

# Influenza Surveillance Report

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Week 15: 4/9/17 - 4/15/17

**Influenza activity is decreasing in Louisiana. The number of influenza B laboratory reports (rapid and PCR) continues to increase. Rhino/Enterovirus remains the most prevalent non-influenza respiratory virus reported.**

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](mailto: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.

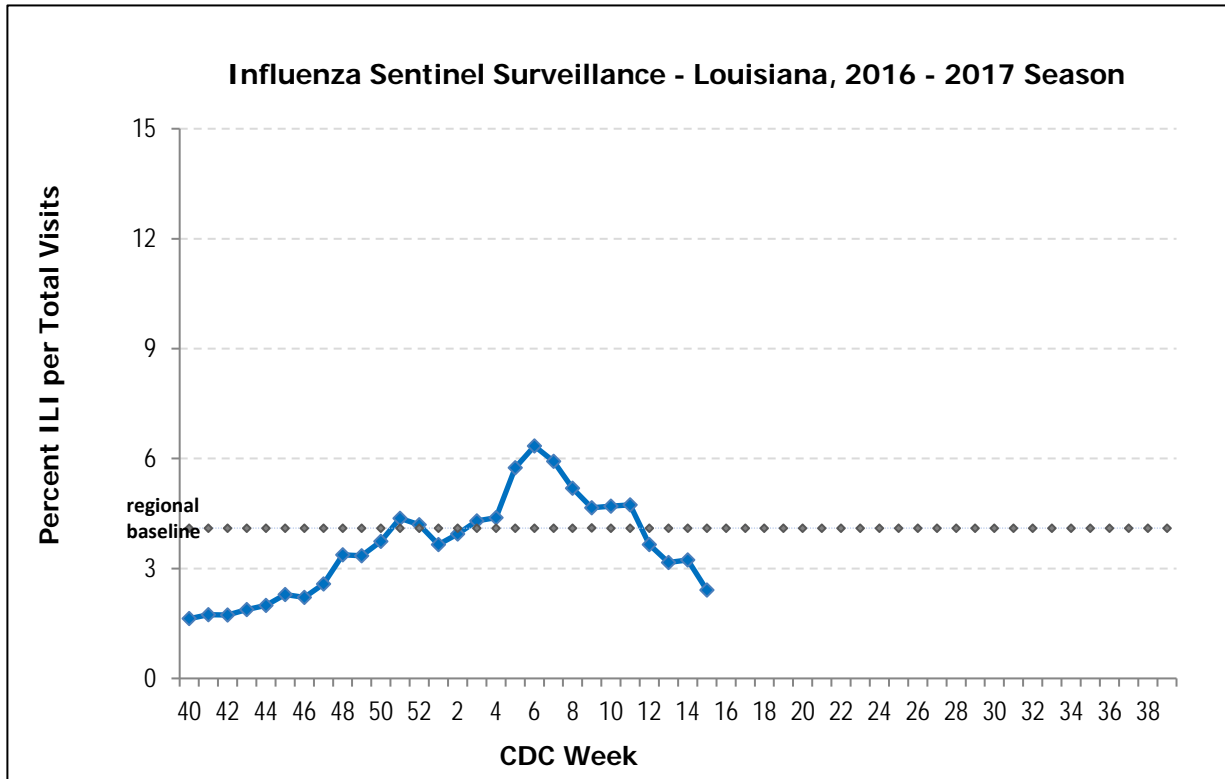


**Laboratory testing:** Not all sentinel sites have access to laboratory testing. However, many hospitals and physicians' offices do perform some influenza testing. Sites that test for influenza report the number of positive tests each week and the total number of tests performed each week. This information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

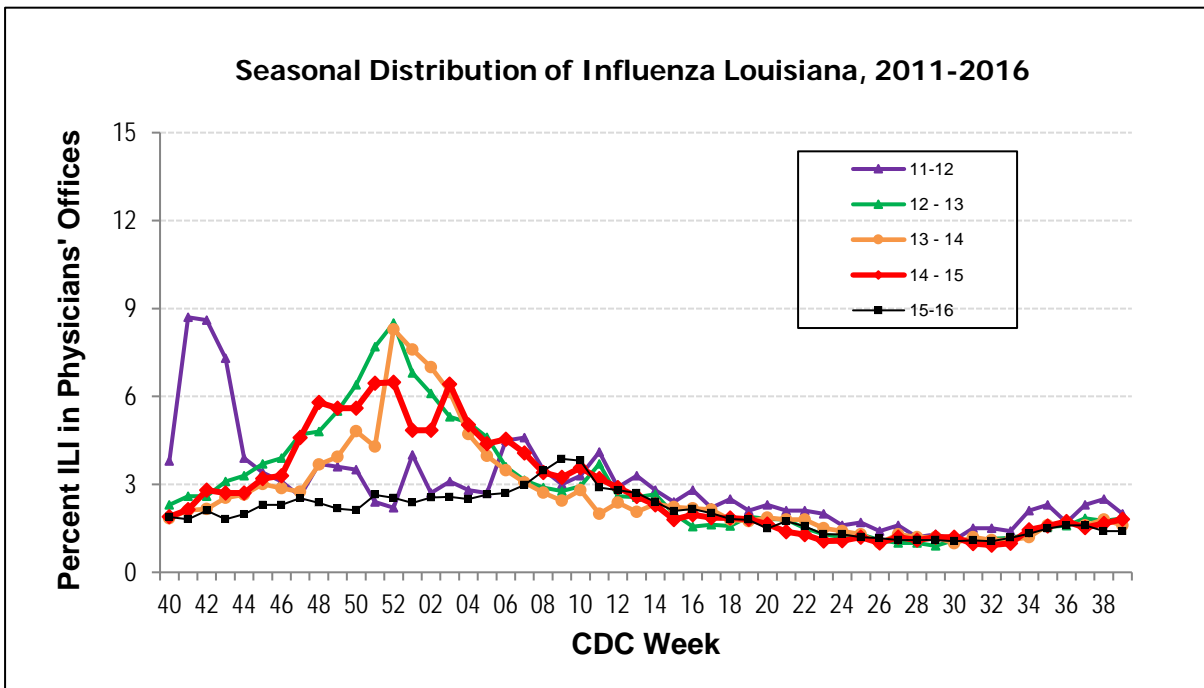
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## 2016-2017 Season

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.

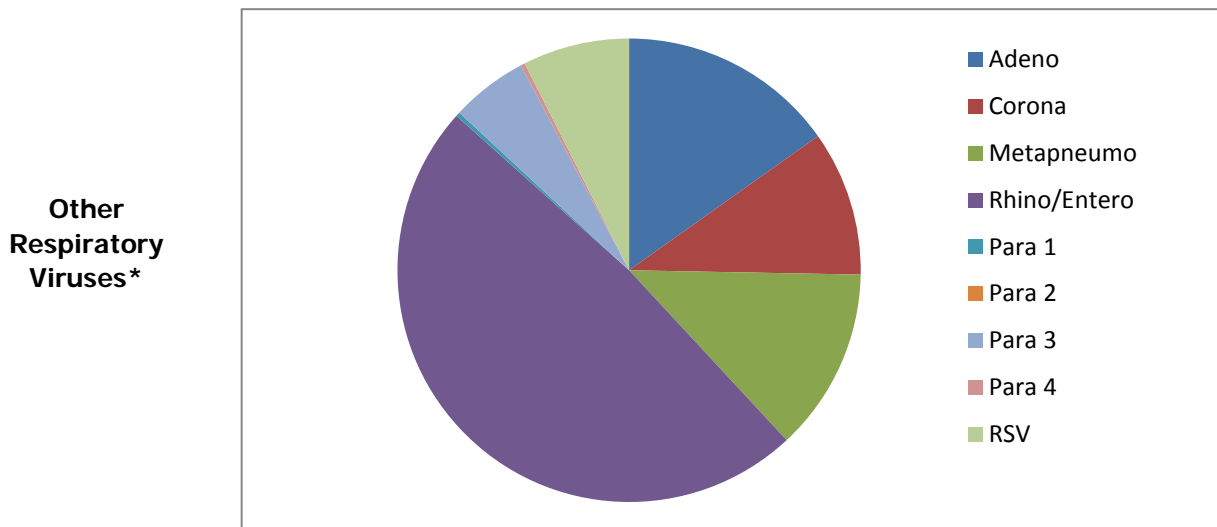
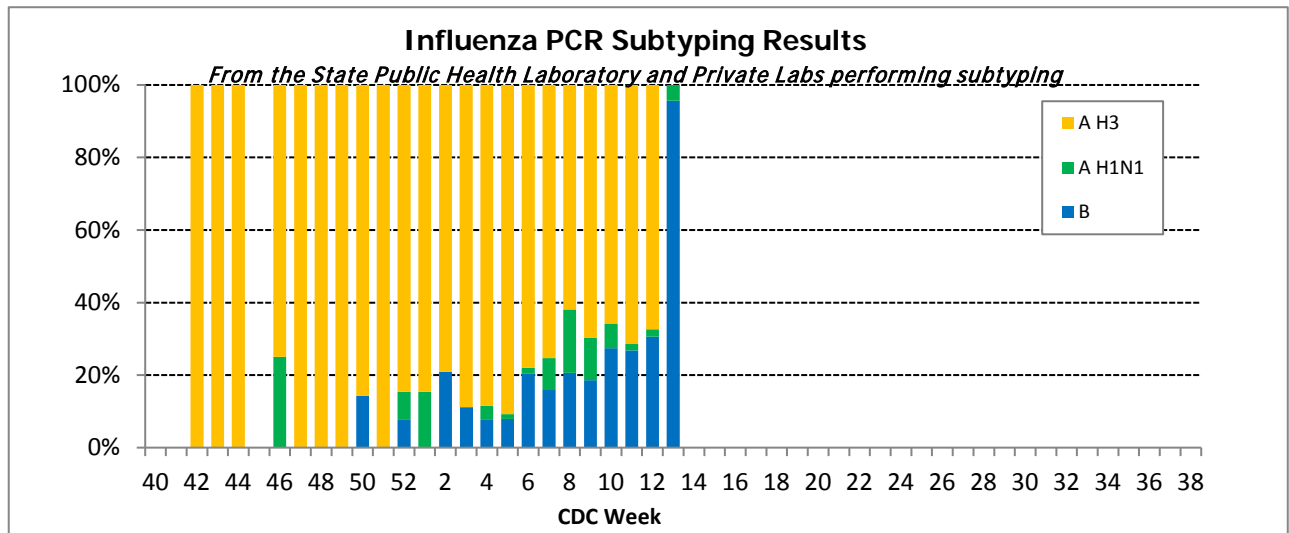
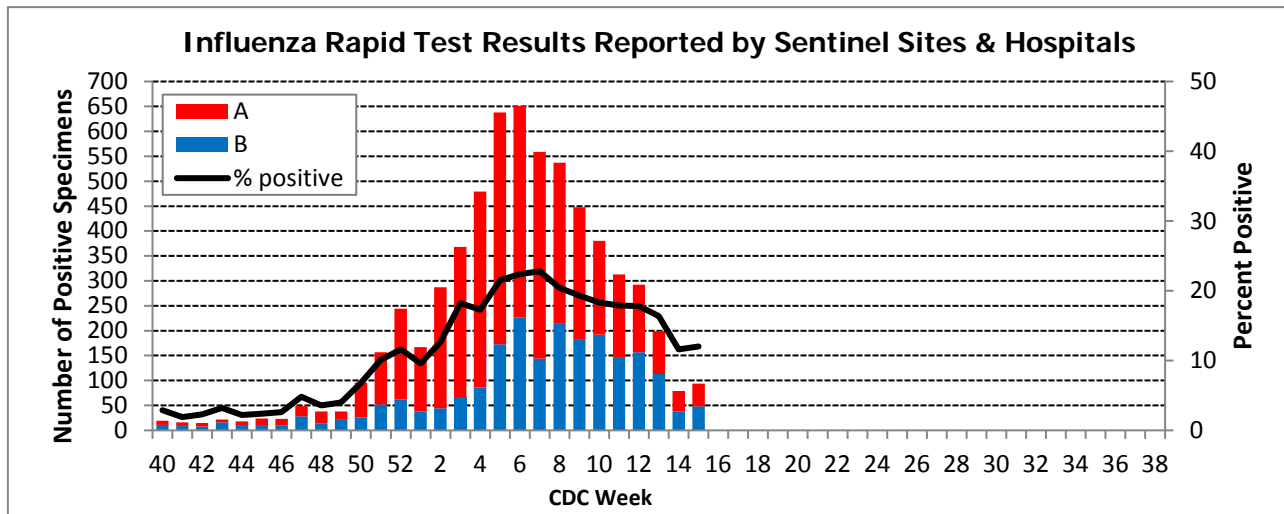


This graph shows the data on ILI surveillance among sentinel physicians' over the past 5 seasons to enable comparisons with previous years and better estimate the amplitude of this season's influenza transmission.



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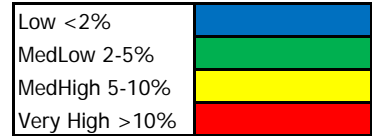
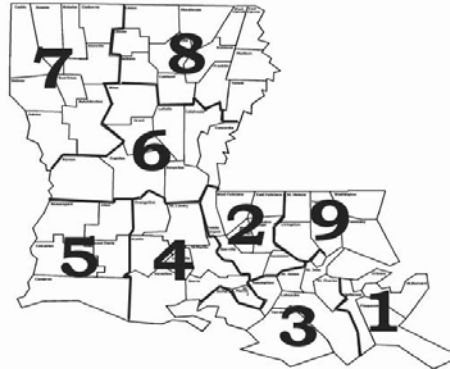
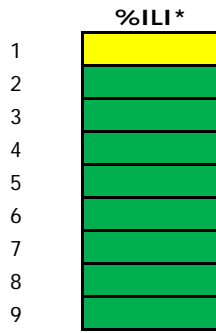
### Virologic Surveillance



\*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.

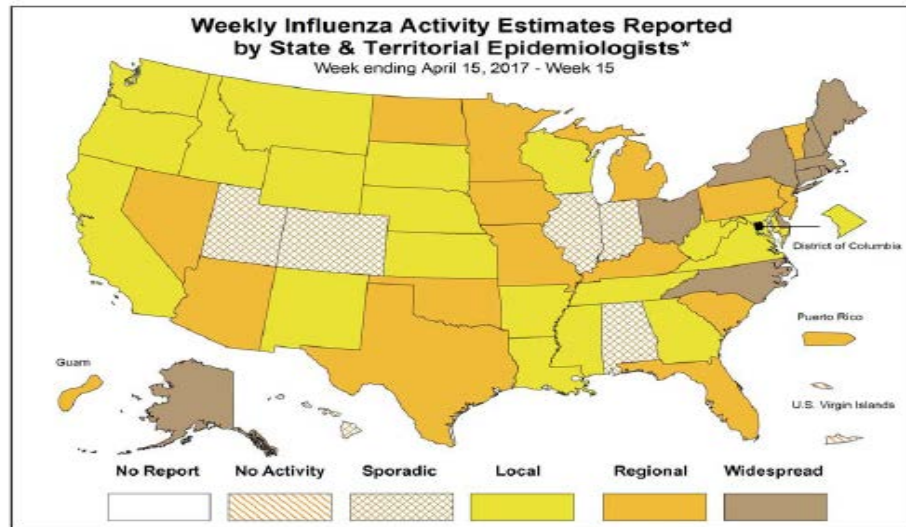
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### Geographical Distribution of ILI



\* %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 15 ending Apr 15, 2017

### ILINet Activity Indicator Map



## 2016-2017 Season

### National Surveillance

During week 15, influenza activity decreased in the United States.

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

Five influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported.

Proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 2.0%, which is below the national baseline of 2.2%.

### Clinical Laboratory Data

	Week 15	Data Cumulative since October 2, 2016 (week 40)
No. of specimens tested	17,866	761,101
No. of positive specimens (%)	2,249 (12.6%)	112,430 (14.8%)
<i>Positive specimens by type</i>		
Influenza A	648 (28.8%)	81,825 (72.8%)
Influenza B	1,601 (71.2%)	30,605 (27.2%)

### Public Health Laboratory Data

	Week 15	Data Cumulative since October 2, 2016 (week 40)
No. of specimens tested	836	77,179
No. of positive specimens*	337	37,992
<i>Positive specimens by type/subtype</i>		
Influenza A	105 (31.2%)	30,778 (81.0%)
A(H1N1)pdm09	1 (1.0%)	841 (2.7%)
H3	99 (94.3%)	29,601 (96.2%)
Subtyping not performed	5 (4.8%)	336 (1.1%)
Influenza B	232 (68.8%)	7,214 (19.0%)
Yamagata lineage	155 (66.8%)	3,785 (52.5%)
Victoria lineage	22 (9.5%)	1,670 (23.1%)
Lineage not performed	55 (23.7%)	1,759 (24.4%)

### HHS Surveillance Region Data:

*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, April 21, 2017*

						ILI 65 years and older	Total ILI	Total Patient Visits	% Unweighted ILI	% Weighted ILI
Week	# Sites Reporting	ILI 0-4 years	ILI 5-24 years	ILI 25-49 years	ILI 50-64 years					
201712	250	802	1380	889	425	246	3742	97207	3.8	4.5
201713	261	708	1176	759	335	190	3168	95850	3.3	3.8
201714	278	696	1098	685	320	191	2990	95139	3.1	3.4
201715	231	591	874	503	219	135	2322	88012	2.6	3.1

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

CDC Week	Public Health Labs	Public Health Specimens Tested	AUN K	AH1N1 pdm09	AH3N2	AH3N2v B	BVic	BYam	Clinical Labs	Clinical Specimens Tested	Clinical Flu Positive	% Positive	A	B
201712	10	215	0	2	67	0	29	12	28	3813	686	17.99	354	332
201713	8	202	0	2	32	0	26	5	20	3639	463	12.72	221	242
201714	8	102	0	1	12	0	7	2	27	2931	336	11.46	137	199
201715	6	60	1	0	8	0	0	4	8	2214	228	10.30	79	149

## 2016-2017 Season

### 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	289	0 (0.0)	274	0 (0.0)	289	0 (0.0)
Influenza A (H3N2)	2,043	0 (0.0)	2,043	0 (0.0)	1,139	0 (0.0)
Influenza B	666	0 (0.0)	666	0 (0.0)	666	0 (0.0)

**Antigenic Characterization:** CDC has antigenically characterized 1,444 influenza viruses [253 influenza A (H1N1)pdm09, 631 influenza A (H3N2), and 560 influenza B viruses] collected by U.S. laboratories since October 1, 2016.

#### **Influenza A Virus [882]**

**A (H1N1)pdm09 [253]:** 251 of 253 (99.2%) 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) [631]:** 609 of 631 (96.5%) 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, 18 out of 22 (81.8%) are more closely related to A/Switzerland/9715293/2013, a virus belonging to genetic group 3C.3a.

#### **Influenza B Virus [560]**

**Victoria Lineage [248]:** 228 of 248 (91.9%) 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 [312]:** All 312 (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.