



Dallas County Health and Human Services 2023–2024 Influenza Surveillance Report

Week 9 ending March 2, 2024

Epidemiologic Summary

- 12.7% of Influenza tests returned positive during week 9 within Dallas County.
- Fifty-four Influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported during week 9 within Dallas County.
- Zero influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported during the 2023-2024 season in Dallas County.
- The overall school absenteeism rate was 5.4% of which 0.04% was attributed to influenza-like illness during week 9 of the schools reporting within Dallas County.
- 2.3% of RSV tests returned positive during week 9 in North Texas.

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

Week Ending	1/20	1/27	2/3	2/10	2/17	2/24	3/2	9/3/23– Present
CDC Week	3	4	5	6*	7*	8*	9*	
Total Influenza PCR Tests	1,733	2,798	3,583	3,132	2,850	2,380	2,547	54,482
Number of positive PCR tests	313	699	834	565	311	197	228	5,795
Percent of positive PCR tests	18.1	25.0	23.3	18.0	10.9	8.3	9.0	
Total Rapid Influenza Diagnostic Tests	1,180	629	872	833	705	504	330	21,058
Number of positive RIDTs	294	216	293	258	341	224	137	3,532
Percent of positive RIDTs	24.9	34.3	33.6	31.0	48.4	44.4	41.5	
Total Influenza Tests Performed	2,913	3,427	4,455	3,965	3,555	2,884	2,877	75,540
Total positive influenza tests ¹	607	915	1,127	823	652	421	365	9,327
Percent positive influenza tests	20.8	26.7	25.3	20.8	18.3	14.6	12.7	
Positive influenza A tests ²	371	579	688	405	305	209	135	5,521
Positive influenza B tests	236	336	439	418	347	212	230	3,806

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	1/20	1/27	2/3	2/10	2/17	2/24	3/2	9/3/23– Present
CDC Week	3	4	5	6*	7*	8*	9*	
Influenza hospitalizations ⁴	73	97	144	95	60	71	54	1,314
Influenza ICU admissions ⁴	16	21	19	12	7	12	8	212
Confirmed pediatric deaths ⁵	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

Table 3. Confirmed Influenza-associated Pediatric and Adult Deaths, Dallas County: 2017–2024 Seasons

	2017–2018	2018–2019	2019–2020	2021–2022	2022–2023	2023–2024
Pediatric	4	1	3	0	1	0
Adult	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: 2023–2024 Season

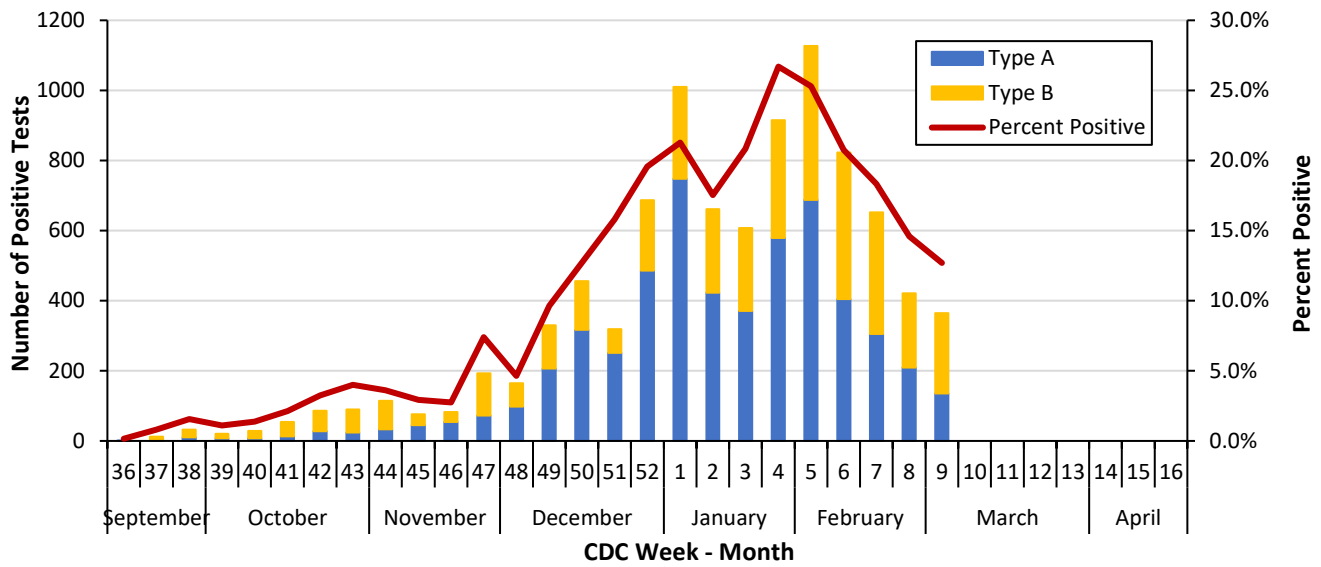


Figure 2. Influenza Positive Tests Reported to DCHHS by Hospital Laboratories: 2018–2019 and 2022-2024 Seasons

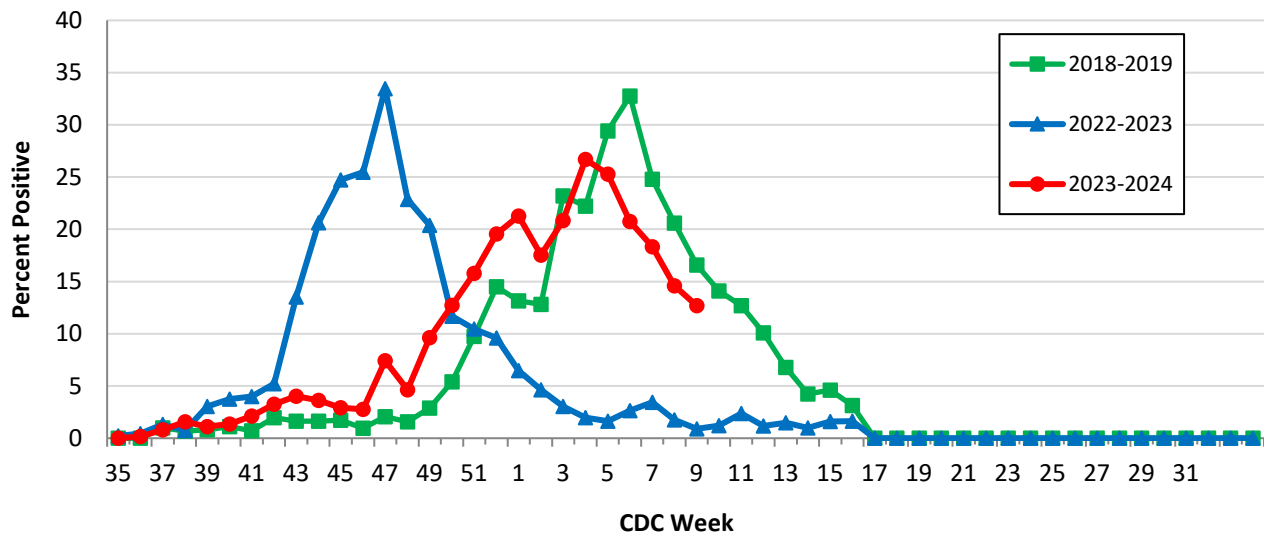
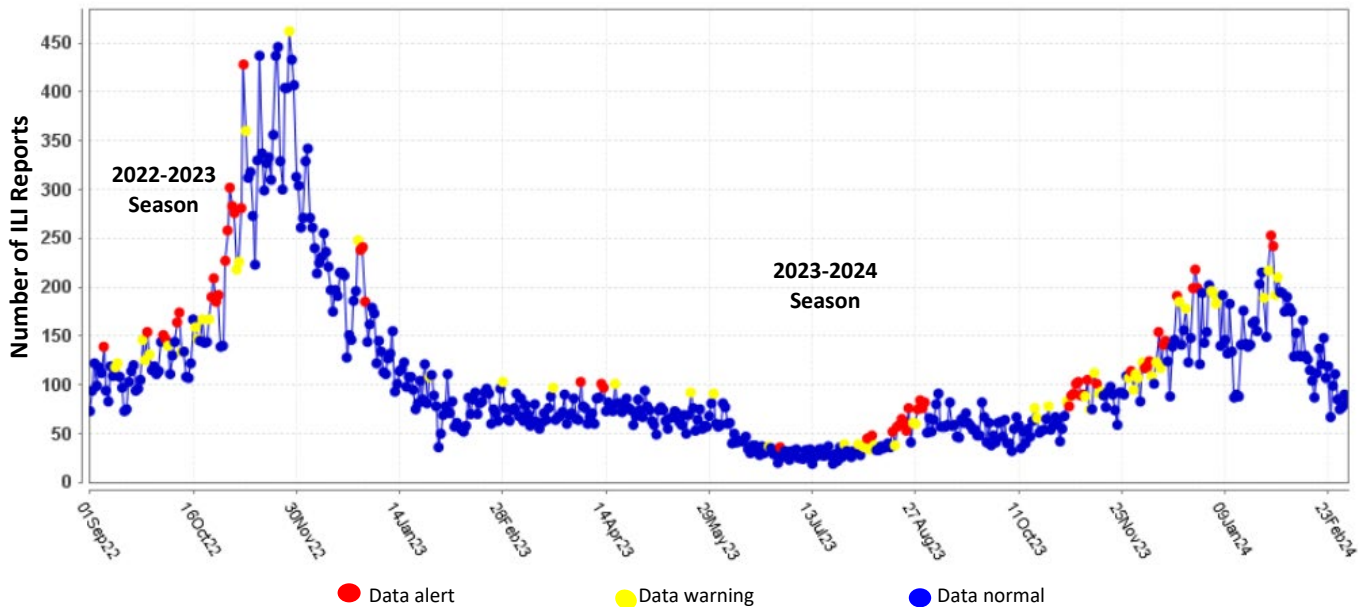


Table 4. Influenza Typing and Subtyping from Cumulative Dallas County, Texas, and U.S. Laboratory Surveillance Data: 2023–2024 Season

	Dallas ¹ (n=98)	Texas ² (n=1,736)	U.S. ³ (n=83,981)
Influenza A	24 (75.0%)	396 (58.3%)	21,684 (80.1%)
H1N1 2009 subtype	19 (79.2%)	279 (74.4%)	13,221 (74.4%)
H3N2 subtype	5 (20.8%)	96 (25.6%)	4,541 (25.6%)
Not subtyped	0	21	3,922
Influenza B	8 (25.0%)	283 (41.7%)	5,385 (19.9%)
Yamagata strain	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)

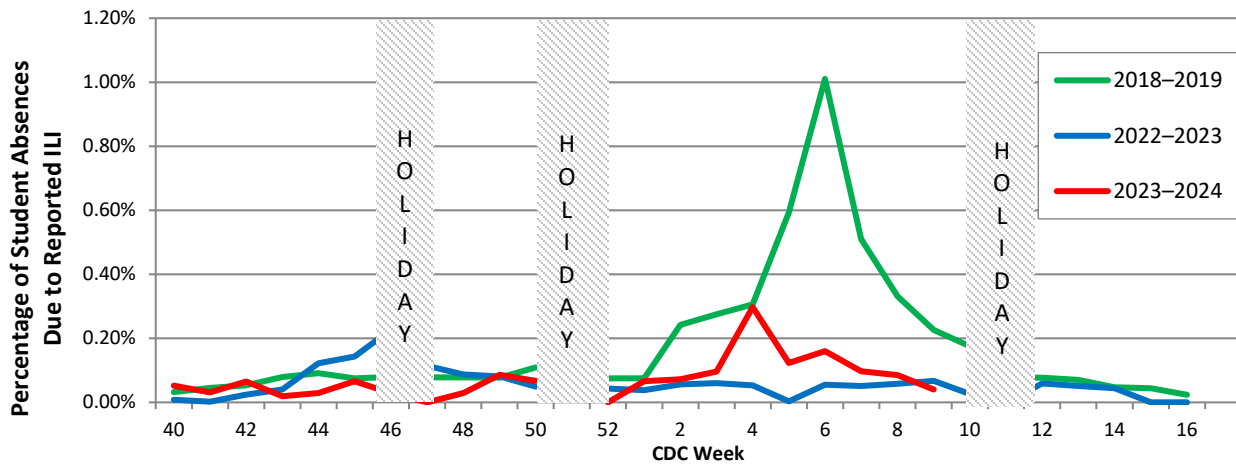
¹ DCHHS LRN laboratory PCR testing of designated Dallas County surveillance site isolates; counts may not sum to total as samples can test positive for multiple subtypes
² DSHS 2023–2024 Texas Influenza Surveillance Information Activity Report available at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-respiratory-virus-surveillance-report>
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, 2022 – March 2, 2024



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: 2018–2019 and 2022–2024 Seasons



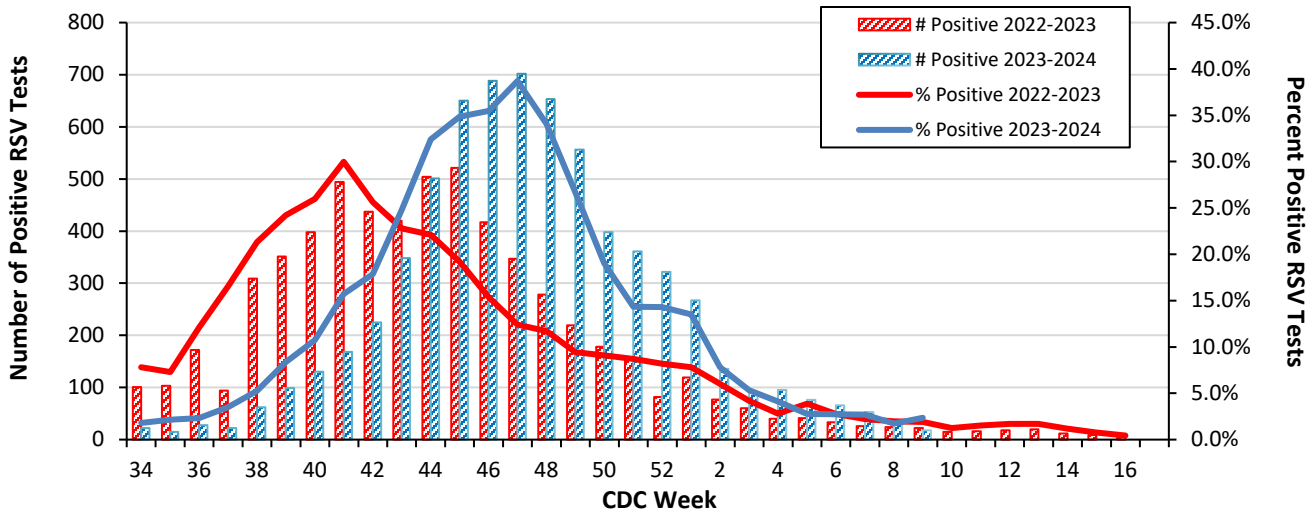
Data source: Voluntary reporting from Independent School Districts, private, and charter School representing over 600 elementary, middle, and secondary schools and over 344,000 students in Dallas County

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	553	29	5.2
HMPV	2	553	46	8.3
Parainfluenza virus	2	553	27	4.9
Rhinovirus/Enterovirus	2	553	158	28.6
RSV	2	768	18	2.3
COVID-19	2	788	35	4.4

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: 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 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: September 3, 2023 – March 2, 2024

Week Ending	1/20	1/27	2/3	2/10	2/17	2/24	3/2	9/3/23–Present
CDC Week	3	4	5	6*	7*	8*	9*	
RSV tests performed weekly	1,691	2,310	2,745	2,412	1,959	1,907	768	44,690
Total positive RSV tests	90	95	76	66	53	33	18	6,747
Percent positive RSV tests	5.3	4.1	2.8	2.7	2.7	1.7	2.3	

*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:

- **Deaths of pediatric patients with confirmed influenza** (any subtype). We are requesting all pediatric influenza-associated deaths to be reported to facilitate specimen procurement and testing. (Please report *within 1 workday*).
- Suspected influenza infections involving institutional **outbreaks** (Please report *immediately*).
- Patients with **Novel influenza**. (Please report *immediately*).

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