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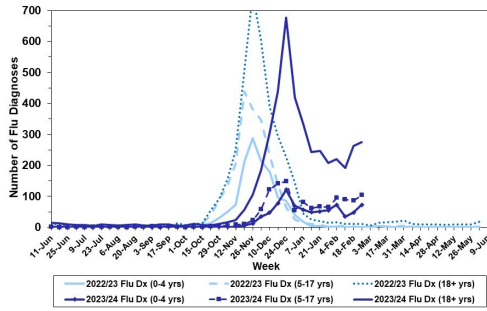
Philadelphia Department of Public Health
Seasonal Influenza Surveillance Report
MMWR Week 9: February 25, 2024—March 2, 2024

Philadelphia Influenza Activity

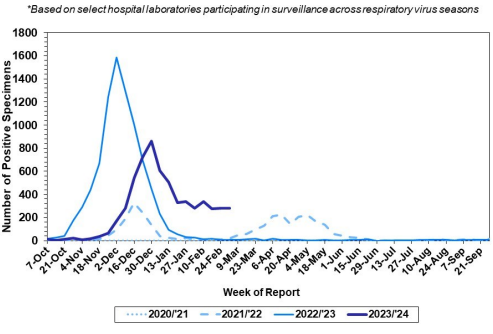
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Influenza diagnoses at local emergency departments slightly increased for children and adults during week 9. Positive detections of influenza A at select local hospital laboratories were stable compared to the previous week, while influenza B continued to increase. A preliminary count of 107 severe influenza cases (Philadelphia resident, positive by rapid test, PCR or culture, and hospitalized for ≥ 24 hrs) have been reported and confirmed so far this season, the majority of which have been influenza A. Several other influenza reports are pending confirmation of hospitalization. Twenty-two influenza outbreaks have been reported and confirmed (≥ 1 case of laboratory confirmed flu reported in a long-term care facility) this season.

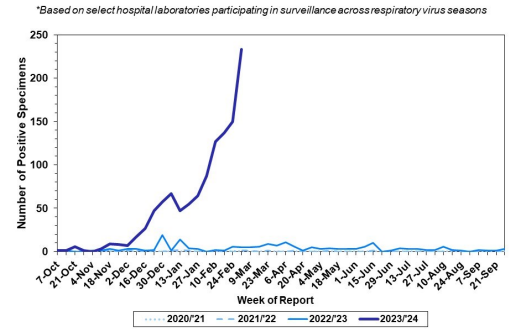
Influenza Diagnoses at Philadelphia Emergency Departments, Current Season Compared with Previous Season



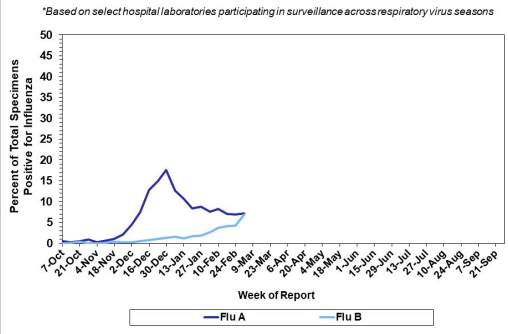
Laboratory-Based Surveillance for Influenza A Philadelphia, 2020/2021 through 2023/2024 Seasons*



Laboratory-Based Surveillance for Influenza B Philadelphia, 2020/2021 through 2023/2024 Seasons*



Laboratory-Based Surveillance for Influenza (%) Philadelphia, 2023/2024 Season*



Pennsylvania

As of March 2, 2024, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) reported that influenza A and B detections decreased slightly compared to the previous few weeks. Emergency department visits resulting in an influenza diagnosis increased among most age groups and areas and is high overall. Influenza A/H1N1 remains the most prevalent subtype identified among those tested at the PADOH Bureau of Laboratories. For more information, please visit: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Flu/Pages/2023-24-Flu.aspx>

United States

As of March 2, 2024, the CDC reports that seasonal influenza activity remains high among most parts of the country and that some areas experienced increases compared to the previous week. In week 9, clinical laboratories reported 11,294 specimens (13.9%) of 81,237 specimens tested positive for influenza, 56.9% of which have been influenza A. Of influenza A specimens subtyped at public health labs, 57.3% have been subtyped as H1N1 and 42.7% as H3N2. Influenza hospitalizations were stable compared to the previous few weeks but have been trending downwards since week 1. Eight of 10 HHS regions are still exceeding their outpatient respiratory illness baselines. Eighteen jurisdictions reported moderate flu activity while 20 jurisdictions experienced high levels of flu activity. For more information, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm>

All institutional outbreaks and hospitalized and fatal cases of influenza are to be reported to PDPH.

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