



Missouri Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report 2022-2023 Influenza Season¹

Week 18: April 30, 2023 – May 6, 2023

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

Summary:

- Seasonal influenza activity and the Influenza-like illness (ILI) activity in Missouri remained Sporadic² and Level 2 in the minimal category³, respectively during Week 18.
- During Week 18 a total of 87 laboratory-positive⁴ influenza cases (33 influenza A, 53 influenza B and 1 untyped) were reported. The influenza type for reported season-to-date cases includes 93.7% influenza A, 5.8% influenza B and 0.4% untyped. The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza in Missouri laboratories reporting to the National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) was 0.41% for Week 18. The number of Missouri facilities reporting to NREVSS for Week 18 was limited.
- Influenza-like illness activity for the hospital emergency room visit chief complaint data reported through ESSENCE decreased to 1.36% for Week 18 (Figure 6).⁵
- Two hundred forty one influenza-associated deaths have been reported in Missouri as of Week 16 (week ending April 22, 2023).⁶
- Twelve influenza outbreaks and two influenza-associated school closures have been reported as of Week 18.
- Seasonal influenza activity continues to decline nationwide. 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 2022- 2023 influenza season begins CDC Week 40 (week ending October 8, 2022) and ends CDC Week 39 (week ending September 30, 2023).

²Sporadic is defined as: Small numbers of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases or a single laboratory-confirmed influenza outbreak has been reported, but there is no increase in cases of ILI.

³ILI Activity indicates levels of activity on a scale of 1-13 ranging from minimal to very high. For more information see <https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/main.html>

⁴Laboratory-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.

⁵ILI is defined by ESSENCE as Emergency Department chief complaints for Influenza or (FeverPlus and (Cough or SoreThroat) and not NonILIFevers).

⁶Influenza deaths are collected from Missouri's death certificate data. Decedents with influenza listed as a cause or contributor to death are classified as an influenza-associated death. Death certificate data are generally available two weeks following the current CDC week.

Surveillance Data:

Interactive Maps

The jurisdiction-specific influenza data are provided through interactive maps available at <https://arcg.is/DKTSe0>. 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 18
- Reported Week-specific Rate per 100,000 Population, CDC Week 18
- 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 16-18 (April 16, 2023 – May 6, 2023)*

Influenza Type	Week 16	Week 17	Week 18	2022-2023* Season-to-Date
Influenza A	40	50	33	101,325
Influenza B	78	88	53	6,278
Influenza Unknown Or Untyped	4	1	1	482
Total	122	139	87	108,085

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*Influenza season begins with the week ending October 8, 2022 (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 18 (April 30, 2023 – May 6, 2023)*

Age Group	Week 18 Cases	Week 18 Rate [‡]	2022-23* Season-to-Date	2022-2023* Season-to-Date Rate [‡]
00-04	11	2.99	15,957	4,335.20
05-24	29	1.85	45,368	2,900.75
25-49	20	1.03	23,025	1,184.97
50-64	12	1.00	11,976	997.82
65+	15	1.41	11,758	1,107.12
Total	87	1.42	108,085	1,761.08

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[‡]Incidence Rate per 100,000 population

Figure 3. Number of Laboratory-positive[†] Influenza Cases and Case Rates by Region, Missouri, CDC Week 18 (April 30, 2023 – May 6, 2023)^{*‡}

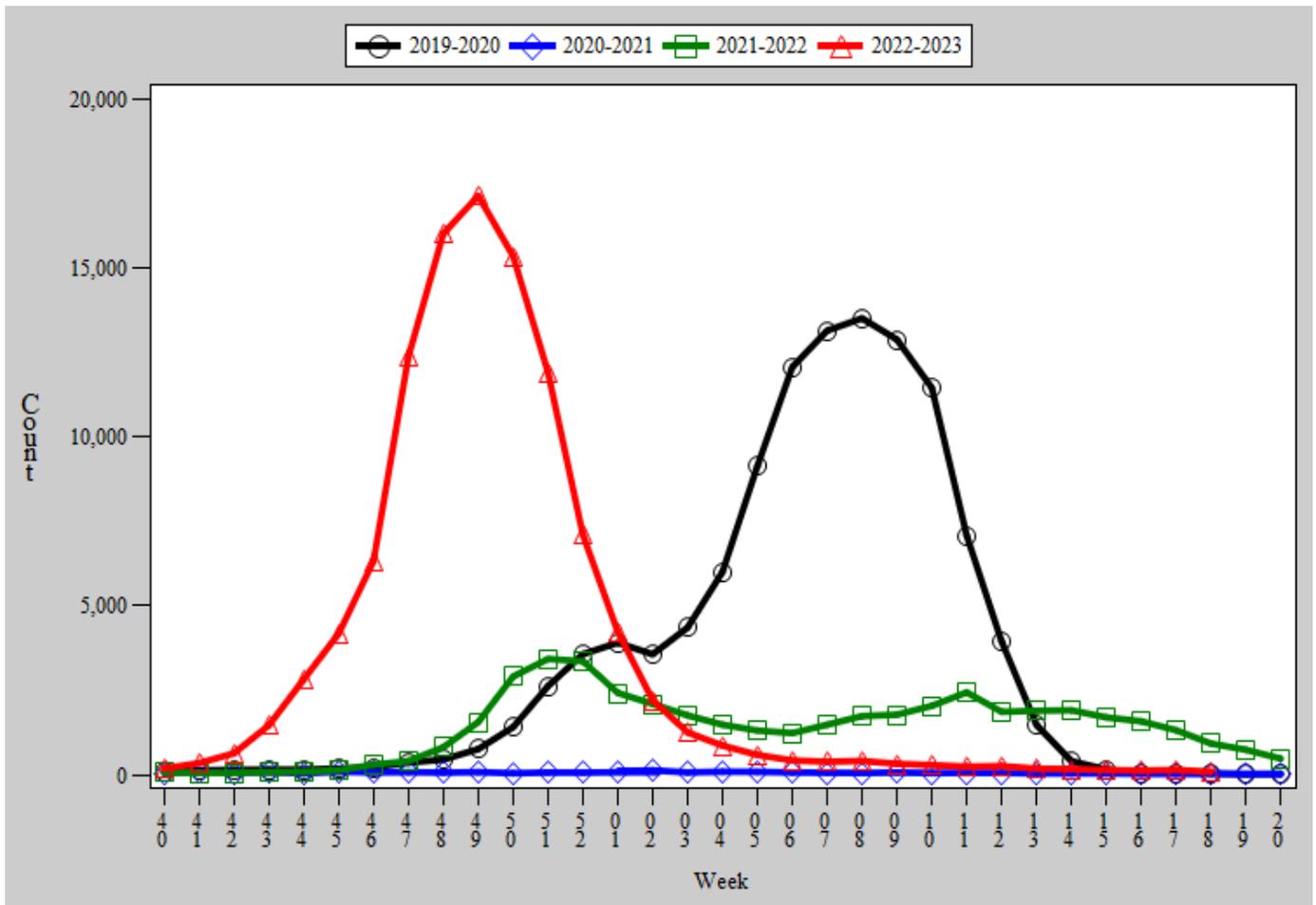
Region	Week 18 Cases	Week 18 Rate [‡]	2022-23* Season-to-Date	2022-23* Season-to-Date Rate [‡]
Central	31	4.59	11,321	1,677.64
Eastern	19	0.84	30,064	1,325.70
Northwest	7	0.43	30,938	1,890.22
Southeast	10	2.31	12,509	2,892.67
Southwest	20	1.90	23,253	2,213.24
Total	87	1.42	108,085	1,761.08

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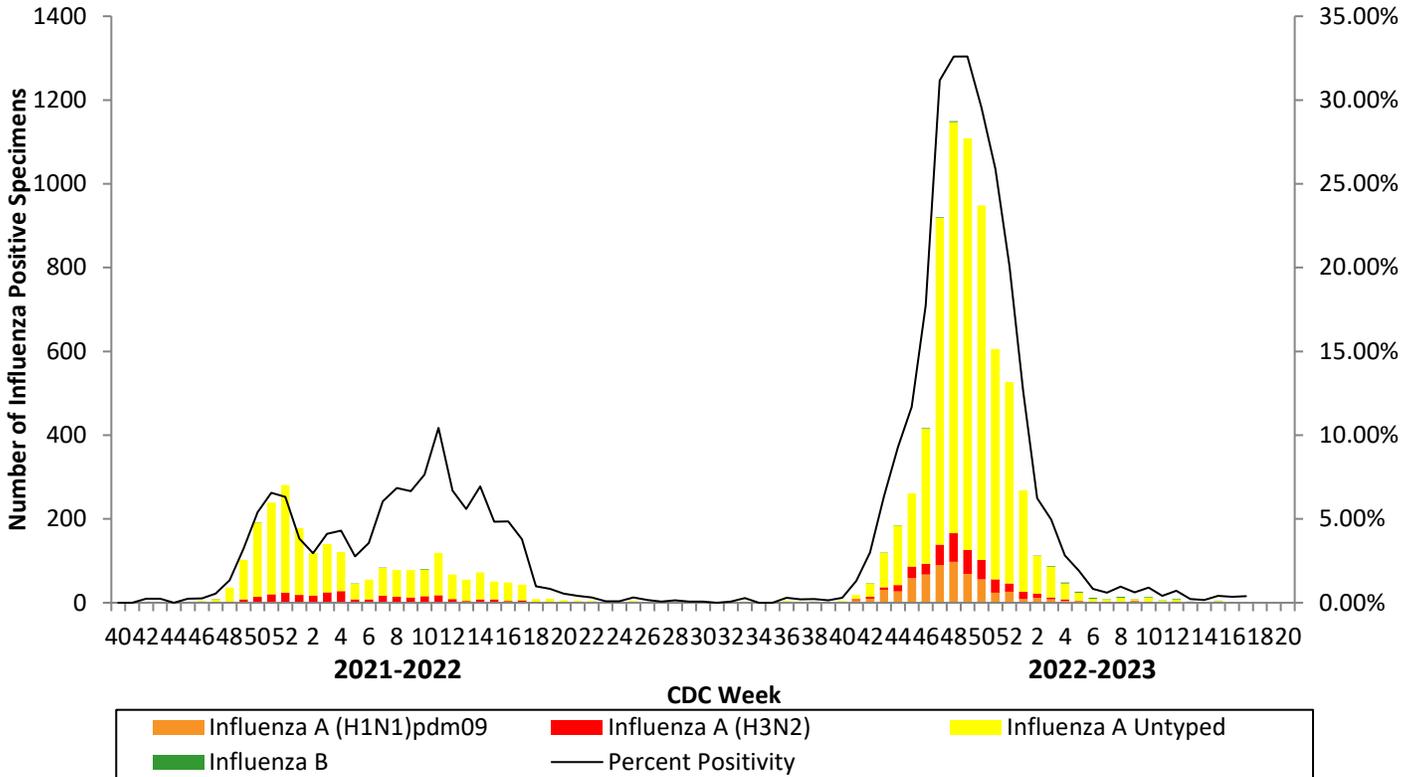
Figure 4. Number of Laboratory-positive[†] Influenza Cases by CDC Week, Missouri, 2019-2023^{*}



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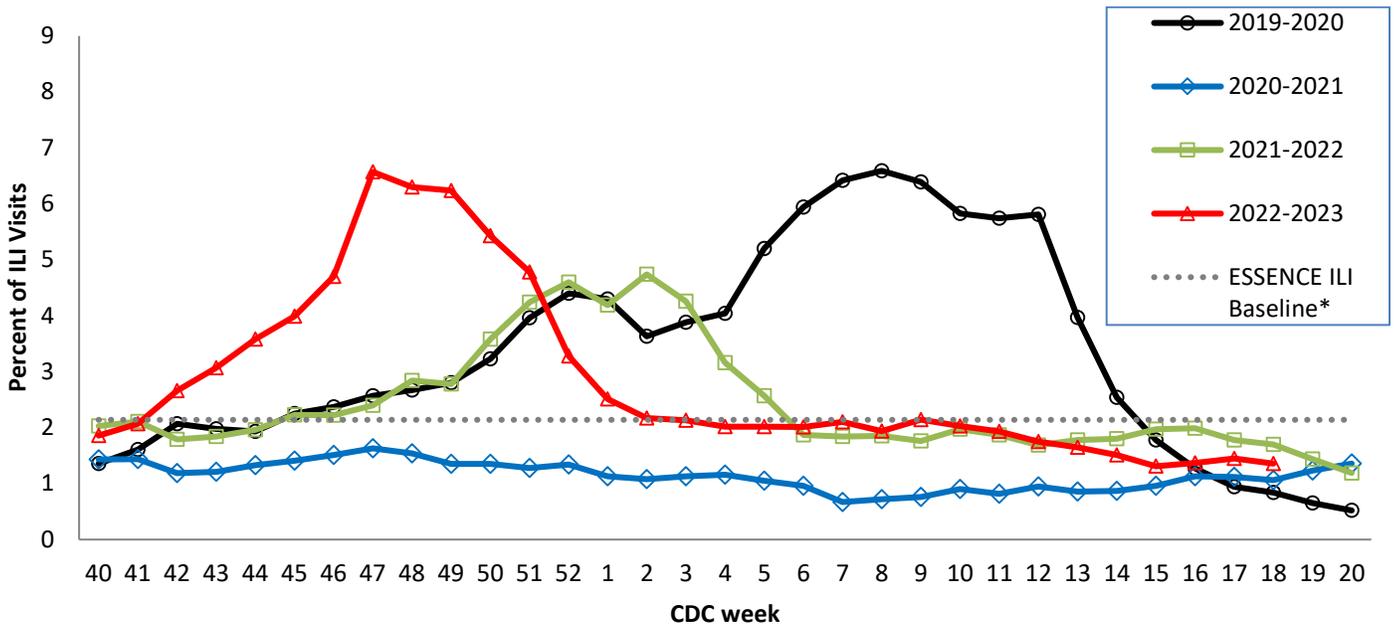
^{*}2022-2023 season-to-date through the week ending May 6, 2023 (Week 18). Data Source: Missouri Health Information Surveillance System (WebSurv)

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



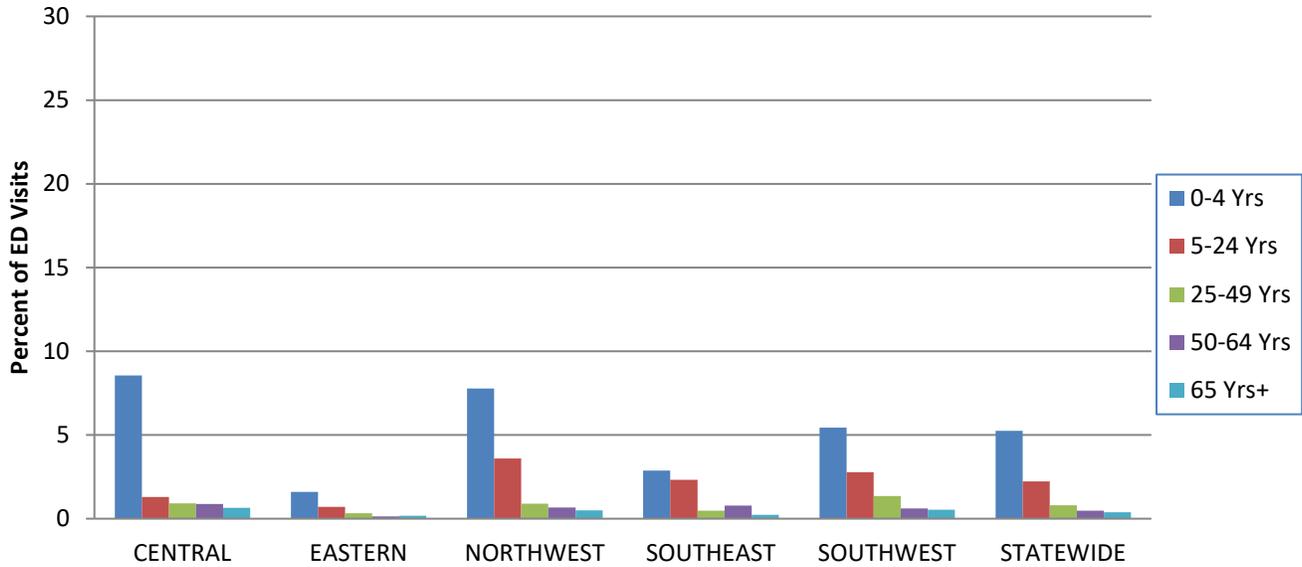
Data Source: National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). 2022-2023 season-to-date through the week ending May 6, 2023 (Week 18).

Figure 6. Percentage of Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) in ESSENCE Participating Hospitals, 2019-2023 Influenza Seasons**



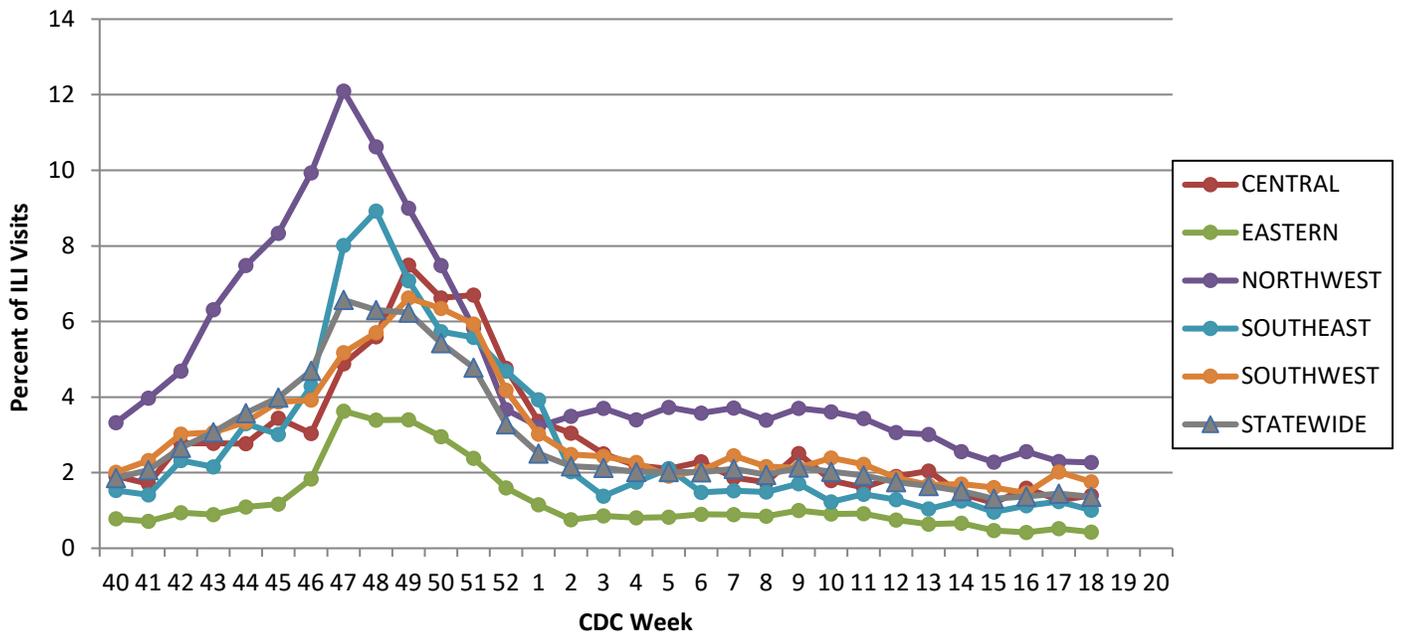
**The ESSENCE ILI Baseline is the mean percent of ILI visits for each week during the previous three flu seasons when percentage of ILI visits were less than 2% of total visits, plus two standard deviations. Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Bureau of Reportable Disease 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 18, 2023*



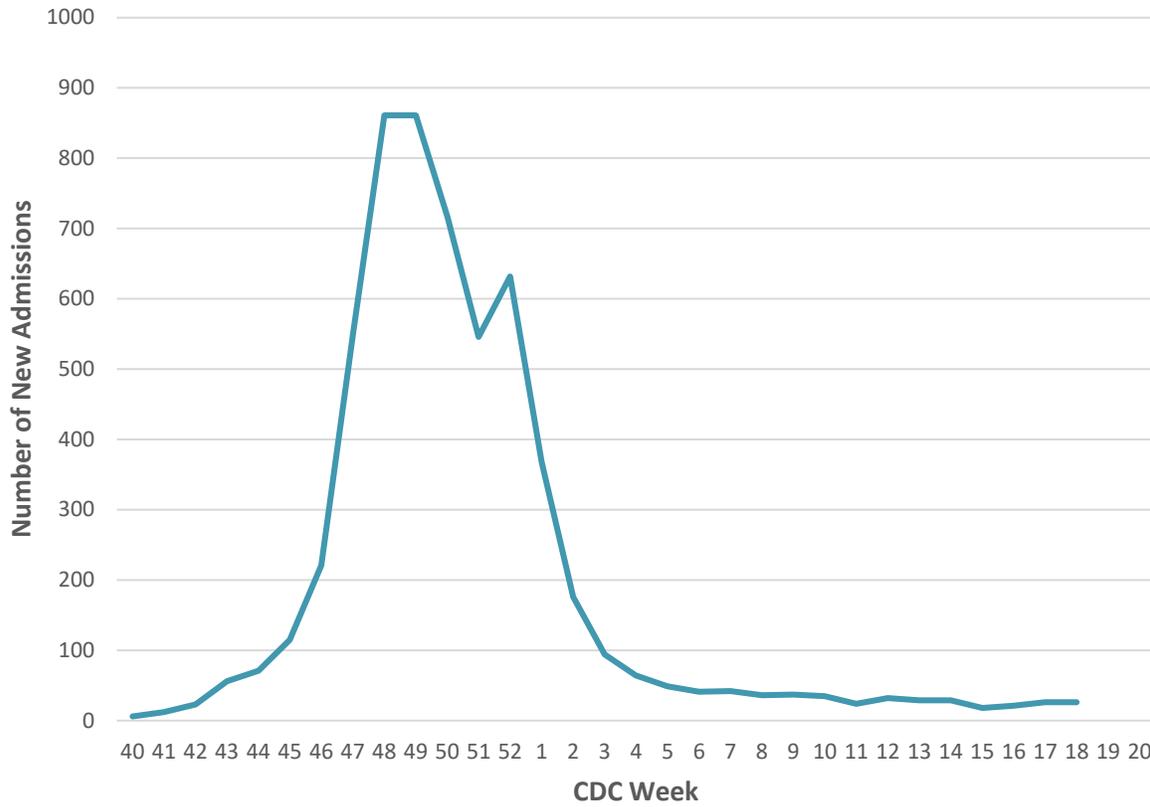
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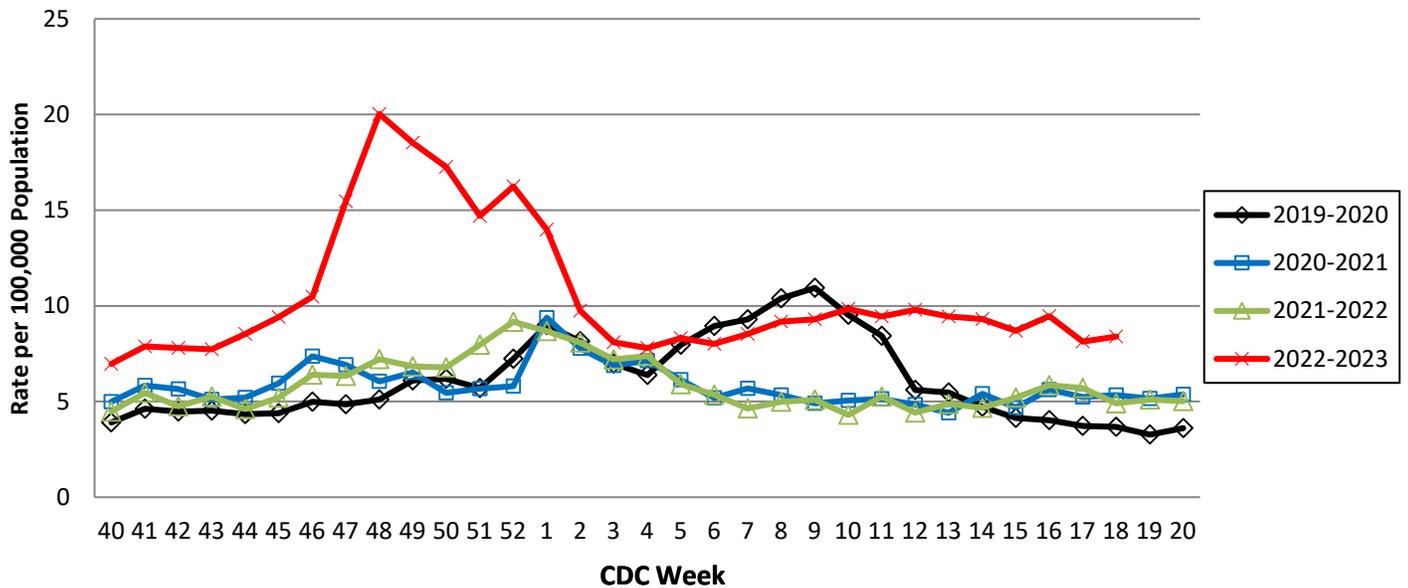
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Figure 9. New Influenza Hospital Admissions Reported to HHS Protect, Missouri Hospitals, 2022-2023 Season



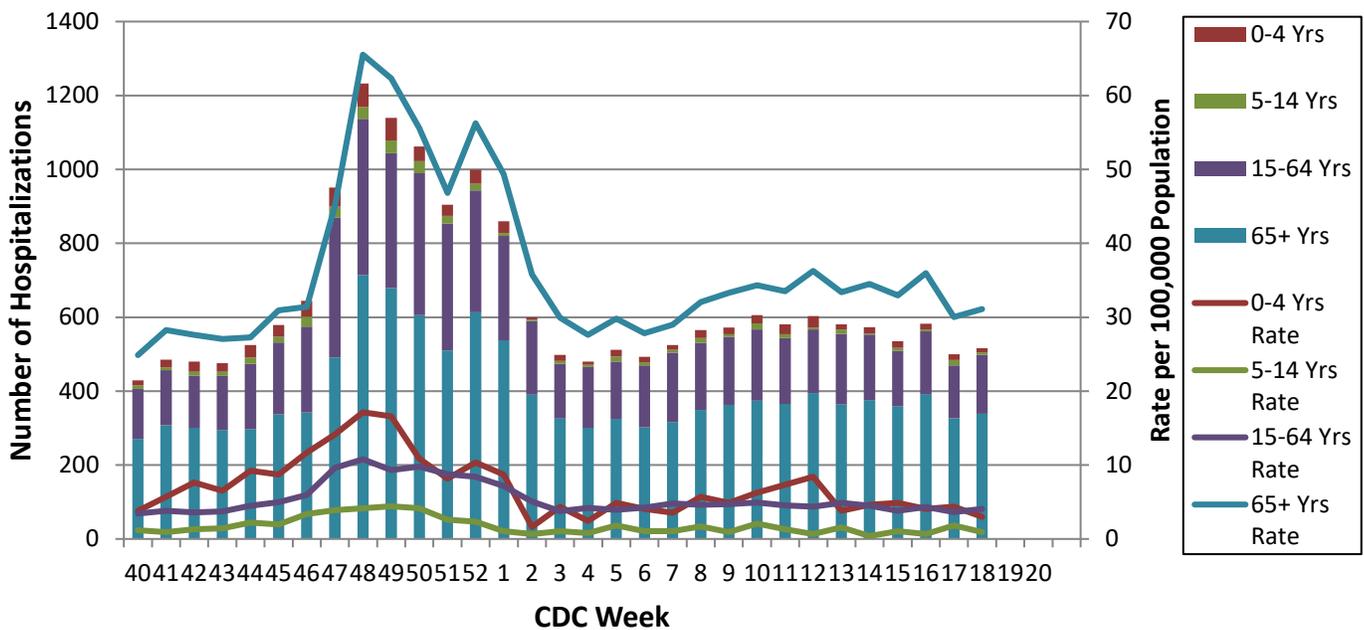
Data Source: [https://healthdata.gov/Hospital/COVID-19 Reported Patient Impact and Hospital Capacity by State Timeseries](https://healthdata.gov/Hospital/COVID-19%20Reported%20Patient%20Impact%20and%20Hospital%20Capacity%20by%20State%20Timeseries) | HealthData.gov. 2022-2023 season-to-date through the week ending May 6, 2023 (Week 18).

Figure 10. Weekly Rate of Patients Hospitalized with Influenza and/or Pneumonia Syndromes in Missouri Hospitals, 2019-2023 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.

Figure 11. Number of Patients Hospitalized with Influenza and/or Pneumonia Syndromes in Participating Missouri Hospitals by Age Group, Week 18, 2022-2023 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:

<https://www.who.int/teams/global-influenza-programme/surveillance-and-monitoring/influenza-updates>