

# INFLUENZA REPORT

2023-2024 Influenza Season

MMWR Week 41 (10/8/23-10/14/23)

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

# Overview (MMWR Week 41)



## Influenza and Influenza-like Illness Activity

## **Spread**

#### **Sporadic**

Transmission continues to be sporadic throughout the state

## Co-circulating

#### Other Viruses:

SARS-CoV-2 RSV

#### **Outbreaks**

0

No LTCF or school associated outbreaks reported

## **Syndromic**

0

No syndromic anomalies reported this week

## Flu Activity

#### **Minimal**

Activity remains minimal across the state

## **Seasonal Data**

#### Types of Flu

Influenza A and B viruses are circulating

## Severity

#### **Inpatients**

The number and weekly rate of hospital admissions remains low

### **EMS**

18

Suspected ILI reports this week

## **ILI** Activity

#### **Minimal**

Some reports of outpatient respiratory illnesses

### **Subtypes**

Primary: A/H1

Predominately H1N1 viruses reported across the country this week

#### **Deaths**

0

No locally or nationally reported pediatric deaths

### **Hot Spots**

#### **Tracking Trends**

Within local case counts

## Geographic Spread



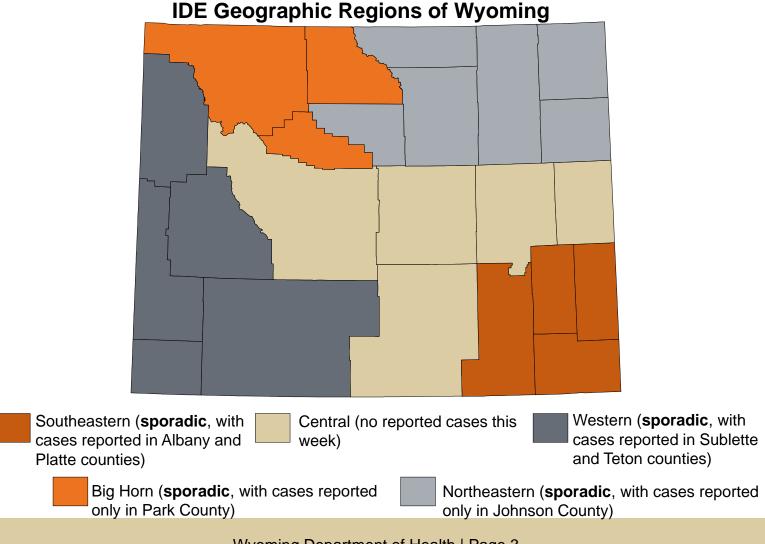
### **Geographic Activity by Regions**

Wyoming as a whole had **sporadic activity** this week (MMWR Week 41). Transmission levels remain minimal across the state.

Healthcare providers in six counties reported ILI activity.

The electronically reported influenza cases represent four Infectious Disease Epidemiology (IDE) Geographic Regions.

Healthcare providers across the state electronically reported 10 influenza cases (rapid influenza diagnostic tests and PCR confirmed tests) this week.



## Virologic Surveillance



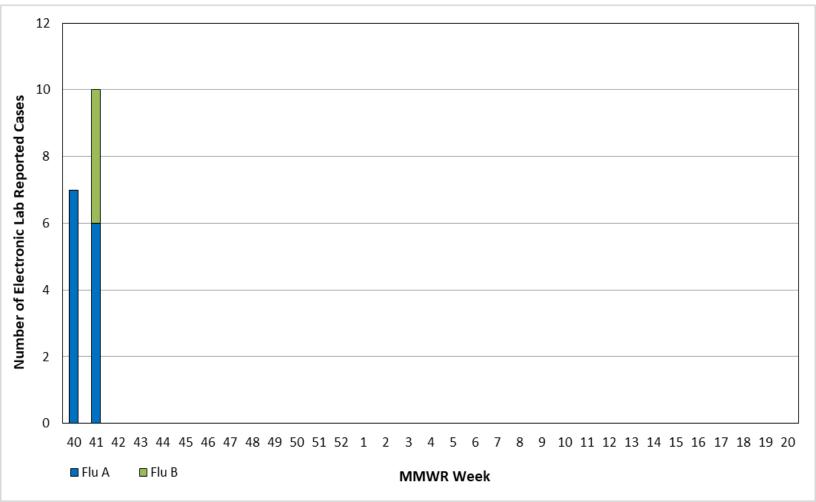
## **Public Health Laboratory**

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 have only been a handful of positive influenza specimens since the start of the 2023-2024 influenza season.

#### **Healthcare and Clinical Laboratories**

Clinical laboratories most frequently reported Influenza A/H1N1 viruses during MMWR Week 41, with a handful of Influenza A/H3N2 and B viruses.

#### **Electronic Lab Reports of Influenza Cases**



\* This graph is not representative of all influenza cases across the state

## Influenza-like Illness Surveillance



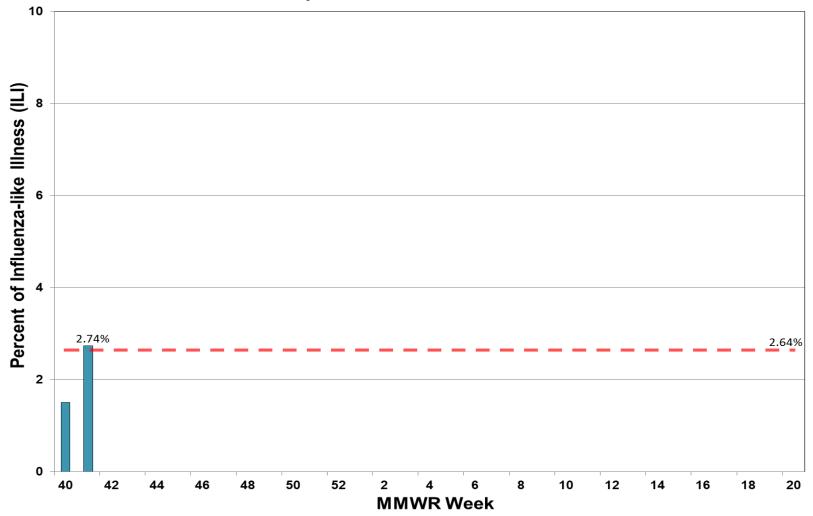
#### **ILINet Providers**

The percent of patient visits to ILINet Sentinel Providers for influenza-like illness was 2.74%, which is slightly above Wyoming's baseline (2.64%), and an increase from week 40.

The Wyoming Department of Health received reports from more than 50% of the ILINet providers across the state. Weekly percentages could change as additional values are submitted.

**Key Updates:** Nationally, outpatient respiratory illness is below baseline, and all 10 HHS regions are below their respective baselines this week. Based on CDC calculations, transmission within Wyoming remained **minimal** this week. Seasonal influenza activity remains low nationally, but there are slight increases in some parts of the country.

#### **Weekly Percent of ILI Visits**



## 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 influenza-associated deaths in the state.

There have not been any pneumonia and influenza (P&I) mortality reports certified since the beginning of the 2023-2024 Influenza Season.

