Missouri Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report
2021-2022 Influenza Season\(^1\)

Week 9: February 27, 2022 – March 5, 2022

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

Summary:

- The estimated influenza activity in Missouri is Regional\(^2\).

- During Week 9, a total of 1,272 laboratory-positive\(^3\) influenza cases (1,209 influenza A, 62 influenza B and 1 untyped) were reported. A season-to-date total of 27,202 laboratory-positive influenza cases (24,524 influenza A, 2,463 influenza B, and 215 untyped) have been reported in Missouri as of Week 9. The influenza type for reported season-to-date cases includes 90.2% influenza A, 9.0% influenza B, and 0.8% untyped. The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza in Missouri laboratories reporting to the National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) decreased to 5.33% during Week 9, with the most common subtype being A(H3N2) (Figure 5).

- Influenza-like illness (ILI) activity for Week 9 was below baseline for the hospital emergency room visit chief complaint data reported through ESSENCE. The reported percentage of visits for ILI through ESSENCE was 1.76% (Figure 6).\(^4\)

- Eighteen influenza-associated deaths have been reported in Missouri as of Week 9.\(^5\)

- Four influenza or ILI-associated outbreaks have been reported in Missouri as of Week 9.

- 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).

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\(^{1}\)The 2021-2022 influenza season begins CDC Week 40 (week ending October 9, 2021) and ends CDC Week 39 (week ending October 1, 2022).

\(^{2}\)Regional is defined as: Increased ILI in two regions and elevated numbers of laboratory-confirmed 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.

\(^{4}\)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.
Surveillance Data:

Interactive Maps

The jurisdiction-specific influenza data are provided through interactive maps available at https://arcg.is/G5LWv.

Click on the jurisdiction to view the influenza data specific to that jurisdiction.

- Reported Laboratory-positive Influenza Cases by Influenza Type by Jurisdiction, CDC Week 9
- Reported Week-specific Rate per 100,000 Population, CDC Week 9
- 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 Weeks 7-9 (February 13, 2021 – March 5, 2022)*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Influenza Type</th>
<th>Week 7</th>
<th>Week 8</th>
<th>Week 9</th>
<th>2021-2022* Season-to-Date</th>
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<tr>
<td>Influenza A</td>
<td>1,286</td>
<td>1,504</td>
<td>1,209</td>
<td>24,524</td>
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<td>Influenza B</td>
<td>97</td>
<td>77</td>
<td>62</td>
<td>2,463</td>
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<td>Influenza Unknown Or Untyped</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>215</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>1,391</td>
<td>1,590</td>
<td>1,272</td>
<td>27,202</td>
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*Influenza season begins with the week ending October 9, 2021 (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 9 (February 27, 2022 – March 5, 2022)‡

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Age Group</th>
<th>Week 9 Cases</th>
<th>Week 9 Rate‡</th>
<th>2021-22* Season-to-Date</th>
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<td>00-04</td>
<td>252</td>
<td>68.46</td>
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<td>05-24</td>
<td>645</td>
<td>41.24</td>
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<td>25-49</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>10.29</td>
<td>4,983</td>
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<td>50-64</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>6.33</td>
<td>2,104</td>
<td>178.30</td>
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<td>65+</td>
<td>99</td>
<td>9.32</td>
<td>1,961</td>
<td>184.65</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 9 (February 27, 2022 – March 5, 2022)*

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<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Week 9 Cases</th>
<th>Week 9 Rate ‡</th>
<th>2021-22* Season-to-Date</th>
<th>2021-22* Season-to-Date Rate ‡</th>
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<tr>
<td>Central</td>
<td>135</td>
<td>20.01</td>
<td>3,292</td>
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<td>Eastern</td>
<td>212</td>
<td>9.35</td>
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<td>Northwest</td>
<td>250</td>
<td>15.27</td>
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<td>Southeast</td>
<td>225</td>
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Figure 4. Number of Laboratory-positive† Influenza Cases by CDC Week, Missouri, 2018-2022‡

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‡2021-2022 season-to-date through the week ending May 21, 2022 (Week 20). Data Source: Missouri Health Information Surveillance System (WebSurv)
Figure 5. 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).

2021-2022 season-to-date through the week ending March 5, 2022 (Week 9).

Figure 6. Percentage of Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) in ESSENCE Participating Hospitals, 2018-2022 Influenza Seasons‡

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

2021-2022 season-to-date through the week ending March 5, 2022 (Week 9).

‡The ESSENCE ILI Baseline is the mean percent of ILI visits for each week during the previous three flu seasons 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.
Figure 7. Percentage of Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) in ESSENCE Participating Hospitals, by Age Group, Region and Statewide, Week 9, 2021*

Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics, ESSENCE version 1.20.
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Figure 9. Weekly Rate of Patients Hospitalized with Influenza and/or Pneumonia Syndromes in Missouri Hospitals, 2018-2022 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 10. Number of Patients Hospitalized with Influenza and/or Pneumonia Syndromes in Participating Missouri Hospitals by Age Group, Week 9, 2021-2022 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/