

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 44: October 28 to November 3, 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



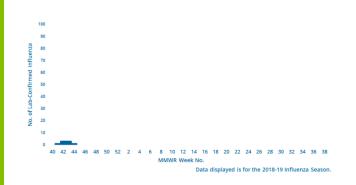
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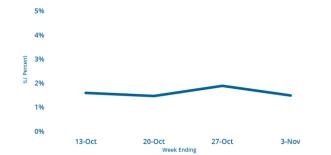
Virologic Surveillance

This week there was **1** lab-confirmed test reported. Influenza A(H1N1) was most frequently reported. In the current flu season, there has been **8** lab-confirmed tests reported.



Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **1.50%**, which is below South Carolina's baseline **(3.53%)**. The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**.



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

This week **21** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **36** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **0.9 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **46** 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.

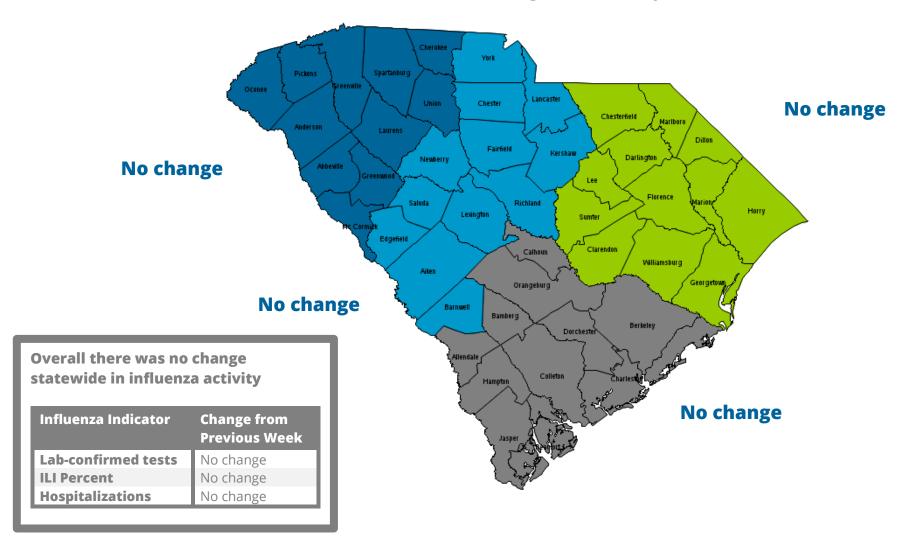
For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to:

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...



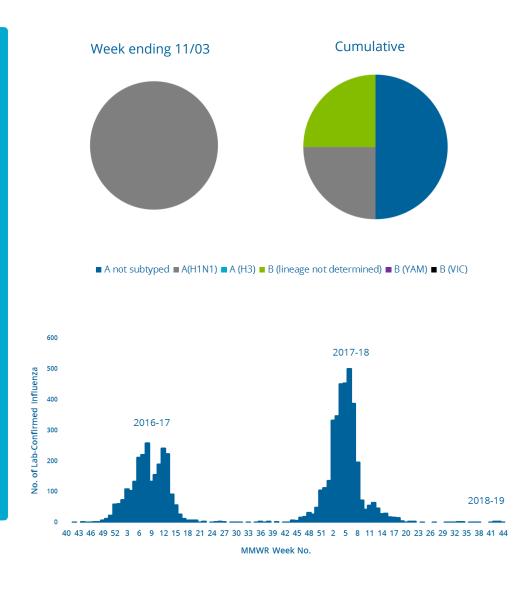
^{*}Indicators for assessing influenza activity include: lab-confirmed tests, ILI percent, and hospitalizations.

Virologic Surveillance

Influenza Type	Season Totals To Date							
No. (%)	This Week	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	5 season average			
Overall	1	8	11	3	9			
Influenza A	1 (100)	6(75)	9 (81.8)	3(100)	7(77.8)			
A(H3)			8(88.9)	2(66.7)	2(28.6)			
A(H1N1)	1(100)	2(33.3)			3(42.8)			
A(NS)*		4(66.7)	1(11.1)	1(33.3)	2(28.6)			
Influenza B	0	2(25)	2 (18.2)	0	2(22.2)			
B (Victoria)					0			
B (Yamagata)			1(50)		0			
B (LND) ⁺		2(100)	1(50)		2(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.

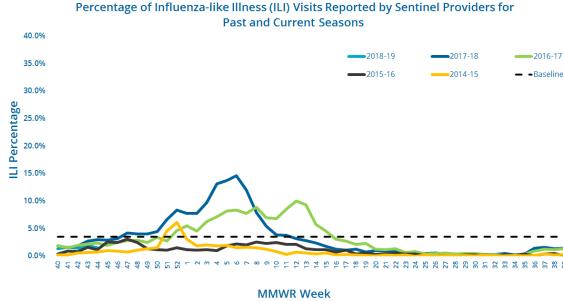


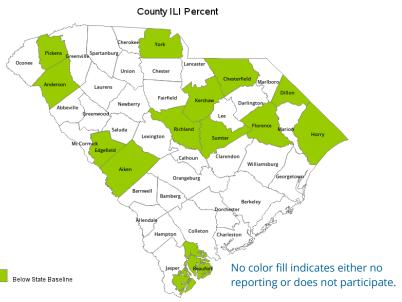
Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **1.50%** 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 173counties, 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

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			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+
No. (Kate)	Overall	U-4	5-17	10-49	50-04	051
This Week	21(0.4)			6(0.3)	8(0.8)	7(0.8)
2018-19	46(0.9)	2(0.7)	5(0.6)	12(0.6)	15(1.5)	12(1.4)
2017-18	41(0.8)	2(0.7)	2(0.2)	6(0.3)	8(0.8)	23(2.7)
2016-17	26(0.5)		1(0.1)	5(0.2)	9(0.9)	11(1.3)
5 season average	42(0.9)	4(1.4)	3(0.3)	6(0.3)	11(1.1)	18(2.3)

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(0.1)	1(0.2)

