INFLUENZA REPORT

2019-20 Influenza Season Week 44 — Week Ending 11/2/2019

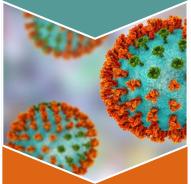


Weekly hospitalizations:

0

Weekly ILI rate:

2.0%



Influenza-like Illness (ILI)
is defined as fever
(temperature of ≥ 100° F
[37.8° C]), cough, and/or a
sore throat without a
known cause other than
influenza.

INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN DAVIS COUNTY

Influenza activity in Davis County has been at a *minimal* level so far this season. The average school absence rate for Week 44 (3.78%) was comparable to the rate observed last year (see Figure 1). No hospitalized influenza cases were reported in Davis County in Week 44, and the season total is fewer than five cases. The influenza-like illness (ILI) rate (2.0%) for Week 44 remains low (see Figure 2).

Figure 1. Elementary School Absence Rate, Davis County, 2019-20, 2018-19, 5-Year Average

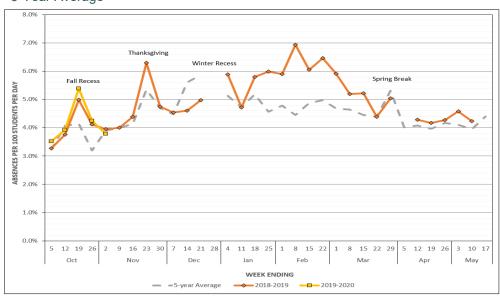
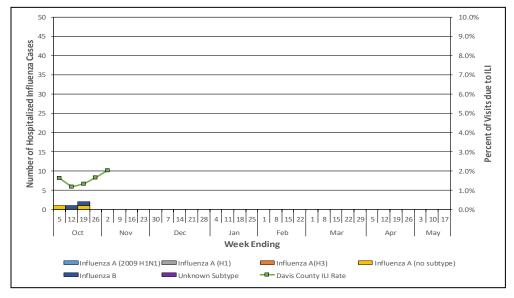


Figure 2. Influenza-like-Illness rate and Hospitalized Influenza Cases, by subtype and admission date, Davis County, 2019-20



INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN UTAH*

Utah's influenza rate remained at a *low* level during Week 44. There were fewer than five hospitalized influenza cases reported during Week 44 in the state of Utah, with a total of 13 cases so far this season.

Surveillance data for influenza testing in laboratories across Utah indicate that

seven specimens were positive for influenza during Week 44. The current predominant circulating virus is influenza A, however, rates of influenza B are higher than normal for this point of the season.

*For more information regarding influenza activity in Utah, please visit: https://bit.ly/2Mx18cT.

Table 1. Influenza Positive Specimens Tested by Utah Laboratories, 2019-20

Positive Specimens by Type/Subtype	Current Week		Season-to-Date	
	Number	%	Number	%
Influenza A (2009 H1N1)	1	14.3%	8	14.0%
Influenza A (H3)	0	0%	6	10.5%
Influenza A (no subtype)	3	42.9%	20	35.1%
Influenza B	3	42.9%	23	40.4%
Total	7		57	

INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES**

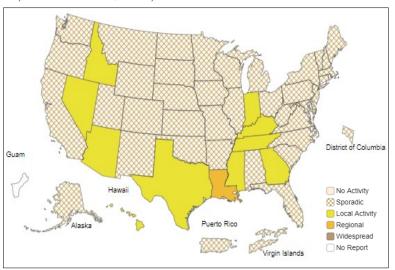
During Week 43, influenza activity remains low in the United States, but is continuing to increase. Rhode Island reported *no activity* during Week 43, while 38 states (including Utah) reported *sporadic* activity, ten states reported *local* activity, and Louisiana reported *regional* activity (see Figure 3).

Collaborating clinical laboratories across the United States reported that 2.4% of respiratory specimens tested were positive for influenza in Week 43. Of those, 32.9% were typed as influenza A and 67.1% as influenza B.

CDC performs genetic and antigenic characterization of U.S. viruses submitted from state and local laboratories. The specimens are also tested for susceptibility of influenza virus to antiviral medications. Virus characterization data will be updated later this season when a sufficient number of specimens have been tested.

**For more information regarding influenza activity nationwide, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Figure 3. Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates, Week 43 (October 20 - 26, 2019)



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VACCINE INFORMATION

CDC recommends that all persons older than 6 months of age receive an influenza vaccine by the end of October.

Flu shots are available at Davis County Health Department at no out-of-pocket cost for those *with* contracted health insurance.

For those *without* insurance:

- Adults (19+ years) can receive the flu shot for \$30.
- Seniors (65+ years) can receive high-dose Fluzone® for \$45.
- Children and adolescents (<19 years) may receive the vaccine for an \$8 fee.

For additional information, call the Immunizations Hotline at (801) 525-5020.

