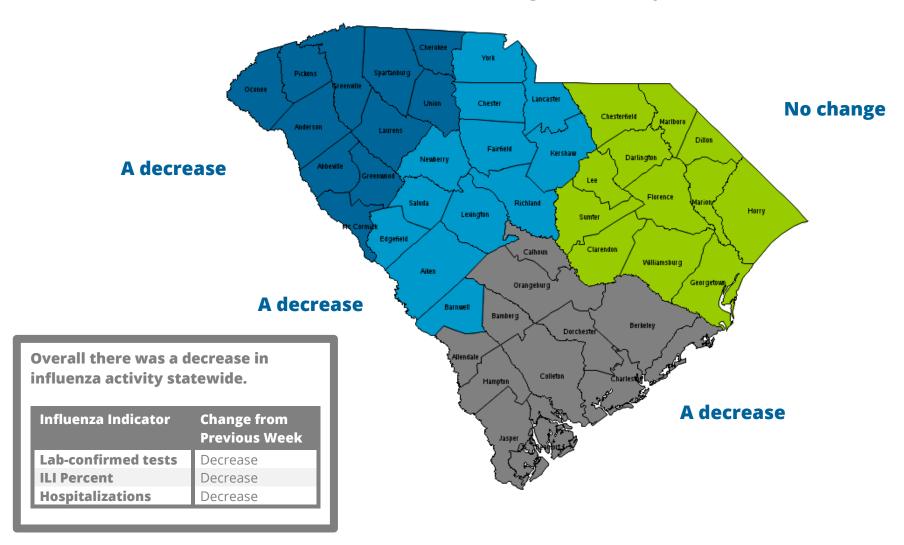
This week **5** influenza-associated deaths were reported; however, **3** deaths occurred during previous weeks. The cumulative mortality rate is **0.4 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **19** influenza-associated deaths.

For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/Infe

For national surveillance, please visit: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/">https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/</a>

# Influenza Activity\*

#### In the 4 Public Health Regions, activity showed...



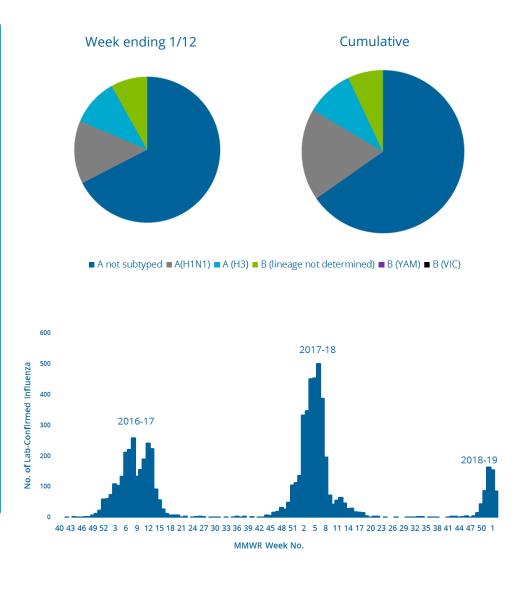
<sup>\*</sup>Indicators for assessing influenza activity include: lab-confirmed tests, ILI percent, and hospitalizations.

## **Virologic Surveillance**

Influenza Type	Season Totals To Date							
No. (%)	This Week	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	5 season average			
Overall	86	570	847	246	394			
Influenza A	79 (91.9)	530(93.0)	700(82.6)	178(72.4)	346(87.9)			
A(H3)	9 (11.4)	54(10.2)	200(28.6)	80(44.9)	102(29.4)			
A(H1N1)	12 (15.2)	104(19.6)	39(5.6)	11(6.2)	78(22.6)			
A(NS)*	58 (73.4)	372(70.2)	461(65.9)	87(48.9)	166(48)			
Influenza B	7 (8.1)	40(7.0)	147(17.4)	68(27.6)	48(12.1)			
B (Victoria)					0			
B (Yamagata)			17(11.6)		4(7.1)			
B (LND) <sup>+</sup>	7 (100)	40(100)	130(88.4)	68(100)	44(92.9)			

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

Nationally, the influenza season begins with MMWR week 40 and ends with MMWR week 39. The 2018-19 influenza season began on September 30, 2018 and will end on September 28, 2019.

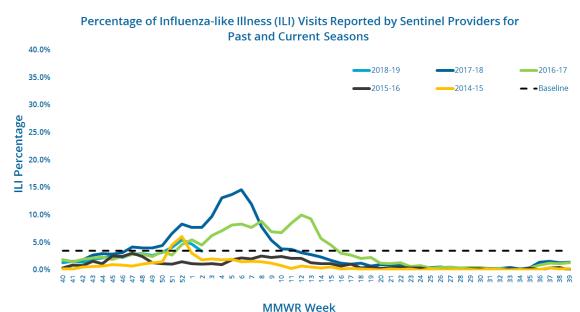


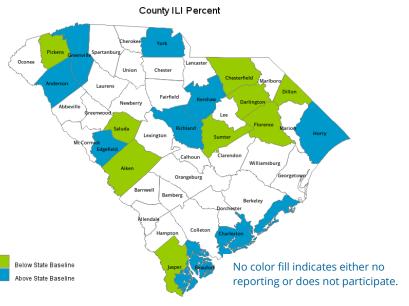
## Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **moderate** and **3.43%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers was attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline, **3.53%**.

Reports were received from providers in 18 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.\*\*





## State ILI Activity Level 2018-19 Calendar by Week of the Year

OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
40	44	48	1	5	9	14	18	22	27	31	36
41	45	49	2	6	10	15	19	23	28	32	37
42	46	50	3	7	11	16	20	24	29	33	38
43	47	<b>51</b>	4	8	12	17	21	25	30	34	39
		<b>52</b>			13			26		35	

ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

# Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

Hospitalizations No. (Rate)	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week	67(1.3)	2(0.7)	2(0.3)	9(0.4)	20(2.0)	34(3.9)
2018-19	542(10.8)	29(9.9)	15(1.9)	96(4.7)	141(14.1)	261(30.2)
2017-18	1293(25.7)	46(15.7)	42(5.2)	165(8.0)	264(26.5)	776(89.8)
2016-17	349(7.0)	17(5.8)	18(2.2)	57(2.8)	93(9.4)	164(19.8)
5 season average	893(18.3)	55(19.1)	38(4.7)	150(7.4)	200(20.6)	450(56.5)

Deaths No. (Rate)	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week	2(0.0)					2(0.2)
2018-19	19(0.4)	1(0.3)		1(0.0)	7(0.7)	10(1.2)
2017-18	45(0.9)			1(0.0)	9(0.9)	35(4.0)
2016-17	8(0.2)			1(0.0)	1(0.1)	6(0.7)
5 season average	31(0.6)	0	0	3(0.1)	5(0.6)	23(2.8)

