



Missouri Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report 2021-2022 Influenza Season¹

Week 8: February 20, 2022 – February 26, 2022

All data are preliminary and may change as more reports are received.

Summary:

- The estimated influenza activity in Missouri is Regional².
- During Week 8, a total of 1,171 laboratory-positive³ influenza cases (1,105 influenza A, 65 influenza B and 1 untyped) were reported. A season-to-date total of 25,293 laboratory-positive influenza cases (22,714 influenza A, 2,373 influenza B, and 206 untyped) have been reported in Missouri as of Week 8. The influenza type for reported season-to-date cases includes 89.8% influenza A, 9.4% influenza B, and 0.8% untyped. The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza in Missouri laboratories reporting to the National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) increased slightly to 6.72% during Week 8, with the most common subtype being A(H3N2) (Figure 5).
- Influenza-like illness (ILI) activity for Week 8 was below baseline for the hospital emergency room visit chief complaint data reported through ESSENCE. The reported percentage of visits for ILI through ESSENCE was 1.85% (Figure 6).⁴
- Eighteen influenza-associated deaths have been reported in Missouri as of Week 8.⁵
- Four influenza or ILI-associated outbreaks have been reported in Missouri as of Week 8.
- National influenza surveillance information is prepared by CDC and is included in the weekly FluView report, which is available online at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>.

¹The 2021- 2022 influenza season begins CDC Week 40 (week ending October 9, 2021) and ends CDC Week 39 (week ending October 1, 2022).

²Regional is defined as: Increased ILI in two regions and elevated numbers of laboratory-confirmed influenza in those regions.

³Laboratory-positive influenza includes the following test methods: rapid influenza diagnostic tests (antigen), reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) and other molecular assays, immunofluorescence antibody staining (Direct (DFA) or Indirect (IFA)), or viral culture.

⁴ILI is defined by ESSENCE as Emergency Department chief complaints for Influenza or (FeverPlus and (Cough or SoreThroat) and not NonILIFevers).

⁵All influenza-associated deaths became reportable in Missouri in 2016.

Surveillance Data:

Interactive Maps

The jurisdiction-specific influenza data are provided through interactive maps available at <https://arcg.is/G5LWv>.

Click on the jurisdiction to view the influenza data specific to that jurisdiction.

- Reported Laboratory-positive Influenza Cases by Influenza Type by Jurisdiction, CDC Week 8
- Reported Week-specific Rate per 100,000 Population, CDC Week 8
- Reported Laboratory-positive Influenza Cases by Influenza Type by Jurisdiction, Season-to-Date
- Reported Rate per 100,000 Population, Season-to-Date

Data Figures

Figure 1. Number of Laboratory-positive[†] Influenza Cases by Influenza Type, Missouri, CDC Weeks 6-8 (February 6, 2021 – February 26, 2022)^{*}

Influenza Type	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	2021-2022* Season-to-Date
Influenza A	1,002	1,191	1,105	22,714
Influenza B	85	93	65	2,373
Influenza Unknown Or Untyped	37	8	1	206
Total	1,124	1,292	1,171	25,293

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*Influenza season begins with the week ending October 9, 2021 (CDC Week 40) Data Source: Missouri Health Information Surveillance System (WebSurv).

Figure 2. Number of Laboratory-positive[†] Influenza Cases and Case Rates by Age Group, Missouri, CDC Week 8 (February 20, 2022 – February 26, 2022)^{}**

Age Group	Week 8 Cases	Week 8 Rate [‡]	2021-22* Season-to-Date	2021-2022* Season-to-Date Rate [‡]
00-04	189	51.35	3,658	993.81
05-24	637	40.73	13,096	837.34
25-49	201	10.34	4,680	240.85
50-64	66	5.50	2,030	169.14
65+	78	7.34	1,829	172.22
Total	1,171	19.08	25,293	412.11

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*Influenza season begins week ending October 3, 2020 (CDC Week 40) Data Source: Missouri Health Information Surveillance System (WebSurv)

[‡]Incidence Rate per 100,000 population

Figure 3. Number of Laboratory-positive[†] Influenza Cases and Case Rates by Region, Missouri, CDC Week 8 (February 20, 2022 – February 26, 2022)^{}**

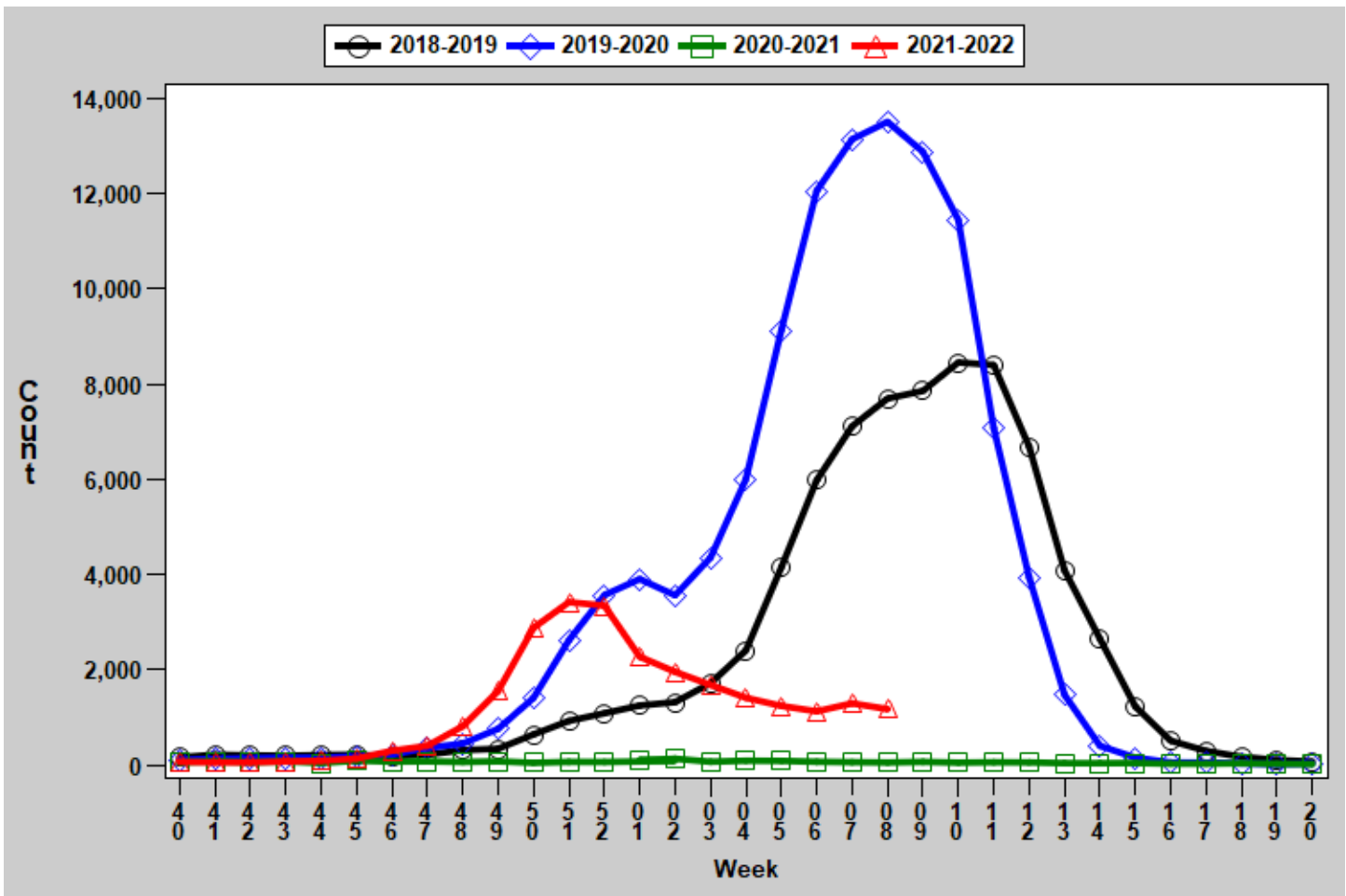
Region	Week 8 Cases	Week 8 Rate [‡]	2021-22* Season-to-Date	2021-22* Season-to-Date Rate [‡]
Central	143	21.19	3,085	457.16
Eastern	264	11.64	8,598	379.14
Northwest	117	7.15	5,358	327.36
Southeast	202	46.71	2,905	671.77
Southwest	445	42.36	5,347	508.93
Total	1,171	19.08	25,293	412.11

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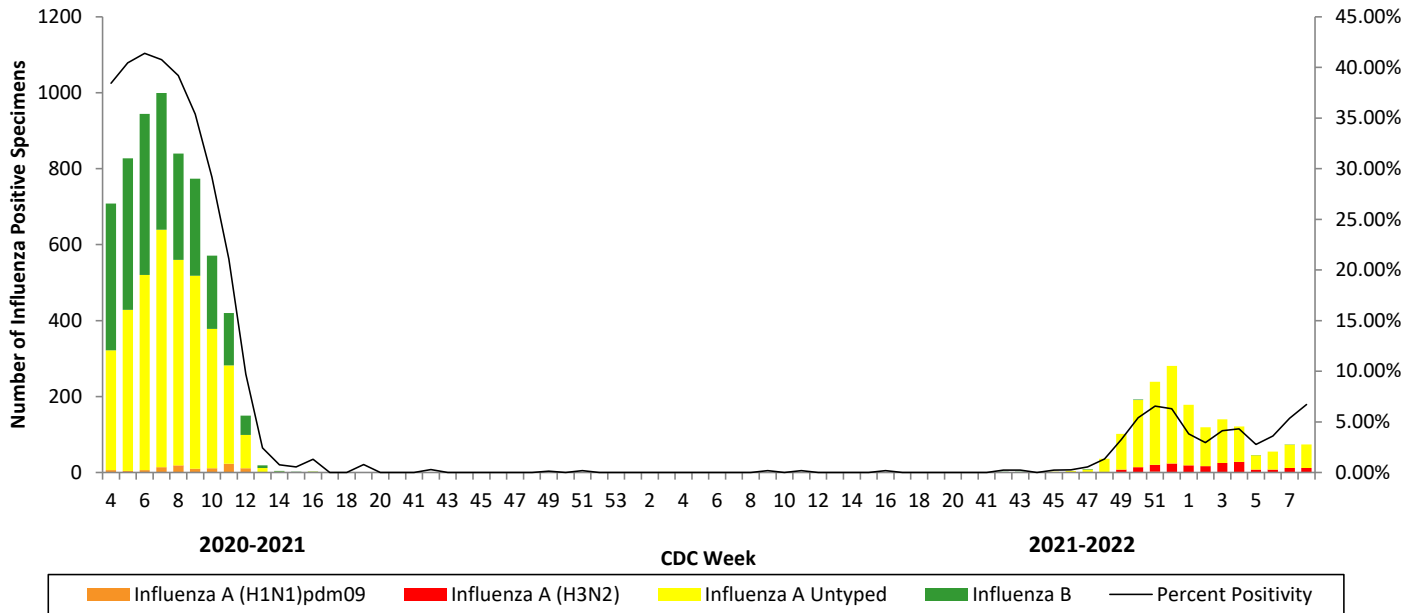
Figure 4. Number of Laboratory-positive[†] Influenza Cases by CDC Week, Missouri, 2018-2022^{*}



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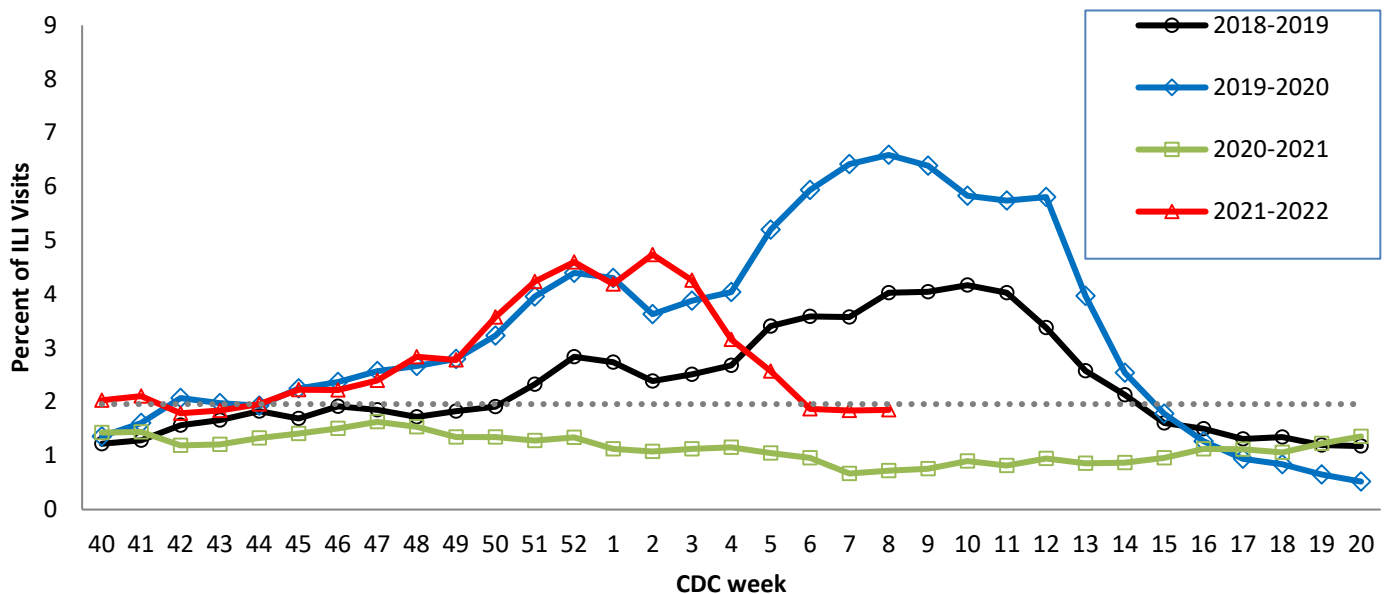
^{*}2021-2022 season-to-date through the week ending May 21, 2022 (Week 20).Data Source: Missouri Health Information Surveillance System (WebSurv)

Figure 5. Season-to-Date PCR (+) Tests for Influenza in Missouri



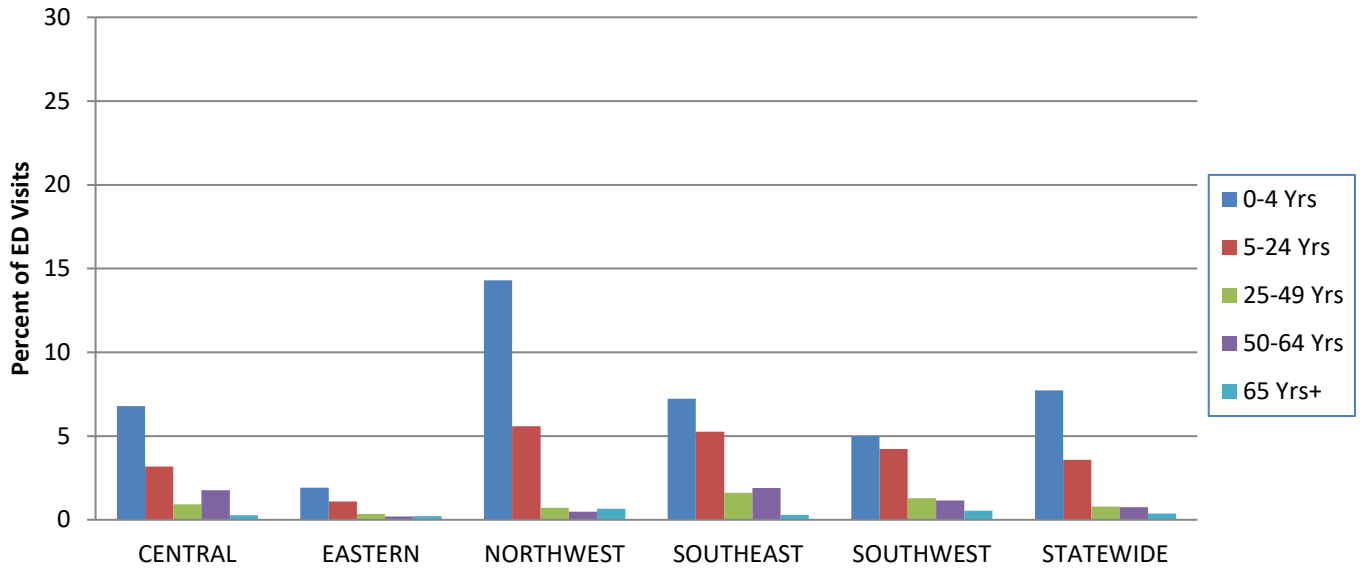
Data Source: National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). 2021-2022 season-to-date through the week ending February 26, 2022 (Week 8).

Figure 6. Percentage of Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) in ESSENCE Participating Hospitals, 2018-2022 Influenza Seasons**



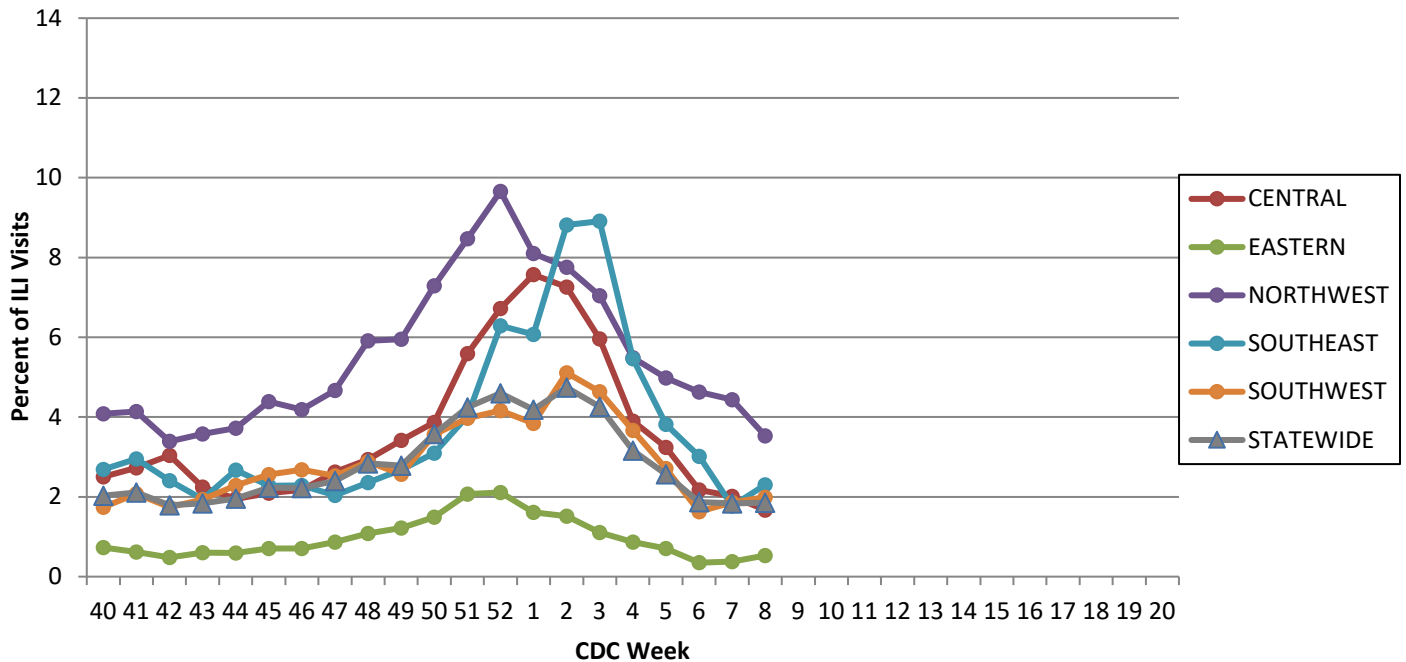
**The ESSENCE ILI Baseline is the mean percent of ILI visits for each week during the previous three flu seasons when percentage of ILI visits were less than 2% of total visits, plus two standard deviations. Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics, ESSENCE version 1.20.

Figure 7. Percentage of Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) in ESSENCE Participating Hospitals, by Age Group, Region and Statewide, Week 8, 2021*



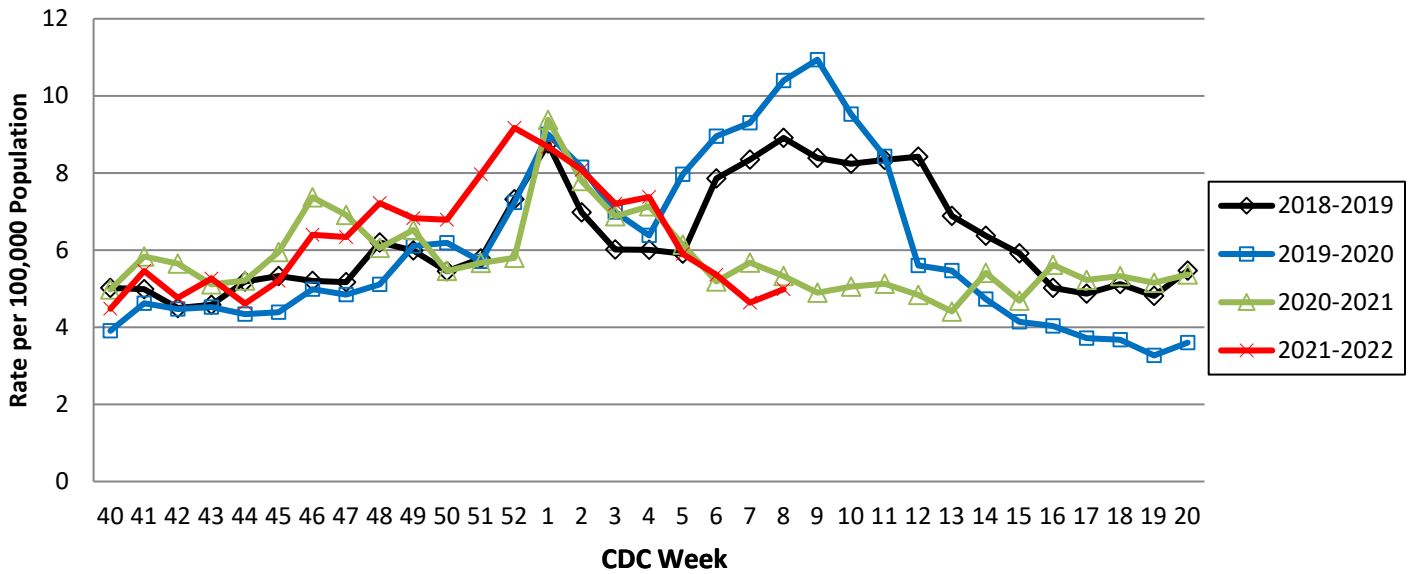
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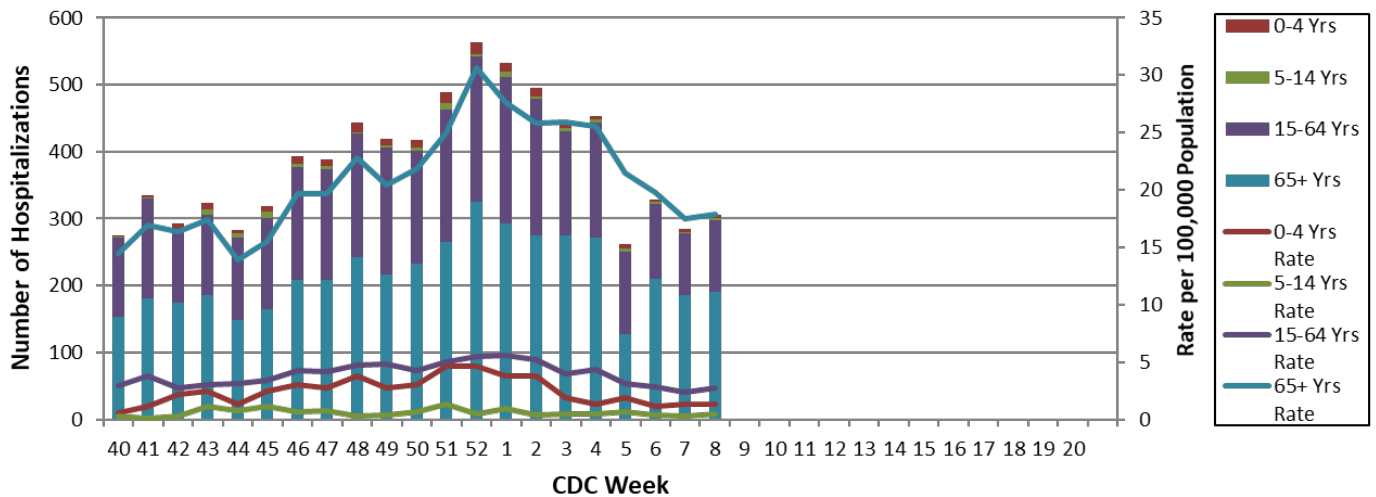
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Figure 9. Weekly Rate of Patients Hospitalized with Influenza and/or Pneumonia Syndromes in Missouri Hospitals, 2018-2022 Influenza Seasons



Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics, HL7 Messaging Portal. Population data from Missouri Census Data Center 2017 (<https://census.missouri.edu>).

Figure 10. Number of Patients Hospitalized with Influenza and/or Pneumonia Syndromes in Participating Missouri Hospitals, by Age Group, Week 8, 2021-2022 Influenza Season



Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics, HL7 Messaging Portal.

Additional Influenza Data Sources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: National Influenza Surveillance (FluView):
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>

The National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS):
<https://www.cdc.gov/surveillance/nrevss/>

World Health Organization: International Influenza Surveillance:
http://www.who.int/influenza/surveillance_monitoring/en/