

# INFLUENZA REPORT

2023-2024 Influenza Season

MMWR Week 45 (11/05/23-11/11/23)

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

# Overview (MMWR Week 45)



## Influenza and Influenza-like Illness Activity

# Spread

#### Local

Transmission has increased slightly across the state

# Co-circulating

#### **Other Viruses:**

SARS-CoV-2 RSV

### **Outbreaks**

#### 0

No LTCF or school associated outbreaks reported

# **Syndromic**

2

Syndromic anomalies reported this week

# Flu Activity

#### Low

Activity levels remain low across the state

# Seasonal Data

#### Types of Flu

Influenza A and B viruses are circulating

## Severity

### **Inpatients**

The number of weekly hospital admissions is increasing across the country

### **EMS**

#### 19

Suspected ILI reports this week

# **ILI** Activity

#### Low

Some reports of outpatient respiratory illnesses

## **Subtypes**

### Primary: A/H1N1

Predominately H1N1 viruses reported across the country this week

### **Deaths**

#### 0

No locally reported pediatric deaths; 1 pediatric death reported in the US so far this season

# **Hot Spots**

#### **Tracking Trends**

Within local case counts

# Geographic Spread



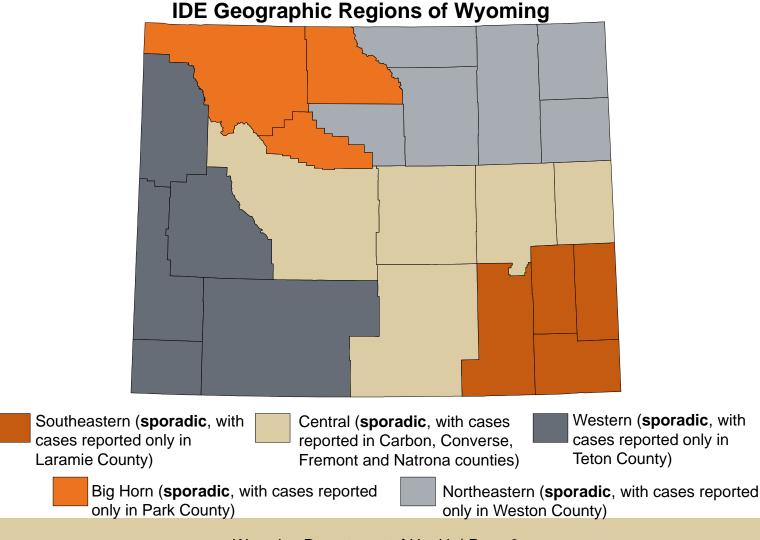
## **Geographic Activity by Regions**

Wyoming as a whole had **local activity** this week (MMWR Week 45). Transmission levels have increased slightly across the state.

Healthcare providers in eight counties reported ILI activity.

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

Healthcare providers across the state electronically reported **33 cases** of influenza (rapid influenza diagnostic tests and PCR confirmed tests) this week.



# Virologic Surveillance



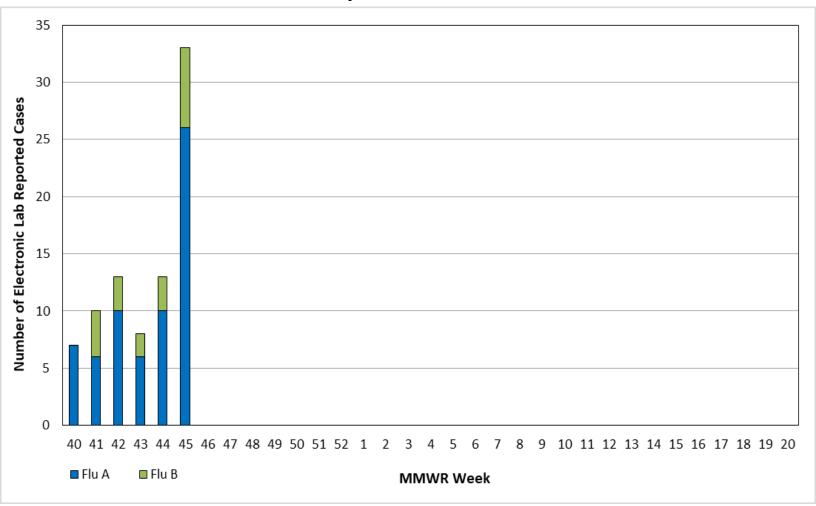
## **Public Health Laboratory**

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, we are starting to see slight increases in the number 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 45, with some 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



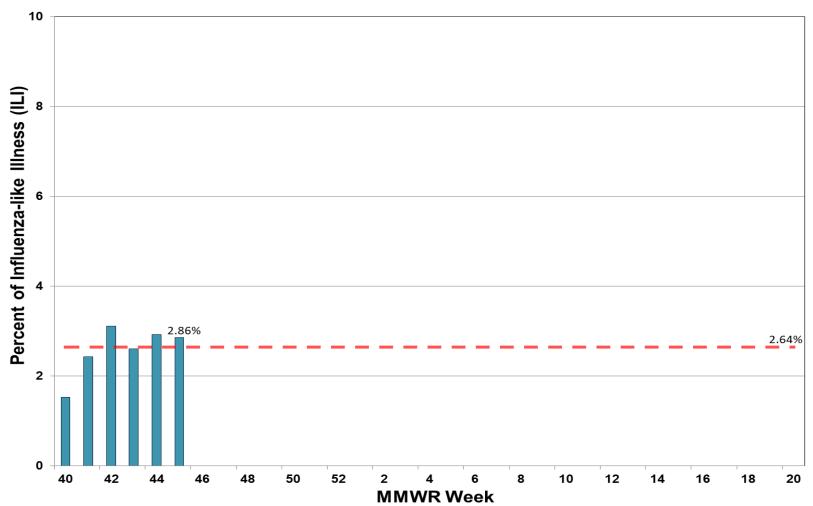
#### **ILINet Providers**

The percent of patient visits to ILINet Sentinel Providers for influenza-like illness was 2.86%, which is slightly above Wyoming's baseline (2.64%), and a slight decrease from week 44.

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:** Outpatient respiratory illness is above baseline nationally for the second week and is at or above baseline in five of the 10 HHS Regions. Based on CDC calculations, transmission within Wyoming was **low** this week. Seasonal influenza activity continues to increase in most parts of the country, most notably in the South Central, Southeast, and West Coast regions.

#### **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 been three pneumonia and influenza (P&I) mortality report certified since the beginning of the 2023-2024 Influenza Season.

### Monthly P&I Mortality Reports (2019-2024)

