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Philadelphia Department of Public Health
Seasonal Influenza Surveillance Report

MMWR Week 46: November 12, 2023—November 18, 2023

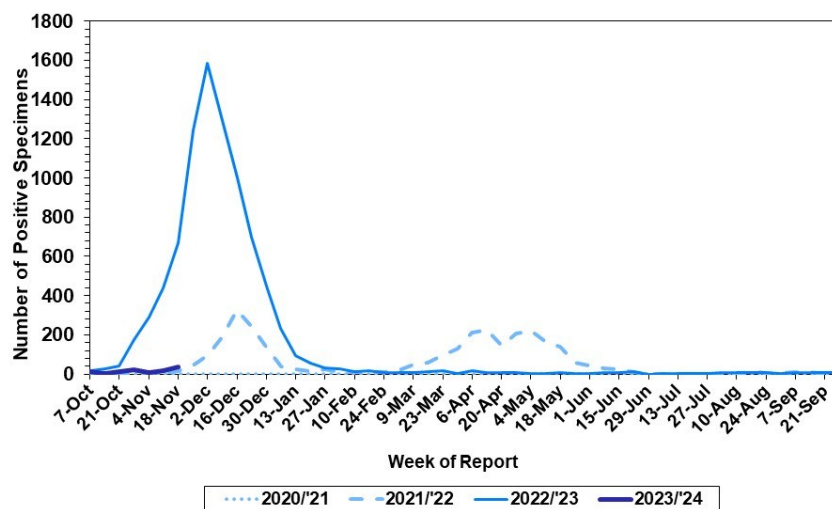
Philadelphia Influenza Activity

Please note these data are provisional and subject to change.

Please note: Emergency department data is pending and will be updated next report. Positive detections of influenza at select local hospital laboratories have remained low, though activity did slightly increase compared to the previous week. Influenza A percent positivity is now at 1.1% while influenza B percent positivity is 0.4%. 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.

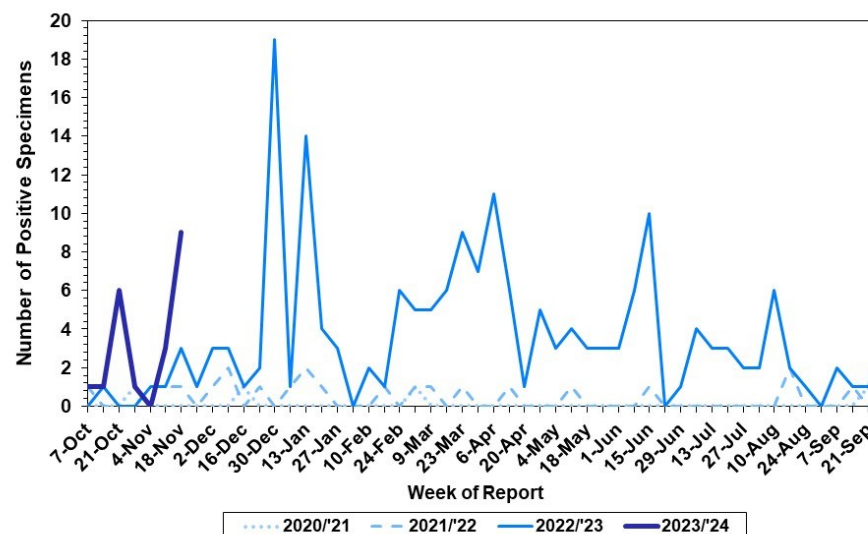
Laboratory-Based Surveillance for Influenza A Philadelphia, 2020/2021 through 2023/2024 Seasons*

**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 18, 2023, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) reported that flu activity is increasing. Emergency department visits resulting in an influenza diagnosis are also increasing for most 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. Ten 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 18, 2023, the CDC reports that seasonal influenza activity is increasing, with the highest activity occurring in the Southeast, South-Central, Mountain, and West Coast regions. In week 46, clinical laboratories reported 2,584 specimens (4.9%) of 52,451 specimens tested positive for influenza, 66.1% of which have been influenza A. Of influenza A specimens subtyped at public health labs, 79.3% have been subtyped as H1N1 and 20.7% as H3N2. Influenza hospitalizations are increasing and 7 of 10 HHS regions are now at or exceeding their outpatient respiratory illness baselines, including the mid-Atlantic region. Nine jurisdictions reported moderate flu activity while 12 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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