



# PHILLY FLU FINDINGS

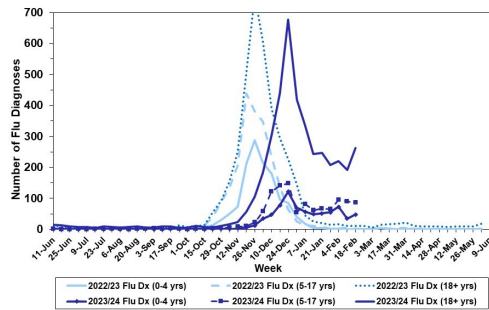
Philadelphia Department of Public Health  
Seasonal Influenza Surveillance Report  
MMWR Week 8: February 18, 2024—February 24, 2024

## Philadelphia Influenza Activity

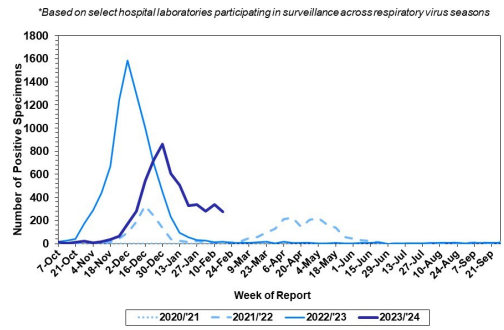
Please note these data are provisional and subject to change.

Influenza-like illness activity at local emergency departments increased for children and adults during week 8. Positive detections of influenza A at select local hospital laboratories have fluctuated over the past few weeks, while influenza B continued to increase. A preliminary count of 91 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. Twenty one influenza outbreaks have been reported and confirmed ( $\geq 1$  case of laboratory confirmed flu reported in a long-term care facility) this season.

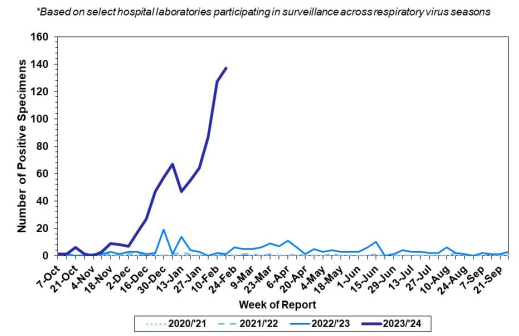
### Influenza Diagnoses at Philadelphia Emergency Departments, Current Season Compared with Previous Season



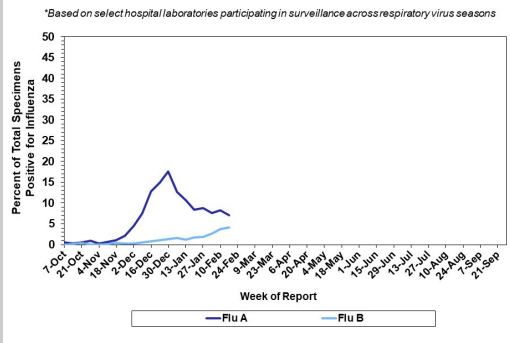
### Laboratory-Based Surveillance for Influenza A Philadelphia, 2020/2021 through 2023/2024 Seasons\*



### 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 February 24, 2024, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) reported that influenza A and B activity increased. Emergency department visits resulting in an influenza diagnosis also increased among most age groups and areas. There have been 136,095 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. Two three hundred and twelve 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 February 24, 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 8, clinical laboratories reported 11,294 specimens (13.9%) of 81,237 specimens tested positive for influenza, 56.9% of which have been influenza A. Of influenza A specimens subtyped at public health labs, 57.3% have been subtyped as H1N1 and 42.7% as H3N2. Influenza hospitalizations were stable compared to the previous few weeks but have been trending downwards since week 1. All 10 HHS regions are still exceeding their outpatient respiratory illness baselines. Eleven jurisdictions reported moderate flu activity while 27 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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