



# PHILLY FLU FINDINGS

Philadelphia Department of Public Health  
Seasonal Influenza Surveillance Report

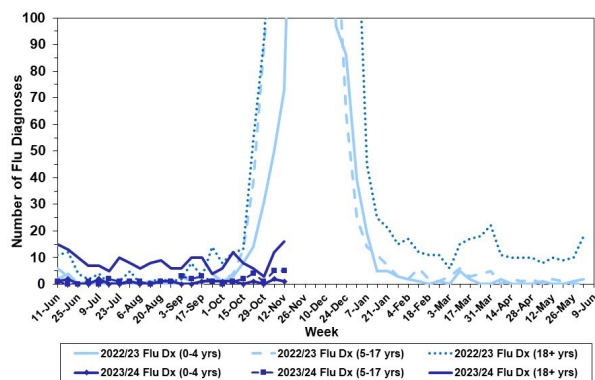
MMWR Week 45: November 5, 2023—November 11, 2023

## Philadelphia Influenza Activity

Please note these data are provisional and subject to change.

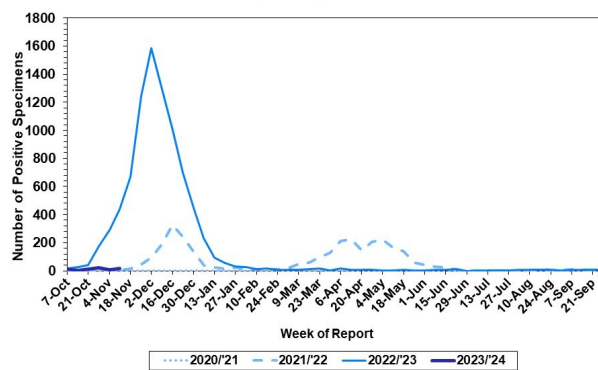
Diagnoses of influenza at local emergency departments were still low through week 45 for all age groups, but climbed slightly for adult ages. Positive detections of influenza at select local hospital laboratories similarly remained low, with both influenza A and B percent positivity each under 1%. Data on severe influenza (Philadelphia resident, positive by rapid test, PCR or culture, and hospitalized for  $\geq 24$  hrs) is forthcoming and will be released in a future flu report. No influenza outbreaks have been reported ( $\geq 1$  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



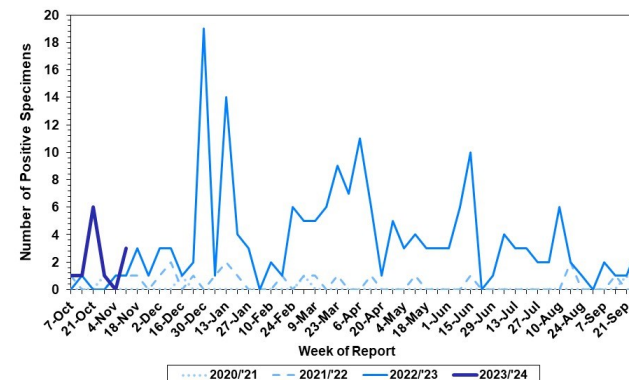
### Laboratory-Based Surveillance for Influenza A Philadelphia, 2020/2021 through 2023/2024 Seasons\*

\*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 November 11, 2023, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) reported that flu activity was low so far this season, but has increased compared to previous weeks. Emergency department visits resulting in an influenza diagnosis are also low for all age groups across the state. Influenza A and B have both been detected by the PA public health lab, with influenza A/H1N1 being the most prevalent subtype. Five deaths have 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 November 11, 2023, the CDC reports that seasonal influenza activity is increasing, with the highest activity occurring in the Southeast, South-Central, and West Coast regions. In week 45, clinical laboratories reported 3,002 specimens (4.0%) of 74,217 specimens tested positive for influenza, 71.4% of which have been influenza A. Of influenza A specimens subtyped at public health labs, 87.2% have been subtyped as H1N1 and 12.8% as H3N2. Influenza hospitalizations are increasing and 5 of 10 HHS regions are now at or exceeding their outpatient respiratory illness baselines, including the mid-Atlantic region. Eight jurisdictions reported moderate flu activity while nine 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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