



Dallas County Health and Human Services 2022–2023 Influenza Surveillance Report

Week 9 ending March 4, 2023

Epidemiologic Summary

- Influenza activity remains low with a slight increase in Dallas County to 7.3% of tests returning positive during week 9.
- Forty-nine Influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported during week 9.
- Zero influenza-associated deaths were reported in week 9. One influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported during the 2022-2023 season in Dallas County.
- RSV activity is decreased with 1.9% of tests from the surveillance site reported as positive.

Table 1. Summary of Influenza Surveillance from Dallas County Hospitals and Hospital Laboratories

Week Ending	1/21	1/28	2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25	3/4	10/2/22– Present
CDC Week	3	4	5	6*	7*	8*	9*	
Total Influenza PCR Tests	4,837	3,644	2,970	3,203	3,076	3,033	3,444	99,006
Number of positive PCR tests	63	44	34	44	82	97	129	5,419
Percent of positive PCR tests	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.4	2.7	3.2	3.7	
Total Rapid Influenza Diagnostic Tests	840	1,322	1,056	1,053	1,360	1,187	1,571	31,378
Number of positive RIDTs	64	75	66	132	183	178	237	6,478
Percent of positive RIDTs	7.6	5.7	6.3	12.5	13.5	15.0	15.1	
Total Influenza Tests Performed	5,677	4,966	4,026	4,256	4,436	4,220	5,015	130,384
Total positive influenza tests ¹	127	119	100	176	265	275	366	11,897
Percent positive influenza tests	2.2	2.4	2.5	4.1	6.0	6.5	7.3	
Positive influenza A tests ²	95	98	80	127	219	249	352	10,708
Positive influenza B tests	32	21	20	49	46	26	14	1,189
Non-differentiated influenza tests ³	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

¹ Includes positive rapid antigen, PCR, DFA, or culture results

² Further subtyping is performed only by select hospital laboratories for specimens referred to DCHHS by institutions for PCR-testing

³ Non-differentiated refers to rapid test results which did not differentiate between influenza A and B

Table 2. Summary of Influenza Hospitalizations and Deaths from Dallas County Hospitals, Vital Statistics and Medical Examiner’s Office

Week Ending	1/21	1/28	2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25	3/4	10/2/22– Present
CDC Week	3	4	5	6*	7*	8*	9*	
Influenza hospitalizations ⁴	22	11	16	27	36	34	49	1,505
Influenza ICU admissions ⁴	4	2	4	9	4	4	2	244
Confirmed pediatric deaths ⁵	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Possible influenza-associated deaths ⁶	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

⁴ Reflects all influenza-associated hospitalizations reported from 10 hospitals located within Dallas County by week of any positive influenza tests.

⁵ Confirmed influenza-associated deaths of Dallas County residents <18 years of age

⁶ Possible influenza-associated deaths are defined as cases with laboratory-confirmed influenza but pending final autopsy results for determination of primary cause of death. Data updated as of October 22, 2022.

Table 3. Confirmed Influenza-associated Pediatric and Adult Deaths, Dallas County: 2016–2023 Seasons

	2016–2017	2017–2018	2018–2019	2019–2020	2021–2022	2022–2023
Pediatric	1	4	1	3	0	1
Adult	16	79	21	22	2	_*_*

Data source(s): Reports of confirmed influenza-associated deaths, as defined in Table 2.

**The Data is not accurately available. Adult death is not reportable condition and not all adult death are reported to DCHHS.

*Indicates preliminary results which are subject to change with late-arriving data from surveillance sites designated for DCHHS’ seasonal influenza program

Figure 1. Influenza Positive Tests Reported to DCHHS by Hospital Laboratories: 2022–2023 Season

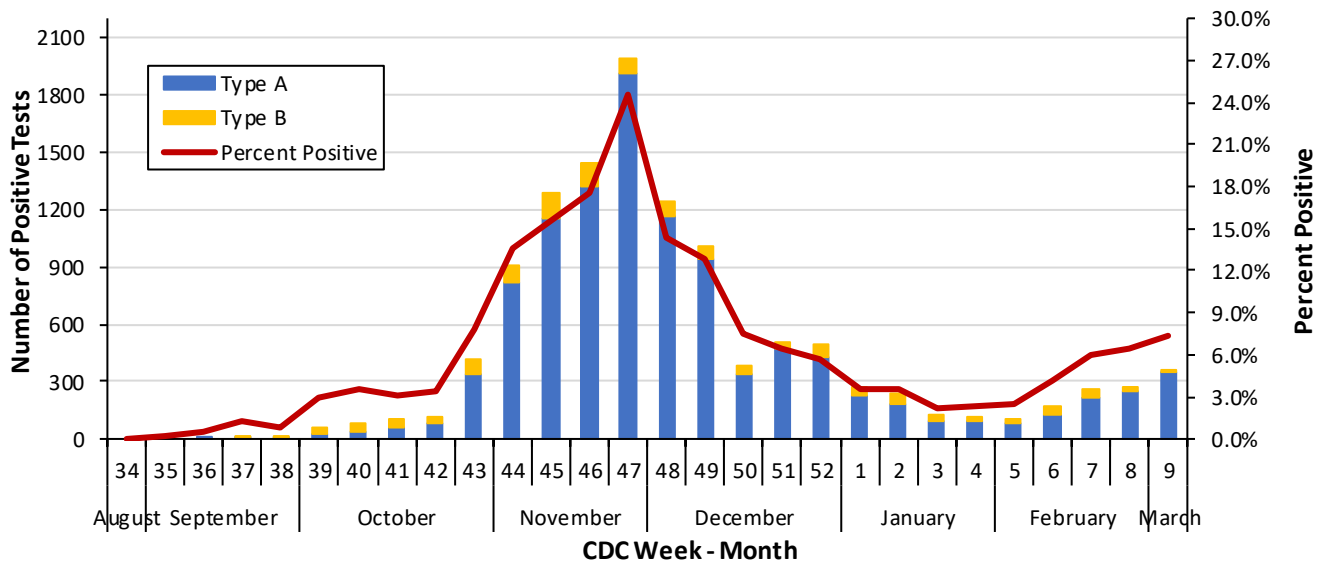


Figure 2. Influenza Positive Tests Reported to DCHHS by Hospital Laboratories: 2017–2019 and 2022-2023 Seasons

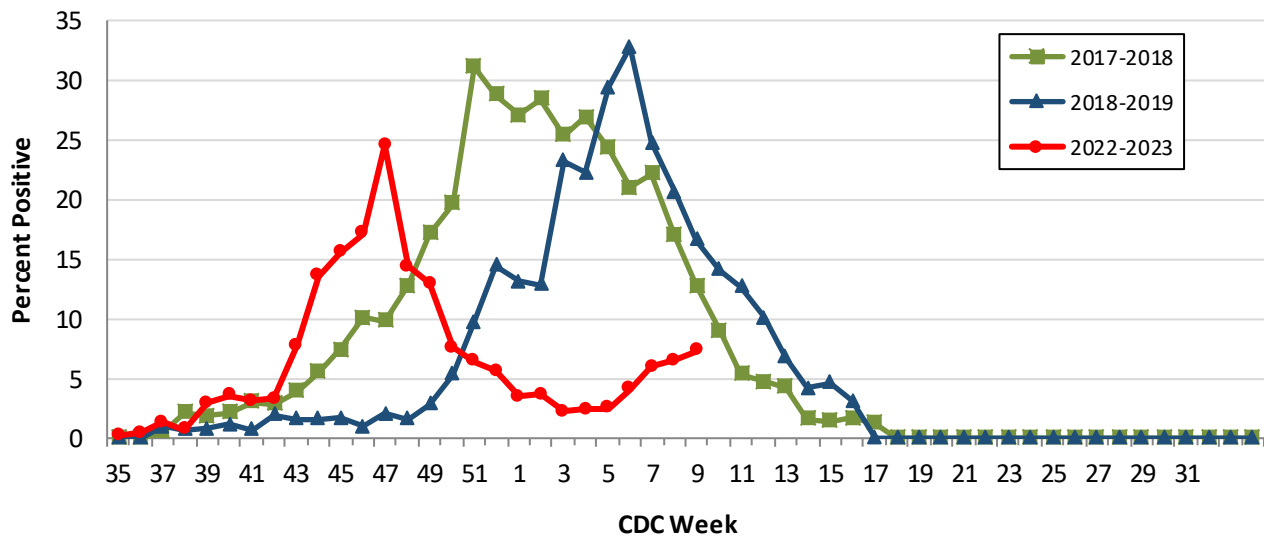


Table 4. Influenza Typing and Subtyping from Cumulative Dallas County, Texas, and U.S. Laboratory Surveillance Data: 2022–2023 Season

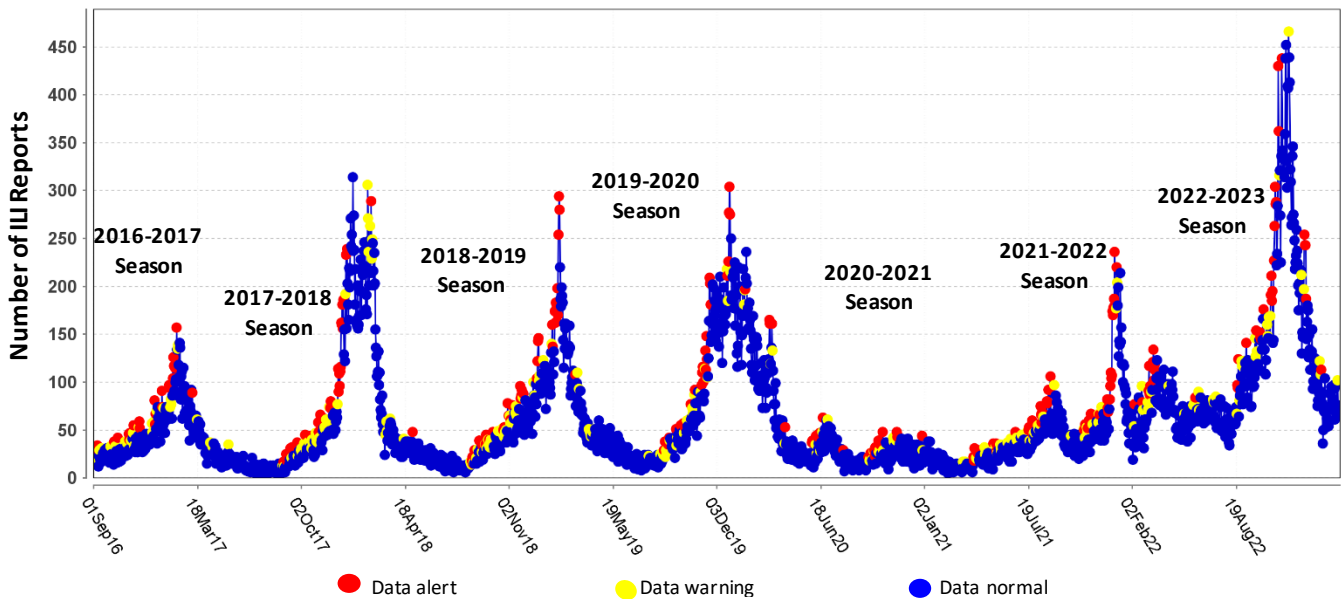
	Dallas ¹ (n=263)	Texas ² (n=2,822)	U.S. ³ (n=195,177)
Influenza A	31 (100.0%)	458 (99.6%)	27,630 (99.2%)
H1N1 2009 subtype	0 (0.0%)	177 (43.6%)	5,880 (25.6%)
H3N2 subtype	0 (0.0%)	229 (56.4%)	17,127 (74.4%)
Not subtyped	31	52	4,622
Influenza B	0 (0.0%)	2 (0.4%)	208 (0.8%)
Yamagata strain	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)

¹ DCHHS LRN laboratory PCR testing of designated Dallas County surveillance site isolates; counts may not sum to total as samples can test positive for multiple subtypes

² DSHS 2022–2023 Texas Influenza Surveillance Information Activity Report available at <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/influenza/surveillance/>

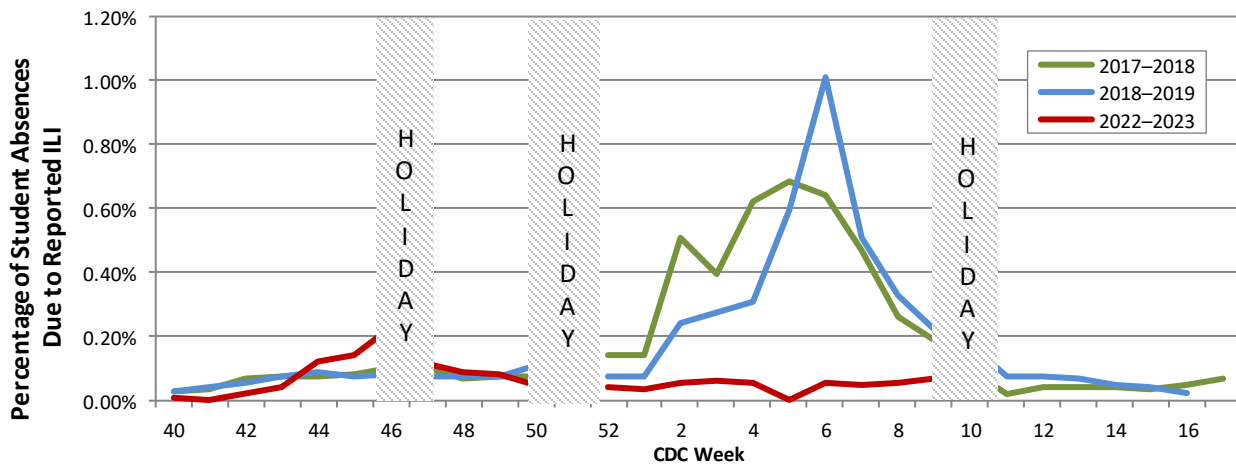
³ CDC FluView Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report available at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/> *Only a subset of influenza B had lineage testing performed.

Figure 3. Syndromic Surveillance of Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI), Dallas County: September 1, 2016 – March 4, 2023



Data source: 18 emergency departments in Dallas County hospitals participating in the Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics (ESSENCE) voluntarily reporting the numbers of persons presenting with self-reported chief complaints of ILI.

Figure 4. Percentage of Student Absences Due to ILI by Week, Dallas County: 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2022-2023



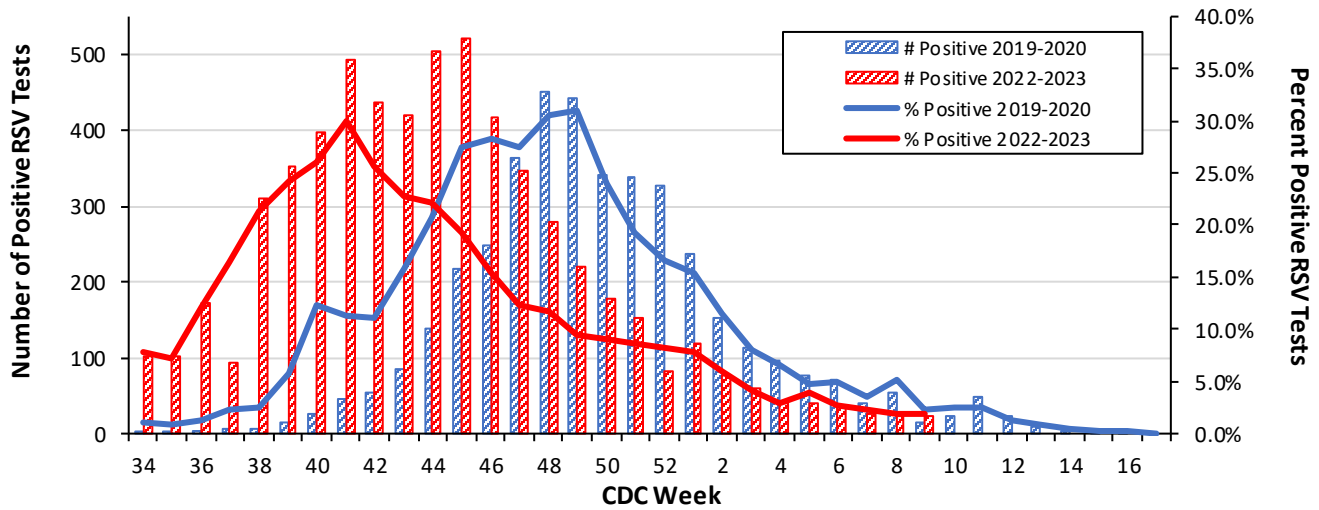
Data source: Voluntary reporting from Independent School Districts, private, and charter School representing over 600 elementary, middle, and secondary schools and over 345,000 students in Dallas County

Table 5. Non-Influenza Respiratory Virus Testing by North Texas Laboratories Reported to NREVSS, Week 9.

Virus	Number of Laboratories Reporting*	Tests Performed	Total Positive Tests	Percentage of Tests Positive
Adenovirus (respiratory)	2	719	100	13.9
HMPV	2	719	69	9.6
Parainfluenza virus	2	719	41	5.7
Rhinovirus/Enterovirus	2	719	280	38.9
RSV	2	1,165	22	1.9
COVID-19	2	1,273	76	6.0

Data source: National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) and hospitals reporting directly to DCHHS

Figure 5. Number and Percent Positive RSV Rapid Antigen and PCR Tests by Week, NREVSS Surveillance Data, North Texas: 2019-2020 and 2022-2023 Seasons



Data source: National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) and hospitals reporting directly to DCHHS

Table 6. Number and Percent Positive RSV Rapid Antigen and PCR Tests by Week, NREVSS Surveillance Data, North Texas: October 2, 2022– March 4, 2023

Week Ending	1/14	1/21	1/28	2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25	3/4	10/2/21– Present
CDC Week	2	3	4	5	6*	7*	8*	9*	
RSV tests performed weekly	1,282	1,431	1,418	1,060	1,188	1,178	1,227	1,165	38,117
Total positive RSV tests	77	60	40	41	33	26	24	22	4,890
Percent positive RSV tests	6.0	4.2	2.8	3.9	2.8	2.2	2.0	1.9	

*Indicates preliminary results which are subject to change as adjustments are made for late-arriving data

Data source: National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS)

Please report any of the following patients to DCHHS within 1 working day:

- **Hospitalized patients with influenza** (any subtype). Confirmation can be by any laboratory test, rapid antigen, culture, PCR, DFA/IFA, or performed in an outpatient or inpatient laboratory.
- **Deaths of persons with confirmed influenza** (any subtype). We are requesting all pediatric influenza-associated deaths to be reported *immediately* to facilitate specimen procurement and testing.
- Suspected influenza infections involving institutional outbreaks or a resident of any **Long Term Care facility** (please report *immediately*).

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