

# Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report | Seasonal Influenza (Flu) | CDC

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### 2017-2018 Influenza Season Week 18 ending May 5, 2018

All data are preliminary and may change as more reports are received.

#### Synopsis:

During week 18 (April 29-May 5, 2018), influenza activity decreased in the United States.

- **Viral Surveillance:** Overall, influenza A(H3) viruses have predominated this season. Since early March, influenza B viruses have been more frequently reported than influenza A viruses. The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza in clinical laboratories decreased.
- **Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality:** The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) was below the system-specific epidemic threshold in the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Mortality Surveillance System.
- **Influenza-associated Pediatric Deaths:** Two influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported.
- **Influenza-associated Hospitalizations:** A cumulative rate of 106.5 laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated hospitalizations per 100,000 population was reported.
- **Outpatient Illness Surveillance:** The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 1.5%, which is below the national baseline of 2.2%. One of 10 regions reported ILI at or above their region-specific baseline level. Puerto Rico and one state experienced low ILI activity; and New York City, the District of Columbia, and 49 states experienced minimal ILI activity.
- **Geographic Spread of Influenza:** The geographic spread of influenza in three states was reported as widespread; Guam, Puerto Rico and four states reported regional activity; 16 states reported local activity; the District of Columbia, and 25 states reported sporadic activity; and the U.S. Virgin Islands and two states reported no influenza activity.

## National and Regional Summary of Select Surveillance Components

| Data for current week     |                 |  |  | Data cumulative since October 1, 2017 (week 40) |                             |                    |                    |                         |                  |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--|--|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| HHS Surveillance Regions* | Outpatient ILI† | Number of jurisdictions reporting regional or widespread activity§ | % respiratory specimens positive for flu in clinical laboratories‡ | A(H1N1)pdm09                                    | A (Subtyping not Performed) | B/Victoria lineage | B/Yamagata lineage | B/lineage not performed | Pediatric Deaths |
| <b>Nation</b>             | Normal          | 9 of 54  | 6.5%   | 5,541,881                                       | 1,260,486                   | 10,094             | 3,504              | 165                     |                  |
| <b>Region 1</b>           | Normal          | 3 of 6   | 11.0%  | 317,241   | 584                         | 569                | 61                 | 4                       |                  |
| <b>Region 2</b>           | Elevated        | 3 of 4   | 7.7%   | 310,803   | 240                         | 447                | 339                | 9                       |                  |
| <b>Region 3</b>           | Normal          | 0 of 6   | 9.6%   | 1,095,472                                       | 1,327                       | 1,565              | 130                | 15                      |                  |
| <b>Region 4</b>           | Normal          | 1 of 8   | 6.1%   | 915,096   | 492                         | 760                | 630                | 41                      |                  |
| <b>Region 5</b>           | Normal          | 0 of 6   | 13.1%  | 797,688   | 88                          | 1,822              | 223                | 31                      |                  |

|               |        |        |      |             |            |
|---------------|--------|--------|------|-------------|------------|
| 5             | mal    |        |      | 1 8         | 69         |
|               |        |        |      | 3           |            |
|               |        |        |      | 1           |            |
| <b>Region</b> | Normal | 0 of 5 | 1.9% | 358 3 8 8   | 512 321 29 |
| 6             |        |        |      | 1           |            |
|               |        |        |      | 7           |            |
|               |        |        |      | 1           |            |
| <b>Region</b> | Normal | 0 of 4 | 5.2% | 86 1 1 5    | 520 35 4   |
| 7             |        |        |      | 7 3         |            |
|               |        |        |      | 5           |            |
|               |        |        |      | 2           |            |
| <b>Region</b> | Normal | 1 of 6 | 5.4% | 327 6 2 157 | 1,0 80 5   |
| 8             |        |        |      | 8 2         |            |
|               |        |        |      | 0           |            |
|               |        |        |      | 7           |            |
| <b>Region</b> | Normal | 1 of 5 | 3.3% | 866 7 3 489 | 2,2 912 22 |
| 9             |        |        |      | 2 3         | 77         |
|               |        |        |      | 5           |            |
|               |        |        |      | 1           |            |
| <b>Region</b> | Normal | 0 of 4 | 8.9% | 470 5 1 13  | 561 773 5  |
| 10            |        |        |      | 1 1         |            |
|               |        |        |      | 8           |            |

\*<https://www.hhs.gov/about/agencies/iea/regional-offices/index.html>

† Elevated means the % of visits for ILI is at or above the national or region-specific baseline

§ Includes all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands

‡ National data are for current week; regional data are for the most recent three weeks

## [U.S. Virologic Surveillance:](#)

WHO and NREVSS collaborating laboratories, which include both public health and clinical laboratories located in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, report to CDC the total number of respiratory specimens tested for influenza and the number positive for influenza by virus type. In addition, public health laboratories also report the influenza A subtype (H1 or H3) and influenza B lineage information of the viruses they test and the age or age group of the persons from whom the specimens were collected.

Additional virologic data, including national, regional and select state-level data, can be found

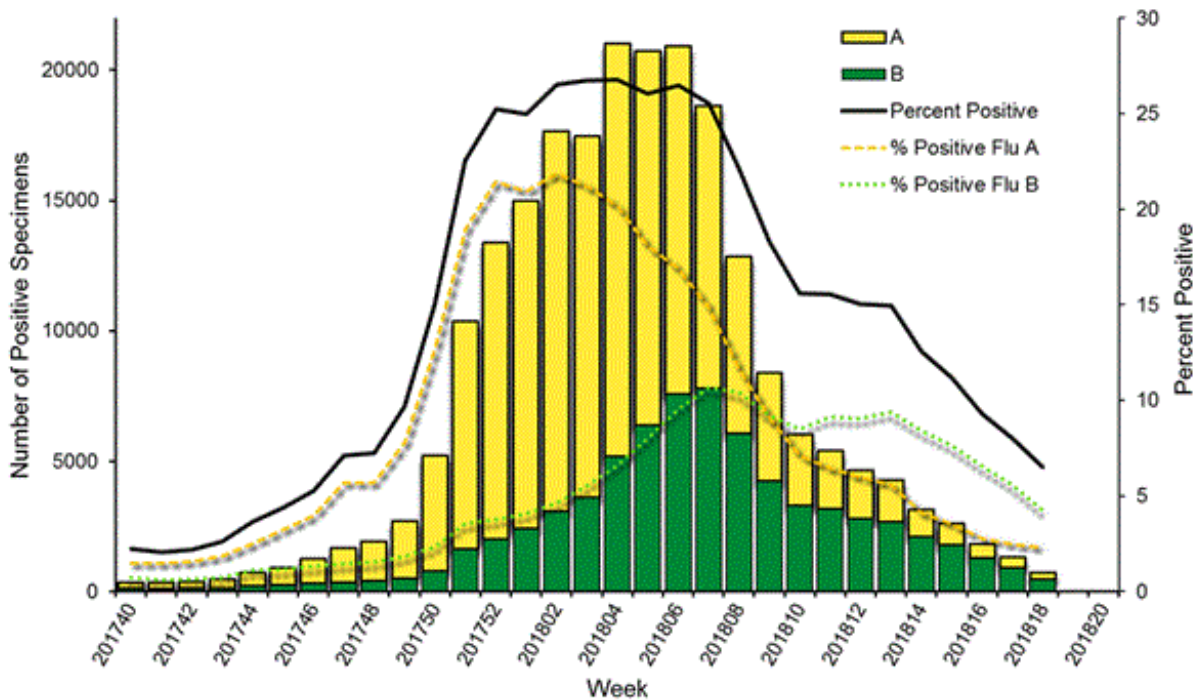
at: <http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/fluportaldashboard.html>. Age group proportions and totals by influenza subtype reported by public health laboratories can be found at: [http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/flu\\_by\\_age\\_virus.html](http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/flu_by_age_virus.html).

The results of tests performed by clinical laboratories are summarized below.

**October 1, 2017 (Week 40)**

|                                      | <b>Week 18</b> | <b>Data Cumulative since</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| <b>No. of specimens tested</b>       | 11,110         | 1,177,913                    |
| <b>No. of positive specimens (%)</b> | 721 (6.5%)     | 222,272 (18.9%)              |
| <b>Positive specimens by type</b>    |                |                              |
| <b>Influenza A</b>                   | 252 (35.0%)    | 150,547 (67.7%)              |
| <b>Influenza B</b>                   | 469 (65.0%)    | 71,725 (32.3%)               |

**Influenza Positive Tests Reported to CDC by U.S. Clinical Laboratories, National Summary, 2017-2018 Season**



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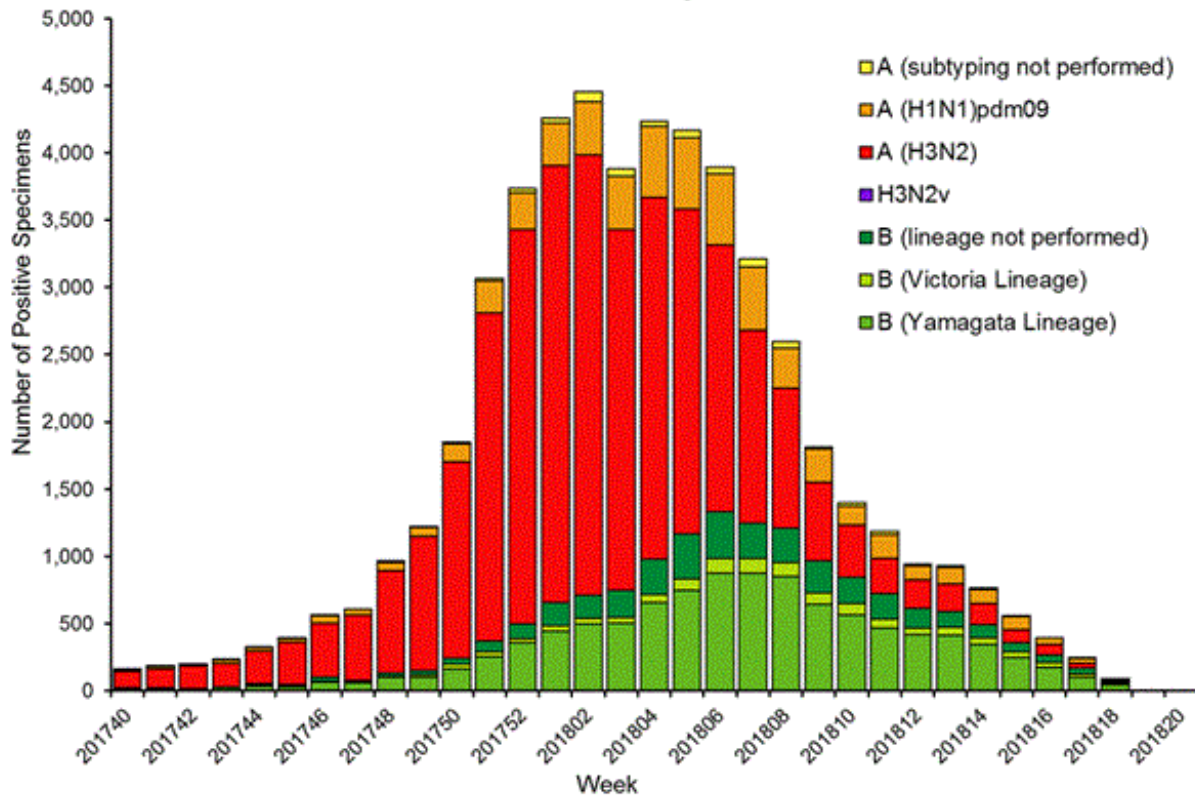
The results of tests performed by public health laboratories, as well as the age group distribution of influenza positive tests, during the current week are summarized below.

**October 1, 2017 (Week 40)**

|  | <b>Week 18</b> |                | <b>Data Cumulative since</b> |
|--|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| <b>No. of specimens tested</b>                   | 345            | 95,561         |                              |
| <b>No. of positive specimens*</b>                | 86             | 52,503         |                              |
| <b><i>Positive specimens by type/subtype</i></b> |                |                |                              |
| <b>Influenza A</b>                               | 28 (32.6%)     | 37,645 (71.7%) |                              |
| <b>A(H1N1)pdm09</b>                              | 12 (42.9%)     | 5,541 (14.7%)  |                              |
| <b>H3N2</b>                                      | 11 (39.3%)     | 31,488 (83.6%) |                              |
| <b>Subtyping not performed</b>                   | 5 (17.9%)      | 616 (1.6%)     |                              |
| <b>Influenza B</b>                               | 58 (67.4%)     | 14,858 (28.3%) |                              |
| <b>Yamagata lineage</b>                          | 49 (84.5%)     | 10,094 (67.9%) |                              |
| <b>Victoria lineage</b>                          | 3 (5.2%)       | 1,260 (8.5%)   |                              |
| <b>Lineage not performed</b>                     | 6 (10.3%)      | 3,504 (23.6%)  |                              |

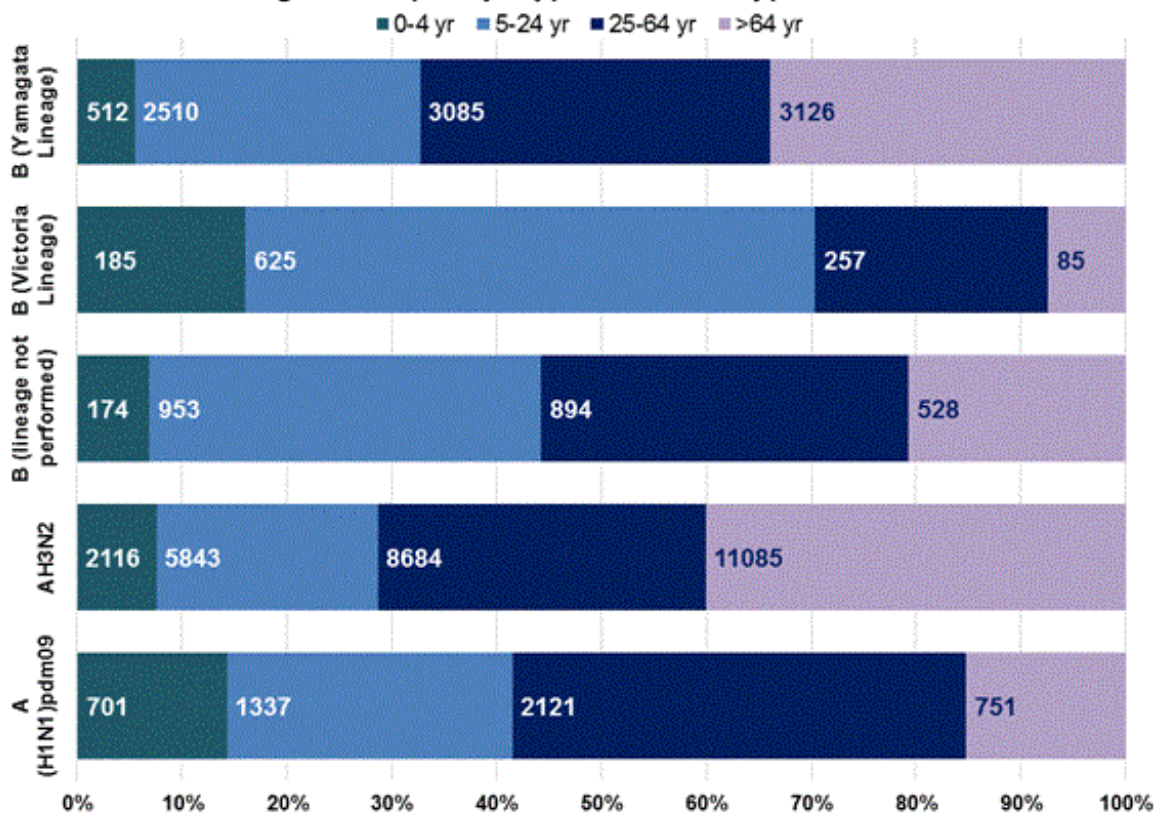
\*The percent of specimens testing positive for influenza is not reported because public health laboratories often receive samples that have already tested positive for influenza at a clinical laboratory and therefore percent positive would not be a valid indicator of influenza activity. Additional information is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/overview.htm>.

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## Influenza Positive Tests Reported to CDC by U.S. Public Health Laboratories, Age Groups by Type and Subtype, 2017-2018 Season



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## Influenza Virus Characterization:

Close monitoring of influenza viruses is required to better assess the potential impact on public health. CDC characterizes influenza viruses through one or more tests including [genomic sequencing](#) and [hemagglutination inhibition \(HI\)](#) (i.e., hemagglutination inhibition (HI) and/or neutralization assays). These data are used to monitor for changes in circulating influenza viruses and to compare how similar currently circulating influenza viruses are to the reference viruses used for developing influenza vaccines. Antigenic and genetic characterization of circulating influenza viruses can give an indication of the influenza vaccine's ability to produce an immune response against the wide array of influenza viruses co-circulating, but annual [vaccine effectiveness estimates](#) are needed to determine how much protection has been provided to the population by vaccination. On February 15, 2018, interim influenza vaccine effectiveness estimates for the 2017-2018 season were released and are available [here](#).

For nearly all influenza-positive surveillance samples received at CDC, next-generation sequencing is performed to determine the genetic identity of circulating influenza viruses and to monitor viruses for evidence of genetic changes. Viruses are classified into genetic clades/subclades based on analysis of the genetic sequences of the HA gene segments. However, genetic changes do not always result in antigenic change. Extensive genetic variation may exist in circulating viruses, with no evidence of substantial antigenic drift. Antigenic drift is evaluated by comparing cell-propagated circulating viruses with cell-propagated reference viruses representing currently recommended vaccine components.

CDC has antigenically or genetically characterized 3,108 influenza viruses collected during October 1, 2017 – May 5, 2018, and submitted by U.S. laboratories, including 767 influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses, 1,264 influenza A(H3N2) viruses, and 1,077 influenza B viruses.

### **Influenza A Viruses**

- **A (H1N1)pdm09:** Phylogenetic analysis of the HA genes from 767 A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses showed that all belonged to clade 6B.1. Six hundred eighty six A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses were antigenically characterized, and all were antigenically similar (analyzed using HI with ferret antisera) to the reference 6B.1 virus A/Michigan/45/2015, representing the recommended influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 reference virus for the 2017–18 Northern Hemisphere influenza vaccines.
- **A (H3N2):** Phylogenetic analysis of the HA genes from 1,264 A(H3N2) viruses revealed extensive genetic diversity with multiple clades/subclades co-circulating. The HA genes of circulating viruses belonged to clade 3C.2a (n=1,035), subclade 3C.2a1 (n=143) or clade 3C.3a (n=86). Six hundred thirty three influenza A(H3N2) viruses were antigenically characterized, and 594 (93.8%) A(H3N2) viruses tested were well-inhibited (reacting at titers that were within fourfold of the homologous virus titer) by ferret antisera raised against A/Michigan/15/2014 (3C.2a), a cell propagated A/Hong Kong/4801/2014-like reference virus representing the A(H3N2) component of 2017–18 Northern Hemisphere influenza vaccines.

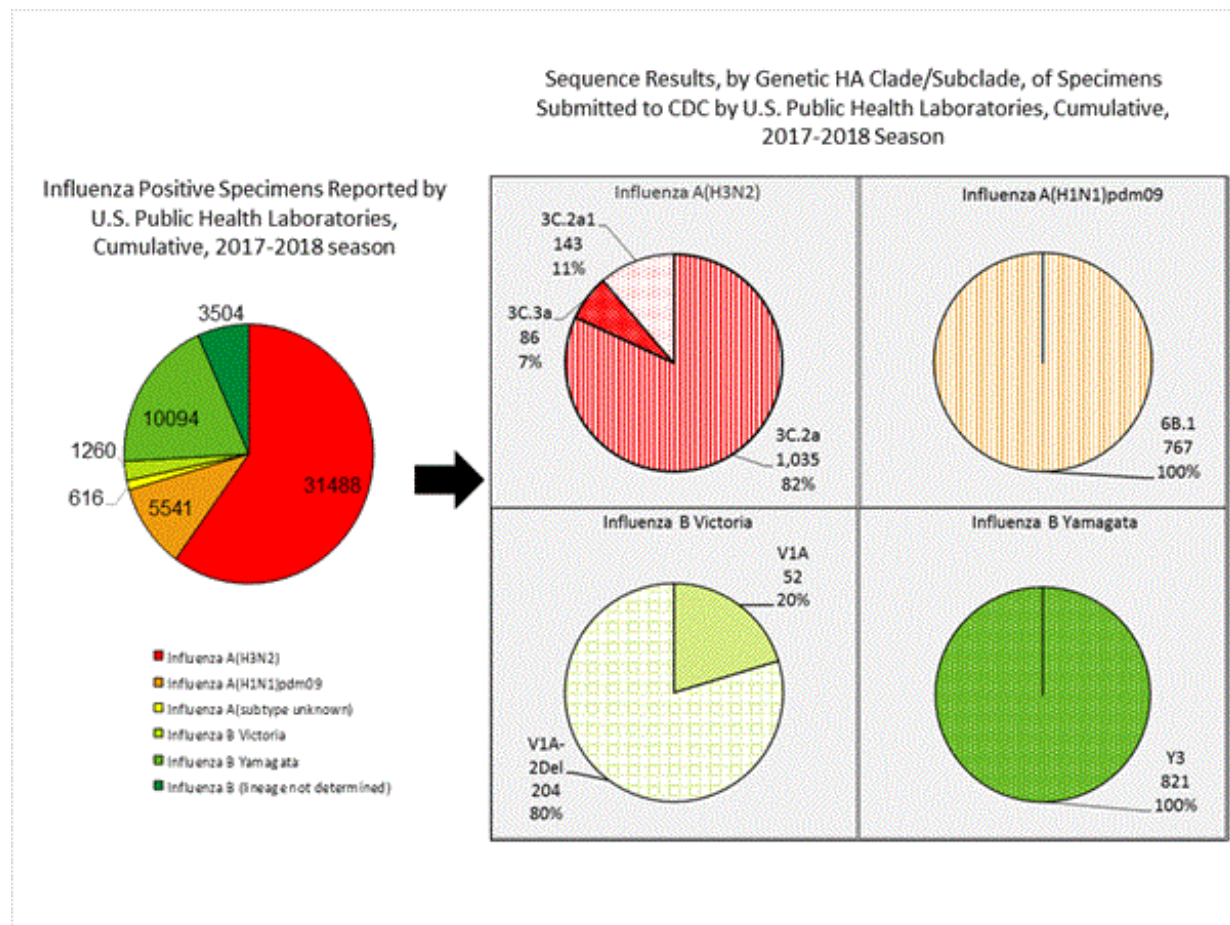
### **Influenza B Viruses**

- **B/Victoria:** Phylogenetic analysis of 256 B/Victoria-lineage viruses indicate that all HA genes belonged to genetic clade V1A, the same genetic clade as the vaccine reference virus, B/Brisbane/60/2008. However, a number of viruses had a 6-nucleotide deletion (encoding amino acids 162 and 163) in the HA (abbreviated as V1A-2Del). Forty four (24.4%) B/Victoria lineage viruses were well-inhibited by ferret antisera raised against cell -propagated B/Brisbane/60/2008 reference virus, representing a recommended B virus component of 2017–18 Northern Hemisphere influenza vaccines. One hundred thirty six (75.6%) B/Victoria lineage viruses reacted poorly (at titers that were 8-fold or greater reduced compared with the homologous virus titer) with ferret antisera raised against cell-propagated B/Brisbane/60/2008, and these viruses had the V1A-2Del HA.
- **B/Yamagata:** Phylogenetic analysis of 821 influenza B/Yamagata-lineage viruses indicate that the HA genes belonged to clade Y3. A total of 737 influenza B/Yamagata-lineage viruses were antigenically characterized, and all were antigenically similar to



cell propagated B/Phuket/3073/2013, the reference vaccine virus representing the influenza B/Yamagata-lineage component of the 2017–18 Northern Hemisphere quadrivalent vaccines.

The majority of U.S. viruses submitted for characterization come from state and local public health laboratories. Due to [Right Size Roadmap](#) considerations, specimen submission guidance to laboratories is that, if available, 2 influenza A(H1N1)pdm09, 2 influenza A(H3N2), and 2 influenza B viruses be submitted every other week. Therefore, the numbers of each virus type/subtype characterized should be more balanced across subtypes/lineages but will not reflect the actual proportion of circulating viruses. In the figure below, the results of tests performed by public health labs are shown on the left and CDC sequence results (by genetic clade/subclade) are shown on the right.



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## 2018-2019 Influenza Season – U.S. Influenza Vaccine

## **Composition:**

The World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended the Northern Hemisphere 2018-2019 influenza vaccine composition, and the Food and Drug Administration's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) subsequently made the influenza vaccine composition recommendation for the United States. Both agencies recommend that influenza trivalent vaccines contain an A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus, an A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 (H3N2)-like virus, and a B/Colorado/06/2017-like (B/Victoria lineage) virus. It is recommended that quadrivalent vaccines, which have two influenza B viruses, contain the viruses recommended for the trivalent vaccines, as well as a B/Phuket/3073/2013-like (B/Yamagata lineage) virus. The B recommendation represents a change in the influenza B/Victoria lineage component recommended for the 2017-2018 Northern Hemisphere and 2018 Southern Hemisphere influenza vaccines. The H3N2 recommendation represents an update to the 2017-2018 Northern Hemisphere vaccines, but not to the 2018 Southern Hemisphere vaccines which were recommended to include A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 (H3N2)-like virus. The B component change was made because of the detection and increasing global circulation of an antigenically drifted B/Victoria lineage virus. The update to the H3N2 component is not a result of antigenic drift, but because the egg-propagated A/Singapore vaccine virus is antigenically more similar to circulating viruses than the egg-propagated A/Hong Kong vaccine virus recommended for the Northern Hemisphere 2017-2018 vaccines. These vaccine recommendations were based on several factors, including global influenza virologic and epidemiologic surveillance, genetic characterization, antigenic characterization and the candidate vaccine viruses that are available for production.

## **Antiviral Resistance:**

Testing of influenza A (H1N1)pdm09, influenza A (H3N2), and influenza B virus isolates for resistance to neuraminidase inhibitors (oseltamivir, zanamivir, and peramivir) is performed at CDC using a functional assay. Additional influenza A (H1N1)pdm09 and influenza A (H3N2) viruses from clinical samples are tested for mutations known to confer oseltamivir resistance. The data summarized below combine the results of both testing methods. These samples are routinely obtained for surveillance purposes rather than for diagnostic testing of patients suspected to be infected with antiviral-resistant virus.

High levels of resistance to the adamantanes (amantadine and rimantadine) persist among influenza A (H1N1)pdm09 and influenza A (H3N2) viruses (the adamantanes are not effective against influenza B viruses). Therefore, data from adamantane resistance testing are not presented below.

## **Neuraminidase Inhibitor Resistance Testing**

**Results on  
Samples  
Collected  
Since October  
1, 2017**

**Oseltamivir   Zanamivir   Peramivir**

**Influenza A (H1N1)pdm09** 1,079 10 (0.9) 732 0 (0.0) 1,079 10 (0.9)

**Influenza A (H3N2)** 2,303 0 (0.0) 2,303 0 (0.0) 1,203 0 (0.0)

**Influenza B** 1,034 0 (0.0) 1,034 0 (0.0) 1,034 0 (0.0)

On December 27, 2017, a Health Advisory was released by CDC providing: 1) a notice about increased influenza A(H3N2) activity and its clinical implications; 2) a summary of influenza antiviral drug treatment recommendations; 3) an update about approved treatment drugs and supply this season; and 4) background information for patients about influenza treatment. More information is available at <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00409.asp>.

The majority of recently circulating influenza viruses are susceptible to the neuraminidase inhibitor antiviral medications, oseltamivir, zanamivir, and peramivir; however, rare sporadic instances of oseltamivir-resistant and peramivir-resistant influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses and oseltamivir-resistant influenza A(H3N2) viruses have been detected worldwide. Antiviral treatment as early as possible is recommended for patients with confirmed or suspected influenza who have severe, complicated, or progressive illness; who require hospitalization; or who are at [high risk](#) for serious influenza-related complications. Additional information on recommendations for treatment and chemoprophylaxis of influenza virus infection with antiviral agents is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/antivirals/index.htm>.

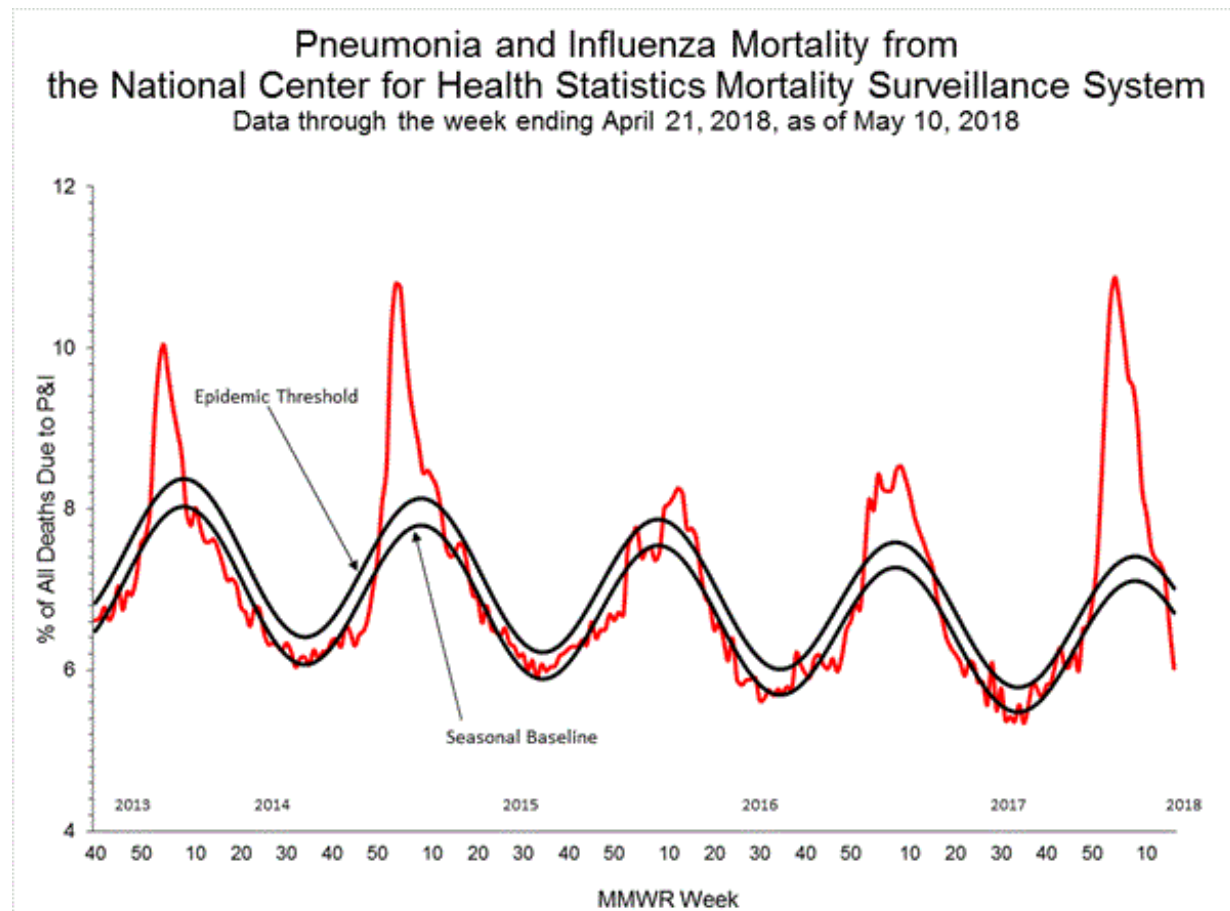
**[Pneumonia and Influenza \(P&I\) Mortality Surveillance:](#)**

Based on National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) mortality surveillance data available on May 10, 2018, 6.0% of the deaths occurring during the week ending April 21, 2018 (week 16) were due to P&I. This percentage is below the epidemic threshold of 7.0% for week 16.

Background: Weekly mortality surveillance data include a combination of machine coded and manually coded causes of death collected from death certificates. Percentages of deaths due to P&I are higher among manually coded records than more rapidly available machine

coded records. There is currently a delay in manual coding for deaths occurring in 2018. Because of this delay initially reported P&I percentages will be lower than those calculated from the final data.

Region and state-specific data are available at <http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/mortality.html>.



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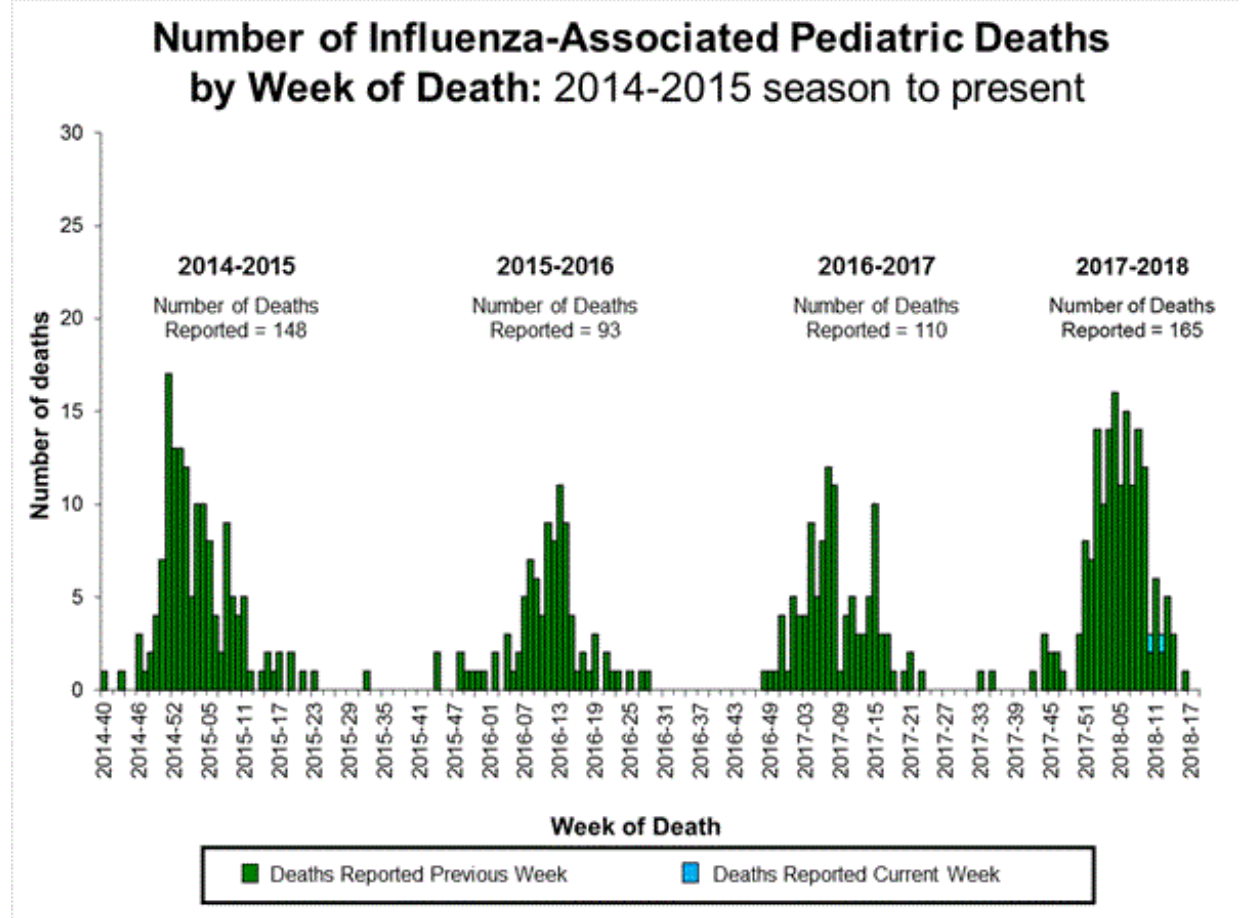
## **Influenza-Associated Pediatric Mortality:**

Two influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported to CDC during week 18. One death was associated with an influenza A(H3) virus and occurred during week 10 (the week ending March 10, 2018). One death was associated with an influenza B virus and occurred during week 12 (the week ending March 24, 2018).

A total of 165 influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported for the 2017-2018

season.

Additional data can be found at: <http://gis.cdc.gov/GRASP/Fluview/PedFluDeath.html>.



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## **Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations:**

The Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Network (FluSurv-NET) conducts population-based surveillance for laboratory-confirmed influenza-related hospitalizations in children younger than 18 years of age (since the 2003-2004 influenza season) and adults (since the 2005-2006 influenza season).

The FluSurv-NET covers more than 70 counties in the 10 Emerging Infections Program (EIP) states (CA, CO, CT, GA, MD, MN, NM, NY, OR, and TN) and additional Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Project (IHSP) states. The IHSP began during the 2009-2010 season to enhance surveillance during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic. IHSP sites included IA, ID, MI, OK and SD during the 2009-2010 season; ID, MI, OH, OK, RI, and UT during the 2010-

2011 season; MI, OH, RI, and UT during the 2011-2012 season; IA, MI, OH, RI, and UT during the 2012-2013 season; and MI, OH, and UT during the 2013-2014, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18 seasons.

Data gathered are used to estimate age-specific hospitalization rates on a weekly basis, and describe characteristics of persons hospitalized with influenza illness. The rates provided are likely to be an underestimate as influenza-related hospitalizations can be missed, either because testing is not performed, or because cases may be attributed to other causes of pneumonia or other common influenza-related complications.

A total of 30,429 laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported between October 1, 2017 and April 30, 2018. The overall hospitalization rate was 106.5 per 100,000 population. The highest rate of hospitalization was among adults aged  $\geq 65$  years (459.7 per 100,000 population), followed by adults aged 50-64 (115.7 per 100,000 population) and children aged 0-4 years (74.7 per 100,000 population). Among 30,429 hospitalizations, 22,070 (72.5%) were associated with influenza A virus, 8,136 (26.7%) with influenza B virus, 112 (0.4%) with influenza A virus and influenza B virus co-infection, and 111 (0.3%) with influenza virus for which the type was not determined. Among those with influenza A subtype information, 5,879 (84.6%) were A(H3N2) and 1,071 (15.4%) were A(H1N1)pdm09 virus.

Among 5,735 hospitalized adults with information on underlying medical conditions, 5,297 (92.4%) had at least one reported underlying medical condition; the most commonly reported were cardiovascular disease, metabolic disorder, obesity, and chronic lung disease. Among 580 hospitalized children with information on underlying medical conditions, 327 (56.4%) had at least one underlying medical condition; the most commonly reported were asthma, neurologic disorder, and obesity. Among 495 hospitalized women of childbearing age (15-44 years) with information on pregnancy status, 150 (30.3%) were pregnant.

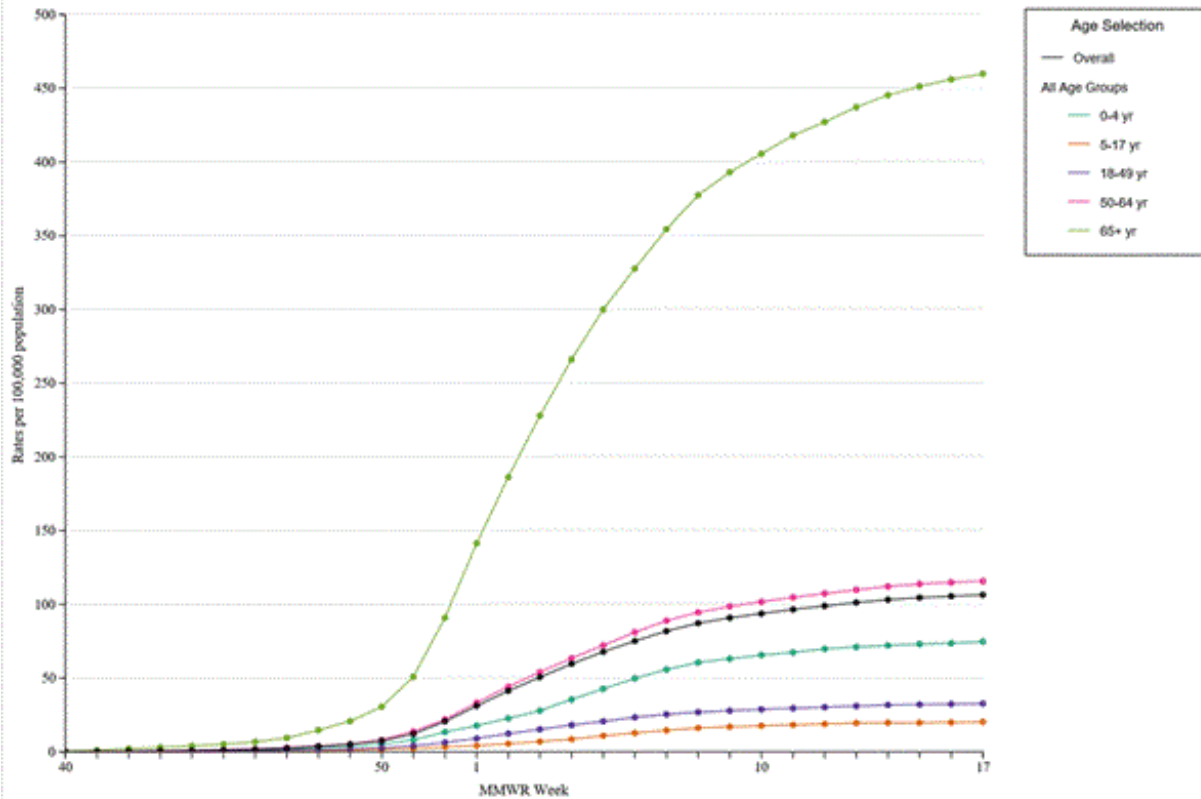
While patients admitted after April 30, 2018 will not be included, data on patients admitted through April 30, 2018 will continue to be updated as additional information is received.

Additional FluSurv-NET data can be found at:

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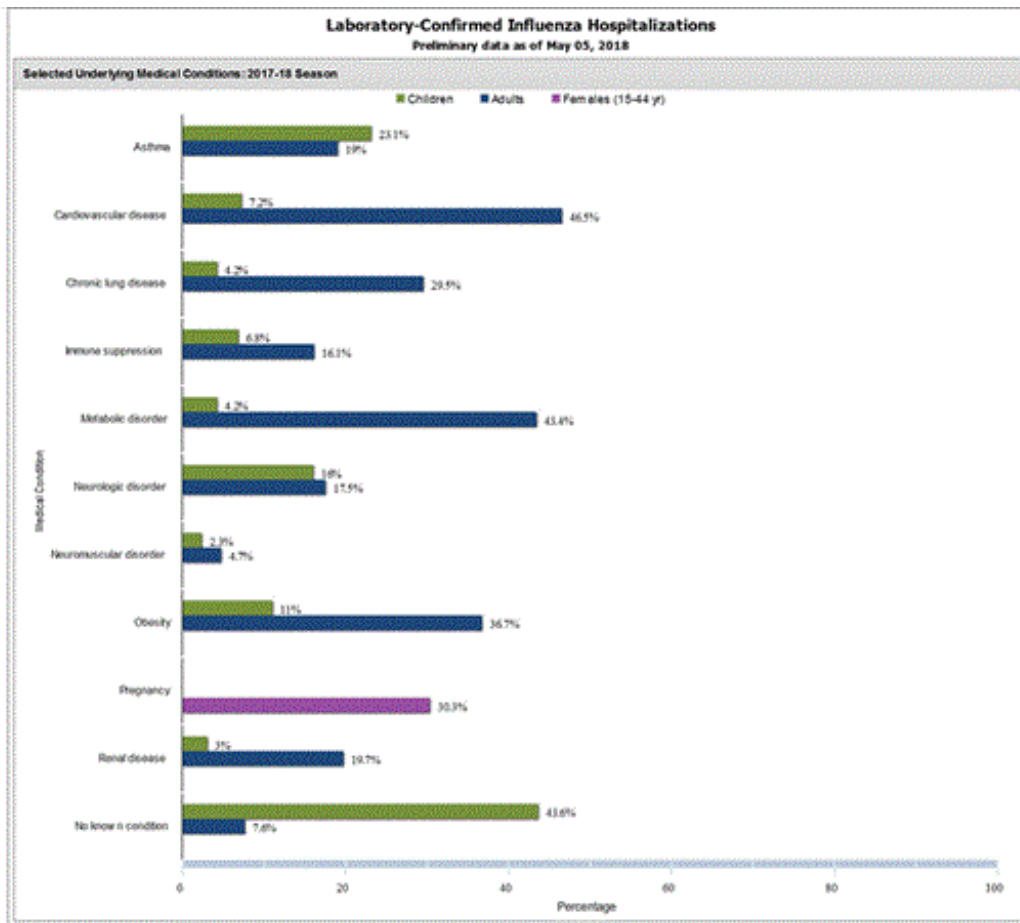
## Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Hospitalizations

Preliminary cumulative rates as of May 05, 2018



Data from the Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Network (FluSurv-NET), a population-based surveillance for influenza related hospitalizations in children and adults in 13 U.S. states. Cumulative incidence rates are calculated using the National Center for Health Statistics' (NCHS) population estimates for the counties included in the surveillance catchment area.

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FluSurv-NET data are preliminary and displayed as they become available. Therefore, figures are based on varying denominators as some variables represent information that may require more time to be collected. Data are refreshed and updated weekly. Asthma includes a medical diagnosis of asthma or reactive airway disease; Cardiovascular diseases include conditions such as coronary heart disease, cardiac valve disorders, congestive heart failure, and pulmonary hypertension; does not include isolated hypertension; Chronic lung diseases include conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, bronchiolitis obliterans, chronic aspiration pneumonia, and interstitial lung disease; Immune suppression includes conditions such as immunoglobulin deficiency, leukemia, lymphoma, HIV/AIDS, and individuals taking immunosuppressive medications; Metabolic disorders include conditions such as diabetes mellitus; Neurologic diseases include conditions such as seizure disorders, cerebral palsy, and cognitive dysfunction; Neuromuscular diseases include conditions such as multiple sclerosis and muscular dystrophy; Obesity was assigned if indicated in patient's medical chart or if body mass index (BMI) >30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>; Pregnancy percentage calculated using number of female cases aged between 15 and 44 years of age as the denominator; Renal diseases include conditions such as acute or chronic renal failure, nephrotic syndrome, glomerulonephritis, and impaired creatinine clearance; No known condition indicates that the case did not have any known high risk medical condition indicated in medical chart at the time of hospitalization.

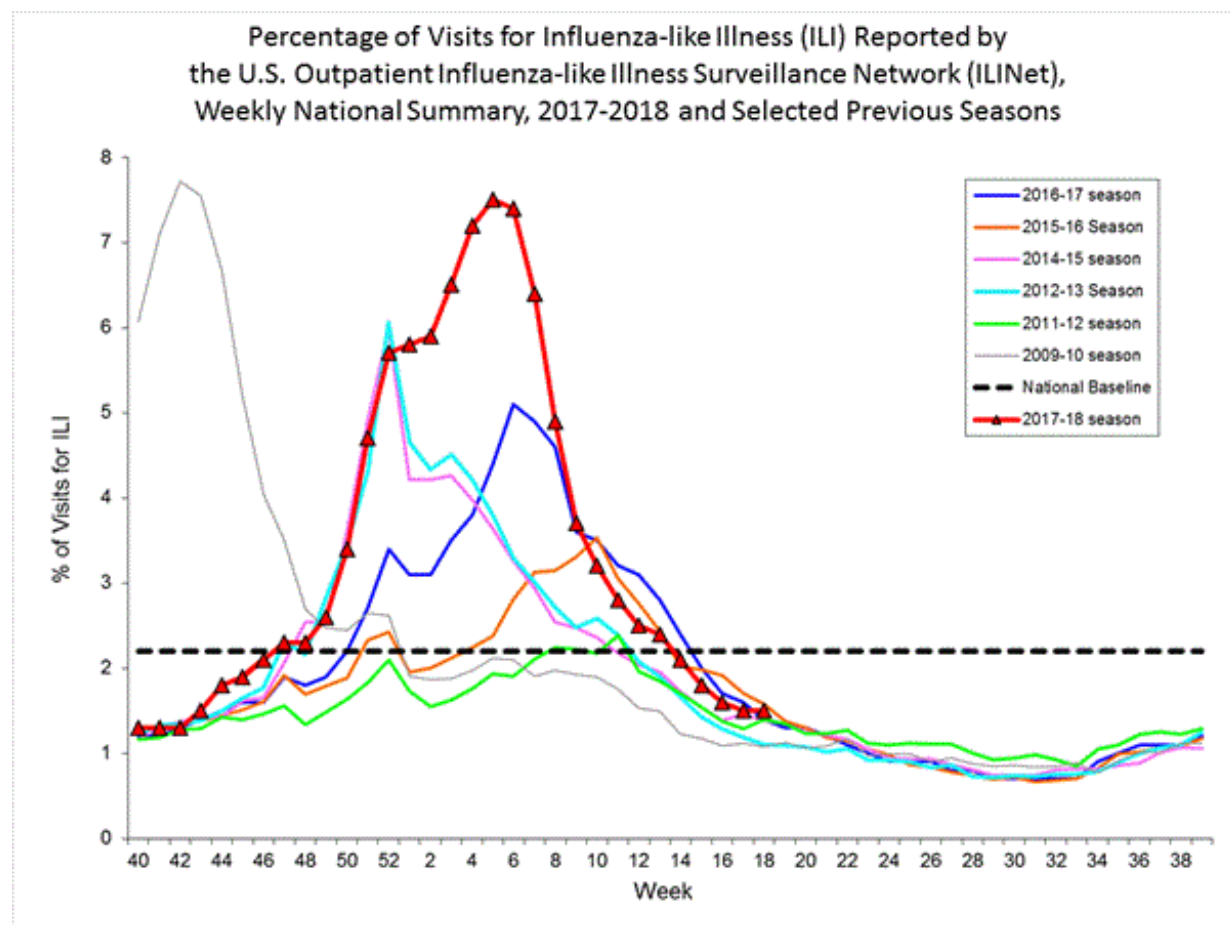


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## **Outpatient Illness Surveillance:**

Nationwide during week 18, 1.5% of patient visits reported through the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) were due to influenza-like illness (ILI). This percentage is below the national baseline of 2.2%. (ILI is defined as fever (temperature of 100°F [37.8°C] or greater) and cough and/or sore throat.)

Additional ILINet data, including national, regional and select state-level data, are available at <http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/fluportaldashboard.html>.



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On a regional level, the percentage of outpatient visits for ILI ranged from 0.5% to 3.1% during week 18. One of ten 10 regions (Region 2) reported a percentage of outpatient visits for ILI at or above their region-specific baselines.

## [ILINet State Activity Indicator Map:](#)

Data collected in ILINet are used to produce a measure of ILI activity\* by state. Activity levels are based on the percent of outpatient visits in a state due to ILI and are compared to the average percent of ILI visits that occur during weeks with little or no influenza virus circulation. Activity levels range from minimal, which would correspond to ILI activity from outpatient clinics being below, or only slightly above, the average, to high, which would correspond to ILI activity from outpatient clinics being much higher than average.

During week 18, the following ILI activity levels were experienced:

- Puerto Rico and one state experienced low ILI activity (Arizona).
- New York City, the District of Columbia, and 49 states experienced minimal ILI activity (Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming).

Click on map to launch interactive tool

\*This map uses the proportion of outpatient visits to health care providers for ILI to measure the ILI activity level within a state. It does not, however, measure the extent of geographic spread of flu within a state. Therefore, outbreaks occurring in a single city could cause the state to display high activity levels.

**Data collected in ILINet may disproportionately represent certain populations within a state, and therefore, may not accurately depict the full picture of influenza activity for the whole state.**

Data displayed in this map are based on data collected in ILINet, whereas the State and Territorial flu activity map is based on reports from state and territorial epidemiologists. The data presented in this map are preliminary and may change as more data are received. Differences in the data presented here by CDC and independently by some state health departments likely represent differing levels of data completeness with data presented by the state likely being the more complete.

## [Geographic Spread of Influenza as Assessed by State and Territorial Epidemiologists](#)

The influenza activity reported by state and territorial epidemiologists indicates geographic

spread of influenza viruses, but does not measure the severity of influenza activity.

Additional data can be found at <https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/FluView8.html>.

During week 18, the following influenza activity was reported:

- Widespread influenza activity was reported by three states (Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York).
- Regional influenza activity was reported by Guam, Puerto Rico and four states (Kentucky, Maine, New Jersey, and Utah).
- Local influenza activity was reported by 16 states (Alaska, Arizona, Delaware, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin).
- Sporadic influenza activity was reported by the District of Columbia and 25 states (Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and Wyoming).
- No influenza activity was reported by the U.S. Virgin Islands and two states (Alabama and Mississippi).

## **Additional National and International Influenza Surveillance Information**

**FluView Interactive:** FluView includes enhanced web-based interactive applications that can provide dynamic visuals of the influenza data collected and analyzed by CDC. These FluView Interactive applications allow people to create customized, visual interpretations of influenza data, as well as make comparisons across flu seasons, regions, age groups and a variety of other demographics. To access these tools, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluviewinteractive.htm>.

**U.S. State and local influenza surveillance:** Click on a jurisdiction below to access the latest local influenza information.

**World Health Organization:** Additional influenza surveillance information from participating WHO member nations is available through [FluNet](#) and the [Global Epidemiology Reports](#).

**WHO Collaborating Centers for Influenza** located in [Australia](#), [China](#), [Japan](#), the [United Kingdom](#), and the [United States](#) (CDC in Atlanta, Georgia).

**Europe:** For the most recent influenza surveillance information from Europe, please see WHO/Europe and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control at <http://www.flunewseurope.org/>.

**Public Health Agency of Canada:** The most up-to-date influenza information from Canada is available at <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/fluwatch/>

**Public Health England:** The most up-to-date influenza information from the United Kingdom is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/weekly-national-flu-reports>

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An overview of the CDC influenza surveillance system, including methodology and detailed descriptions of each data component, is available at:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/overview.htm>.

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