

## **Flu Watch**

### MMWR Week 37: September 8 to September 14, 2019

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

Geographic Spread

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

**Virologic Surveillance** 

have been 4752 lab-confirmed tests reported.

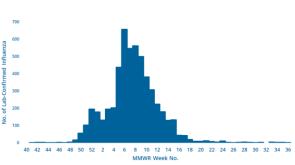
This week 3 lab-confirmed tests were

reported. In the current flu season, there

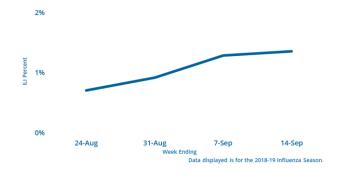
#### **Influenza Activity**



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



Data displayed is for the 2018-19 Influenza Season.



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **5** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **42** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **55.2 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **2772** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

### **Regional Influenza Activity**



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **1.36%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.53%**). The ILI activity level overall was minimal.

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

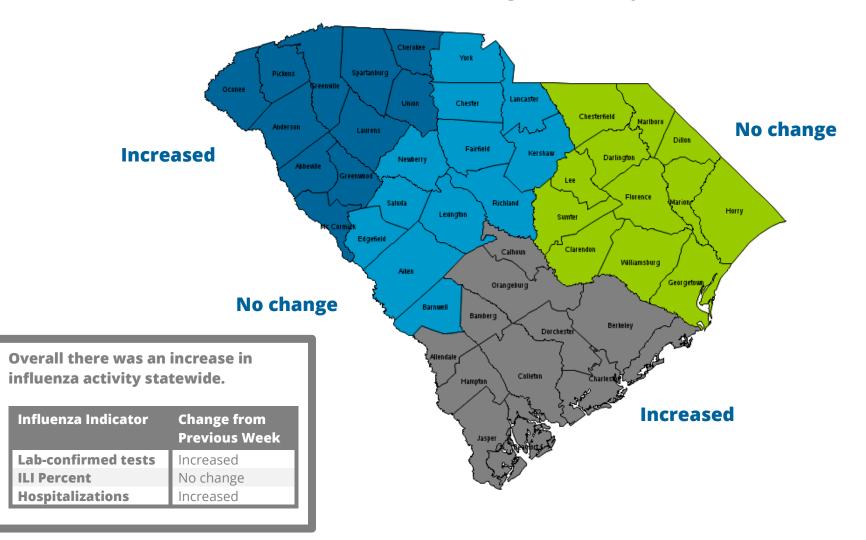
This week **0** influenza-associated deaths were reported. The cumulative mortality rate is **2.1 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **105** influenza-associated deaths.

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

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...



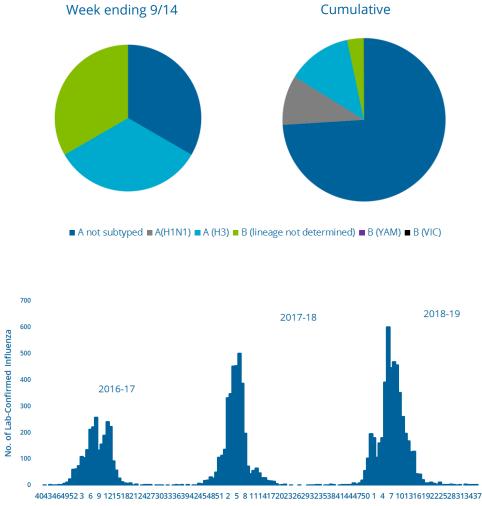
\*Indicators for assessing influenza activity include: lab-confirmed tests, ILI percent, and hospitalizations.

# Virologic Surveillance

Influenza Type	Season Totals To Date								
No. (%)	This Week	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	5 season average				
Overall	3	4752	3594	2464	1793				
Influenza A	2(66.7)	4593(96.7)	2459(68.4)	1579(64)	1291(72)				
A(H3)	1(50.0))	610(13.3)	537(21.8)	415(26.2)	281(21.7)				
A(H1N1)		466(10.1)	213(8.7)	64(4.1)	299(23.2)				
A(NS)*	1(50.0)	3517(76.6)	1709(69.5)	1100(69.7)	711(55.1)				
Influenza B	1(33.3)	159(3.3)	1135(31.6)	885(36)	502(28)				
B (Victoria)		2(1.3)	2(0.2)		0.4(0.1)				
B(Yamagata)			55(4.8)		11(2.2)				
B (LND) <sup>+</sup>	1(100.0)	157(98.7)	1078(95)	885(100)	490(97.7)				

#### \*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.



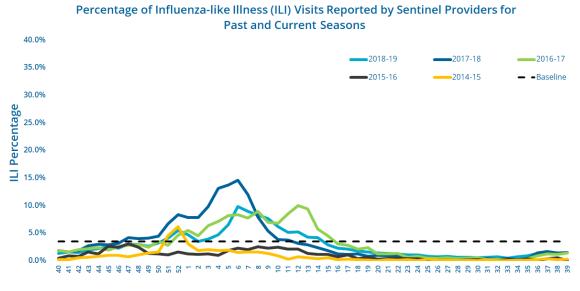
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# Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **1.36%** 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 **10** counties, representing all DHEC Public Health regions, except the Lowcountry region.

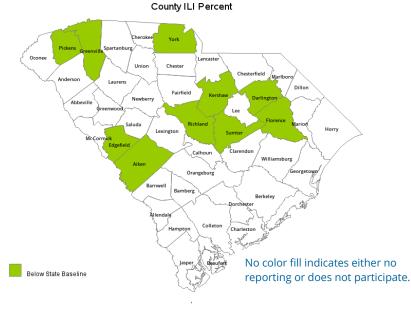
\*\*ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.\*\*



**MMWR Week** 

	State ILI Activity Level 2018-19 Calendar										
		by Week of the Year									
ОСТ	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	51	4	8	12	17	21	25	30	34	39
		52			13			<b>26</b>		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	5	1			2	2
2018-19	2772(55.2)	130(44.3)	128(15.8)	434(21.1)	679(68.0)	1401(162.0)
2017-18	4544(90.4)	161(54.8)	142(17.5)	596(29.0)	1059(106.1)	2586(299.1)
2016-17	2550(51.4)	117(40.1)	133(16.5)	346(17.0)	576(58.1)	1378(166.1)
5 season average	2750(55.9)	160(54.8)	120(15.0)	447(22.0)	646(65.8)	1376(169.8)

Deaths No. (Rate)	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week						
2018-19	105(2.1)	2(0.7)	1(0.1)	9(0.4)	24(2.4)	69(8.0)
2017-18	291(5.8)	3(1.0)		27(1.3)	52(5.2)	209(24.2)
2016-17	97(2.0)	1(0.3)	1(0.1)	9(0.4)	16(1.6)	70(8.4)
5 season average	130(2.6)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.1)	15(0.7)	24(2.5)	88(10.9)

