

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 43: October 21 to October 27, 2018

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



No change



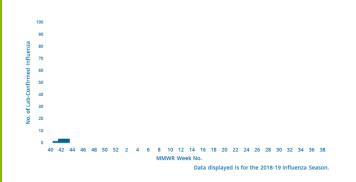
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Virologic Surveillance

This week there were **3** lab-confirmed tests reported. Influenza A was most frequently reported. In the current flu season, there has been **7** lab-confirmed tests reported.



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **1.97%**, which is below South Carolina's baseline **(3.53%)**. The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**.

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Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **9** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **39** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **0.5 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **23** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

Influenza-Associated Deaths

This week **0** influenza-associated deaths were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **0** influenza-associated deaths.

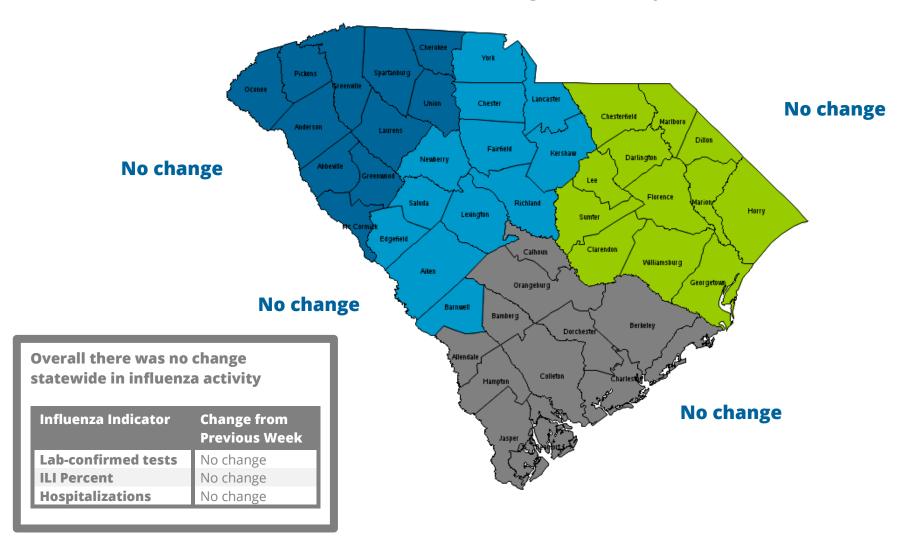
For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to:

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...



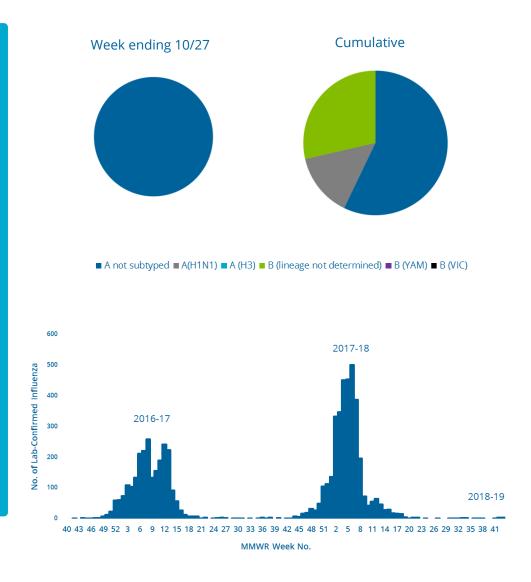
^{*}Indicators for assessing influenza activity include: lab-confirmed tests, ILI percent, and hospitalizations.

Virologic Surveillance

Influenza Type		Season Totals To Date							
No. (%)	This Week	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	5 season average				
Overall	3	7	4	1	6				
Influenza A	3 (100)	5(71.4)	2 (50)	1(100)	5(83.3)				
A(H3)			2(100)	1(100)	1(20)				
A(H1N1)		1(20)			3(60)				
A(NS)*	3 (100)	4(80)			1(20)				
Influenza B	0	2(28.6)	2 (50)	0	1(16.7)				
B (Victoria)					0				
B (Yamagata)			1(50)		0				
B (LND) ⁺		2(100)	1(50)		1(100)				

*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.

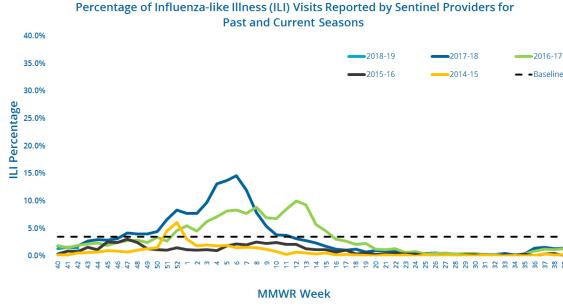


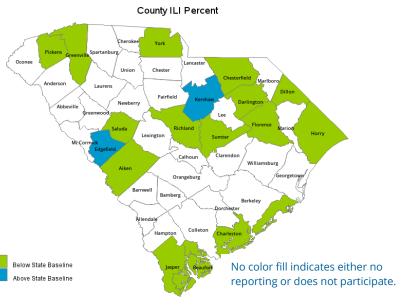
Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **1.97%** 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 17 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	51	4	8	12	17	21	25	30	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	9(0.2)		3(0.4)	1(0.1)	3(0.3)	2(0.2)
2018-19	23(0.5)	2(0.7)	5(0.6)	5(0.2)	6(0.6)	5(0.6)
2017-18	31(0.6)	2(0.7)	2(0.2)	5(0.2)	6(0.6)	16(1.9)
2016-17	21(0.4)		1(0.1)	4(0.2)	7(0.7)	9(1.0)
5 season average	34(0.7)	3(1.2)	2(0.3)	5(0.3)	9(0.9)	13(1.6)

Deaths No. (Rate)	Overall	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-17	Ages 18-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65+
This Week	0					
2018-19	0					
2017-18	0					
2016-17	1 (0.0)					1(0.1)
5 season average	2 (0.0)	0	0	0	1(0.0)	1(0.2)

