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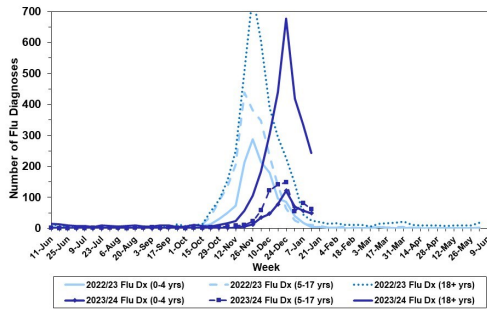
Philadelphia Department of Public Health  
Seasonal Influenza Surveillance Report  
MMWR Week 4: January 21, 2024—January 27, 2024

## Philadelphia Influenza Activity

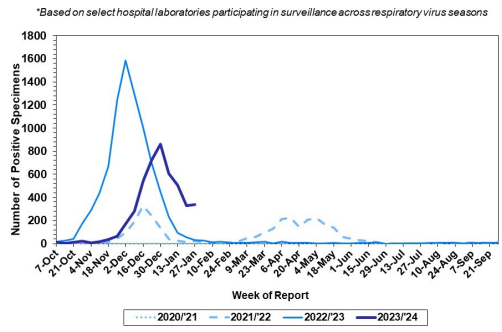
Please note these data are provisional and subject to change.

Positive detections of influenza A and B at select local hospital laboratories have fluctuated and remained somewhat level over the past few weeks. A preliminary count of 72 severe influenza cases (Philadelphia resident, positive by rapid test, PCR or culture, and hospitalized for  $\geq 24$  hrs) have been reported and confirmed so far this season, the majority of which have been influenza A. Several other influenza reports are pending confirmation of hospitalization. Fifteen influenza outbreaks have been reported and confirmed ( $\geq 1$  case of laboratory confirmed flu reported in a long-term care facility) so far this season. Please note that emergency department visit data for week 4 are pending and will be updated in a future report.

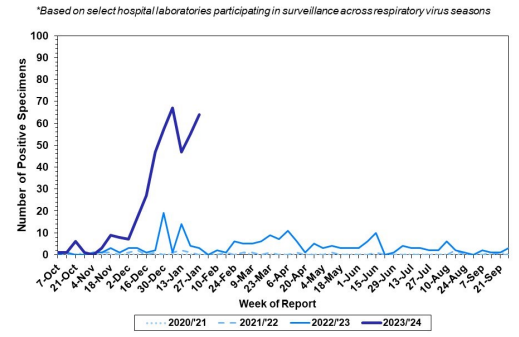
### Influenza Diagnoses at Philadelphia Emergency Departments, Current Season Compared with Previous Season



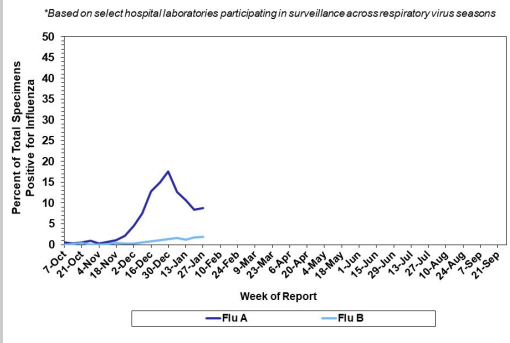
### Laboratory-Based Surveillance for Influenza A Philadelphia, 2020/2021 through 2023/2024 Seasons\*



### 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 27, 2024, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) reported that influenza A activity decreased while influenza B activity increased. Emergency department visits resulting in an influenza diagnosis are still high but have decreased among most age groups across the state compared to previous weeks. There have been 83,716 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 eighty one deaths have been reported to date 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 27, 2024, the CDC reports that seasonal influenza activity remains high among most parts of the country and that some areas experienced increases compared to the previous week. In week 4, clinical laboratories reported 15,032 specimens (16.2%) of 93,011 specimens tested positive for influenza, 73.1% of which have been influenza A. Of influenza A specimens subtyped at public health labs, 60.4% have been subtyped as H1N1 and 39.6% as H3N2. Influenza hospitalizations were stable compared to the previous week and all 10 HHS regions are still exceeding their outpatient respiratory illness baselines. Thirteen jurisdictions reported moderate flu activity while 20 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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