

### Flu Watch

MMWR Week 40: September 30 to October 6, 2018

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

#### **Geographic Spread**

South Carolina reported **no activity** this week.

#### **Influenza Activity**



Changes in influenza activity will be assessed next week.

#### **Regional Influenza Activity**



N/A



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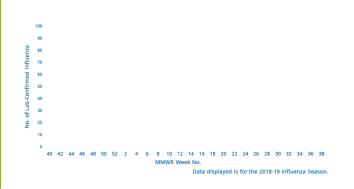
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#### **Virologic Surveillance**

This week there was **0** lab-confirmed tests reported. In the current flu season, there have been **0** lab-confirmed tests reported.



#### Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **1.34%**, which is below South Carolina's baseline **(3.53%)**. The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**.

# 5% 4% 4% 2% 1% 6-Oct 13-Oct Week Ending

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

This week **2** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **31** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **0.0** per 100,000. In the current flu season, there have been **2** 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.

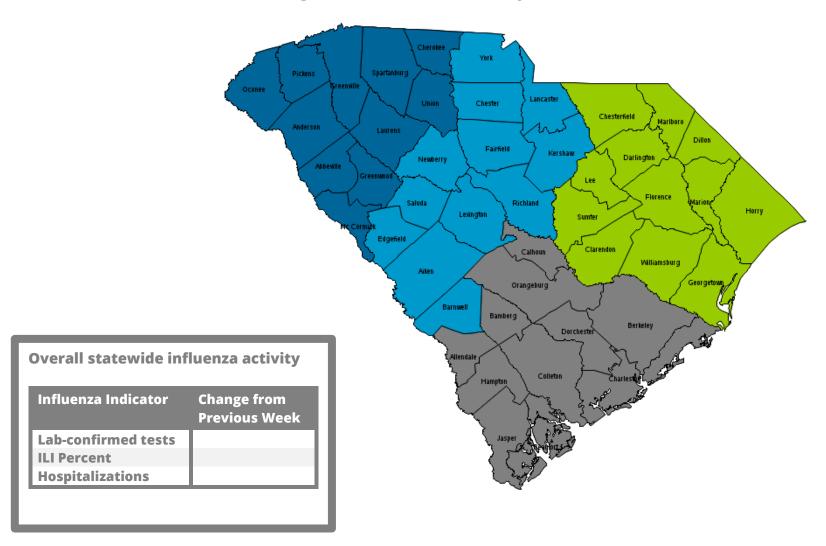
For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to:

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

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

# Influenza Activity\*

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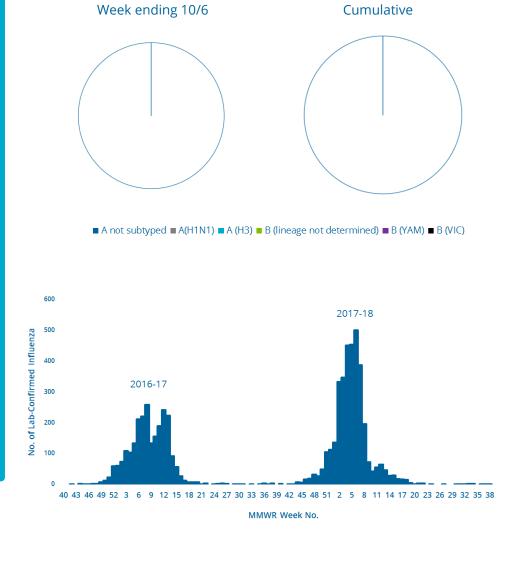
<sup>\*</sup>Indicators for assessing influenza activity include: lab-confirmed tests, ILI percent, and hospitalizations.

# **Virologic Surveillance**

Influenza Type	Season Totals To Date						
No. (%)	This Week	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	5 season average		
Overall	0	0	2	0	2		
Influenza A	0	0	1 (50)	0	1(50)		
A(H3)			1(100)		0		
A(H1N1)					1(100)		
A(NS)*					0		
Influenza B	0	0	1 (50)	0	1(50)		
B (Victoria)					0		
B (Yamagata)			1(100)		0		
B (LND)⁺					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.

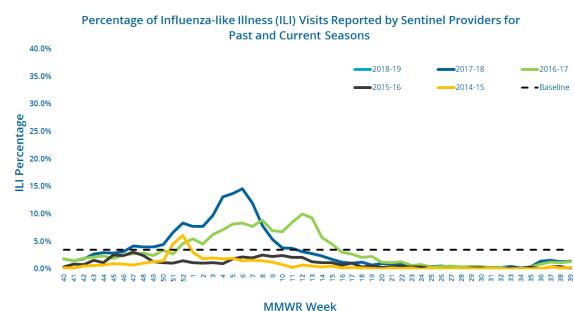


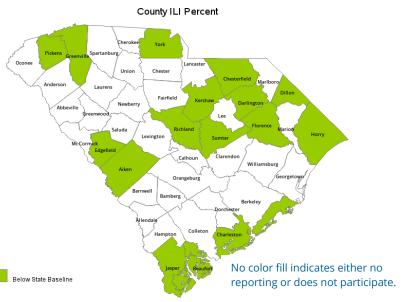
## Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **1.34%** 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 16 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	1 (0.0)			1(0.1)		1(0.2)
2018-19	1 (0.0)			1(0.1)		1(0.2)
2017-18	9(0.2)	1(0.3)			3(0.3)	5(0.8)
2016-17	7 (0.1)			1(0.0)	2(0.2)	4(0.6)
5 season average	7 (0.1)	1(0.4)	0	0	2(0.2)	4(0.7)

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(0.2)
5 season average	1 (0.0)	0	0	0	0	1(0.2)

