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Philadelphia Department of Public Health
Seasonal Influenza Surveillance Report

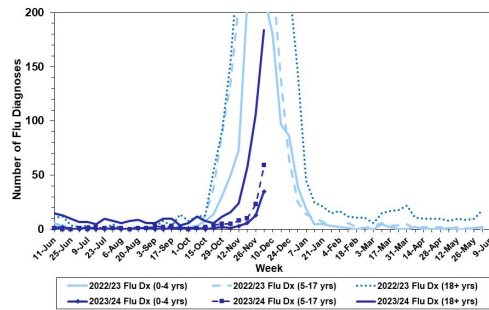
MMWR Week 49: December 3, 2023—December 9, 2023

Philadelphia Influenza Activity

Please note these data are provisional and subject to change.

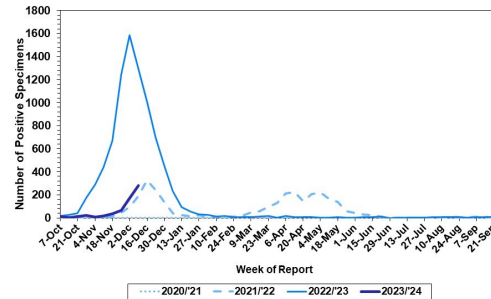
Influenza diagnoses at local emergency departments increased significantly across all ages. Positive detections of influenza A at select local hospital laboratories continues to increase. Though influenza B activity remains low, it also increased in week 49. Influenza A percent positivity is now at 7.4% while influenza B percent positivity is 0.5%. 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. Six 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



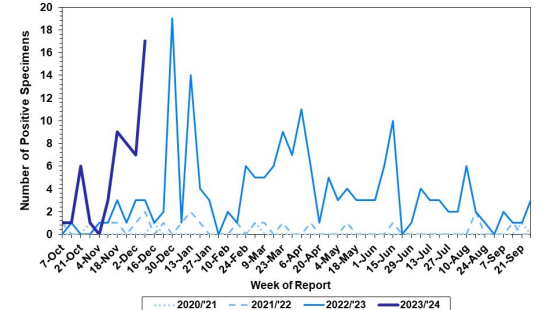
Laboratory-Based Surveillance for Influenza A Philadelphia, 2020/2021 through 2023/2024 Seasons*

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



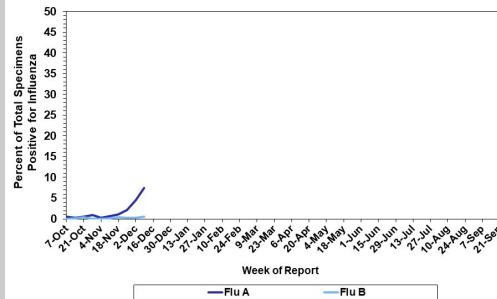
Laboratory-Based Surveillance for Influenza B Philadelphia, 2020/2021 through 2023/2024 Seasons*

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Laboratory-Based Surveillance for Influenza (%) Philadelphia, 2023/2024 Season*

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Pennsylvania

As of December 9, 2023, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) reported that flu activity is increasing. Emergency department visits resulting in an influenza diagnosis are also increasing slightly for most age groups across the state. There have been 13,516 influenza positive laboratory tests reported so far this season. Influenza A/H1N1 remains the most prevalent subtype identified among those tested at the PA Bureau of Laboratories. Thirteen 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 December 9, 2023, the CDC reports that seasonal influenza activity is increasing across most of the country, with the highest activity occurring in the Southeast, South-Central and West Coast regions. In week 49, clinical laboratories reported 9,212 specimens (10.2%) of 90,439 specimens tested positive for influenza, 82.2% of which have been influenza A. Of influenza A specimens subtyped at public health labs, 74.8% have been subtyped as H1N1 and 25.2% as H3N2. Influenza hospitalizations are increasing and all 10 HHS regions are now exceeding their outpatient respiratory illness baselines. Nine jurisdictions reported moderate flu activity while 18 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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