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Philadelphia Department of Public Health
Seasonal Influenza Surveillance Report

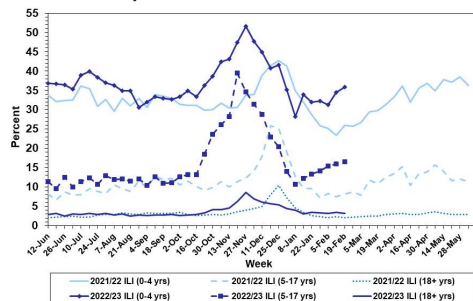
MMWR Week 08: February 19, 2023—February 25 2023

Philadelphia Influenza Activity

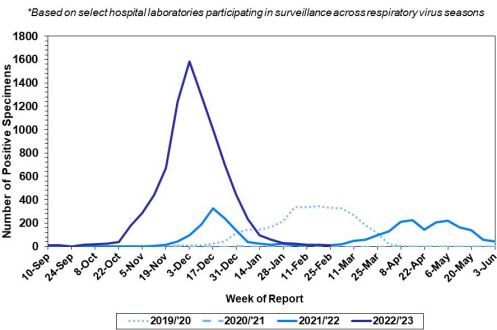
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For week 8, influenza-like illnesses increased for children and adolescents. Laboratory detections of influenza and activity overall both remain low. Since October 2, 2022, there have been 467 reports of severe influenza at non-pediatric hospitals (Philadelphia resident, positive by rapid test, PCR or culture, and hospitalized for ≥ 24 hrs). Data from pediatric hospitals is pending, and will be updated once received. Twenty six influenza outbreaks have been reported (≥ 1 case of laboratory confirmed flu reported in a long term care facility) so far this season. Eleven deaths have been reported to date.

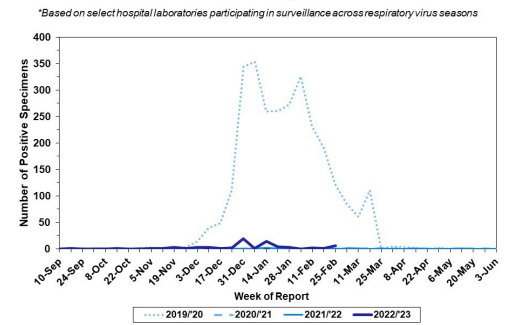
Febrile/Flu-like Illnesses at Philadelphia Emergency Departments, Current Season Compared with Previous Season



Laboratory-Based Surveillance for Influenza A Philadelphia, 2019/2020 through 2022/23 Seasons*

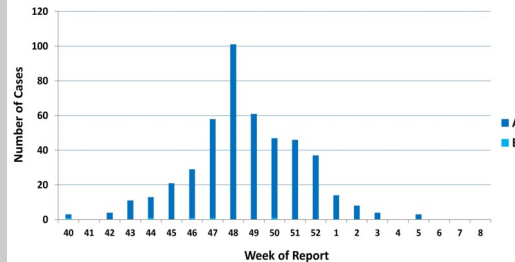


Laboratory-Based Surveillance for Influenza B Philadelphia, 2019/2020 through 2022/23 Seasons*



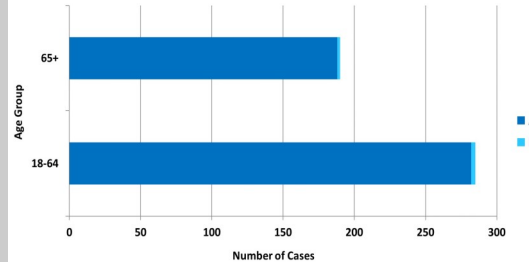
Weekly Counts of Hospitalizations by Influenza Type* Oct. 2, 2022 - Feb. 25, 2023

*Laboratory confirmed influenza, excluding pediatric hospitals (data pending)
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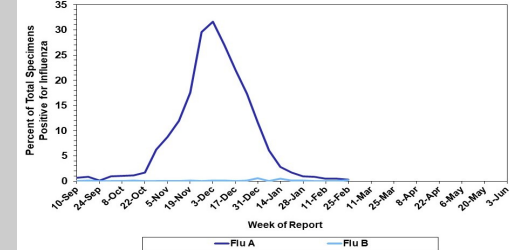
Hospitalized Influenza* by Age Group and Influenza Type Oct. 2, 2022 - Feb. 25, 2023

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Laboratory-Based Surveillance for Influenza (%) Philadelphia, 2022/23 Season*

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



Pennsylvania

As of February 25, 2023, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PDH) has reported that flu activity has declined and activity is low overall. Emergency department visits for flu-like symptoms are moderate as well. Influenza A (H3N2) viruses have been identified as the predominant type detected and overall there have been a total of 180,625 laboratory confirmed cases of influenza (positive by rapid test, PCR, or culture). There have been 123 influenza associated deaths this season. For more information, please visit: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Flu/Pages/2022-23-Flu.aspx>

United States

As of February 25, 2023, the CDC reports that influenza activity is low nationwide. Flu related hospital admissions have decreased compared to the previous week and 6 of 10 HHS regions were below their outpatient respiratory illness baselines. Clinical laboratories have reported 632 influenza detections out of 70,339 specimens tested (1%), 74.2% of which tested positive for influenza A. Of influenza A viruses that have been subtyped in week 8, 63.3% have been H3N2 and 37.7% have been H1N1. One hundred seventeen pediatric deaths have been recorded so far this season. In week 8, 1 jurisdictions experienced moderate flu activity, while 5 had high 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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