

Denton County Public Health

2018 – 2019 Influenza Surveillance Program

CDC Week 8, Week Ending February 23, 2019



Epidemiologic Overview

Denton County

- High influenza activity was reported in Denton County for week 8.
- 189 positive influenza tests (176 Flu A and 13 Flu B) and 20 hospitalizations were reported by Denton County sentinel providers for week 8.
- Syndromic surveillance for influenza-like illness (ILI) in Denton County decreased for week 8 when compared to the previous week.
- 0.7% of the total reported school population was absent due to ILI in week 8.

Texas

- Influenza activity in the state of Texas was reported as widespread in week 8.
- The percentage of visits for ILI as reported by ILINet providers decreased to 9.2% in week 8 compared to the previous week.
- The percentage of specimens testing positive for influenza in Texas decreased to 28.8% in week 8 compared to the previous week.

US

- The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 5.0%, which is above the national baseline of 2.2%. 10 of 10 regions reported ILI at or above their region-specific baseline level.
- The geographic spread of influenza in 49 states was reported as widespread; and 1 state was reported as local.
- The percentage of specimens testing positive for influenza in the US was 26.4%.
- The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) from the National Center for Health Statistics Mortality Surveillance System for week 7 was 7.1%. This percentage is below the epidemic threshold of 7.3% for week 7.

Figure 1. Influenza Surveillance Summary: Denton County Hospitals and Providers[‡]

Week Ending	1/19/19	1/26/19	2/2/19	2/9/19	2/16/19	2/23/19	9/22/18 - Present
CDC Week	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Influenza Tests Performed Weekly	557	715	979	962	921	812	11531
Total Positive Influenza Tests	95	171	286	304	204	189	1636
Percent Positive Influenza Tests*	17.1%	23.9%	29.2%	31.6%	22.1%	23.3%	
Positive A Influenza	83	158	271	288	190	176	1433
Positive B Influenza	12	13	15	16	14	13	203
Non-differentiated Influenza	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Influenza Hospitalizations	4	19	24	33	21	20	196
Influenza-associated Pediatric Deaths	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Influenza-associated Adult Deaths	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

* Percent positive tests only includes positive tests from providers reporting number of tests performed weekly

‡ Table includes preliminary voluntary results which are subject to change

Figure 2. Influenza Positive Tests and Percent Positive, Denton County Hospitals and Providers, 2018-2019 Season

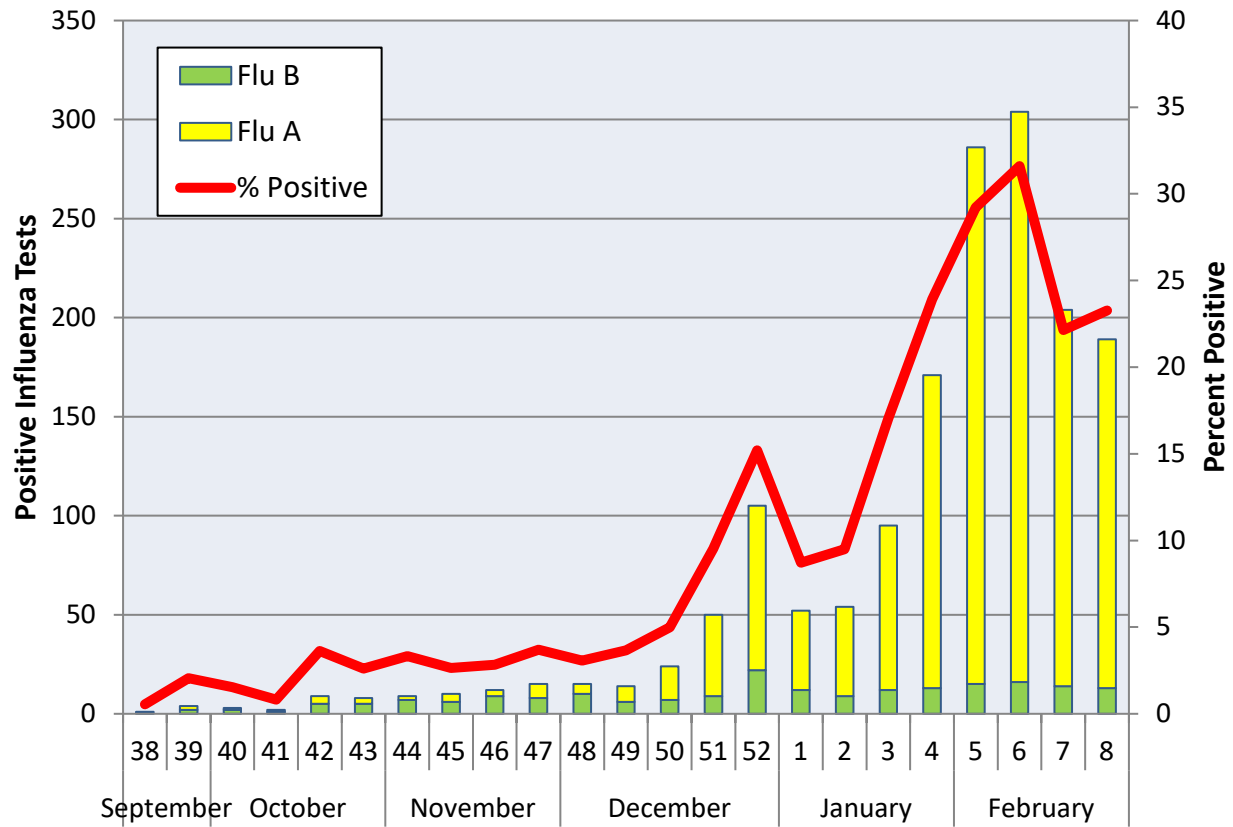
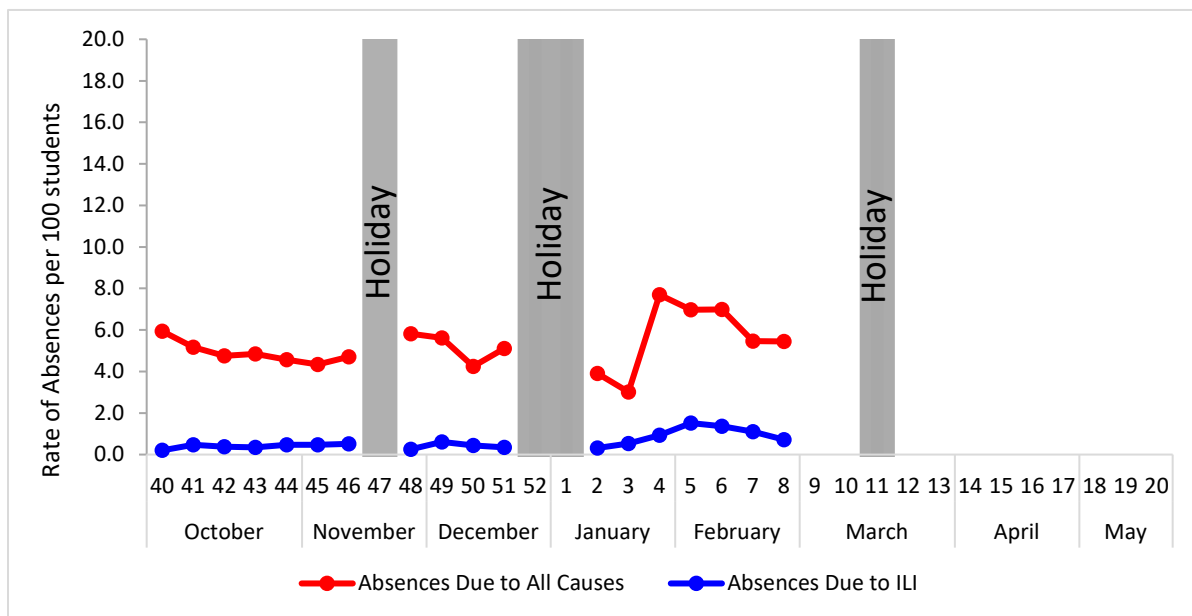


Figure 3. Percent of Absenteeism Due to All Causes and ILI, Denton County Schools*, 2018-2019 Season



*During week 8, a total of 4 Denton County Independent School Districts reported data to Denton County Public Health which included a total of 27,168 students.

Figure 4. Influenza Positive Tests Reported to CDC by U.S. Public Health Laboratories, National Summary, September 30, 2018 – February 23, 2019

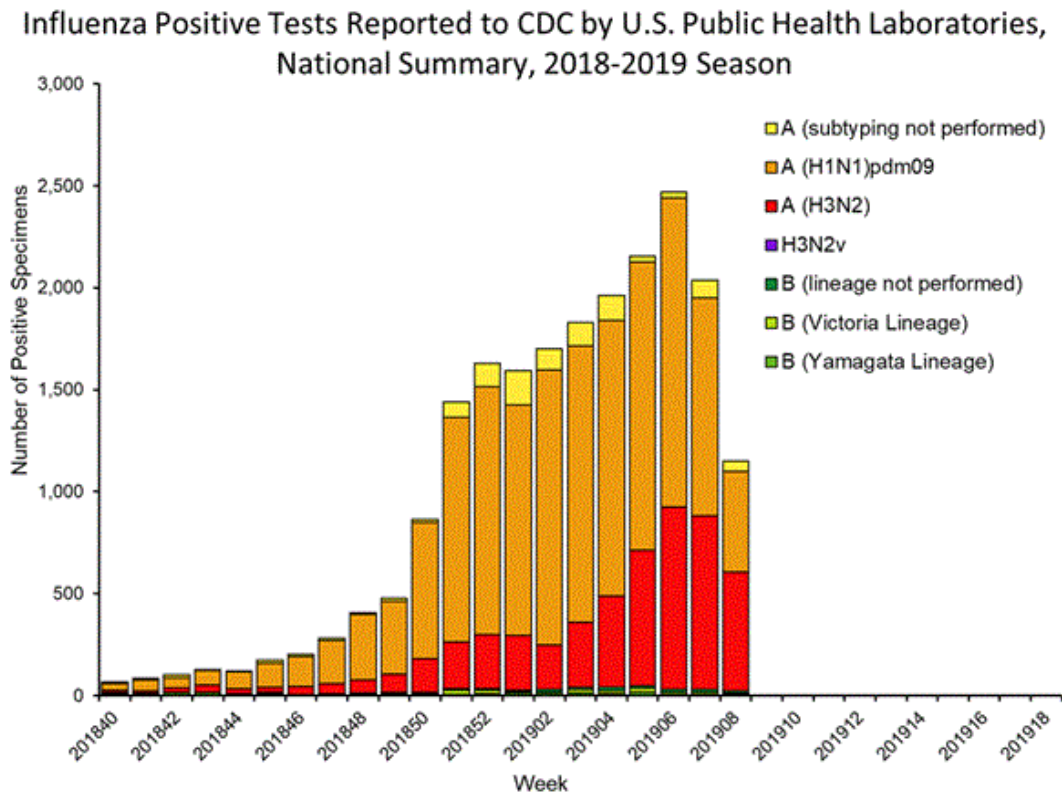


Figure 5. Influenza Positive Tests Reported to CDC by U.S. Clinical Laboratories, National Summary, September 30, 2018 – February 23, 2019

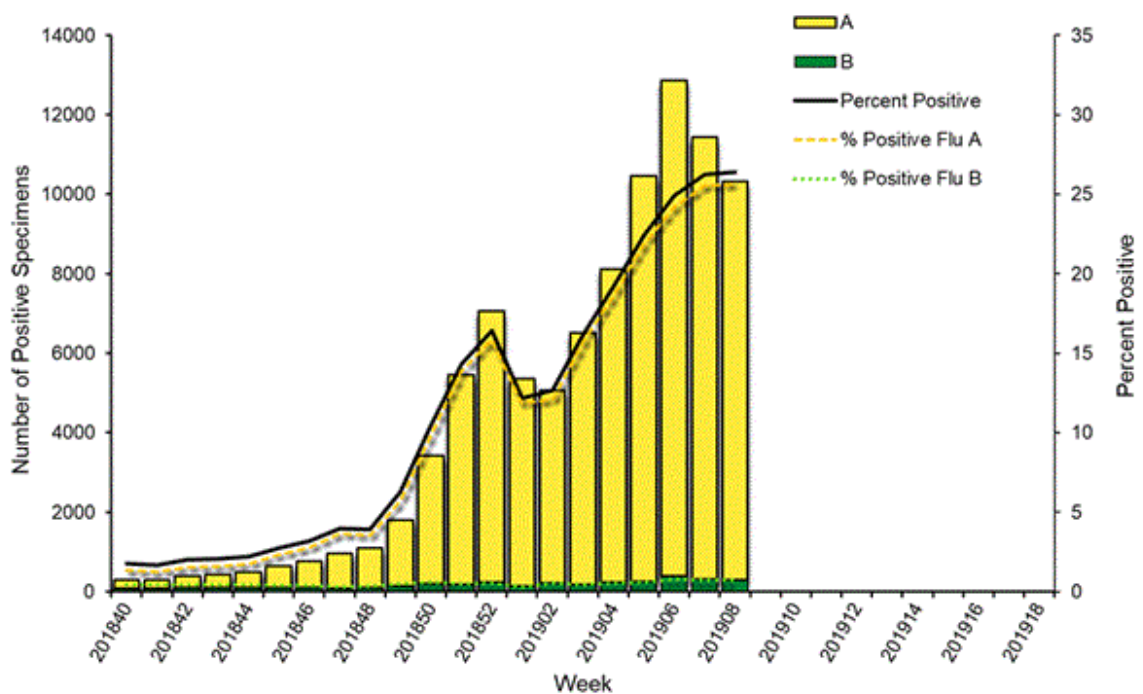


Figure 6. Antigenic Characterization of Influenza Isolates, Since September 30, 2018

Influenza A (H1N1)	260 of 264 (98.5%) – A/Michigan/45/2015 pdm09-like
Influenza A (H3N2)	132 of 209 (63.2%) – A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016-like
Influenza B (Victoria Lineage)	33 of 40 (82.5%) – B/Colorado/06/2017-like
Influenza B (Yamagata Lineage)	75 of 75 (100%) – B/Phuket/3073/2013-like*

2018-2019 Influenza Vaccine Composition, Northern Hemisphere:

- A/Michigan/45/2015 pdm09-like
- A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016-like
- B/Colorado/06/2017-like
- B/Phuket/3073/2013-like*

*2018-2019 Northern Hemisphere quadrivalent influenza vaccine influenza B component

Figure 7. U.S. Virologic Surveillance, Week 8

	Week 8	Data Cumulative since September 30, 2018 (Week 40)
No. of specimens tested	39,107	688,818
No. of positive specimens (%)	10,316 (26.4%)	93,220 (13.5%)
<i>Positive specimens by type</i>		
Influenza A	10,027 (97.2%)	89,676 (96.2%)
Influenza B	289 (2.8%)	3,544 (3.8%)

Figure 8. ESSENCE Syndromic Surveillance for Influenza-like Illness: Denton County, August 1, 2018- February 23, 2019

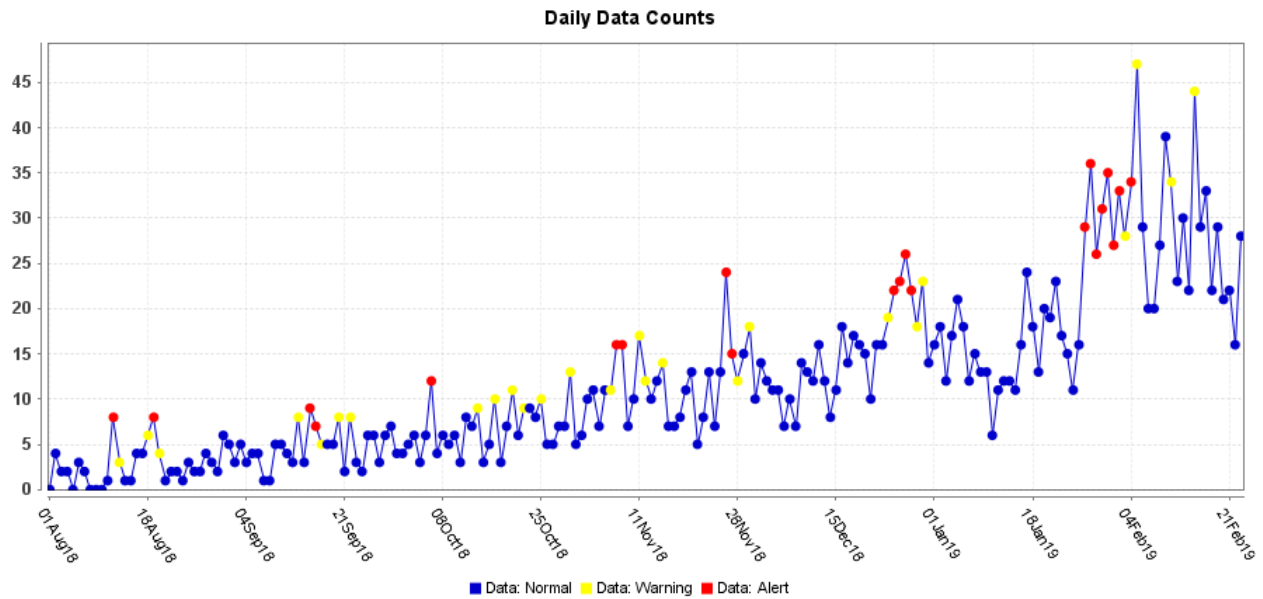
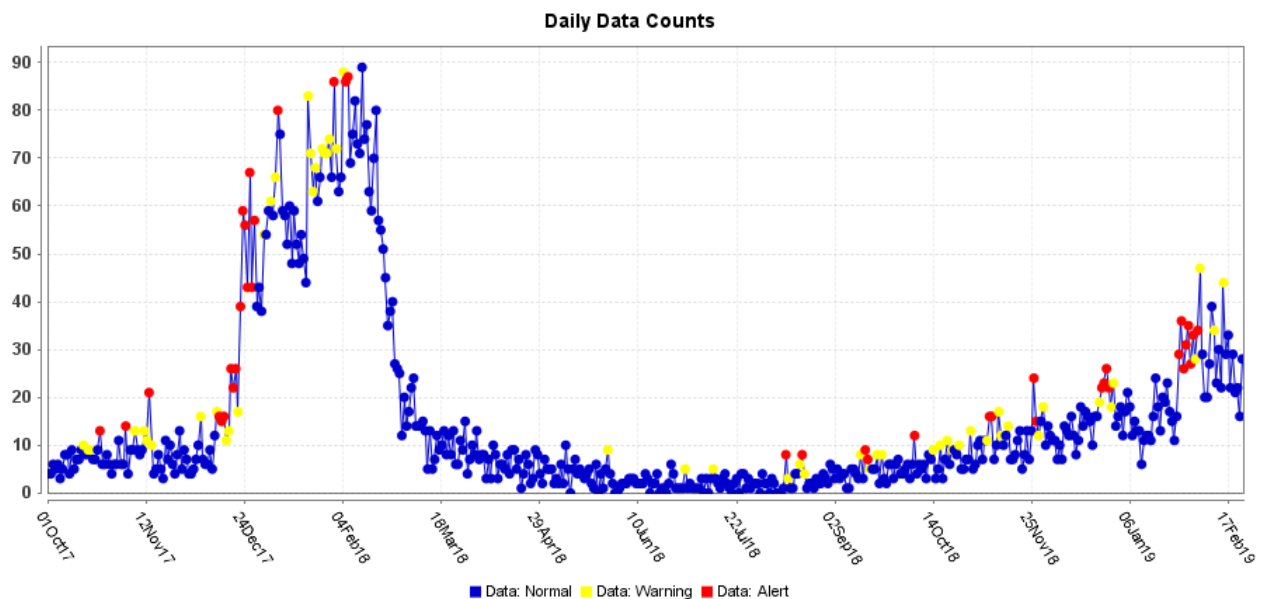


Figure 9. ESSENCE Syndromic Surveillance for Influenza-like Illness: Denton County, October 1, 2017 – February 23, 2019



Data obtained from hospitals participating in the Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics (ESSENCE) from October 2017 through the present. Depicted are the numbers of persons presenting to Emergency Departments according to patient location (Denton region) with self-reported chief complaints of influenza-like illness.

Figure 10. Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality from the National Center for Health Statistics Mortality Surveillance System: Week ending February 16, 2019

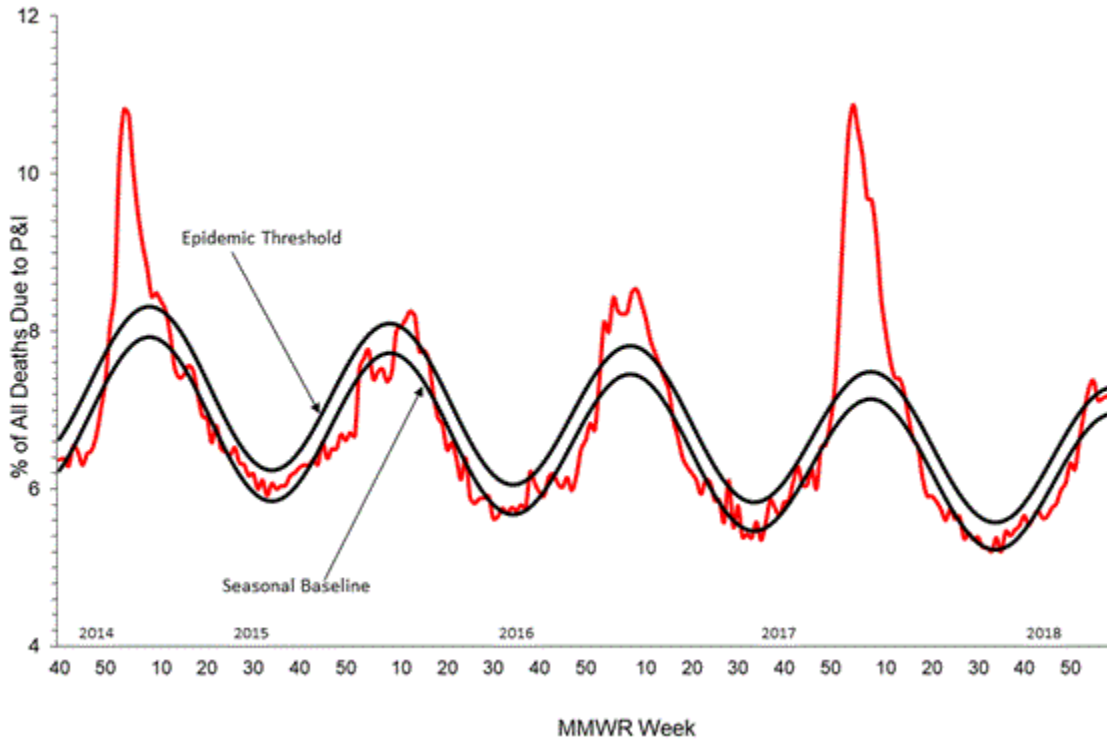


Figure 11. FluSurv-NET Laboratory Confirmed Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group, National Summary, data as of February 23, 2019

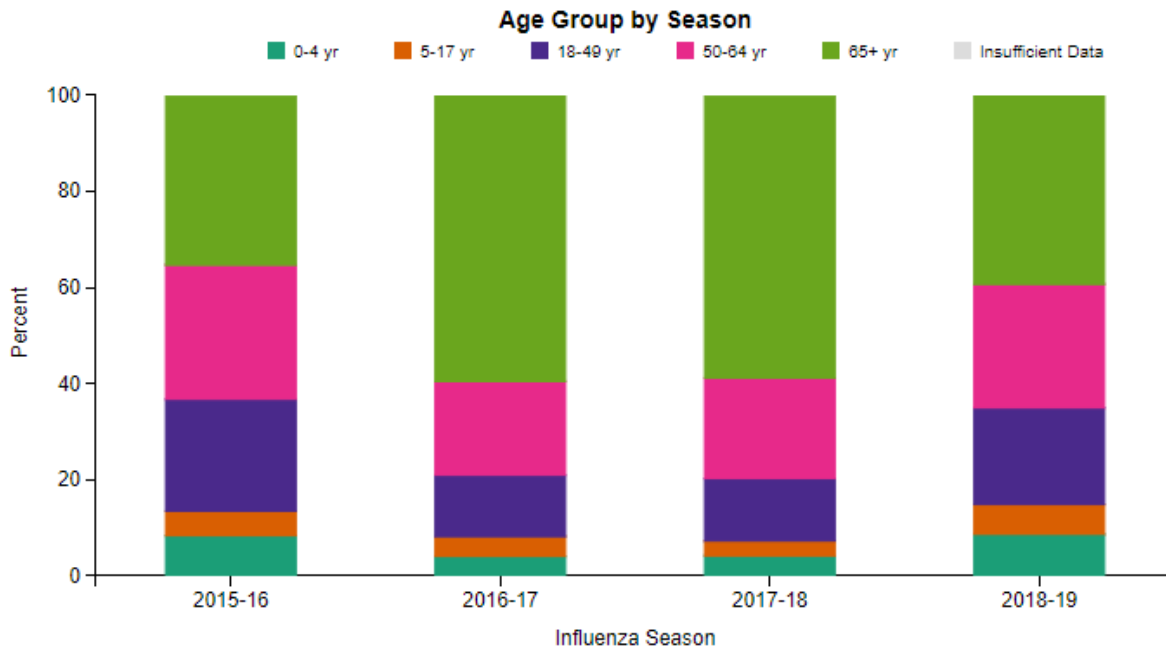
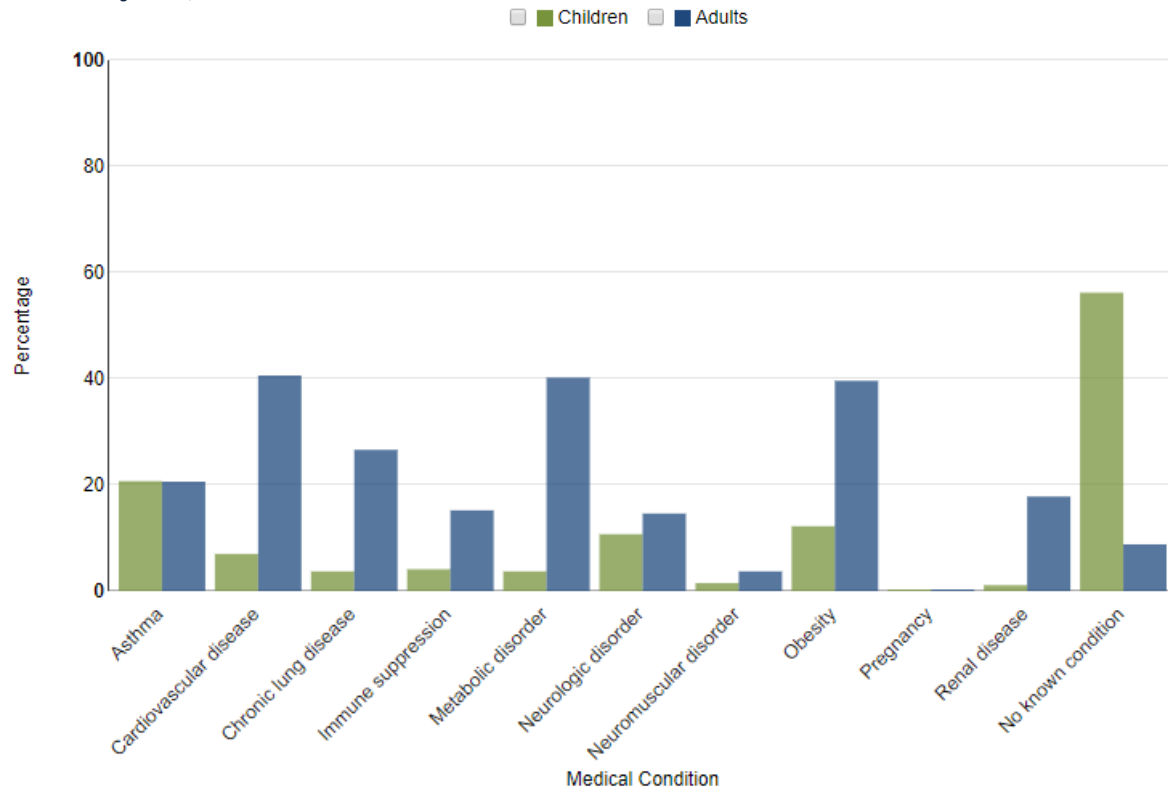


Figure 12. FluSurv-NET Laboratory Confirmed Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations: Selected Underlying Conditions, 2018-2019 Season, data as of February 23, 2019



FluView: Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Network, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>. Accessed on 3/1/2019.

Figure 13. Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates Reported by State and Territorial Epidemiologists: Week 8 – Week Ending February 23, 2019

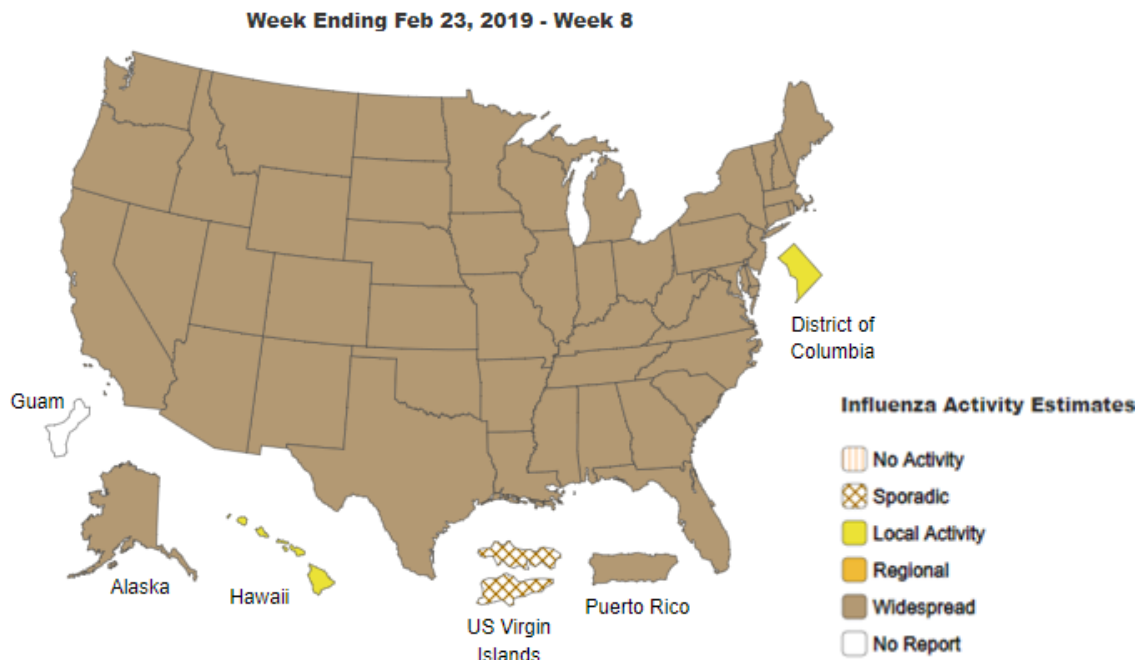
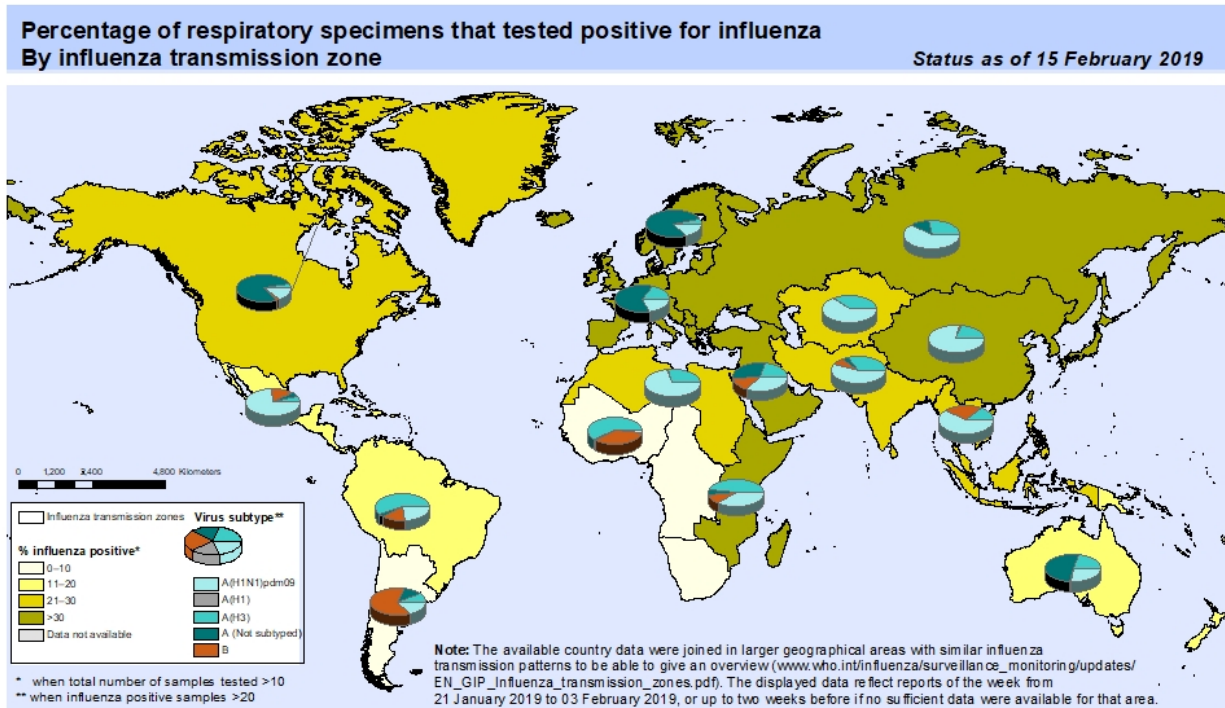


Figure 14. Percentage of Respiratory Specimens that Tested Positive for Influenza: WHO, based on data up to February 15, 2019



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Data Source:
Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (GISRS),
FluNet (www.who.int/flu-net)



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