Missouri Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report  
2019-2020 Influenza Season

Week 51: December 15, 2019 – December 21, 2019

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

Summary:

- The estimated influenza activity in Missouri is Regional\(^2\).
- A total of 775 laboratory-positive\(^3\) influenza cases (234 influenza A, 537 influenza B, and 4 untyped) were reported during Week 51. The season-to-date total of laboratory-positive influenza cases is 4,299 (38.2% influenza A, 60.7% influenza B, and 1.1% untyped). Two laboratory-positive cases of influenza (AH1N1) were reported by the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory (MSPHL) during Week 51. The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza in Missouri laboratories reporting to the National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) decreased during Week 51 (Figure 6).
- Influenza-like illness (ILI) activity was above baseline for the Missouri Outpatient ILI Surveillance Network (ILINet) and for the hospital emergency room visit chief complaint data reported through ESSENCE. The reported percentage of visits for ILI was 3.08% (Figure 5) and 3.96% (Figure 7) through ILINet and ESSENCE respectively.\(^4\) The ILI data from a small number of sites located in the Northwest Region of the state is currently unavailable in ESSENCE. Therefore, the ILI data for the Northwest Region should be interpreted with caution.
- Seven influenza-associated deaths have been reported in Missouri as of Week 51.\(^5\) During Week 50, 15 deaths involving Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) were reported to the Bureau of Vital Records, resulting in a season-to-date total of 415 P&I associated deaths in Missouri.\(^6\)
- No influenza or ILI-associated outbreaks or school closures have been reported in Missouri as of Week 51.
- Seasonal influenza activity in the United States has been elevated for six weeks and continued to increase during Week 50. National influenza surveillance information is prepared by CDC and is included in the weekly FluView report, which is available online at [http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm).

\(^1\)The 2019-2020 influenza season begins CDC Week 40 (week ending October 5, 2019) and ends CDC Week 39 (week ending September 26, 2020).

\(^2\)Regional is defined as: Outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI and recent laboratory confirmed influenza in at least two but less than half the regions of the state with recent laboratory evidence of influenza in those regions.

\(^3\)Laboratory-positive influenza includes the following test methods: rapid influenza diagnostic tests (antigen), reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) and other molecular assays, immunofluorescence antibody staining (Direct (DFA) or Indirect (IFA)), or viral culture.

\(^4\)Influenza-like illness (ILI) is defined by ILINet as fever (temperature of 100°F [37.8°C] or greater) and a cough and/or a sore throat without a known cause other than influenza. ILI is defined by ESSENCE as Emergency Department chief complaints for Influenza or (FeverPlus and (Cough or SoreThroat) and not NonILIfevers).

\(^5\)All influenza-associated deaths became reportable in Missouri in 2016.

\(^6\)The P&I data are available one week later. The P&I data for the CDC Week provided is the most current data available.
Surveillance Data:

Interactive Maps


- Reported Laboratory-positive Influenza Cases by Influenza Type by Jurisdiction, CDC Week 51
- Reported Week-specific Rate per 100,000 Population, CDC Week 51
- Reported Laboratory-positive Influenza Cases by Influenza Type by Jurisdiction, Season-to-Date
- Reported Rate per 100,000 Population, Season-to-Date

Data Figures

Figure 1. Number of Laboratory-positive† Influenza Cases by Influenza Type, Missouri, CDC Week 51 (December 15, 2019 – December 21, 2019)*

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Influenza Type</th>
<th>Week 49</th>
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<th>Week 51</th>
<th>2019-2020* Season-to-Date</th>
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<tr>
<td>Influenza A</td>
<td>243</td>
<td>330</td>
<td>234</td>
<td>1,641</td>
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<td>Influenza B</td>
<td>407</td>
<td>751</td>
<td>537</td>
<td>2,611</td>
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<td>Influenza Unknown Or Untyped</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>47</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>656</td>
<td>1,109</td>
<td>775</td>
<td>4,299</td>
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*Influenza season begins week ending October 5, 2019 (CDC Week 40) Data Source: Missouri Health Information Surveillance System (WebSurv).

Figure 2. Number of Laboratory-positive† Influenza Cases and Case Rates by Age Group, Missouri, CDC Week 51 (December 15, 2019 – December 21, 2019)‡

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Age Group</th>
<th>Week 51 Cases</th>
<th>Week 51 Rate‡</th>
<th>2019-2020* Season-to-Date</th>
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<td>00-04</td>
<td>139</td>
<td>37.13</td>
<td>759</td>
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<td>05-24</td>
<td>391</td>
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<td>25-49</td>
<td>157</td>
<td>8.20</td>
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<td>50-64</td>
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‡Incidence Rate per 100,000 population
Figure 3. Number of Laboratory-positive† Influenza Cases and Case Rates by Region, Missouri, CDC Week 51 (December 15, 2019 – December 21, 2019)‡

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<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Week 51 Cases</th>
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<th>2019-2020* Season-to-Date</th>
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<td>Central</td>
<td>189</td>
<td>27.92</td>
<td>658</td>
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<td>Eastern</td>
<td>111</td>
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<td>Southeast</td>
<td>100</td>
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Figure 4. Number of Laboratory-positive† Influenza Cases by CDC Week, Missouri, 2016-2020*
Figure 5. Percentage of Outpatient Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI), Missouri Outpatient ILI Surveillance Network (ILINet) 2016-2020\textsuperscript{†}

\textsuperscript{†}The ILINet Region 7 (MO, IA, KS, NE) baseline is the mean percentage of patient visits for ILI during non-influenza weeks for the previous three seasons, plus two standard deviations. A non-influenza week is defined as periods of two or more consecutive weeks in which each week accounted for less than 2\% of the season’s total number of specimens that tested positive for influenza. Data Source: U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

\textsuperscript{†}2019-2020 season-to-date through the week ending May 16, 2020 (Week 20).

Figure 6. Season-to-Date PCR (+) Tests for Influenza in Missouri

Data Source: National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

2019-2020 season-to-date through the week ending May 16, 2020 (Week 20).
Figure 7. Percentage of Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) in ESSENCE Participating Hospitals, 2016-2020 Influenza Seasons*‡

*The ESSENCE ILI Baseline is the mean percent of ILI visits for each week during the previous three years (2016-18) when percentage of ILI visits were less than 2% of total visits, plus two standard deviations. Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics, ESSENCE version 1.20.

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Figure 8. Percentage of Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) in ESSENCE Participating Hospitals, by Age Group, Region and Statewide, Week 51, 2019*

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Figure 10. Weekly Rate of Patients Hospitalized with Influenza and/or Pneumonia Syndromes in Missouri Hospitals, 2016-2020 Influenza Seasons

Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics, HL7 Messaging Portal.
Population data from Missouri Census Data Center 2017 (https://census.missouri.edu).
Figure 11. Number of Patients Hospitalized with Influenza and/or Pneumonia Syndromes in Participating Missouri Hospitals, by Age Group, Week 51, 2019-2020 Influenza Season

Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics, HL7 Messaging Portal.

Additional Influenza Data Sources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: National Influenza Surveillance (FluView):
http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm

The National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS):
https://www.cdc.gov/surveillance/nrevss/

World Health Organization: International Influenza Surveillance:
http://www.who.int/influenza/surveillance_monitoring/en/