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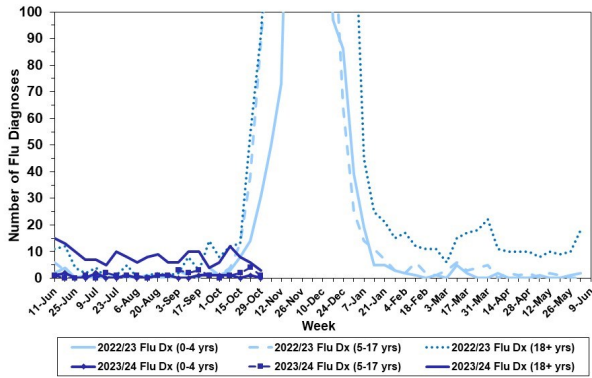
Philadelphia Department of Public Health
Seasonal Influenza Surveillance Report
MMWR Week 43: October 22, 2023—October 28, 2023

Philadelphia Influenza Activity

Please note these data are provisional and subject to change.

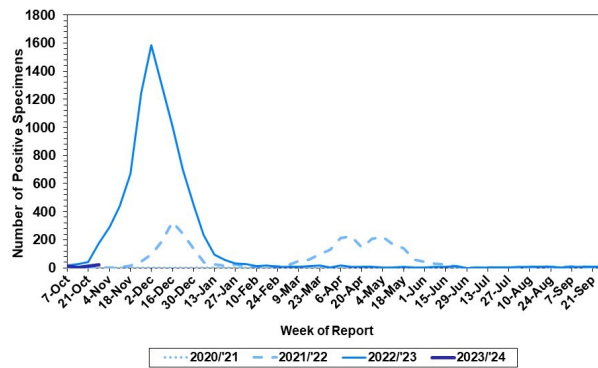
Diagnoses of influenza at local emergency departments were low through week 43 for all age groups. Additionally, positive detections of influenza at select local hospital laboratories similarly remained low, with both influenza A and B percent positivity each under 1%. Data on severe influenza (Philadelphia 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.

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



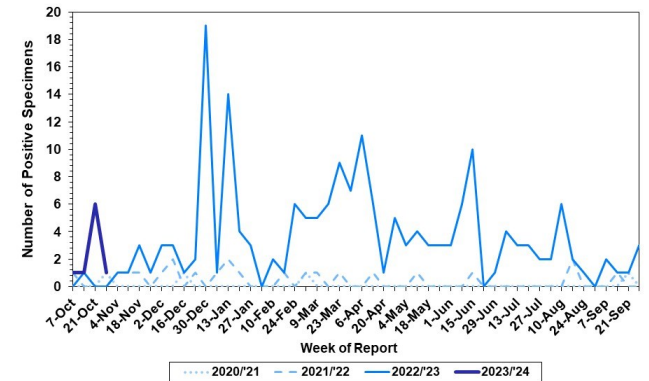
Laboratory-Based Surveillance for Influenza A Philadelphia, 2020/2021 through 2023/2024 Seasons*

*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 28, 2023, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) reported that flu activity was low so far this season. Emergency department visits resulting in an influenza diagnosis 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 28, 2023, the CDC reports that seasonal influenza activity remains low nationally, though most areas are now seeing small increases. In week 43, clinical laboratories reported 964 specimens (1.9%) of 50,459 specimens tested positive for influenza, 70.1% of which have been influenza A. Of influenza A specimens subtyped at public health labs, 85.7% have been subtyped as H1N1 and 14.3% as H3N2. Influenza hospitalizations remain low and 9 of 10 HHS regions were below their outpatient respiratory illness baselines. Six jurisdictions reported moderate flu activity while two jurisdictions 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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