

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 29: July 14 to July 20, 2019

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

Geographic Spread

South Carolina reported sporadic activity this week.

Influenza Activity



Overall, there was an increase in influenza activity this week.

Regional Influenza Activity



No change



No change



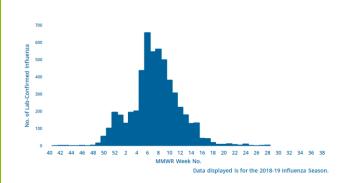
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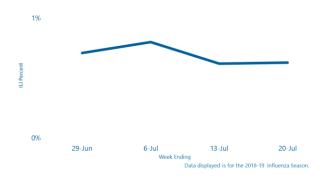
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Virologic Surveillance

This week 3 lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been 4731 lab-confirmed tests reported.



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was 0.63%, which is below South Carolina's baseline (3.53%). The ILI activity level overall was minimal



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations This week 10 influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by 46 hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is 54.6 per 100,000. In the current flu season, there have been 2744 influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths This week 0 influenza-associated deaths were reported. The cumulative mortality rate is 2.0 per 100,000. In the current flu season, there have been 98 influenza-associated deaths.

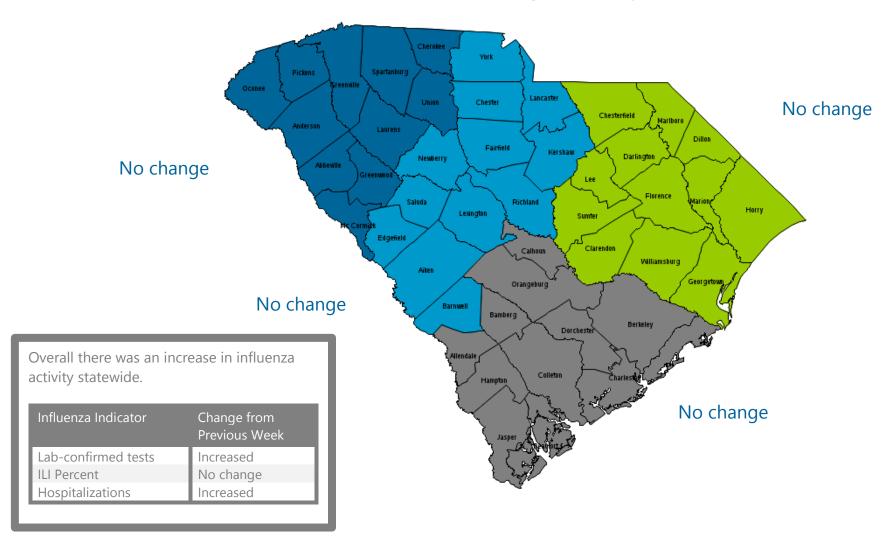
For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to:

http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/Infectio usDiseases/Flu/FluData/

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

Influenza Activity*

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



^{*}Indicators for assessing influenza activity include: lab-confirmed tests, ILI percent, and hospitalizations.

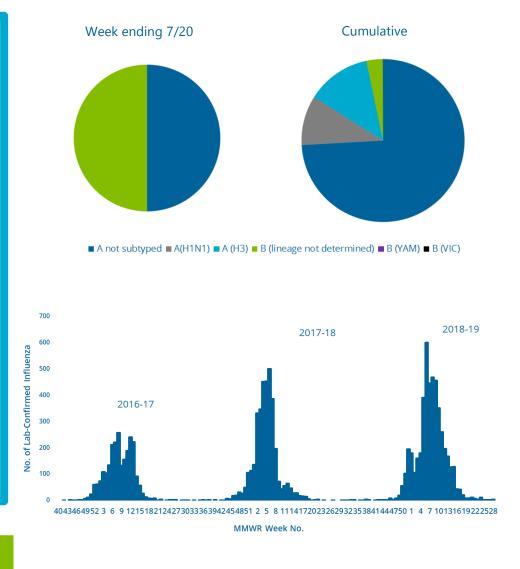
Virologic Surveillance

Influenza Type	Season Totals To Date							
No. (%)	This Week	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	5 season average			
Overall	3	4731	3585	2456	1788			
Influenza A	3(100.0)	4576(96.7)	2452(68.4)	1572(64)	1288(72)			
A(H3)		604(13.2)	533(21.7)	410(26.1)	278(21.6)			
A(H1N1)	2(66.7)	466(10.2)	212(8.6)	64(4.1)	299(23.2)			
A(NS)*	1(33.3)	3506(76.6)	1707(69.6)	1098(69.8)	710(55.2)			
Influenza B		155(3.3)	1133(31.6)	884(36)	501(28)			
B (Victoria)		2(1.3)	2(0.2)		0.4(0.1)			
B (Yamagata)			55(4.9)		11(2.2)			
B (LND) ⁺		153(98.7)	1076(95)	884(100)	489(97.7)			
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*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.

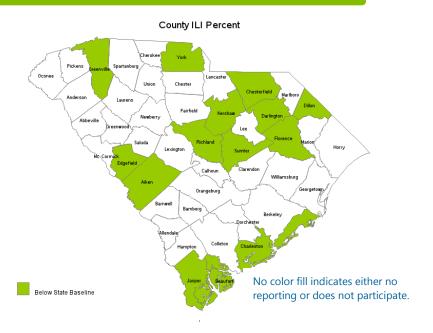


Influenza-Like IIIness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was minimal and 0.63% 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 14 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.



MMWR Week

State ILI Activity Level 2018-19 Calendar

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OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
40	44	48	1	5	9	14	18	22	27	31	
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	51	4	8	12	17	21	25		34	39
		52			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	10(0.2)	1(0.3)		2(0.1)	2(0.2)	5(0.6)
2018-19	2744(54.6)	127(43.3)	127(15.7)	422(20.5)	675(67.6)	1393(161.1)
2017-18	4514(89.8)	159(54.1)	141(17.4)	587(28.5)	1056(105.8)	2571(297.4)
2016-17	2533(51.1)	117(40.1)	133(16.5)	340(16.7)	570(57.5)	1373(165.5)
5 season average	2737(55.7)	159(54.5)	120(14.9)	443(21.8)	643(65.6)	1371(169.2)

Deaths No. (Rate)	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week						
2018-19	98(2.0)	2(0.7)	1(0.1)	7(0.4)	26(2.4)	62(7.3)
2017-18	291(5.8)	3(1.0)		27(1.3)	52(5.2)	209(24.2)
2016-17	96(1.9)	1(0.3)	1(0.1)	9(0.4)	16(1.6)	69(8.3)
5 season average	129(2.6)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.1)	15(0.7)	24(2.4)	89(10.8)

