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2018-2019 Influenza Season Week 15 ending April 13, 2019

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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>.

Synopsis:

Influenza activity continues to decrease in the United States, but remains elevated. Influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses predominated from October to mid-February, and influenza A(H3N2) viruses have been more commonly identified since late February. Small numbers of influenza B viruses also have been reported. Below is a summary of the key influenza indicators for the week ending April 13, 2019:

- **Viral Surveillance:** The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza viruses in clinical laboratories decreased. During the most recent three weeks, influenza A(H3) viruses were reported more frequently than influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses nationally, and in all 10 HHS Regions.
 - **Virus Characterization:** The majority of influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 and influenza B viruses characterized antigenically are similar to the cell-grown reference viruses representing the 2018–2019 Northern Hemisphere influenza vaccine viruses. However, the majority of influenza A(H3N2) viruses are antigenically distinguishable from A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 (3C.2a1), a cell-propagated reference virus representing the A(H3N2) component of 2018-19 Northern Hemisphere influenza vaccines.
 - **Antiviral Resistance:** The vast majority of influenza viruses tested (>99%) show susceptibility to oseltamivir and peramivir. All influenza viruses tested showed susceptibility to zanamivir.
- **Influenza-like Illness Surveillance:** The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) decreased to 2.4%, but remains above the national baseline of 2.2%. Seven of 10 regions reported ILI at or above their region-specific baseline level.
 - **ILI State Activity Indicator Map:** One state experienced high ILI activity; five states experienced moderate ILI activity; New York City, Puerto Rico and 14 states experienced low ILI activity; the District of Columbia and 30 states experienced minimal ILI activity; and the U.S. Virgin Islands had insufficient data.
- **Geographic Spread of Influenza:** The geographic spread of influenza in 11 states was reported as widespread; Puerto Rico and 20 states reported regional activity; the District of Columbia and 17 states reported local activity; the U.S. Virgin Islands and two states reported sporadic activity; Guam did not report.
- **Influenza-associated Hospitalizations** A cumulative rate of 62.3 laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated hospitalizations per 100,000 population was reported. The highest hospitalization rate is among adults 65 years and older (206.5 hospitalizations per 100,000 population).
- **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](#): Five influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported to CDC during week 15.

National and Regional Summary of Select Surveillance Components

HHS Surveillance Regions*	Data for current week			Predominant flu virus reported by public health laboratories	National data is for the current week	Regional data is for the most recent three weeks	32 of 54 11.8% Influenza A(H3)
	Out-patient ILI†	Number of jurisdictions reporting regional or widespread activity§	% respiratory specimens positive for flu in clinical laboratories		Nation	Elevated	
Region 1	Elevated	5 of 6	19.9%	Influenza A(H3)			
Region 2	Elevated	3 of 4	15.0%	Influenza A(H3)			
Region 3	Elevated	4 of 6	14.0%	Influenza A(H3)			
Region 4	Normal	6 of 8	9.2%	Influenza A(H3)			
Region 5	Elevated	4 of 6	22.7%	Influenza A(H3)			
Region 6	Normal	2 of 5	10.4%	Influenza A(H3)			
Region 7	Elevated	1 of 4	14.0%	Influenza A(H3)			
Region 8	Elevated	3 of 6	12.9%	Influenza A(H3)			
Region 9	Elevated	3 of 5	9.1%	Influenza A(H3)			
Region 10	Normal	1 of 4	18.8%	Influenza A(H3)			

*<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

U.S. Virologic Surveillance:

WHO and NREVSS collaborating laboratories, which include both public health and clinical laboratories located in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the District of Columbia, report to CDC the total number

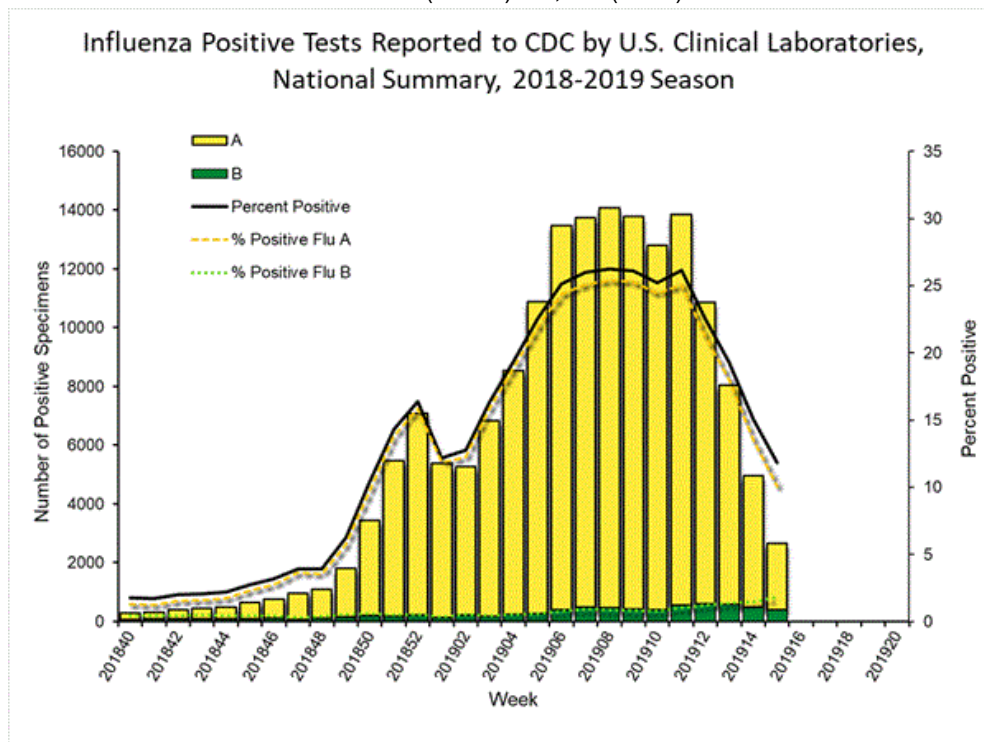
of respiratory specimens tested for influenza and the number positive for influenza by virus type. In addition, public health laboratories also report the influenza A subtype (H1 or H3) and influenza B lineage information of the viruses they test and the age or age group of the persons from whom the 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.

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

September 30, 2018 (Week 40)

	Week 15	Data Cumulative since
No. of specimens tested	22,526	1,023,853
No. of positive specimens (%)	2,669 (11.8%)	168,344 (16.4%)
Positive specimens by type		
Influenza A	2,266 (84.9%)	160,897 (95.6%)
Influenza B	403 (15.1%)	7,447 (4.4%)



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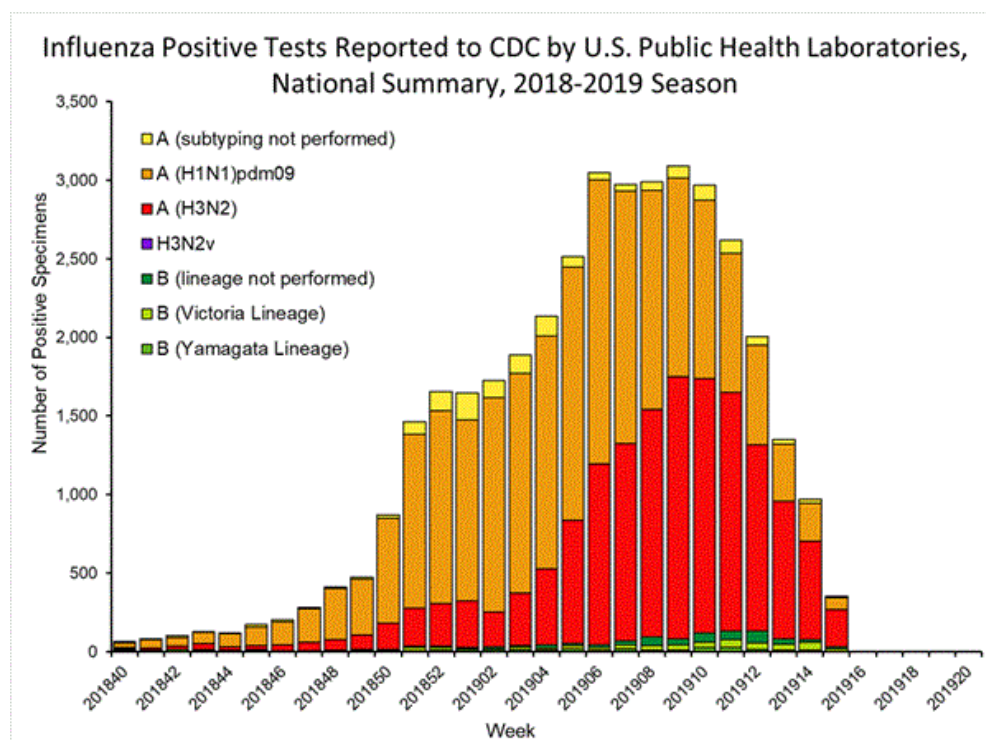
The results of tests performed by public health laboratories are summarized below.

September 30, 2018 (Week 40)

	Week 15	Data Cumulative since
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No. of specimens tested	831	71,382
No. of positive specimens*	353	38,291
Positive specimens by type/subtype		
(H1N1)pdm09	77 (24.6%)	20,854 (58.6%)
H3N2	236 (75.4%)	14,749 (41.4%)
Subtyping not performed	8	1,402
Yamagata lineage	3 (15.0%)	319 (40.2%)
Victoria lineage	17 (85.0%)	474 (59.8%)
Lineage not performed	12	493

*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 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](#), [hemagglutination inhibition \(HI\)](#) and/or neutralization based Focus Reduction assays (FRA). These data are used to compare how similar currently circulating influenza viruses are to the reference viruses used for developing new influenza vaccines and to monitor evolutionary changes that continually occur in

influenza viruses circulating in humans. Antigenic and genetic characterization of circulating influenza viruses gives an indication of the influenza vaccine's ability to induce an immune response against the wide array of influenza viruses that are co-circulating every season. However, annual [vaccine effectiveness estimates](#) are needed to determine how much protection was provided to the population by vaccination. On February 14, 2019, interim influenza effectiveness estimates for the 2018-2019 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 the evolutionary trajectory of viruses circulating in our population. Virus gene segments are classified into genetic clades/subclades based on phylogenetic analysis. However, genetic changes that classify the clades/subclades do not always result in antigenic changes. "Antigenic drift" is a term used to describe gradual antigenic change that occurs as viruses evolve changes to escape host immune pressure. Antigenic drift is evaluated by comparing antigenic properties of cell-propagated reference viruses representing currently recommended vaccine components with those of cell-propagated circulating viruses.

CDC has antigenically or genetically characterized 1,898 influenza viruses collected September 30, 2018 – April 13, 2019, and submitted by U.S. laboratories, including 950 influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses, 703 influenza A(H3N2) viruses, and 245 influenza B viruses.

Influenza A Viruses

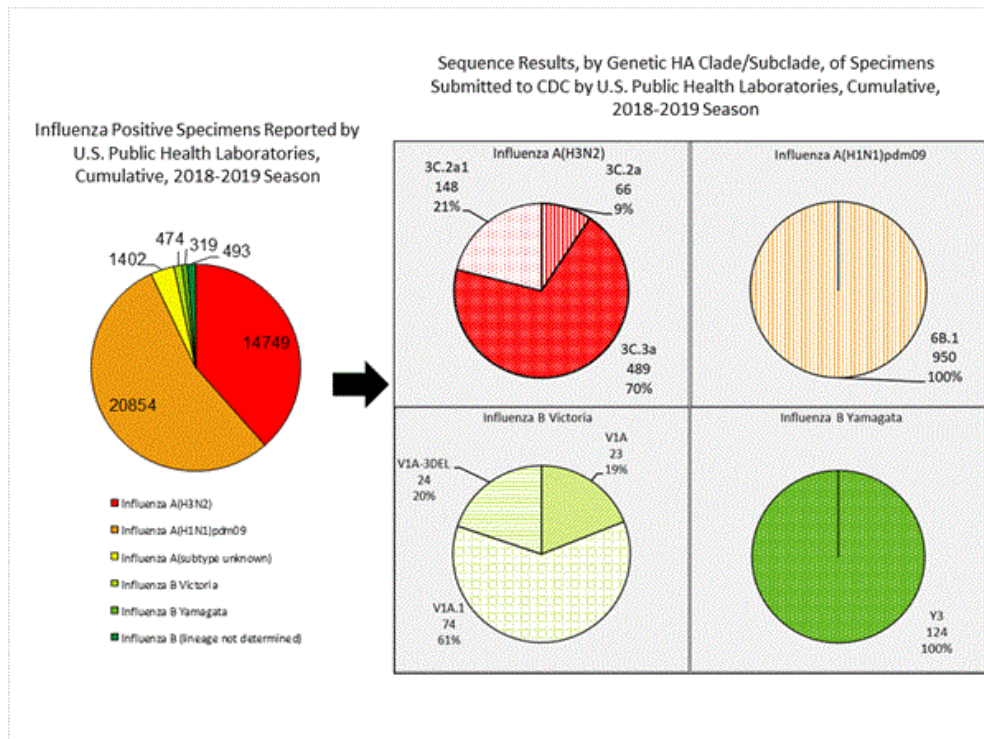
- **A (H1N1)pdm09:** Phylogenetic analysis of the HA genes from 950 A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses showed that all belonged to clade 6B.1. Three hundred and four A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses were antigenically characterized, and 295 (97%) were antigenically similar (analyzed using HI with ferret antisera) to A/Michigan/45/2015 (6B.1), a cell-propagated A/Michigan/45/2015-like reference virus representing the A(H1N1)pdm09 component for the 2018-19 Northern Hemisphere influenza vaccines.
- **A (H3N2):** Phylogenetic analysis of the HA genes from 703 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=66), subclade 3C.2a1 (n=148) or clade 3C.3a (n=489). Three hundred forty-five A(H3N2) viruses were antigenically characterized by FRA with ferret antisera, and 167 (48.4%) were well-inhibited (reacting at titers that were within 4-fold of the homologous virus titer) by ferret antisera raised against A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 (3C.2a1), a cell-propagated reference virus representing the A(H3N2) component of 2018-19 Northern Hemisphere influenza vaccines. One hundred seventy-eight (51.6%) viruses reacted poorly (at titers that were 8-fold or greater reduced compared with that of the homologous virus A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016) and of those, 177 (99.2%) belonged to clade 3C.3a.

Influenza B Viruses

- **B/Victoria:** Phylogenetic analysis of 121 B/Victoria-lineage viruses indicate that all HA genes belonged to genetic clade V1A, however genetic subclades which are antigenically distinct have emerged. Genetic subclades which are antigenically distinct include viruses with a two amino acid deletion (162-163) in the HA protein (V1A.1, previously abbreviated as V1A-2Del) and viruses with a three amino acid deletion (162-164) in the HA protein (abbreviated as V1A-3Del). Ninety-eight B/Victoria lineage viruses were antigenically characterized and 73 (74.5%) were antigenically similar with ferret antisera raised against cell-propagated B/Colorado/06/2017-like V1A.1 reference virus. Twenty-five (25.5%) viruses reacted poorly (at titers that were 8-fold or greater reduced compared with the homologous virus titer) and belonged to clade V1A or genetic subclade V1A-3Del.
- **B/Yamagata:** Phylogenetic analysis of 124 influenza B/Yamagata-lineage viruses indicate that the HA genes belonged to clade Y3. A total of 107 influenza B/Yamagata-lineage viruses were antigenically characterized, and all were antigenically similar to cell-propagated B/Phuket/3073/2013 (Y3), the reference vaccine virus representing the influenza B/Yamagata-

lineage component of the 2018-19 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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2019-2020 Influenza Season - U.S. Influenza Vaccine Composition:

The World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended the Northern Hemisphere 2019-2020 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/Brisbane/02/2018 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus
- an A/Kansas/14/2017 (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 (H1N1)pdm09 and H3N2 recommendations represents an update to the 2018-2019 Northern

Hemisphere 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 viruses for resistance to the neuraminidase inhibitors (oseltamivir, zanamivir, and peramivir) is performed at CDC using next-generation sequencing analysis and/or a functional assay. Neuraminidase sequences of viruses are inspected to detect the presence of amino acid substitutions, [previously associated with reduced or highly reduced inhibition by any of three neuraminidase inhibitors](#). In addition, a subset of viruses are tested using the neuraminidase inhibition assay with three neuraminidase inhibitors. The level of neuraminidase activity inhibition is reported using [the thresholds recommended by the World Health Organization Expert Working Group of the Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System \(GISRS\)](#). These samples are routinely obtained for surveillance purposes rather than for diagnostic testing of patients suspected to be infected with an antiviral-resistant virus.

Reporting of baloxavir susceptibility testing for the 2018-2019 influenza season will begin later this season. More information regarding influenza antiviral drug resistance can be found [here](#).

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.

Assessment of Virus Susceptibility to Neuraminidase Inhibitors Using Next-Generation Sequencing Analysis and/or Neuraminidase Inhibition Assay

Type/Subtype or Lineage	Inhibition of Neuraminidase Activity by Antiviral Drug								
	Oseltamivir			Peramivir			Zanamivir		
	Virus Tested (n)	Reduced, Number (%)	Highly Reduced, Number (%)	Virus Tested (n)	Reduced, Number (%)	Highly Reduced, Number (%)	Virus Tested (n)	Reduced, Number (%)	Highly Reduced, Number (%)
Total Viruses	1,954	2 (0.1%)	3 (0.2%)	1,954	0 (0%)	3 (0.2%)	1,954	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
A(H1N1)pdm09	968	2 (0.2%)	3 (0.3%)	968	0 (0%)	3 (0.3%)	968	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
A(H3N2)	732	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	732	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	732	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
B/Victoria	127	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	127	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	127	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
B/Yamagata	127	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	127	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	127	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

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>.

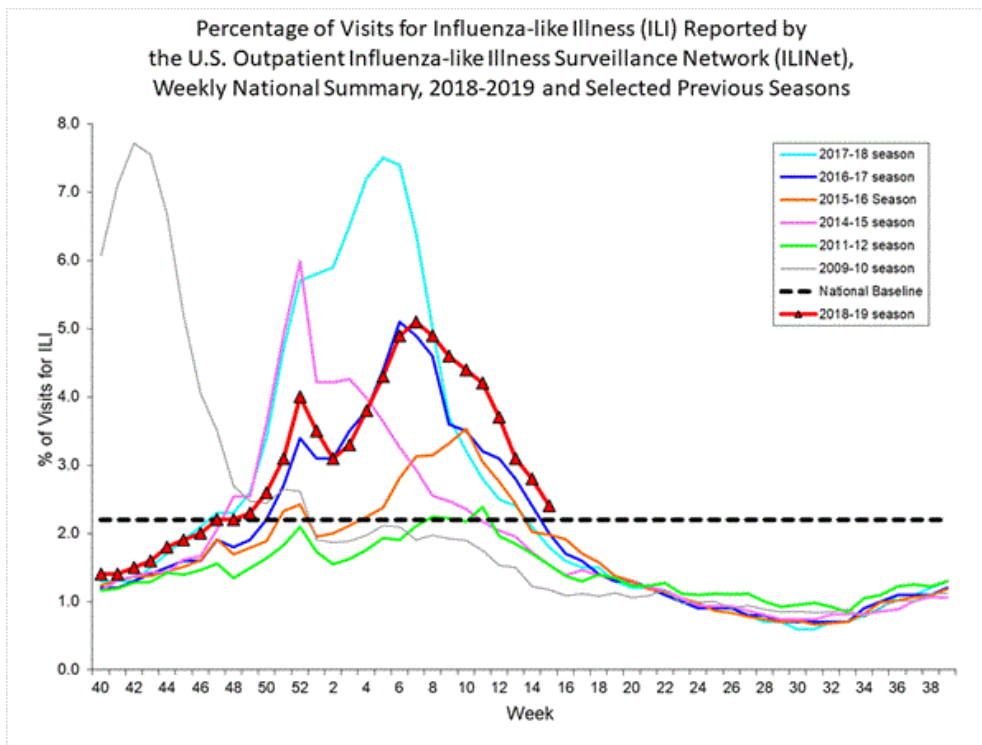
Outpatient Illness Surveillance:

Nationwide during week 15, 2.4% 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 above 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.)

On a regional level, the percentage of outpatient visits for ILI ranged from 1.0% to 3.5% during week 15. Seven of 10 regions (Regions 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7-9) reported a percentage of outpatient visits for ILI at or above their region-specific baseline.

Additional data on medically attended visits for ILI for current and past seasons and by geography (national, HHS region, or select states) are available on FluView Interactive <http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/fluportaldashboard.html>.



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[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.

The ILI Activity Indicator Map displays state-specific activity levels for multiple seasons and allows a visual representation of relative activity from state to state. More information is available on FluView Interactive at <https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/main.html>.

During week 15, the following ILI activity levels were experienced:

- One state (Rhode Island) experienced high ILI activity.
- Five states (Arizona, Hawaii, Kentucky, Louisiana and Missouri) experienced moderate ILI activity.
- New York City, Puerto Rico and 14 states (California, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin) experienced low ILI activity.
- The District of Columbia and 30 states (Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming) experienced minimal ILI activity.
- Data were insufficient to calculate an ILI activity level from the U.S. Virgin Islands.

*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 displaying the influenza activity reported by state and territorial epidemiologists for the current and past seasons are available on FluView Interactive at <https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/FluView8.html>

During week 15, the following influenza activity was reported:

- Widespread influenza activity was reported by 11 states (Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island and Virginia).
- Regional influenza activity was reported by Puerto Rico and 20 states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin).
- Local influenza activity was reported by the District of Columbia and 17 states (Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia and Wyoming).
- Sporadic influenza activity was reported by the U.S. Virgin Islands and two states (Indiana and Texas).
- Guam did not report.

[Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations:](#)

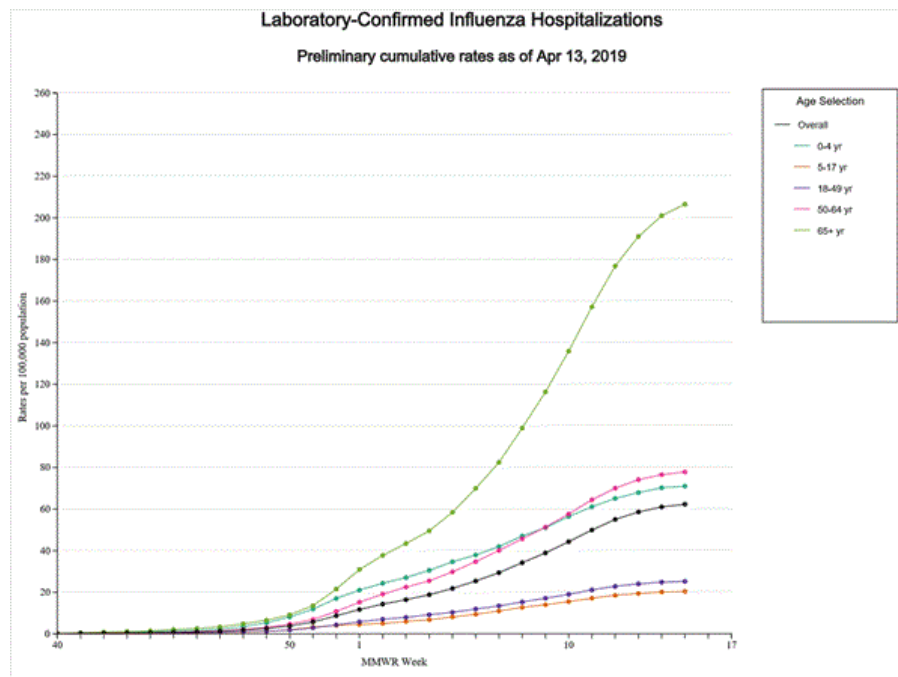
The Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Network (FluSurv-NET) conducts population-based surveillance for laboratory-confirmed influenza-related hospitalizations in select counties in the Emerging Infections Program (EIP) states and Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Project (IHSP) states.

A total of 17,979 laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by FluSurv-NET sites between October 1, 2018 and April 13, 2019. The overall hospitalization rate was 62.3 per 100,000 population. The highest rate of hospitalization was among adults aged ≥ 65 (206.5 per 100,000 population), followed by adults aged 50-64 (77.8 per 100,000 population) and children aged 0-4 (71.0 per 100,000 population). Among 17,979 hospitalizations, 17,232 (95.8%) were associated with influenza A virus, 611 (3.4%) with influenza B virus, 36 (0.2%) with influenza A virus and influenza B virus co-infection, and 100 (0.6%) with influenza virus for which the type was not determined. Among those with influenza A subtype information, 2,949 (54.9%) were A(H1N1)pdm09 virus and 2,426 (45.1%) were A(H3N2).

Among 2,991 hospitalized adults with information on underlying medical conditions, 90.9% had at least one reported underlying medical condition, the most commonly reported were cardiovascular disease, metabolic disorder, and obesity. Among 541 hospitalized children with information on underlying medical conditions, 48.6% had at least one underlying medical condition; the most commonly reported was asthma. Among 452 hospitalized women of childbearing age (15-44 years) with information on pregnancy status, 27.0% were pregnant.

Additional FluSurv-NET data displaying hospitalization rates for the current and past seasons and different age groups (including rates for patients 65-74 years, 74-84 years, and 85 years of age and older), as well as data on patient characteristics (such as influenza virus type, demographic, and clinical information), are available on FluView Interactive at: <http://gis.cdc.gov/GRASP/Fluview/FluHospRates.html> and <http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/FluHospChars.html>.

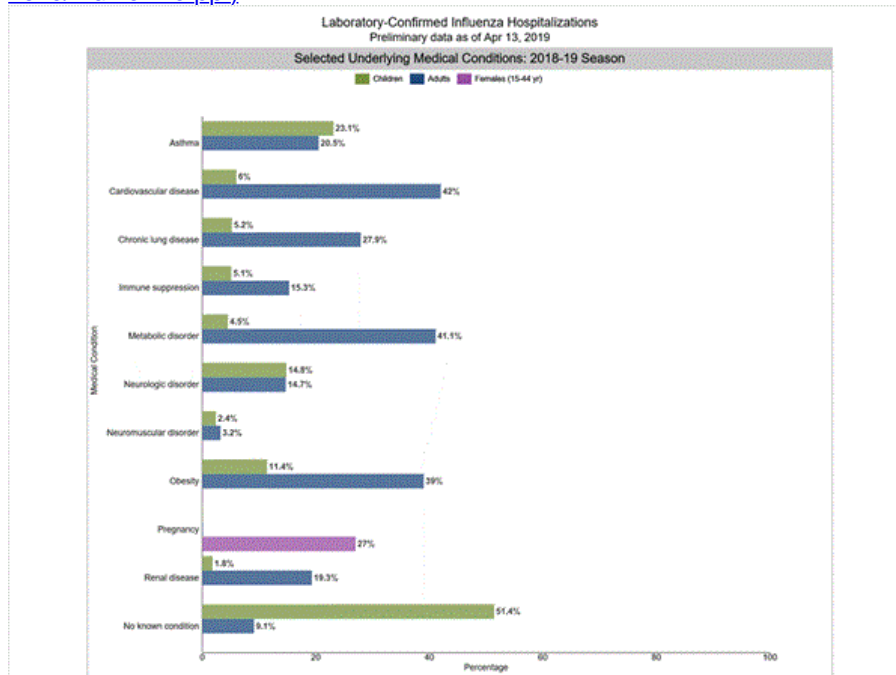
FluSurv-Net data is used to generate national estimates of the total numbers of flu cases, medical visits, hospitalizations, and deaths. This season, CDC is reporting preliminary cumulative in-season estimates, which are available at <https://cdc.gov/flu/about/burden/preliminary-in-season-estimates.htm>.



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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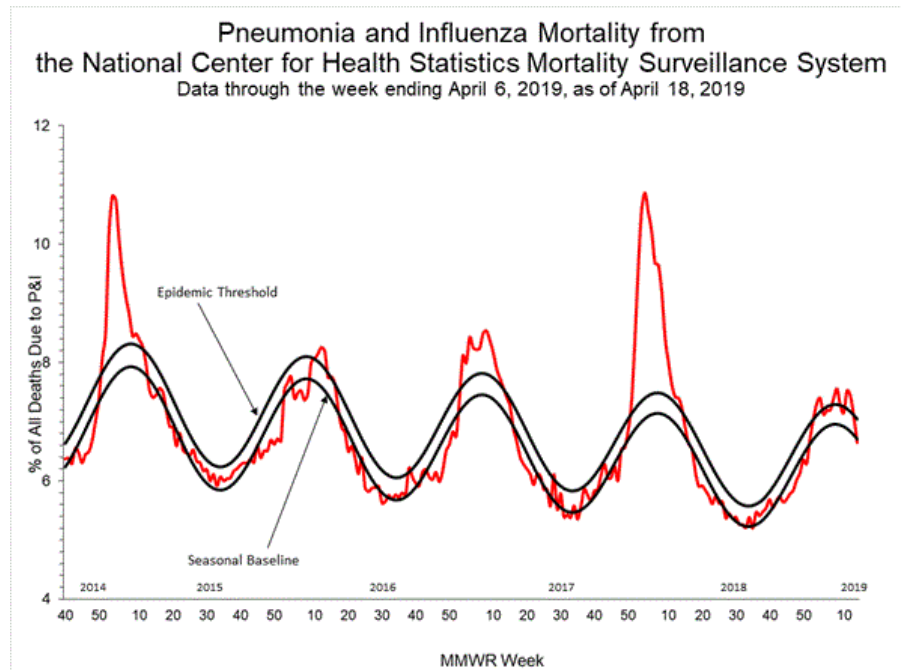
FluSurv-NET data are preliminary and displayed as they become available. Therefore, figures are based on varying denominators as some variables represent information that may require more time to be collected. Data are refreshed and updated weekly. Asthma includes a medical diagnosis of asthma or reactive 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/m²; 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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[Pneumonia and Influenza \(P&I\) Mortality Surveillance:](#)

Based on National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) mortality surveillance data available on April 18, 2019, 6.6% of the deaths occurring during the week ending April 6, 2019 (week 14) were due to P&I. This percentage is below the epidemic threshold of 7.0% for week 14.

Additional pneumonia and influenza mortality data for current and past seasons and by geography (national, HHS region, or state) are available on FluView Interactive <http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/mortality.html>. Data displayed on the regional and state-level are aggregated by the state of residence of the decedent.



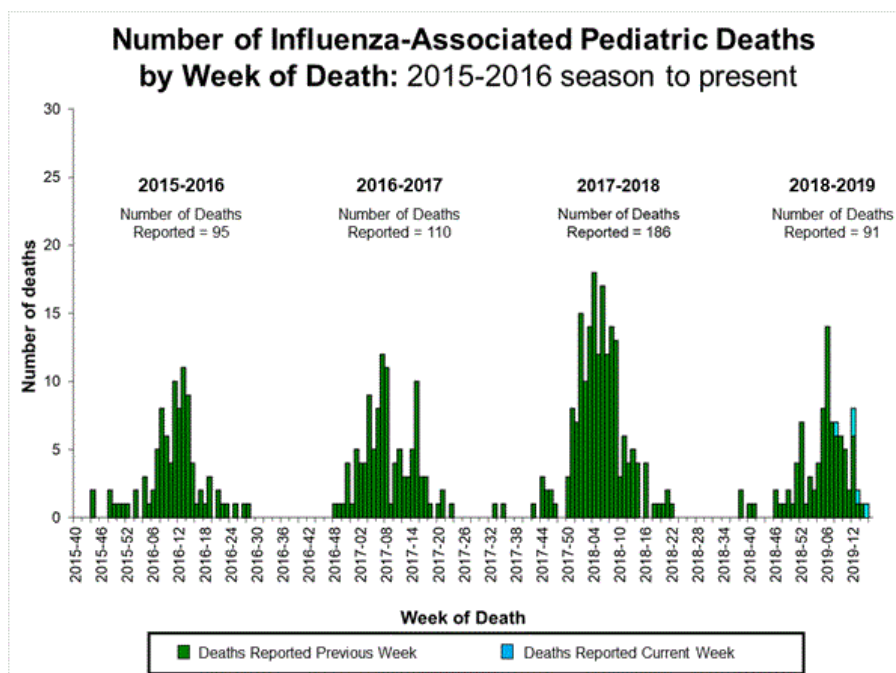
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Influenza-Associated Pediatric Mortality:

Five influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported to CDC during week 15. Three deaths were associated with an influenza A(H3) virus and occurred during weeks 8, 12 and 15 (the weeks ending February 23, March 23 and April 13, 2019). Two deaths were associated with an influenza A virus for which no subtyping was performed and occurred during weeks 12 and 13 (the weeks ending March 23 and March 30, 2019, respectively).

A total of 91 influenza-associated pediatric deaths occurring during the 2018-2019 season have been reported to CDC.

Additional information on influenza-associated pediatric deaths including basic demographics, underlying conditions, bacterial co-infections, and place of death for the current and past seasons, is available on FluView Interactive <http://gis.cdc.gov/GRASP/Fluview/PedFluDeath.html>.



[View Interactive Application](#) | [View Full Screen](#)(<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/weeklyarchives2018-2019/PedFlu15.html>) | [View PowerPoint Presentation](#)(<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/weeklyarchives2018-2019/FluView15.ppt>)

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>.
