



INFLUENZA REPORT 2021-2022 Influenza Season

MMWR Week 42

Weekly Report of Influenza and Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Activity

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Overview (MMWR Week 42)



Influenza and Influenza-like Illness Activity

Spread

Sporadic Geographic Spread

Flu Activity

Low Activity Activity is low across the state

Co-circulating

Other Viruses SARS-CoV-2 RSV

Seasonal Data

Types of Flu Influenza A and B viruses are circulating

ILI Activity

Moderate Elevated outpatient respiratory illness activity

Subtypes

Flu A Unknown subtype

Outbreaks

0 No reported outbreaks

Syndromic

2 Respiratory and cough anomalies were reported

Severity

Inpatients No reports of hospitalizations

EMS

Suspected ILI The reports increased this week

Deaths

0 No reported pediatric deaths

Hot Spots

Tracking Trends No hot spots

Geographic Spread



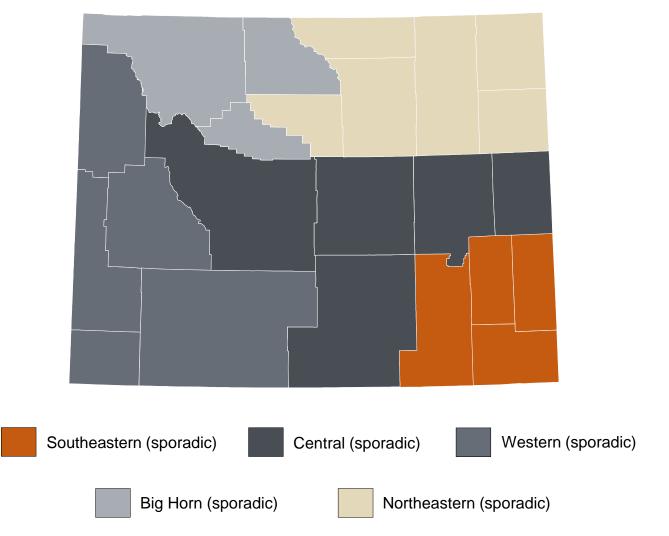
Geographic Activity by Regions

Wyoming observed **sporadic activity** this week (MMWR Week 42).

Healthcare providers in several counties reported ILI activity.

The influenza cases represent three Infectious Disease Epidemiology (IDE) Geographic Regions.

The IDE Geographic Regions have low levels of sporadic activity.



IDE Geographic Regions of Wyoming

Influenza-like Illness Surveillance

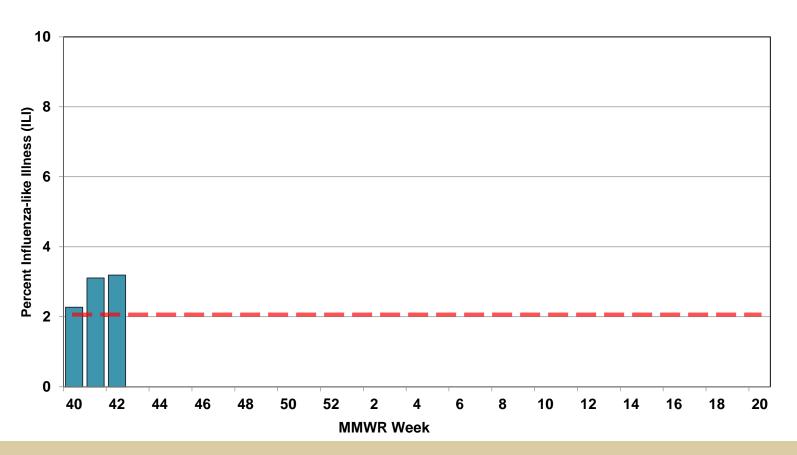


ILINet Providers

The percent of patient visits to ILINet Sentinel Providers for influenza-like illness was 3.19%, which is above Wyoming's baseline (2.06%).

The Wyoming Department of Health received reports from less than 50% of the ILINet providers in Wyoming.

This season, healthcare providers in a few counties reported influenza or influenza-like illness activity.



Weekly Percent of ILI Visits

Virologic Surveillance

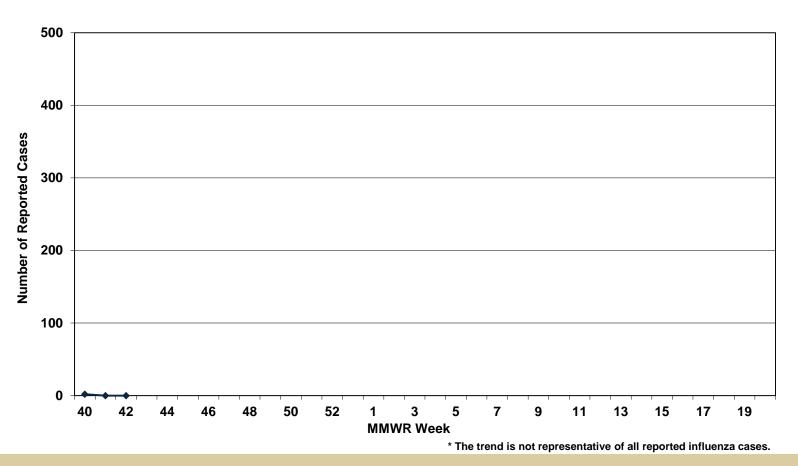


Public Health Laboratory

The overall volume of samples tested for influenza at the Wyoming Public Health Laboratory has increased since the introduction of the CDC Influenza SARS-CoV-2 Multiplex Assay. However, there has only been a few positive influenza specimens since the 2019-2020 influenza season.

Healthcare and Clinical Laboratories

Clinical laboratories most frequently reported Influenza A viruses during MMWR Week 42. The healthcare providers did not report any subtypes of influenza A viruses.



Electronic Reports of Influenza Cases

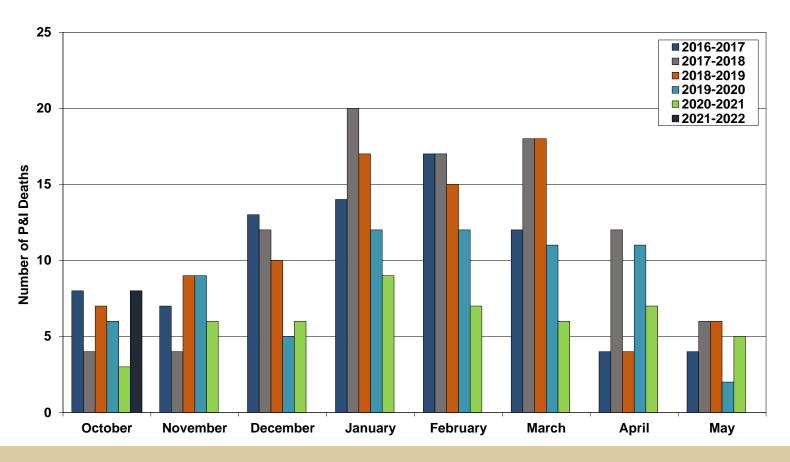
Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality



Mortality Data

Tracking death certificates is the best surveillance system to capture and identify pneumonia and influenza-associated deaths in Wyoming. According to the CDC, influenza is infrequently listed on death certificates. Also, testing for seasonal influenza infections is not frequently performed, particularly among the elderly, who are at greatest risk for seasonal influenza complications and death. Therefore, public health officials may not identify influenza-associated deaths in many instances; consequently, this surveillance system may underestimate the true impact of influenzaassociated deaths in the state.

There were **eight** pneumonia and influenza (P&I) mortality reports certified since the beginning of the 2021-2022 Influenza Season.



Monthly P&I Mortality Reports