

## Flu Watch

MMWR Week 29: July 15 to July 21, 2018

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

### **Geographic Spread**

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



# Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths

This week 4 influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by 15 hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is 91.0 per 100,000. There were 2 laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated deaths reported which occurred in previous weeks. The cumulative mortality rate is 5.9 per 100,000. Compared to the previous week, the number of reported hospitalizations increased by 3 (>100%) cases and deaths remained the same. In the current flu season, there have been 4,514 influenza-associated hospitalizations and 292 influenza-associated deaths reported.



### **Virologic Surveillance**

A total of **20** influenza cases (**20** positive rapid antigen detection tests; **0** lab-confirmed tests) were reported from 10 counties representing all four DHEC Public Health regions. Influenza A was most frequently reported by clinical labs. Compared to the previous week, the number of reported influenza cases **remained the same**. In the current flu season, there have been **135,482** influenza cases (**131,909** positive rapid antigen detection tests; **3,573** lab-confirmed tests) reported.

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

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### **Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance**

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **0.25%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.13%**). Compared to the previous week, this is a **decrease** of **0.12%**.

The ILI activity level was minimal.

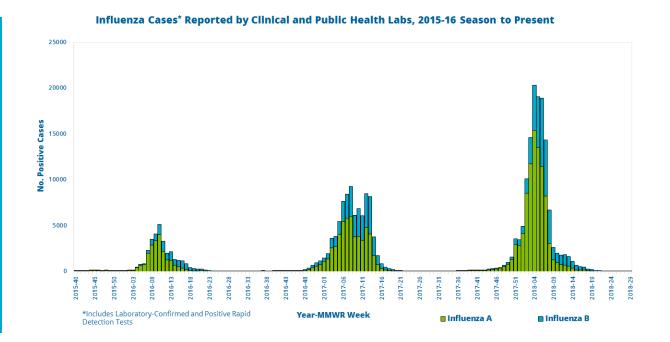
For national surveillance, please visit: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/">https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/</a>



# **Virologic Surveillance**

This week, **0** lab-confirmed cases and **20** positive rapid influenza detection tests were reported by clinical labs.

**Influenza A** was most frequently reported by clinical labs.



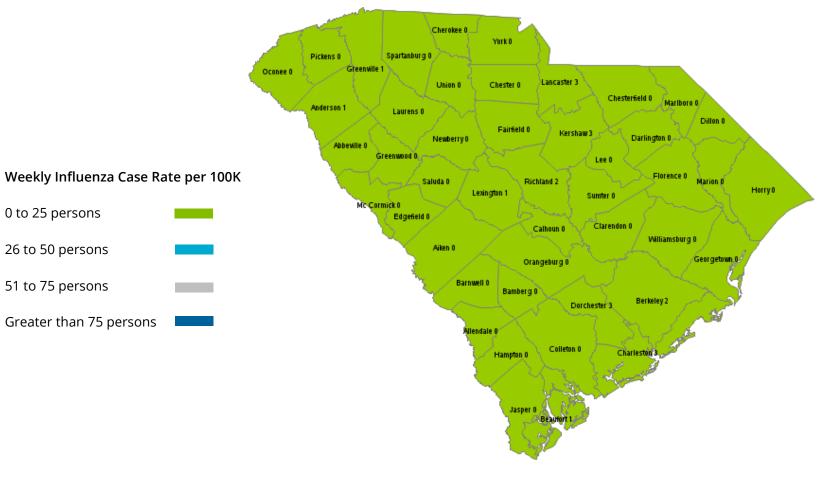
### Influenza Cases Reported by Public Health and Clinical Labs, This Week and Season Total

Influenza Type	Public	Health Lab	CI	inical Labs	Total		
	This Week	Season Total	This Week	Season Total	This Week	Season Total	
Overall	0	233	20	135249	20	135482	
Influenza A	0	173 (74.2%)	11 (55.0%)	91211 (67.4%)	11 (55.0%)	91384 (67.4%)	
A (H3)		131 (75.7%)		394 (0.4%)		525 (0.6%)	
A (H1N1)		42 (24.3%)		170 (0.2%)		212 (0.2%)	
A (not subtyped)		<del></del>	11 (100%)	90647 (99.4%)	11 (100%)	906347 (99.2%)	
Influenza B	0	60 (25.8%)	9 (45.0%)	43516 (32.2%)	9 (45.0%)	43576 (32.2%)	
B (Victoria)		2 (3.4%)				2 (0.0%)	
B (Yamagata)		53 (88.3%)				53 (0.1%)	
B (lineage not performed)		5 (8.3%)	9 (100%)	43516 (100%)	9 (100%)	43521 (99.9%)	
Influenza (not typed)				522 (0.4%)		522 (0.4%)	



# **Virologic Surveillance**

Map of Influenza Cases (n)\* and Influenza Case Rate/100,000 By County For Week Ending 7/21/2018



\*Includes all lab-confirmed and positive rapid cases



# Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **0.25%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers was attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline, **3.13%.** 

Reports were received from providers in 8 counties, representing all 4 DHEC Public Health regions.

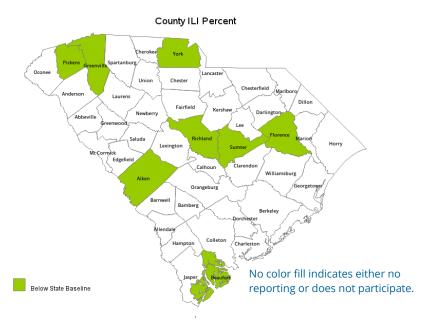
\*\*ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.\*\*

# 40.0% 35.0% 25.0% 25.0% 15.0% 10.0% 5.0%

**MMWR Week** 

Percentage of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Visits Reported by Sentinel Providers for Past

and Current Seasons



# State ILI Activity Level 2017-18 Calendar by Week of the Year

**—** 2014-15

2013-14

Baseline

OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	<b>APR</b>	MAY	JUN	JUL	<b>AUG</b>	SEP
40	44	48	1	5	9	14	18	22	<b>27</b>		
41	45	49	2	6	10	15	19	23	28		
42	46	<b>50</b>	3	7	11	16	20	24	29		
43	47	<b>51</b>	4	8	12	<b>17</b>	21	25			
		<b>52</b>			13			26			

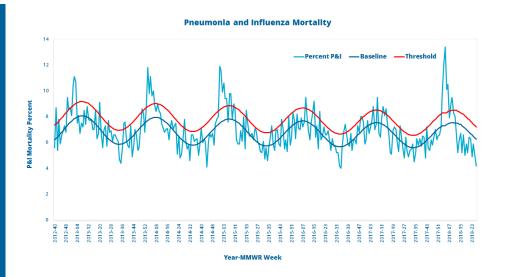
ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH



# Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

Age Group	Hospitalizations			Deaths			
Group	This Week	Rate per	Season	This Week	Rate per	 Season	
		100, 000	Total		100, 000	Total	
0 to 4	0	54.2	159		1.0	3	
5 to 17	0	17.5	141				
18 to 49	0	29.3	587		1.3	27	
50 to 64	1	116.0	1056		5.7	52	
65 & older	3	406.9	2571		33.2	210	
Total	4	91.0	4514		5.9	292	

The percentage of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza was 4.2%. This is **below** the epidemic threshold for the week ending Jun 30, 2018.



### Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group, 2015-16 Season to Present

