

Influenza Surveillance Report

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Week 3: 1/15/17 - 1/21/17

Influenza activity increased this week in Louisiana and is slightly above the regional baseline. The percent of influenza positives increased at both at clinical labs and the state public health laboratory. The most commonly reported other respiratory viruses are RSV and Rhino/Enterovirus.

The Influenza Surveillance Summary Report describes the results of the tracking done by the Louisiana Office of Public Health Infectious Disease Epidemiology Section (IDEpi). This report relies on data supplied by sentinel surveillance sites, including hospital emergency departments (ED), laboratories and physicians' offices. Sentinel sites provide weekly data on Influenza Like Illness (ILI) and/or laboratory confirmed cases.

Taken together, ILI surveillance and laboratory surveillance provide a clear picture of the influenza activity occurring in Louisiana each week. If you have any questions about our surveillance system or would like more information, please contact Julie Hand at 504-568-8298 or julie.hand@la.gov.

ILI is defined as an illness characterized by cough and/or cold symptoms and a fever of 100° F or greater in the absence of a known cause. While not every case of ILI is a case of influenza, the CDC has found that trends in ILI from sentinel sites are a good proxy measure of the amount of influenza activity in an area. For this reason, all states and territories participating in the national surveillance program monitor weekly ILI ratios from their sentinel surveillance sites.

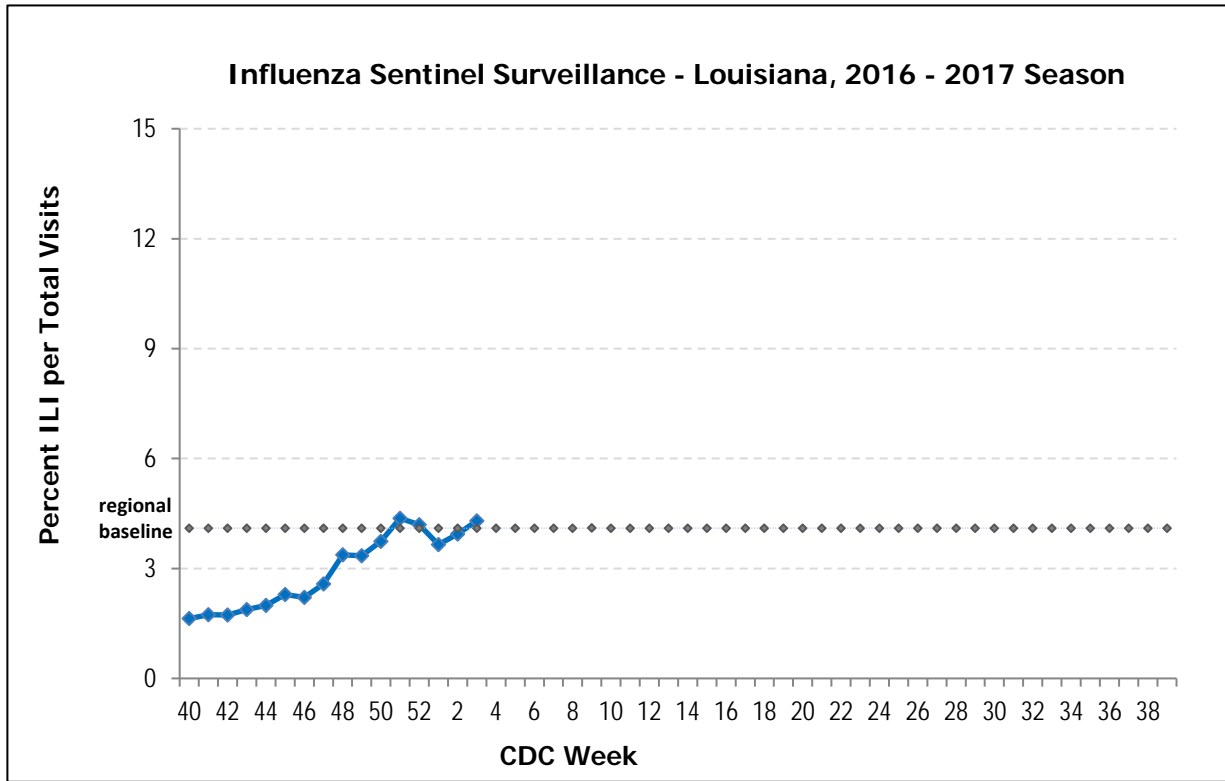


Laboratory testing: Not all sentinel sites have access to laboratory testing. However, many hospitals and physicians' offices do perform some influenza testing. Sites that test for influenza report the number of positive tests each week and the total number of tests performed each week. This information is included on page 3 of this report.

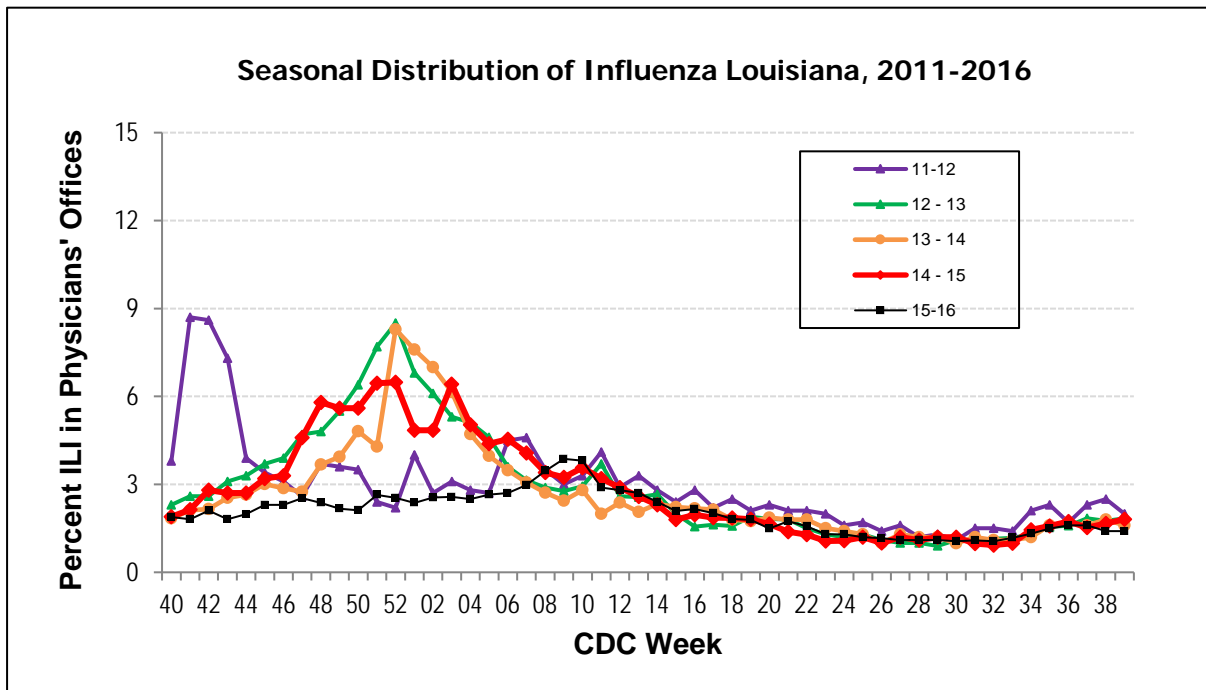
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2016-2017 Season

This graph shows the percentage of visits for ILI over the total number of visits for sentinel surveillance sites. This is the best approach to estimate the magnitude of influenza transmission. ILI counts do include some viral infections other than influenza, but experience over the last 50 years has shown that this approach is a reliable method to estimate influenza transmission. It does not show which strain of influenza virus is responsible. The page on lab surveillance does show the proportion of specimens attributable to each virus strain.

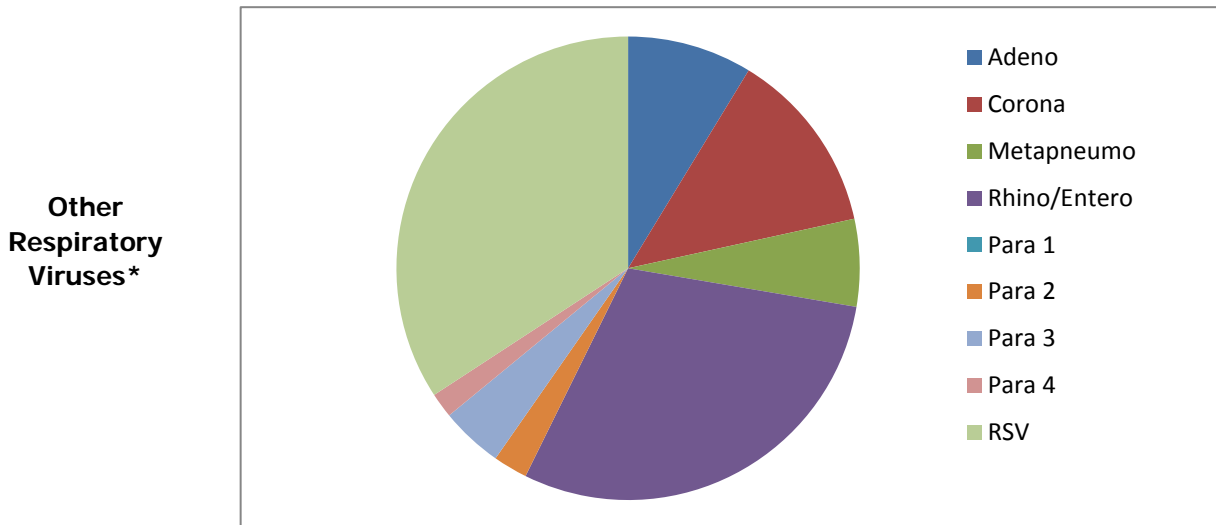
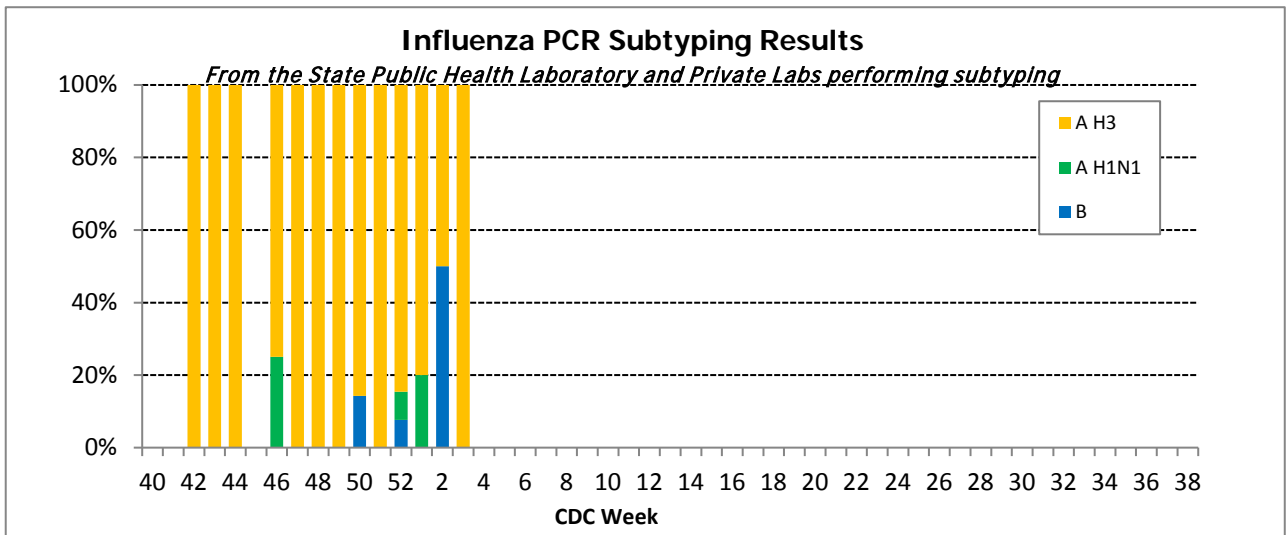
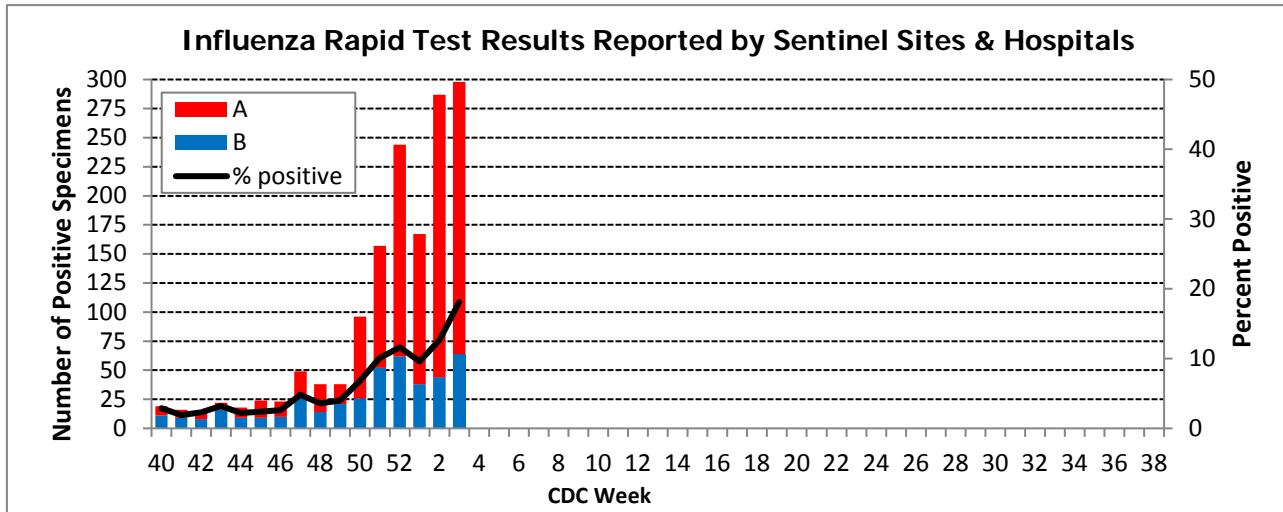


This graph shows the data on ILI surveillance among sentinel physicians' over the past 5 seasons to enable comparisons with previous years and better estimate the amplitude of this season's influenza transmission.



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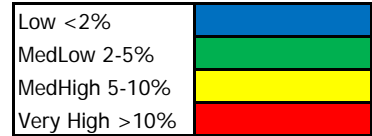
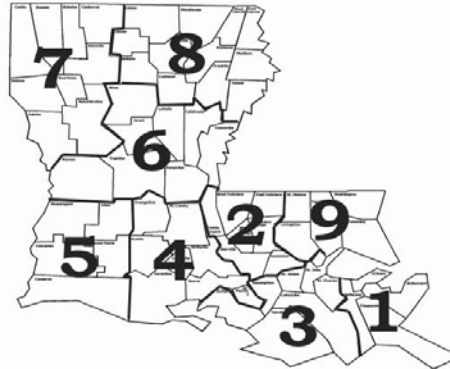
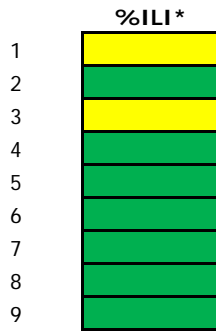
Virologic Surveillance



*Based on results from the State Public Health Laboratory Respiratory Virus Panel (RVP) Testing and other labs reporting RVP results over the last 4 weeks.

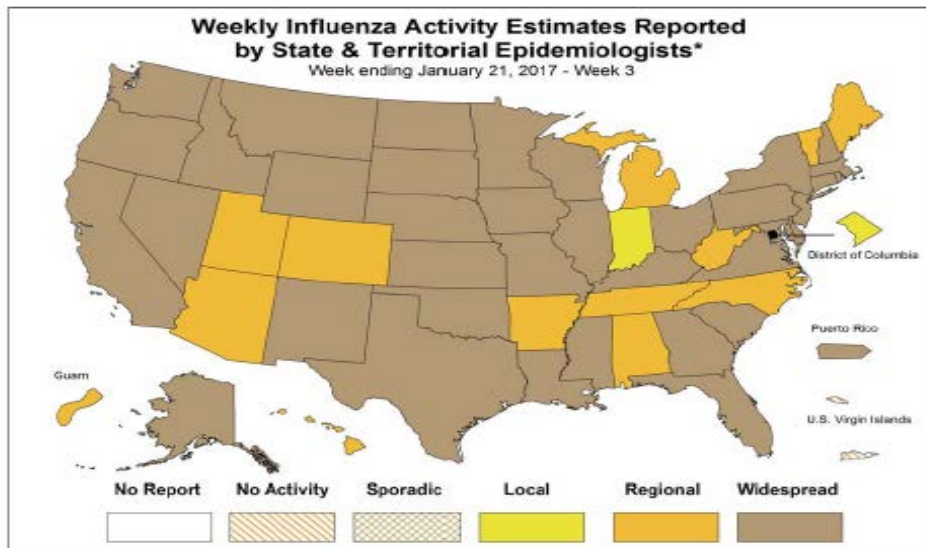
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Geographical Distribution of ILI



* %ILI over the last 4 weeks based on sentinel surveillance data

Geographic Spread of Influenza as Assessed by State and Territorial Epidemiologists



* This map indicates geographic spread & does not measure the severity of influenza activity

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Activity Level Indicator Determined by Data Reported to ILINet 2016-17 Influenza Season Week 3 ending Jan 21, 2017

ILINet Activity Indicator Map



2016-2017 Season

National Surveillance

During week 3, influenza activity increased in the United States.

The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) was above the system-specific threshold in the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Mortality Surveillance System.

Three influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported.

Proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 3.4%, which is above the national baseline of 2.2%.

Clinical Laboratory Data

	Week 3	Data Cumulative since October 2, 2016 (week 40)
No. of specimens tested	26,135	325,167
No. of positive specimens (%)	4,813 (18.4%)	25,628 (7.9%)
<i>Positive specimens by type</i>		
Influenza A	4,306 (89.5%)	22,291 (87.0%)
Influenza B	507 (10.5%)	3,337 (13.0%)

Public Health Laboratory Data

	Week 3	Data Cumulative since October 2, 2016 (week 40)
No. of specimens tested	2,096	29,277
No. of positive specimens*	1,150	10,529
<i>Positive specimens by type/subtype</i>		
Influenza A	1,072 (93.2%)	9,807 (93.1%)
A(H1N1)pmd09	18 (1.7%)	258 (2.6%)
H3	980 (91.4%)	9,329 (95.1%)
Subtyping not performed	74 (6.9%)	220 (2.2%)
Influenza B	78 (6.8%)	722 (6.9%)
Yamagata lineage	35 (44.9%)	249 (34.5%)
Victoria lineage	20 (25.6%)	271 (37.5%)
Lineage not performed	23 (29.5%)	202 (28.0%)

HHS Surveillance Region Data:

Region 6 (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX)

CDC Week	Public Health Labs	Public Health Specimens Tested	AUNK	AH1N1 pdm09	AH3N2	AH3N2v	B	BVic	BYam	Clinical Labs	Clinical Specimens Tested	Clinical Flu Positive	% Positive	A	B
201652	8	115	0	3	33	0	3	1	0	27	3881	295	7.60	224	71
201701	8	130	0	6	34	0	2	0	5	27	3709	335	9.03	260	75
201702	8	149	0	2	50	0	3	1	8	26	3936	529	13.44	433	96
201703	7	53	0	1	18	0	0	0	1	19	2705	488	18.04	396	92

U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) 2016-2017 Influenza Season

HHS Region 6 (AR, LA, NM, OK, and TX) (Baseline: 4.1%) Data as of Friday, January 27, 2017

						ILI 65 years and older	Total	%	%	
CDC Week	# Sites Reporting	ILI 0-4 years	ILI 5-24 years	ILI 25-49 years	ILI 50-64 years	Total	Total Patient Visits	Unweighted ILI	Weighted ILI	
201652	283	1152	796	851	447	302	3548	88629	4.0	4.2
201701	294	983	879	978	442	303	3585	94120	3.8	4.1
201702	285	950	1398	942	528	334	4152	99831	4.2	4.9
201703	267	993	1733	1030	487	259	4502	95894	4.7	5.3

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Antiviral Resistance:

Neuraminidase Inhibitor Resistance Testing Results on Samples Collected Since October 1, 2016

	Oseltamivir		Zanamivir		Peramivir	
	Virus Samples tested (n)	Resistant Viruses, Number (%)	Virus Samples tested (n)	Resistant Viruses, Number (%)	Virus Samples tested (n)	Resistant Viruses, Number (%)
Influenza A (H1N1)pdm09	66	0 (0.0)	66	0 (0.0)	66	0 (0.0)
Influenza A (H3N2)	488	0 (0.0)	488	0 (0.0)	379	0 (0.0)
Influenza B	126	0 (0.0)	126	0 (0.0)	126	0 (0.0)

Antigenic Characterization: CDC has antigenically characterized 298 influenza viruses [37 influenza A (H1N1)pdm09, 201 influenza A (H3N2), and 60 influenza B viruses] collected by U.S. laboratories since October 1, 2016.

Influenza A Virus [238]

A (H1N1)pdm09 [37]: All 37 (100%) influenza A (H1N1)pdm09 viruses were antigenically characterized using ferret post-infection antisera as A/California/7/2009-like, the influenza A (H1N1) component of the 2016-2017 Northern Hemisphere vaccine.

A (H3N2) [201]: 192 of 201 (95.5%) influenza A (H3N2) viruses were antigenically characterized as A/Hong Kong/4801/2014-like, a virus that belongs in genetic group 3C.2a and is the influenza A (H3N2) component of the 2016-2017 Northern Hemisphere vaccine, by HI testing or neutralization testing. Among the viruses which reacted poorly with ferret antisera raised against A/Hong Kong/4801/2014-like viruses, 6 out of 9 (66.7%) are more closely related to A/Switzerland/9715293/2013, a virus belonging to genetic group 3C.3a.

Influenza B Virus [60]

Victoria Lineage [32]: 29 of 32 (90.6%) B/Victoria-lineage viruses were antigenically characterized using ferret post-infection antisera as B/Brisbane/60/2008-like, which is included as an influenza B component of the 2016-2017 Northern Hemisphere trivalent and quadrivalent influenza vaccines.

Yamagata Lineage [28]: All 28 (100%) B/Yamagata-lineage viruses were antigenically characterized using ferret post-infection antisera as B/Phuket/3073/2013-like, which is included as an influenza B component of the 2016-2017 Northern Hemisphere quadrivalent influenza vaccines.