

### Flu Watch

MMWR Week 35: August 25 to August 31, 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 no change in influenza activity this week.

#### **Regional Influenza Activity**



No change



Increased



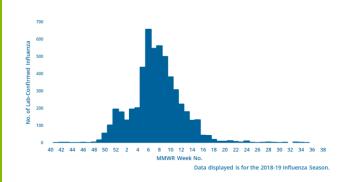
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#### **Virologic Surveillance**

This week 2 lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been 4745 lab-confirmed tests reported.



#### Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **0.92%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline **(3.53%)**. The ILI activity level overall was minimal

# 1% 0% 10-Aug 17-Aug 24-Aug 31-Aug Week Ending Data displayed is for the 2018-19 influenza Season

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

This week **10** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **25** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **55 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **2765** 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 **99** influenza-associated deaths.

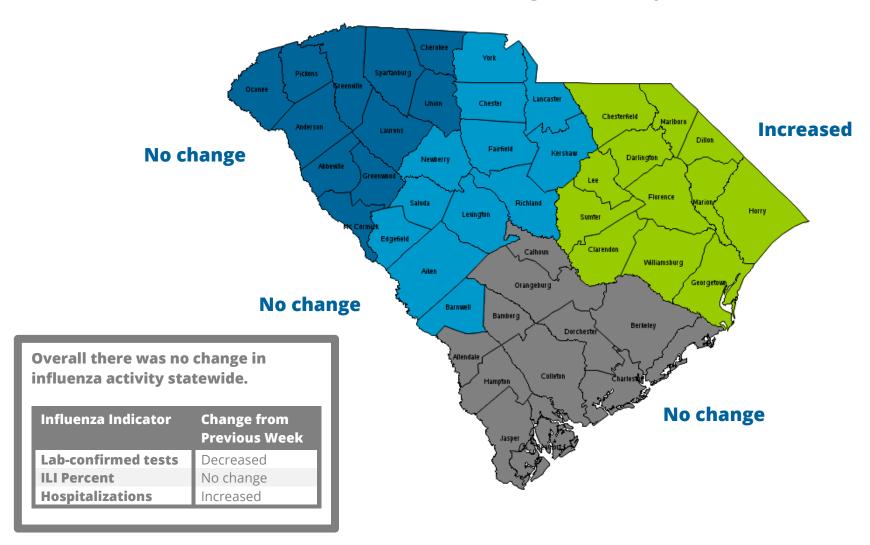
For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to:

http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/

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

# Influenza Activity\*

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



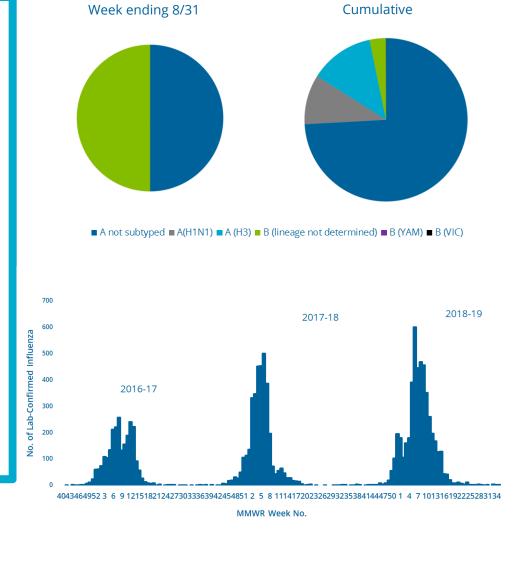
<sup>\*</sup>Indicators for assessing influenza activity include: lab-confirmed tests, ILI percent, and hospitalizations.

# Virologic Surveillance

| 2         | 4745                                   | 3592   | 2016-17   | 5 season<br>average<br>1792  |
|-----------|--|--|---|--|
| _         |  |  |   |  |
| 00.0) 458 | R9(96 7) 2                             | AE7(69 A)  | 4000(44)  |  |
|           | JJ(30.1) Z                             | 2457(68.4)   | 1575(64)  | 1290(72)   |
| 60        | 6(13.2)                                | 536(21.8)  | 411(26.1)   | 280(21.7)  |
| 46        | 66(10.2)                               | 213(8.7)   | 64(4.1)   | 299(23.2)  |
| 00.0) 35  | 17(76.6) 1                             | 708(69.5)  | 1100(69.8)  | 711(55.1)  |
| 00.0) 1   | 56(3.3) 1                              | 135(31.6)  | 885(36)   | 502(28)  |
|           | 2(1.3)                                 | 2(0.2)   |   | 0.4(0.1)   |
|           |  | 55(4.8)  |   | 11(2.2)  |
| 00.0) 15  | 54(98.7)                               | 1078(95)   | 885(100)  | 490(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.

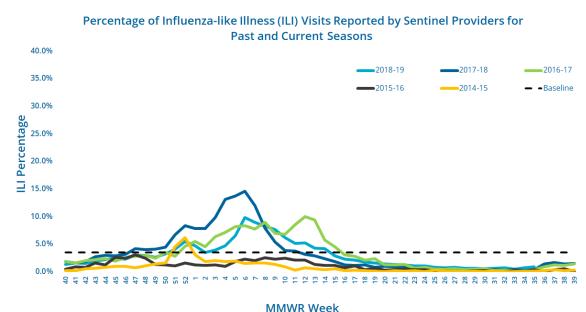


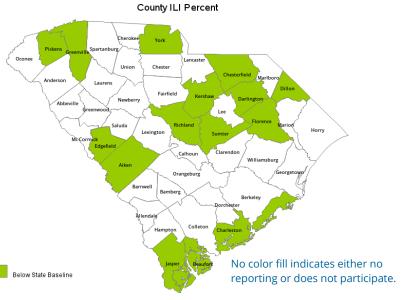
## Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **0.92%** 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 **15** 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  | <b>27</b> | 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  | <b>17</b> | 21  | 25  | 30        | 34  | 39  |
|     |     | <b>52</b> |     |     | 13  |           |     | 26  |           | 35  |     |

ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

# Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

| Hospitalizations<br>No. (Rate) | Overall    | Ages<br>0-4 | Ages<br>5-17 | Ages<br>18-49 | Ages<br>50-64 | Ages<br>65+ |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| This Week                      | 10         |             | 1            | 7             | 1             | 1           |
| 2018-19                        | 2765(55.0) | 129(43.9)   | 128(15.8)    | 432(21.0)     | 677(67.8)     | 1399(161.8) |
| 2017-18                        | 4529(90.1) | 159(54.1)   | 141(17.4)    | 592(28.8)     | 1058(106.0)   | 2579(298.3) |
| 2016-17                        | 2545(51.3) | 117(40.1)   | 133(16.5)    | 346(17.0)     | 573(57.8)     | 1376(165.9) |
| 5 season<br>average            | 2743(55.8) | 159(54.5)   | 120(14.9)    | 446(21.9)     | 644(65.6)     | 1374(169.6) |

| Deaths<br>No. (Rate) | Overall  | Ages<br>0-4 | Ages<br>5-17 | Ages<br>18-49 | Ages<br>50-64 | Ages<br>65+ |
|----------------------|----------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| This Week            |          |             |              |               |               |             |
| 2018-19              | 99(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              | 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(10.8)    |

