



INFLUENZA REPORT 2023-2024 Influenza Season

MMWR Week 42 (10/15/23-10/21/23)

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 Transmission continues to be sporadic throughout the state

Co-circulating

Other Viruses: SARS-CoV-2 RSV

Flu Activity

Low Activity has increased slightly across the state

Seasonal Data

Types of Flu Influenza A and B viruses are circulating

Outbreaks

0 No LTCF or school associated outbreaks reported

Syndromic

0 No syndromic anomalies reported this week

Severity

Inpatients The number and weekly rate of hospital admissions remains low

EMS

15 Suspected ILI reports this week

ILI Activity

Low 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 42). Transmission levels were low across the state.

Healthcare providers in four counties reported ILI activity.

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

Healthcare providers across the state electronically reported **12** influenza cases (rapid influenza diagnostic tests and PCR confirmed tests) this week.



IDE Geographic Regions of Wyoming

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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 42, 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 3.33%, which is slightly above Wyoming's baseline (2.64%), and an increase from week 41.

The Wyoming Department of Health received reports from more than 50% of the ILINet providers across the state. Although 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 was **low** this week. Seasonal influenza activity remains low nationally, but there are slight increases in some parts of the country.



Weekly Percent of ILI Visits

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Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality



Mortality Data

Number of P&I Deaths

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



Monthly P&I Mortality Reports (2019-2024)

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