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Philadelphia Department of Public Health
Seasonal Influenza Surveillance Report

MMWR Week 42: October 15, 2023—October 21, 2023

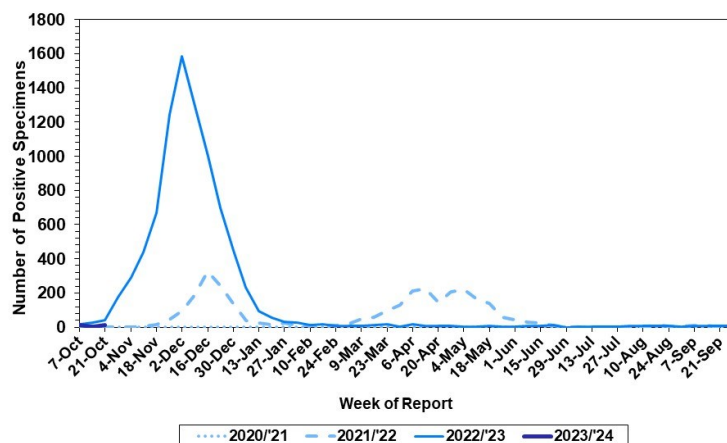
Philadelphia Influenza Activity

Please note these data are provisional and subject to change.

Positive detections of influenza at select local hospital laboratories are low for both influenza A and B, though flu B detections are higher for this time of year compared to previous seasons. Both influenza A and B remain below 1% positivity at these laboratories. Data on influenza-like illness and severe influenza (Philadelphia resident, positive by rapid test, PCR or culture, and hospitalized for ≥ 24 hrs) is forthcoming and will be released in a future flu report. No influenza outbreaks have been reported (≥ 1 case of laboratory confirmed flu reported in a long term care facility) so far this season.

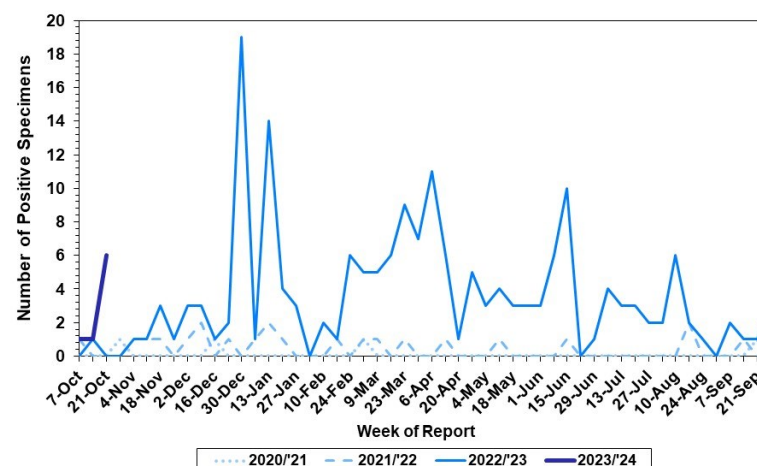
Laboratory-Based Surveillance for Influenza A Philadelphia, 2020/2021 through 2023/2024 Seasons*

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



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

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Pennsylvania

As of October 21, 2023, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) reported that flu activity was low so far this season. Emergency department visits for influenza-like illness are also low. Influenza A and B have both been detected by the PA public health lab, with influenza A/H1N1 being the most prevalent subtype. One death has been reported so far this season. For more information, please visit: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Flu/Pages/2023-24-Flu.aspx>

United States

As of October 21, 2023, the CDC reports that seasonal influenza activity remains low nationally, though some areas are seeing small increases. In week 42, clinical laboratories reported 750 specimens (1.7%) of 44,365 specimens tested positive for influenza, 68.8% of which have been influenza A. Of influenza A specimens subtyped at public health labs, 89.3% have been subtyped as H1N1 and 10.7% as H3N2. Influenza hospitalizations remain low and all 10 HHS regions were below their outpatient respiratory illness baselines. Five jurisdictions reported moderate flu activity while one jurisdiction experienced high levels of flu activity; however, Pennsylvania and surrounding states continue to have minimal levels of 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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