

Philadelphia Department of Public Health Seasonal Influenza Surveillance Report

March 27, 2016 — April 2, 2016 (Week 13)

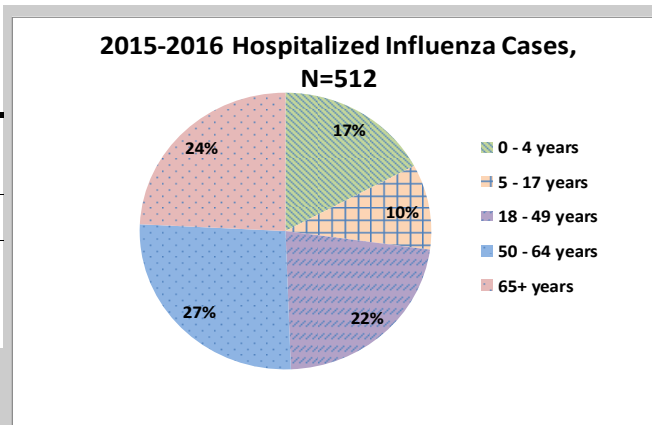
Philadelphia Influenza Activity

Please note these data are provisional and subject to change.

For week 13, influenza activity decreased as 10 influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported, significantly fewer compared to the previous week. Approximately 111 detections of influenza A occurred at local hospital laboratories, a decrease from the previous week. Influenza A/H1N1 has remained the dominant virus this season. Influenza-like illness (ILI) at emergency departments and pediatric ambulatory clinics decreased significantly during week 13. To date, there have been 10 influenza outbreaks in long term care facilities. There have been 10 influenza-associated deaths reported this season. There was one influenza-associated death reported during week 13.

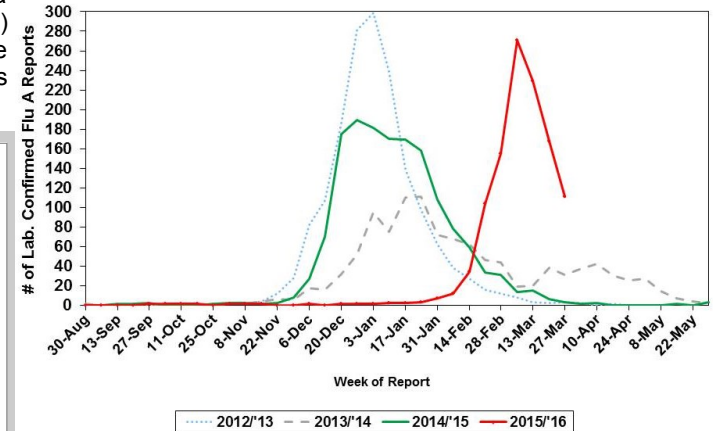
Surveillance type	Compared to week of 3/20–3/26	Compared to 3-yr seasonal* mean
Hospital ED Fever/flu visits	↓	↑
Pediatric Clinics ILI	↓	—
Laboratory Influenza Surveillance	↓	↑

↑ = above 10 % of comparison group
 — = equivalent to comparison group (-10% to +10%)
 ↓ = below 10 % of comparison group
 * mean of 2010-'11, 2012-'13, and 2013-'14 flu seasons epidemic flu activity time period (late December—early May) ; NA = data not available/not received



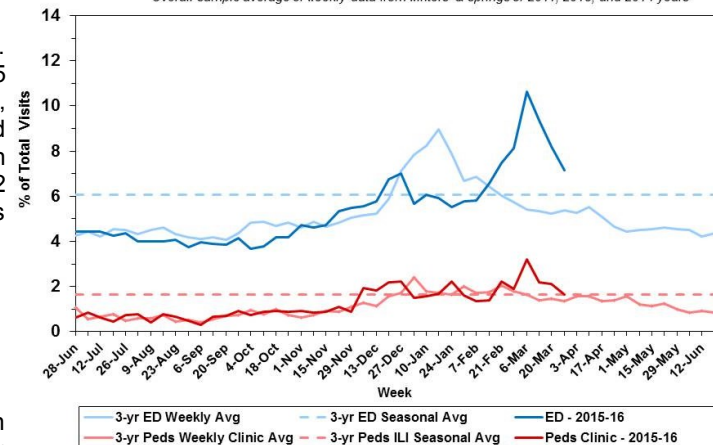
Laboratory-Based Surveillance for Influenza A Philadelphia, 2012/2013 through 2015/2016 Seasons*

*Based on select hospital laboratories participating in surveillance across respiratory virus seasons



Influenza-like Illness at Philadelphia Emergency Departments and Pediatric Ambulatory Clinics, 2015-16 Data Compared to 3-Year Historical Weekly* and Seasonal** Averages

*Weekly average of values from 2011, 2013, and 2014 years
 **Overall sample average of weekly data from winters & springs of 2011, 2013, and 2014 years



Pennsylvania Influenza Activity

During week 13 (March 27, 2016—April 2, 2016), the number of influenza cases identified across the state decreased. There were 3,165 new cases of influenza reported (3,247 cases were reported the previous week 12). A total of 21,455 cases of influenza (positive by any test type) have been reported this season. Laboratory, hospital emergency department, and sentinel medical provider data all indicate decrease in influenza activity. The majority of cases (61.79%) have tested positive (via rapid test, PCR, or viral culture) for influenza A. To date, there have been 33 influenza-associated deaths in Pennsylvania (10 inside the Philadelphia city limits), one between the ages of 5-17, two between the ages of 18-49, 12 between the ages 50-64, the other 15 65+. Influenza case activity throughout the state continues to be classified as widespread for week 13, influenza activity remained the highest in the southeastern part of the state.

United States Influenza Activity

During week 13, influenza activity decreased slightly, but remained elevated in the United States. The most frequently identified influenza virus type reported by public health laboratories during week 13 was influenza A, with influenza A (H1N1)pdm09 viruses predominating. The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza in clinical laboratories decreased. The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) was below the system-specific epidemic threshold in the NCHS Mortality Surveillance System and above the system-specific epidemic threshold in the 122 Cities Mortality Reporting System. Seven influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported. A cumulative rate for the season of 24.4 laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated hospitalizations per 100,000 population was reported. The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 2.4%, which is above the national baseline of 2.1%. Eight of 10 regions reported ILI at or above region-specific baseline levels. Two states experienced high ILI activity; seven states experienced moderate ILI activity; New York City and 13 states experienced low ILI activity; Puerto Rico and 27 states experienced minimal ILI activity; and the District of Columbia had insufficient data. The geographic spread of influenza in Puerto Rico and 25 states was reported as widespread (including New York, New Jersey, and Delaware); Guam and 18 states reported regional activity; the District of Columbia and four states reported local activity; three states reported sporadic activity; the U.S. Virgin Islands did not report.

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

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