



# Iowa Influenza Surveillance Network (IISN)

## Influenza-like Illness (ILI) and Other Respiratory Viruses

### Weekly Activity Report



For the week ending January 19, 2019 - Week 3

All data presented in this report are provisional and may change as additional reports are received

#### Iowa Influenza Geographic Spread

No Activity	Sporadic	Local	Regional	<b>Widespread</b>
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Note: See CDC activity estimates for definition [www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/overview.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/overview.htm)

Quick Stats	
Predominate influenza subtype	A(H1N1)pdm09
Percent of influenza rapid test positive	19% (493/2589)
Percent of RSV rapid tests positive	29% (171/581)
Influenza-associated hospitalizations	32/5975 inpatients surveyed
Percent of outpatient visits for ILI	1.56% (baseline 1.6%)
Percent school absence due to illness	2.21%
Number of long-term care outbreaks	0
Number of schools with ≥10% absence due to illness	19
Influenza-associated mortality - all ages (Cumulative)	3
Influenza-associated pediatric mortality (Cumulative)	0
Predominate non-influenza virus	RSV

Note: Deaths are considered influenza-associated when influenza is listed on the death certificate. This is an underestimate of influenza-related deaths. Cumulative mortality totals are from 9/30/2018 to the current week.

#### Iowa statewide activity summary:

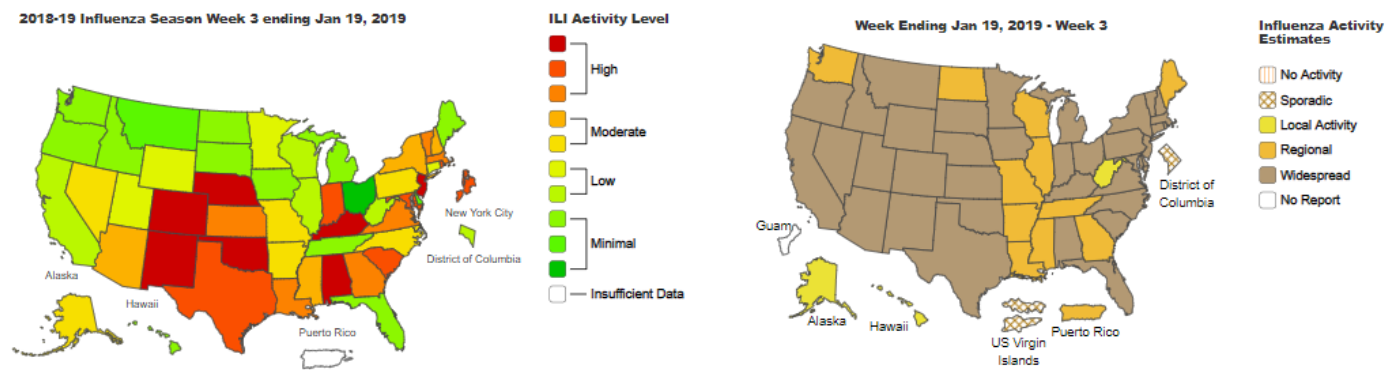
Influenza activity increased on most measures and the geographic spread of influenza in Iowa is widespread. Influenza A(H1N1) continues to be the predominate subtype detected at the State Hygienic Laboratory with 14 influenza A(H1N1)pdm09, eight influenza A(H3), one influenza B (Yamagata Lineage), and one influenza B (Victoria Lineage) viruses confirmed from submitted samples, as well as four influenza A positive specimens pending subtyping. Thirty-two influenza-related hospitalizations were reported from sentinel hospitals. The proportion of outpatient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) increased to 1.56 percent, which is just below the regional baseline of 1.6 percent. No long-term influenza outbreaks were reported for week three. Nineteen schools reported at least 10 percent absenteeism due to illness at some point during week three, over half of which were in the west region. One influenza death was reported. Surveillance sites most frequently detected the following non-influenza respiratory illnesses: 194 RSV, 152 coronavirus, 136 rhinovirus/enterovirus and 58 adenovirus.

#### International activity summary - (WHO):

In the temperate zone of the northern hemisphere influenza activity continued to increase slowly. In North America, influenza activity remained elevated overall with influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 predominating. In the temperate zones of the southern hemisphere, influenza activity returned to inter-seasonal levels with the exception of some parts in Australia. Worldwide, seasonal influenza A viruses accounted for the majority of detections.

Visit [www.who.int/influenza/surveillance\\_monitoring/updates/latest\\_update\\_GIP\\_surveillance/en/](http://www.who.int/influenza/surveillance_monitoring/updates/latest_update_GIP_surveillance/en/) for more information. It was last updated 1/21/2019.

## National activity summary - (CDC)-Last Updated for Week 3:



**Synopsis:** Influenza activity increased in the United States. Influenza A(H1N1)pdm09, influenza A(H3N2) and influenza B viruses continue to co-circulate. Below is a summary of the key influenza indicators for the week ending January 19, 2019

**Viral Surveillance:** The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza viruses in clinical laboratories increased. Influenza A viruses have predominated in the United States since the beginning of October. Influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses have predominated in most areas of the country, however influenza A(H3) viruses have predominated in the southeastern United States (HHS Region 4). The majority of influenza viruses characterized antigenically and genetically are similar to the cell-grown reference viruses representing the 2018–2019 Northern Hemisphere influenza vaccine viruses. The vast majority of influenza viruses tested (>99%) show susceptibility to oseltamivir and peramivir. All influenza viruses tested showed susceptibility to zanamivir.

**Outpatient Illness Surveillance:** The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) increased to 3.3%, which is above the national baseline of 2.2%. All 10 regions reported ILI at or above their region-specific baseline level.

**Geographic Spread of Influenza:** The geographic spread of influenza in 36 states was reported as widespread; Puerto Rico and 11 states reported regional activity; three states reported local activity; the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands reported sporadic activity; and Guam did not report.

**Influenza-associated Hospitalizations:** A cumulative rate of 14.8 laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated hospitalizations per 100,000 population was reported. The highest hospitalization rate is among adults 65 years and older (38.3 hospitalizations per 100,000 population).

**Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality:** The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) was above the system-specific epidemic threshold in the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Mortality Surveillance System.

**Influenza-associated Pediatric Deaths:** Three influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported to CDC during week 3.

Detailed information can be found online at [www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/).

**Laboratory surveillance program:**

The State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL) is the primary laboratory in Iowa characterizing specimens for influenza surveillance. SHL reports the number of tests performed and the type and subtype/lineage of positive tests to the influenza surveillance network daily. SHL also sends a portion of specimens to CDC for further characterization.

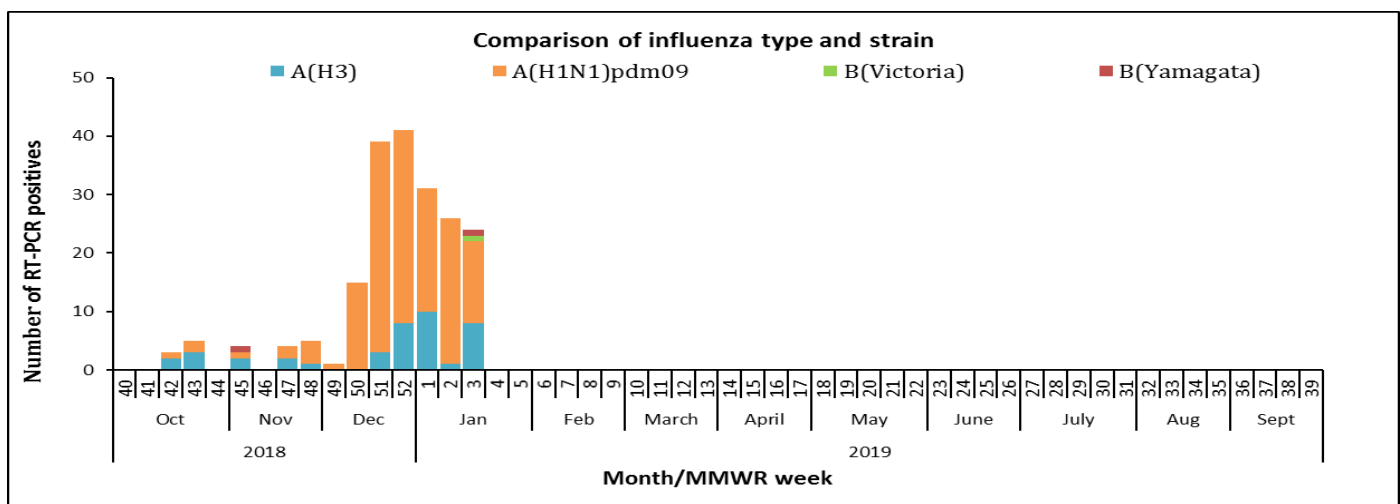
**Table 1: Influenza A viruses detected by SHL by age group**

Age Group	CURRENT WEEK				CUMULATIVE (9/30/18– CURRENT WEEK)			
	A(H1N1) pdm09	A(H3)	Not subtyped	Total	A(H1N1) pdm09	A(H3)	Not subtyped	Total
0-4	1	0	1	2 (8%)	15	1	1	17 (8%)
5-17	4	0	1	5 (19%)	37	6	1	44 (22%)
18-24	2	0	0	2 (8%)	11	1	0	12 (6%)
25-49	1	1	0	2 (8%)	35	4	1	40 (20%)
50-64	2	3	0	5 (19%)	39	14	0	53 (26%)
>64	4	4	2	10 (38%)	18	14	3	35 (17%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 (54%)</b>	<b>8 (31%)</b>	<b>4 (15%)</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>155 (77%)</b>	<b>40 (20%)</b>	<b>6 (3%)</b>	<b>201</b>

**Table 2: Influenza B viruses detected by SHL by age group**

Age Group	CURRENT WEEK				CUMULATIVE (9/30/18– CURRENT WEEK)			
	Victoria Lineage	Yamagata Lineage	Not subtyped	Total	Victoria Lineage	Yamagata Lineage	Not subtyped	Total
0-4	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	0	0 (0%)
5-17	1	0	0	1 (50%)	1	0	0	1 (33%)
18-24	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	0	0 (0%)
25-49	0	1	0	1 (50%)	0	2	0	2 (67%)
50-64	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	0	0 (0%)
>64	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	0	0 (0%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 (50%)</b>	<b>1 (50%)</b>	<b>0 (0%)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1 (33%)</b>	<b>2 (67%)</b>	<b>0 (0%)</b>	<b>3</b>

Table 1 and 2 Notes: Cell counts of three or less are sometimes suppressed to protect confidentiality. Totals by age may not add up to totals by subtype/lineage due to missing age information. Only cases of Iowa residents are included. Specimens listed as “not subtyped” may be pending or were not able to be subtyped due to weak positive lab results. This can be due to poor collection, timing of collection or stage of infection.



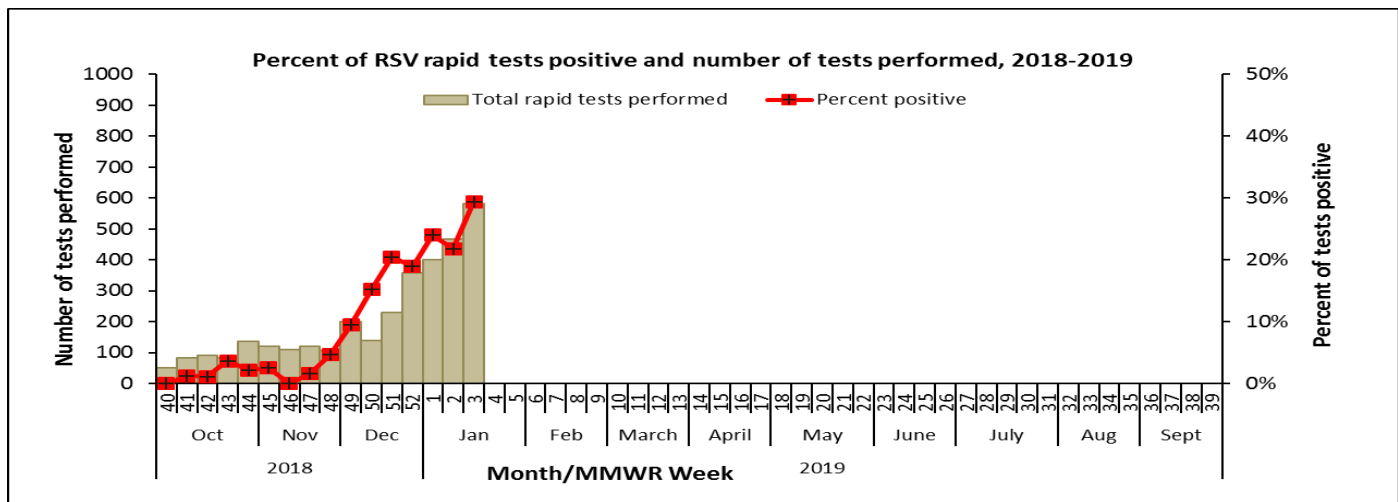
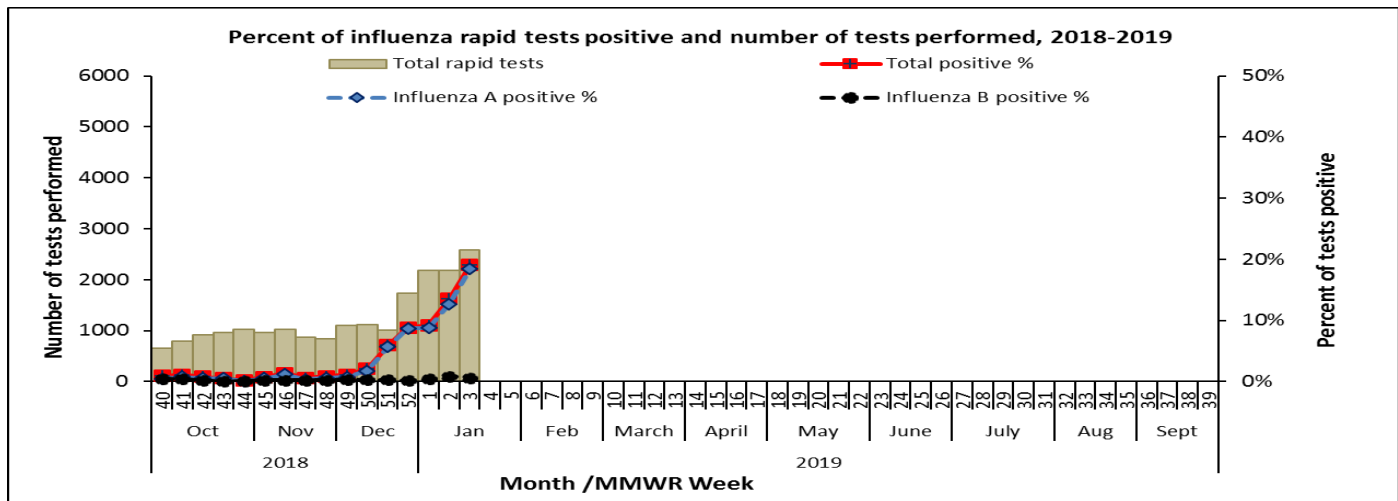
**Rapid influenza and RSV test surveillance:**

The State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL) runs a weekly web-based survey program where laboratorians report the number of influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) rapid tests performed and the number of tests positive. This table includes only the number of patients tested for influenza or RSV at laboratory surveillance sites throughout the state. This table does not provide case counts.

**Table 3: Percent of influenza rapid tests positive and number of tests performed by region for the present week**

REGION	RAPID ANTIGEN INFLUENZA TESTS				RAPID ANTIGEN RSV TESTS		
	Tested	Flu A	Flu B	% Positive	Tested	Positive	% Positive
Region 1 (Central)	757	81	3	11	60	26	43
Region 2 (NE)	84	11	0	13	32	11	34
Region 3 (NW)	701	227	11	34	290	59	20
Region 4 (SW)	221	81	0	37	33	16	48
Region 5 (SE)	212	17	0	8	73	31	42
Region 6 (Eastern)	614	60	2	10	93	28	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>2589</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>29</b>

Note: see map in the school section for the counties in each region.

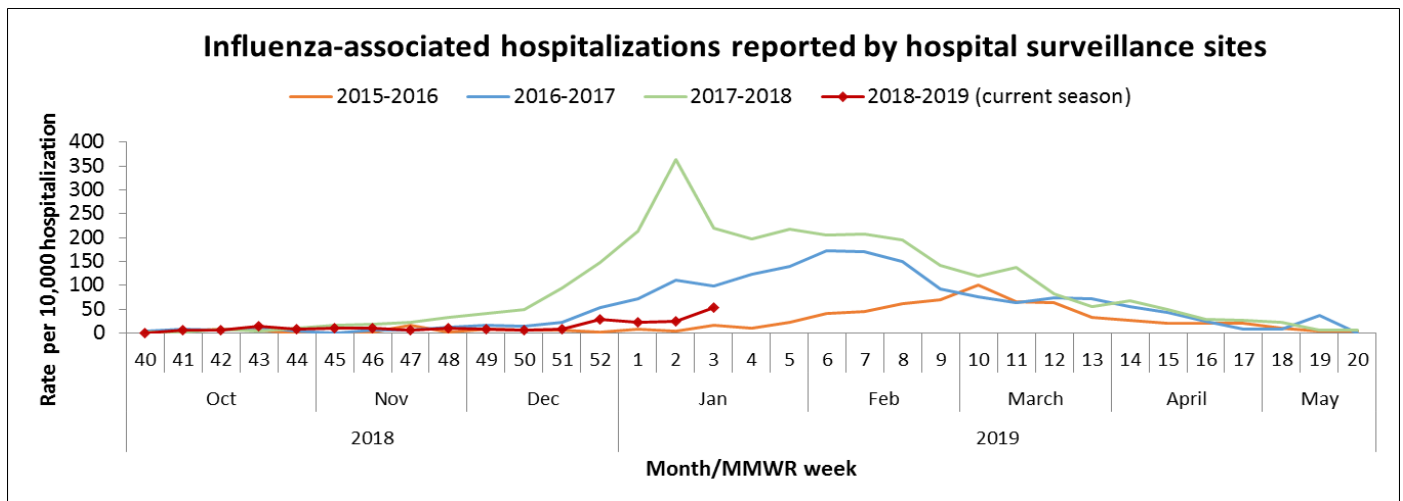
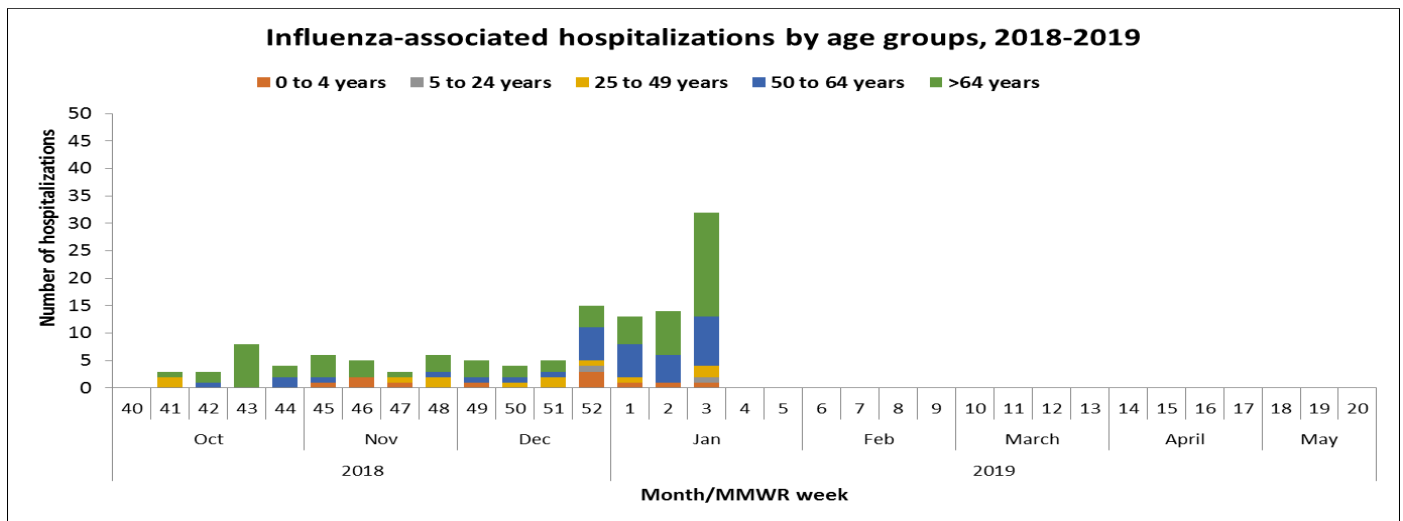


**Influenza-associated hospitalizations:**

Sentinel hospitals that participate in IISN voluntarily track and report the number of influenza-associated hospitalizations and the total number of inpatients each week. Iowa hospitals interested in joining this surveillance program should contact Andy Weigel at 515-322-1937 or [andy.weigel@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:andy.weigel@idph.iowa.gov) for more information.

**Table 4: Number of influenza-associated hospitalization reported by age group**

AGE	CURRENT WEEK	CUMULATIVE (9/30/18– CURRENT WEEK)
Age 0-4	1	10
Age 5-24	0	1
Age 25-49	0	10
Age 50-64	5	25
Age >64	7	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>93</b>



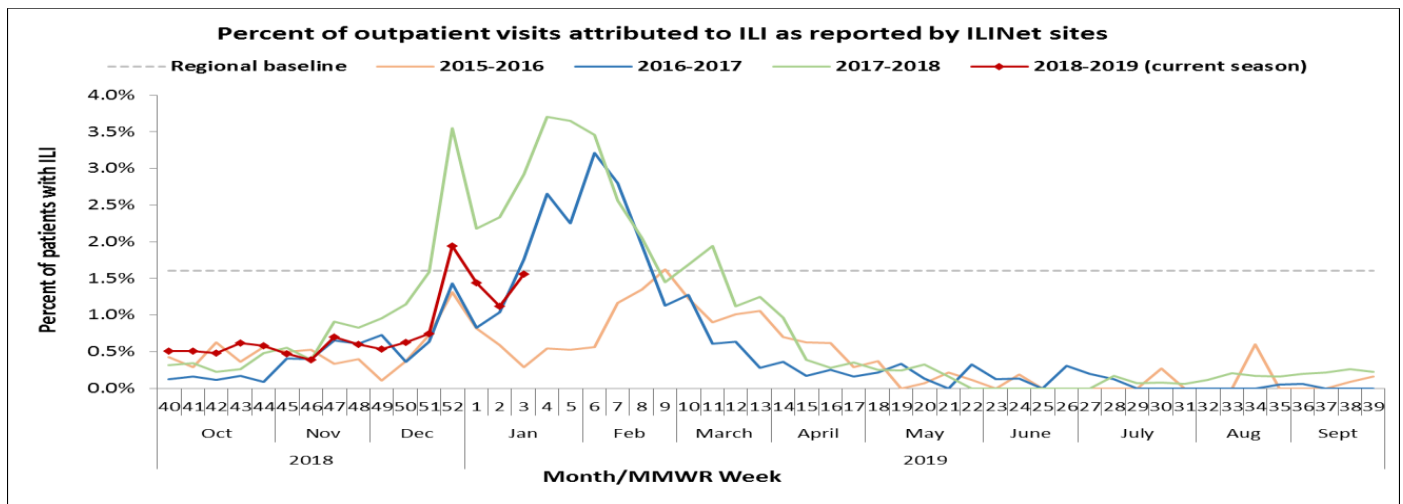
**Outpatient health care provider surveillance program (ILINet):**

Outpatient health care providers who participate in the ILINet (a national influenza surveillance program) report the number of patients seen with influenza-like illness and the total number of patient visits each week. This system is a key part of Iowa’s influenza surveillance. Iowa health care providers interested in joining this surveillance program should contact Andy Weigel at 515-322-1937 or [andy.weigel@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:andy.weigel@idph.iowa.gov) for more information.

**Table 5: Outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI)**

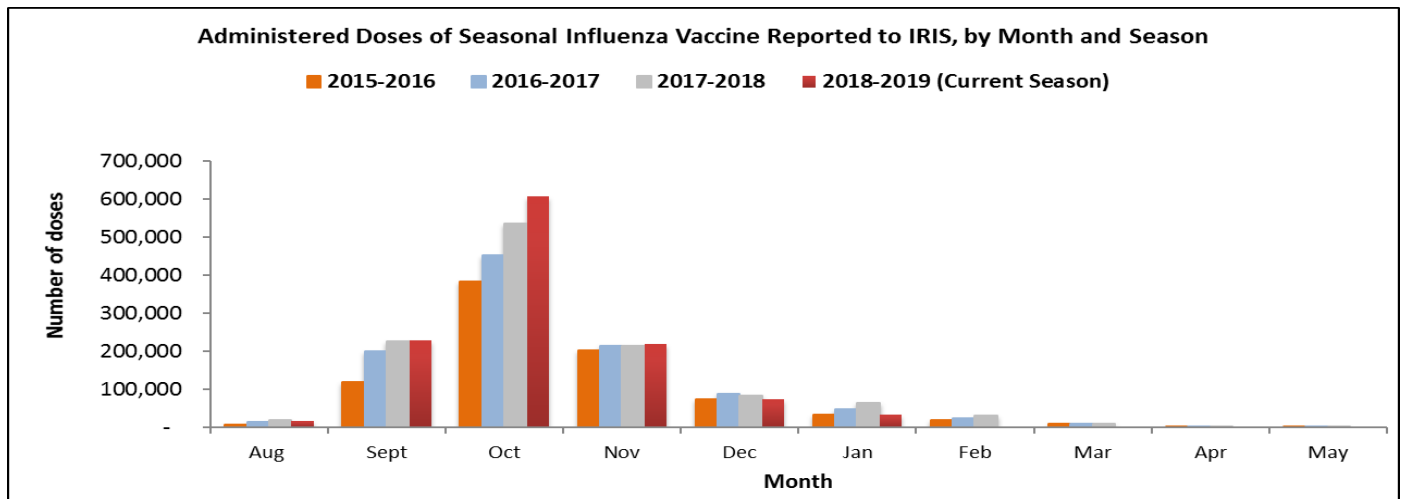
Week	Age 0-4	Age 5-24	Age 25-49	Age 50-64	Age >64	Total ILI	ILI Percent
Week 1, ending Jan 5	18	20	14	4	8	64	1.44
Week 2, ending Jan 12	21	26	12	5	1	65	1.12
Week 3, ending Jan 19	30	45	16	10	2	103	1.56

Note: Influenza-like Illness is defined as a fever of  $\geq 100^{\circ}$  F as well as cough and/or sore throat.



**Seasonal influenza vaccination:**

Seasonal influenza vaccination data in Iowa is based on doses reported to the Iowa Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS). IRIS is a confidential, computerized, population-based system that tracks immunization for children, adolescents and adults who are seen in a variety of public and private healthcare provider sites throughout the state of Iowa. For more information on the immunization data, contact Kim Tichy, IRIS coordinator at 515-281-4288 or [kimberly.tichy@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:kimberly.tichy@idph.iowa.gov).



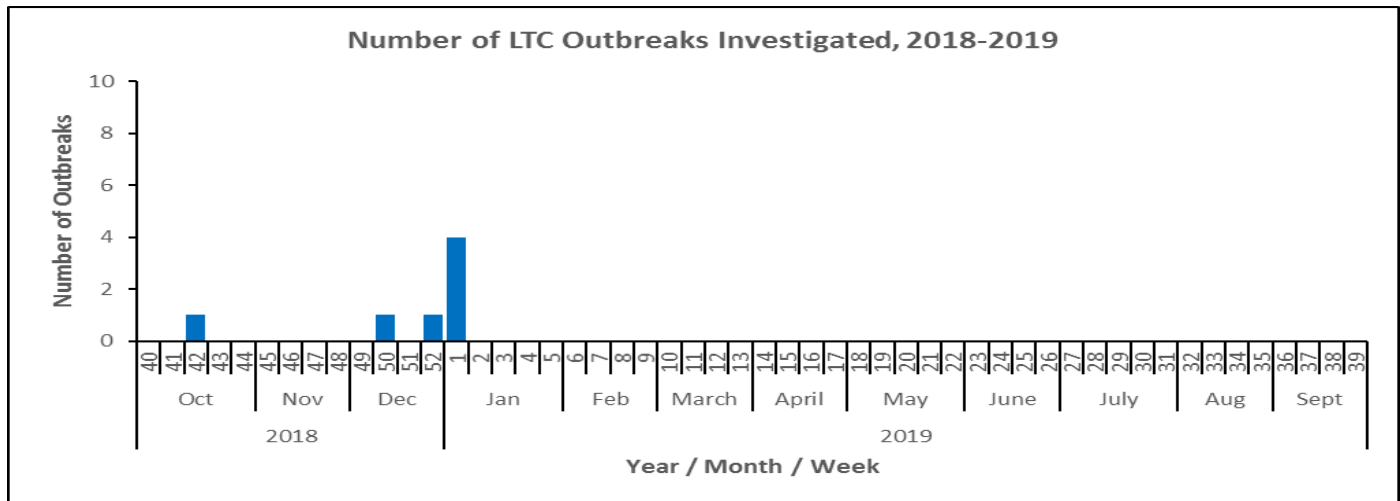
Note: The data for the 2018-2019 season is only up to the current week and there is a lag between the vaccine administration date and the date reported to the IRIS. The current season’s data will be adjusted as additional data is received.

**Long-term Care Outbreaks:**

**Table 6: Number of long-term care outbreaks investigated**

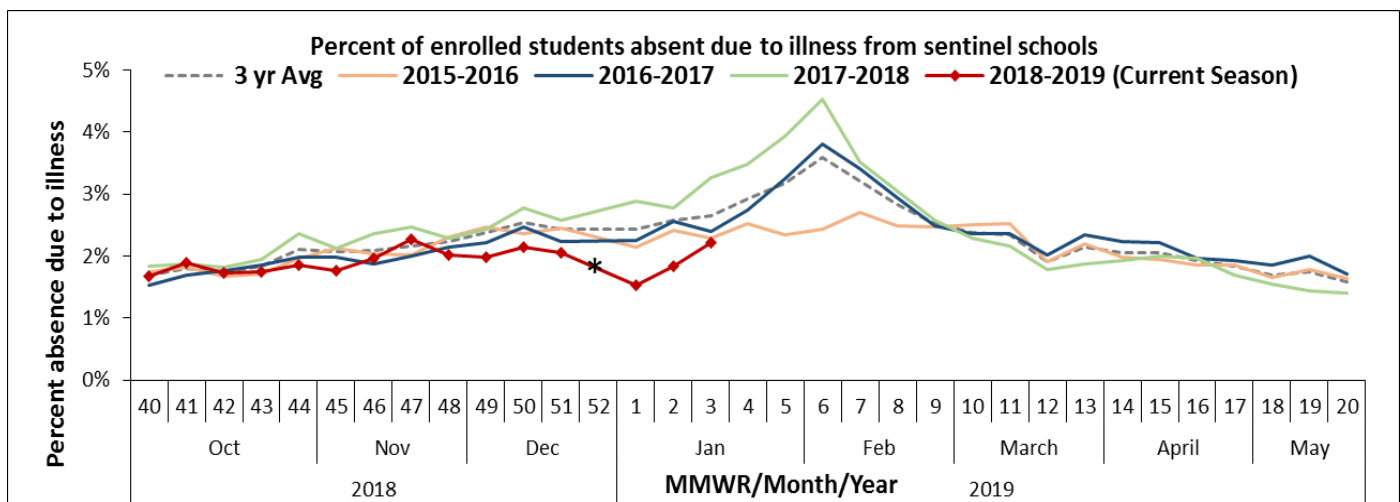
REGION	CURRENT WEEK	CUMULATIVE (9/30/18– CURRENT WEEK)
Region 1 (Central)	0	2
Region 2 (NE)	0	0
Region 3 (NW)	0	1
Region 4 (SW)	0	1
Region 5 (SE)	0	2
Region 6 (Eastern)	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>

Note: see map in the school section for the counties in each region.



**School surveillance program**

IDPH monitors illnesses in schools from two different types of reporting: 10 percent school absence reports and weekly sentinel illness reporting. Iowa schools (K-12) track and report (including non-influenza illnesses) when the number of students absent with illness reaches or exceeds 10 percent of total student enrollment. Iowa sentinel schools that participate in IISN voluntarily track and report absence due to all illness and the total enrollment each week. This data provides excellent trends for influenza activity as well as age-specific information used to target vaccination efforts and messages.



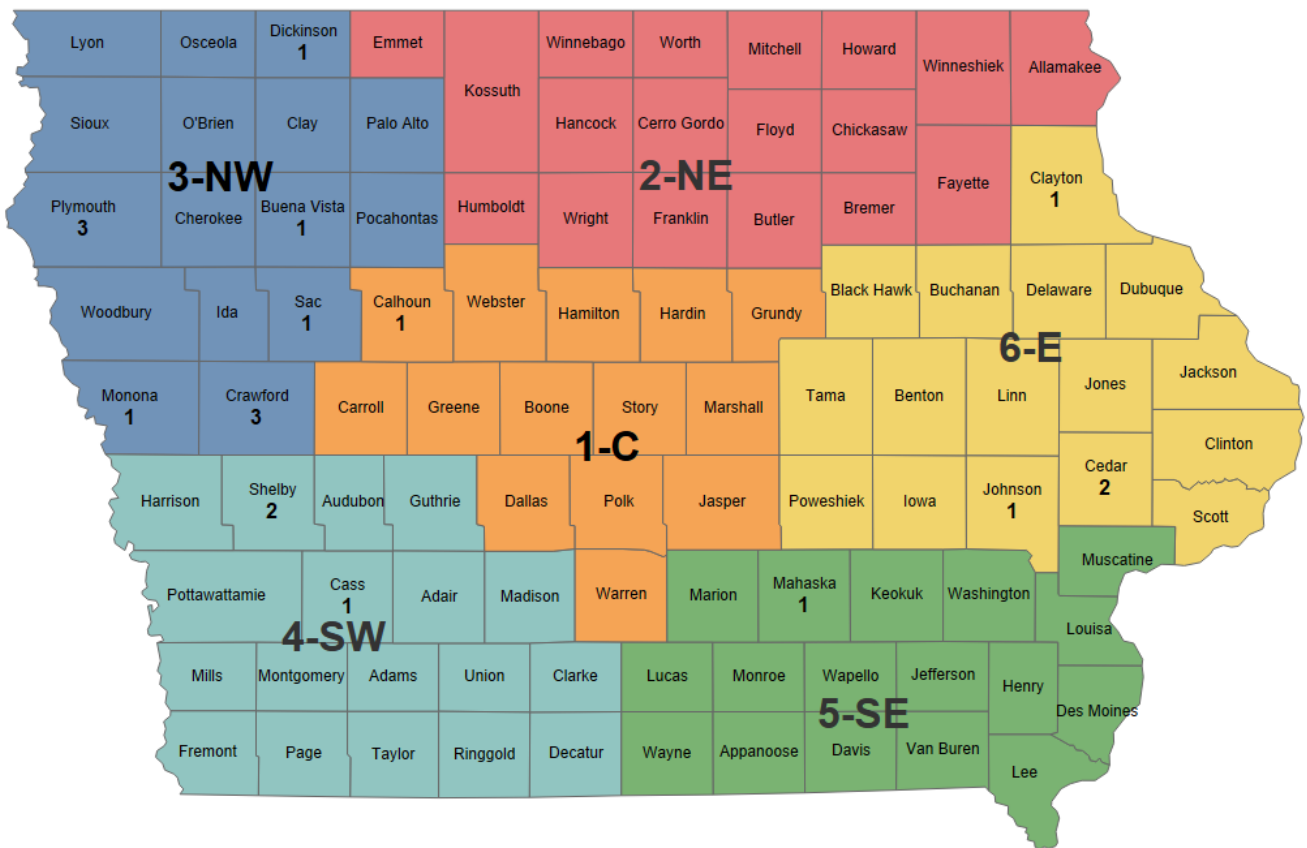
\*School data not reported for week 52 due to holiday closings

**Table 7: Number of schools reporting >10% absenteeism due to any illness**

REGION	CURRENT WEEK	CUMULATIVE (9/30/18–CURRENT WEEK)
Region 1 (Central)	1	1
Region 2 (NE)	0	0
Region 3 (NW)	10	10
Region 4 (SW)	3	4
Region 5 (SE)	1	2
Region 6 (Eastern)	4	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>

Note: See map in the school section for the counties in each region. Each school that reports 10 percent illness is counted only once per week for weekly numbers and only once per season for the cumulative reports.

**Iowa Inﬂuenza Region Map**



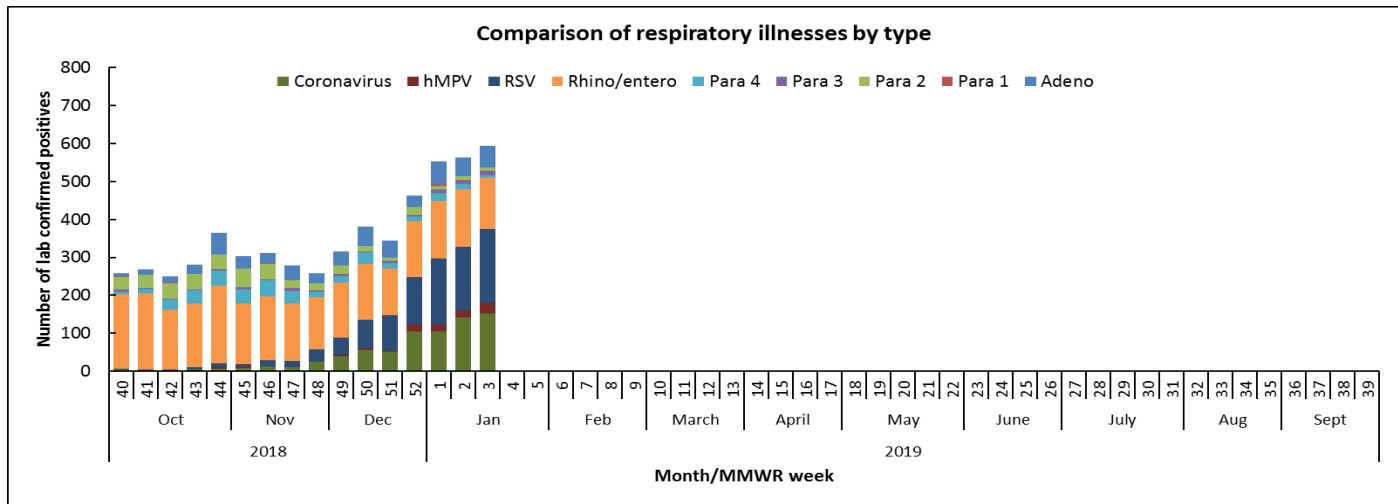


**Non-influenza respiratory viruses:**

The State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL) runs a weekly web-based survey program where laboratorians report the number of positive tests for non-influenza respiratory viruses. This table also includes the positive non-influenza virus tests reported from the Dunes Medical Laboratories at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City. The table includes only the number of positive tests at laboratory surveillance sites throughout the state. The table does not provide case counts.

**Table 8: Number of positive results for non-influenza respiratory virus collected by SHL, Mercy Dunes in Sioux City and Iowa Methodist Medical Center**

Viruses	CURRENT WEEK	CUMULATIVE (9/30/18–CURRENT WEEK)
Adenovirus	58	577
Parainfluenza Virus Type 1	0	10
Parainfluenza Virus Type 2	8	406
Parainfluenza Virus Type 3	11	92
Parainfluenza Virus Type 4	6	360
Rhinovirus/Enterovirus	136	2544
Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	194	972
Human metapneumovirus (hMPV)	29	104
Coronavirus	152	724
<b>Total</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>5789</b>



**Other resources:**

**Vaccine:**

Influenza vaccine recommendation: [idph.iowa.gov/immtdb/immunization/vaccine](http://idph.iowa.gov/immtdb/immunization/vaccine)

CDC vaccine information: [www.cdc.gov/flu/fag/flu-vaccine-types.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/fag/flu-vaccine-types.htm)

Vaccine finder: <http://vaccinefinder.org/>

**Neighboring states' influenza information:**

Illinois: [www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#publications](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#publications)

Minnesota: [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/stats/index.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/stats/index.html)

Missouri: [health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/influenza/reports.php](http://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/influenza/reports.php)

South Dakota: [doh.sd.gov/diseases/infectious/flu/](http://doh.sd.gov/diseases/infectious/flu/)

Wisconsin: [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/influenza/index.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/influenza/index.htm)