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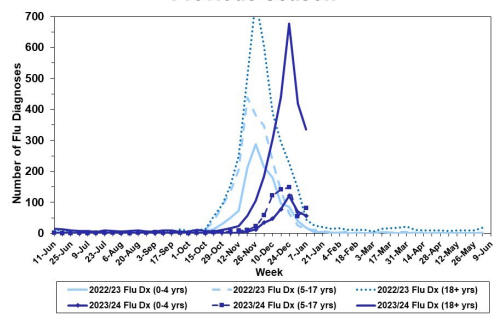
Philadelphia Department of Public Health
Seasonal Influenza Surveillance Report
MMWR Week 2: January 7, 2024—January 13, 2024

Philadelphia Influenza Activity

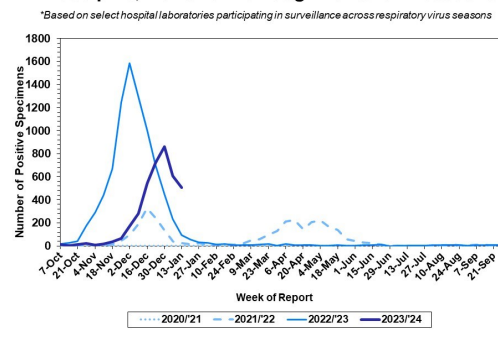
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Influenza diagnoses at local emergency departments decreased for children and adults but rebounded for adolescents. Positive detections of influenza A and B at select local hospital laboratories decreased during week 2, with percent positivity for influenza A falling to 10.7% and 1.2% for influenza B. Sixty three severe influenza cases (Philadelphia resident, positive by rapid test, PCR or culture, and hospitalized for ≥ 24 hrs) have been reported so far this season, the majority of which have been influenza A. Fourteen influenza outbreaks have been reported (≥ 1 case of laboratory confirmed flu reported in a long term care facility) so far this season.

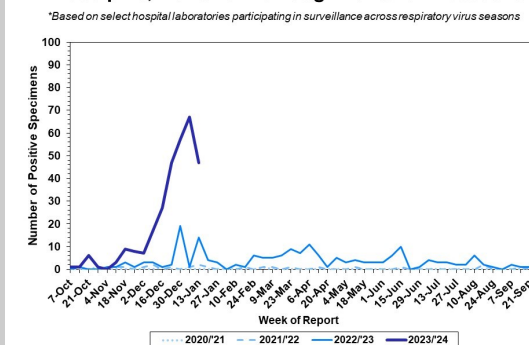
Influenza Diagnoses at Philadelphia Emergency Departments, Current Season Compared with Previous Season



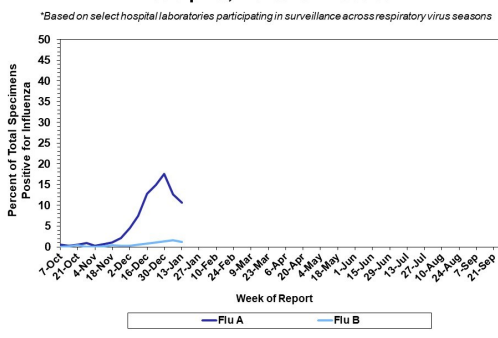
Laboratory-Based Surveillance for Influenza A Philadelphia, 2020/2021 through 2023/2024 Seasons*



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



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



Pennsylvania

As of January 13, 2024, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) reported that flu activity is high but has started to decrease. Emergency department visits resulting in an influenza diagnosis are also still high but decreased among most age groups across the state compared to the previous few weeks. There have been 68,555 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. One hundred and three 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 January 13, 2024, the CDC reports that seasonal influenza activity remains high among most parts of the country. In week 2, clinical laboratories reported 13,006 specimens (13.7%) of 94,815 specimens tested positive for influenza, 79.4% of which have been influenza A. Of influenza A specimens subtyped at public health labs, 73.1% have been subtyped as H1N1 and 26.9% as H3N2. Influenza hospitalizations decreased slightly; however, all 10 HHS regions are still exceeding their outpatient respiratory illness baselines. Fourteen jurisdictions reported moderate flu activity while 25 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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