

Denton County Public Health

2018 – 2019 Influenza Surveillance Program

CDC Week 42, Week Ending October 20, 2018



Epidemiologic Overview

Denton County

- Low influenza activity was reported in Denton County for week 42.
- 9 positive influenza tests (4 Flu A and 5 Flu B) and 4 hospitalizations was reported by Denton County sentinel providers for week 42.
- Syndromic surveillance for influenza-like illness (ILI) in Denton County increased for week 42 when compared to the previous week.
- 0.5% of the total reported school population was absent due to ILI in week 42.

Texas

- Influenza activity in the state of Texas remained sporadic for week 41.
- The percentage of visits for ILI as reported by ILINet providers decreased to 2.6% in week 41 compared to the previous week.
- The percentage of specimens testing positive for influenza in Texas decreased to 0.5% in week 41 compared to the previous week.

US

- The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 1.5%, which is below the national baseline of 2.2%. All 10 regions reported ILI below their region-specific baseline levels.
- The geographic spread of influenza in 4 states was reported as local; 42 states reported sporadic activity; and 4 states reported no activity.
- The percentage of specimens testing positive for influenza in the US was 0.6%.
- The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) from the National Center for Health Statistics Mortality Surveillance System for week 41 was 5.3%. This percentage is below the epidemic threshold of 5.9% for week 41.

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

Week Ending	9/22/18	9/29/18	10/6/18	10/13/18	10/20/18	9/22/18 - Present
CDC Week	38	39	40	41	42	
Influenza Tests Performed Weekly	183	195	196	242	248	1064
Total Positive Influenza Tests	1	4	3	2	9	19
Percent Positive Influenza Tests*	0.5%	2.1%	1.5%	0.8%	3.6%	
Positive A Influenza	1	2	1	1	4	9
Positive B Influenza	0	2	2	1	5	10
Non-differentiated Influenza	0	0	0	0	0	0
Influenza Hospitalizations	0	1	1	0	4	6
Influenza-associated Pediatric Deaths	0	0	0	0	0	0
Influenza-associated Adult Deaths	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

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

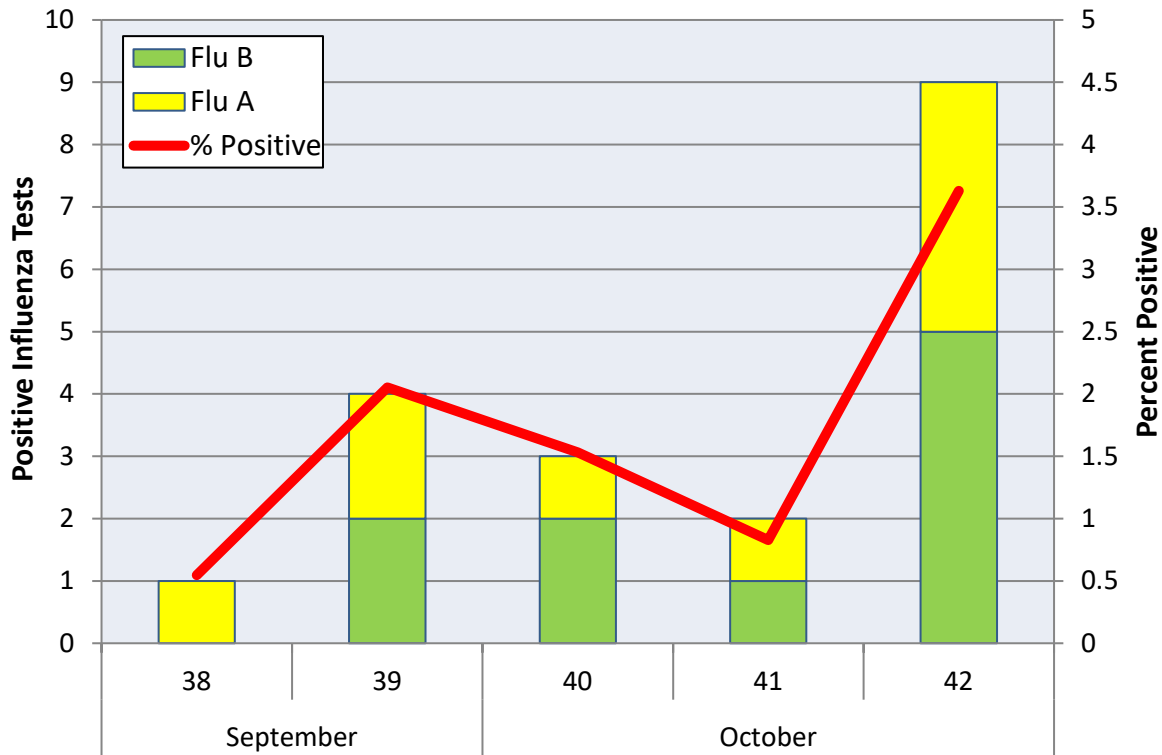
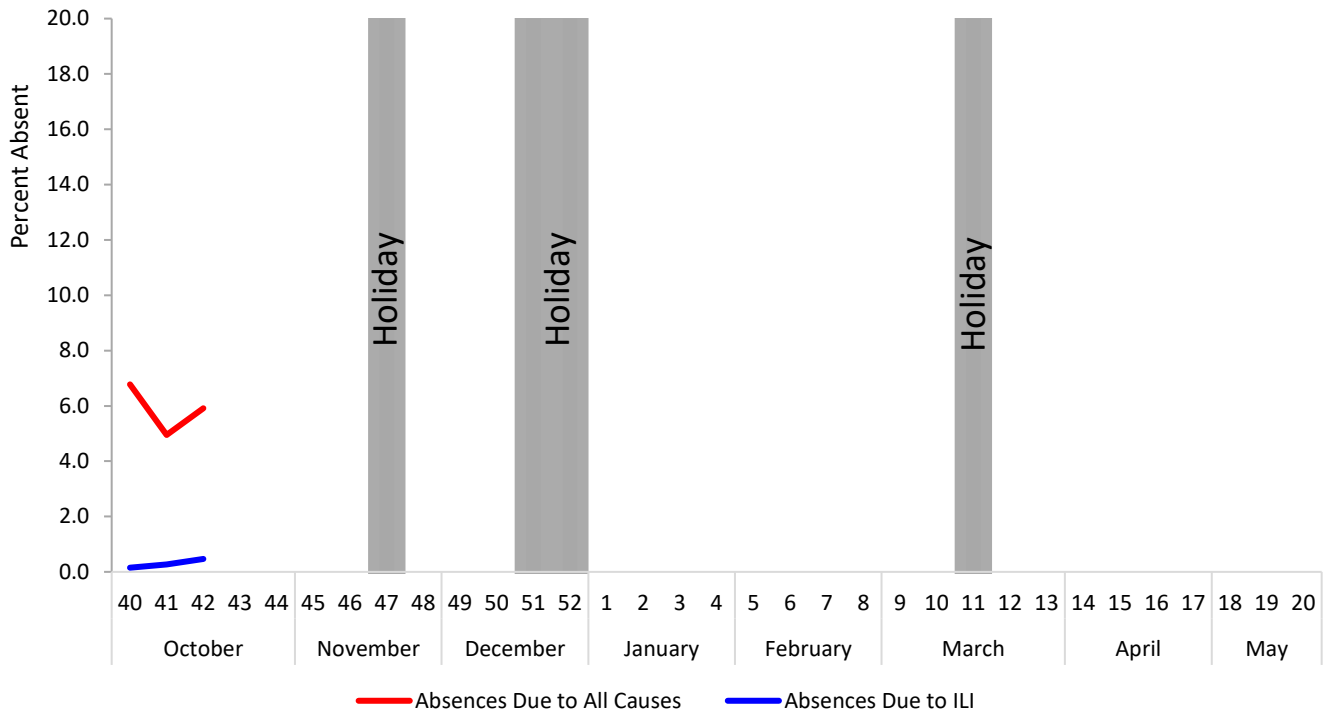


Figure 3. Percent of Absenteeism Due to All Causes and ILI, Denton County Schools*, 2018-2019 Season



*During week 42, a total of 3 Denton County Independent School Districts reported data to Denton County Public Health which included a total of 71,715 students.

Figure 4. Influenza Positive Tests Reported to CDC by U.S. Public Health Laboratories, National Summary, October 1, 2017 – October 20, 2018

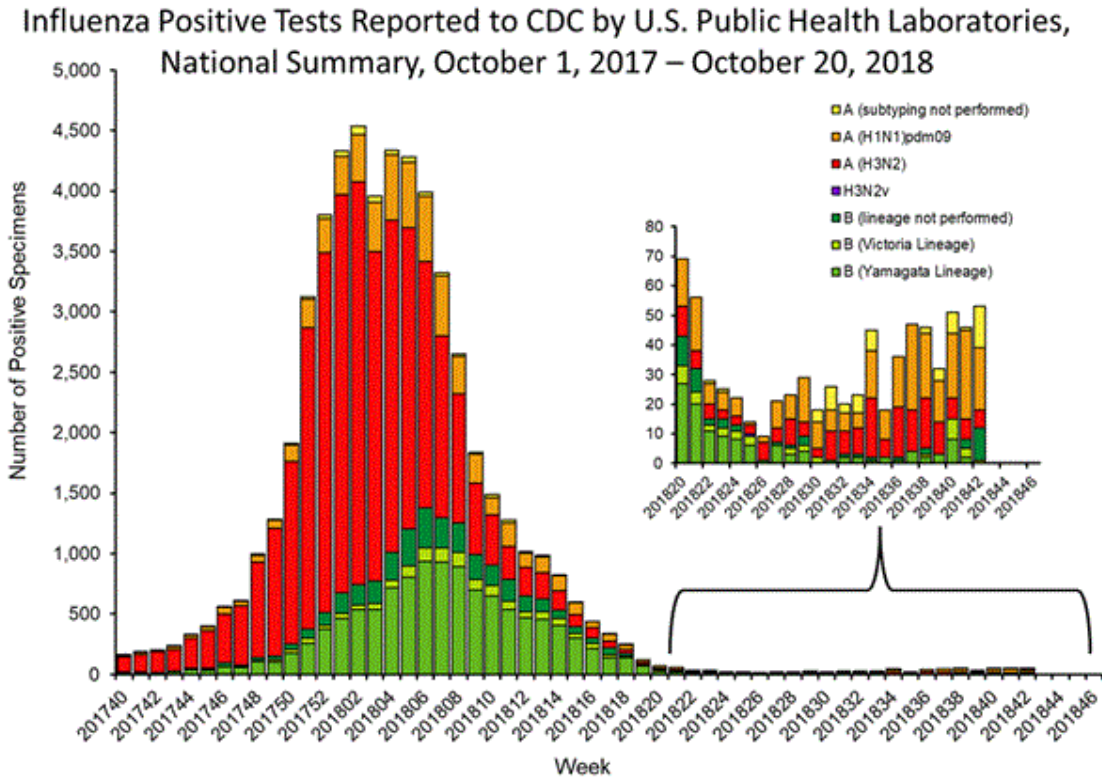


Figure 5. Influenza Positive Tests Reported to CDC by U.S. Clinical Laboratories, National Summary, October 1, 2017 – October 20, 2018

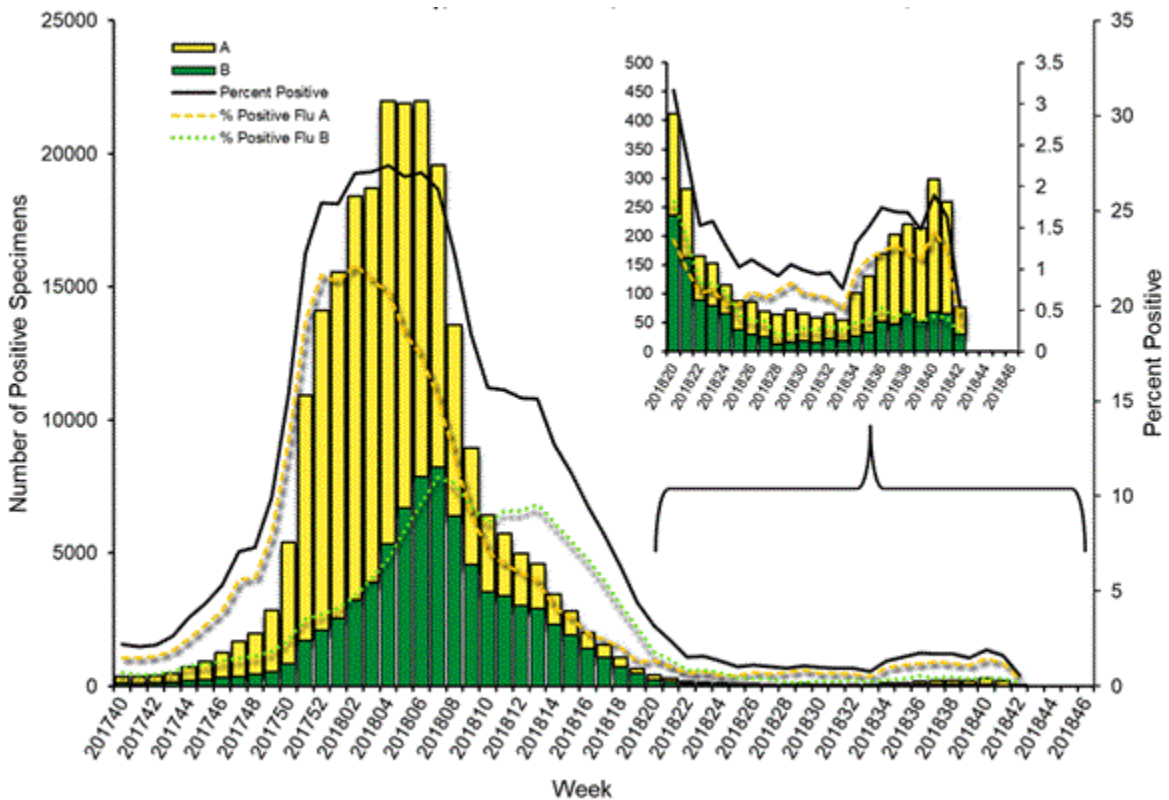


Figure 6. Antigenic Characterization of Influenza Isolates, Since October 20, 2018

Influenza A (H1N1)	69 of 69 (100%) – A/Michigan/45/2015 pdm09-like
Influenza A (H3N2)	40 of 43 (93%) – A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016-like
Influenza B (Victoria Lineage)	9 of 10 (90%) – B/Colorado/06/2017-like
Influenza B (Yamagata Lineage)	32 of 33 (97%) – 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 42

	Week 42	Data Cumulative since September 30, 2018 (Week 40)
No. of specimens tested	580	1,894
No. of positive specimens*	53	150
<i>Positive specimens by type/subtype</i>		
Influenza A	41 (77.4%)	115 (76.7%)
(H1N1)pdm09	21 (77.8%)	73 (78.5%)
H3N2	6 (22.2%)	20 (21.5%)
Subtyping not performed	14	22
Influenza B	12 (22.6%)	35 (23.3%)
Yamagata lineage	0 (0.0%)	10 (47.6%)
Victoria lineage	1 (100.0%)	11 (52.4%)
Lineage not performed	11	1

Figure 8. ESSENCE Syndromic Surveillance for Influenza-like Illness: Denton County, August 1, 2018- October 20, 2018

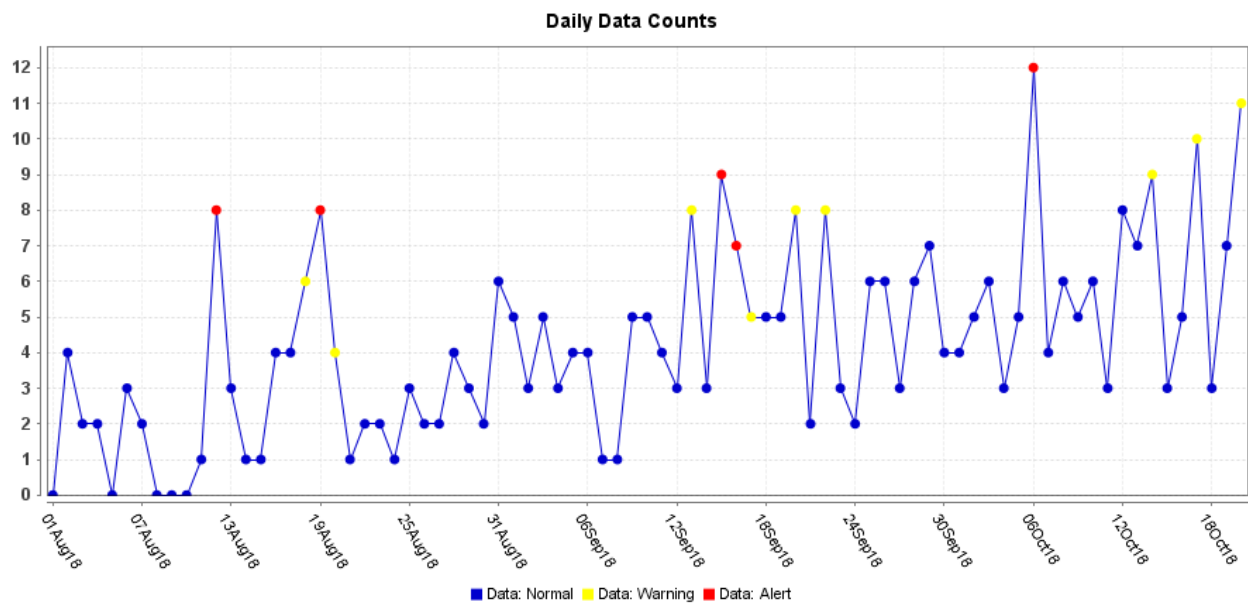


Figure 9. ESSENCE Syndromic Surveillance for Influenza-like Illness: Denton County, October 1, 2017 – October 20, 2018

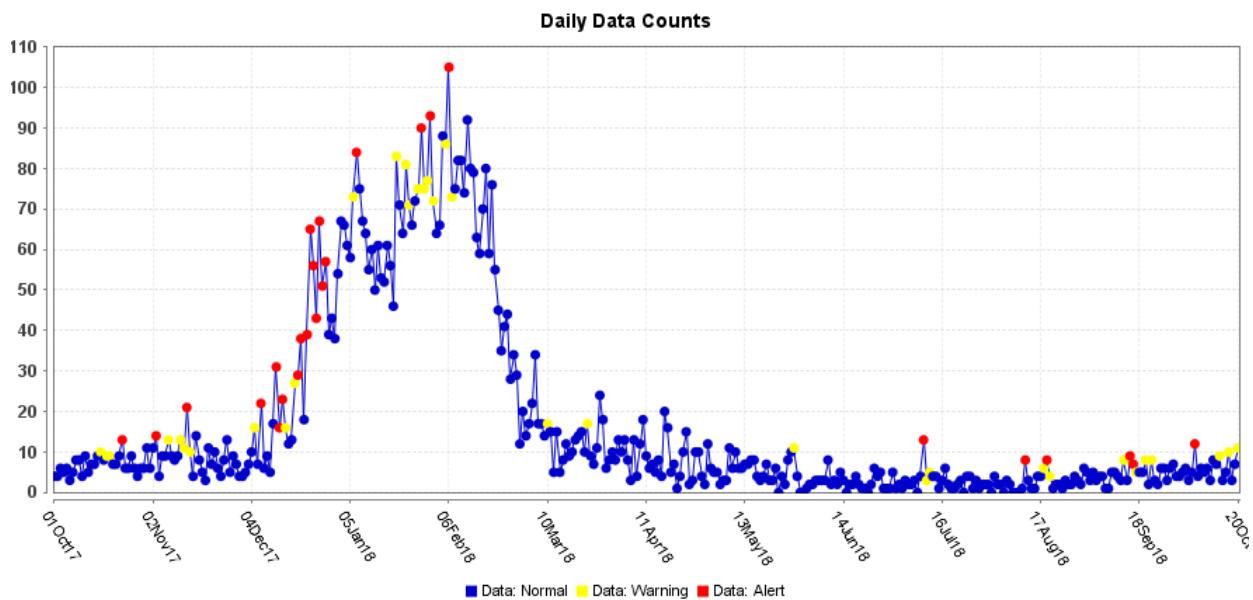


Figure 10. Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality from the National Center for Health Statistics Mortality Surveillance System: Week ending October 13, 2018

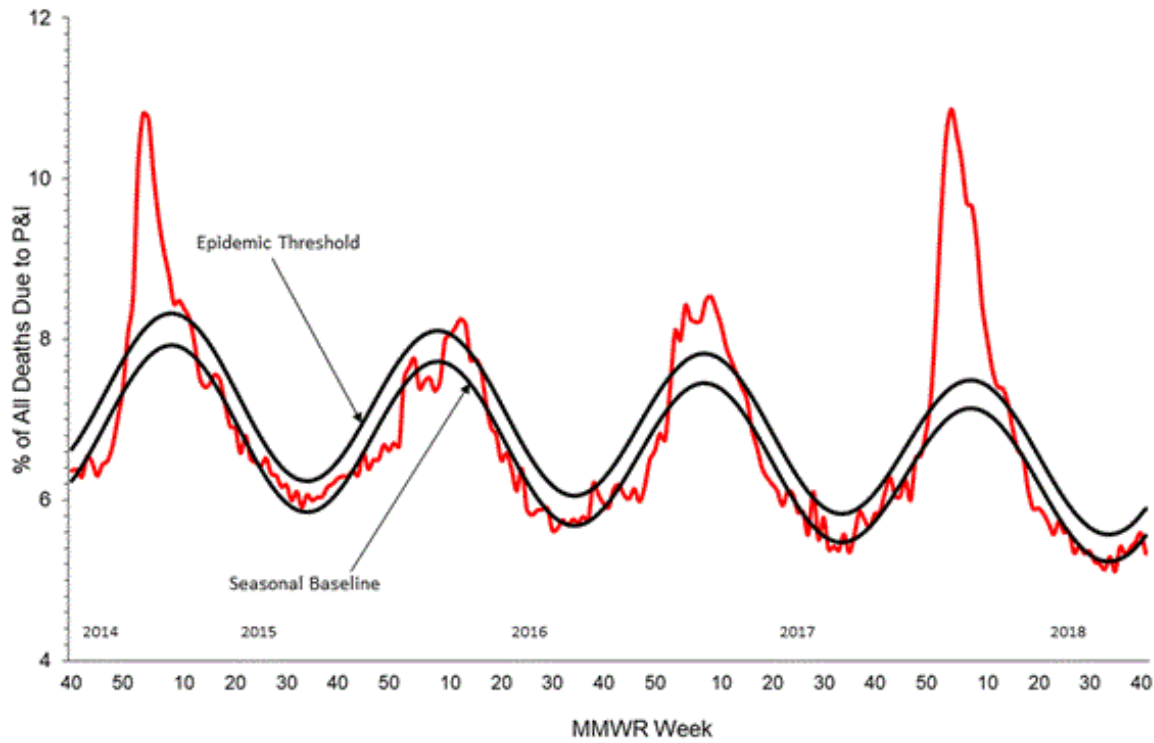


Figure 11. Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates Reported by State and Territorial Epidemiologists: Week 42 – Week Ending October 20, 2018

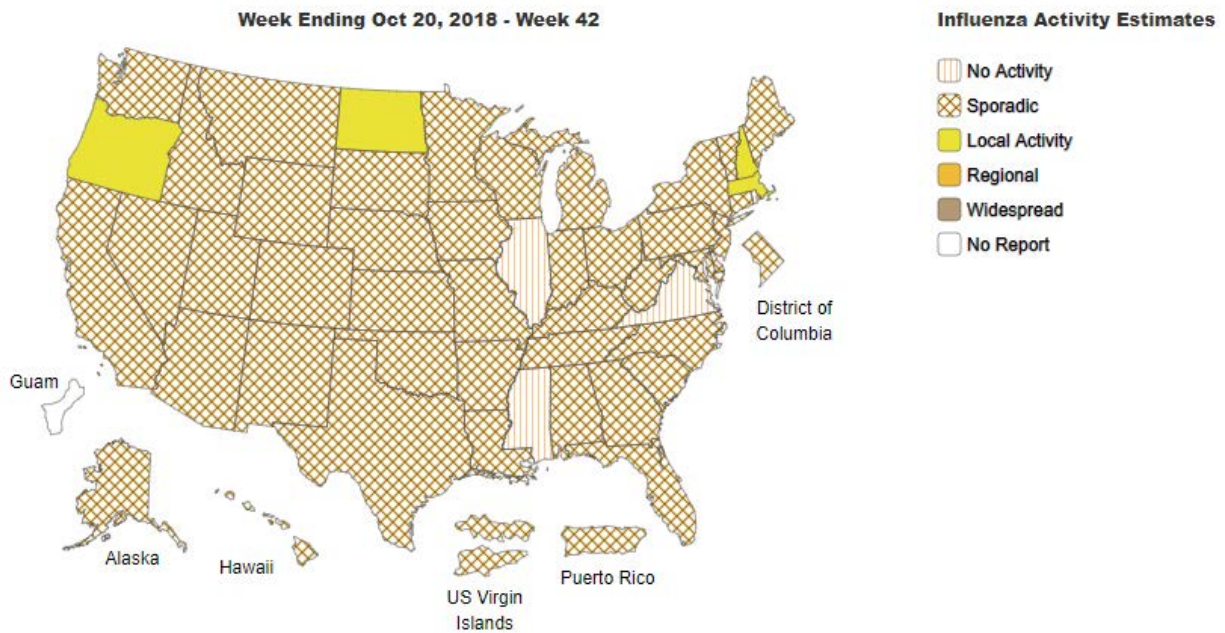
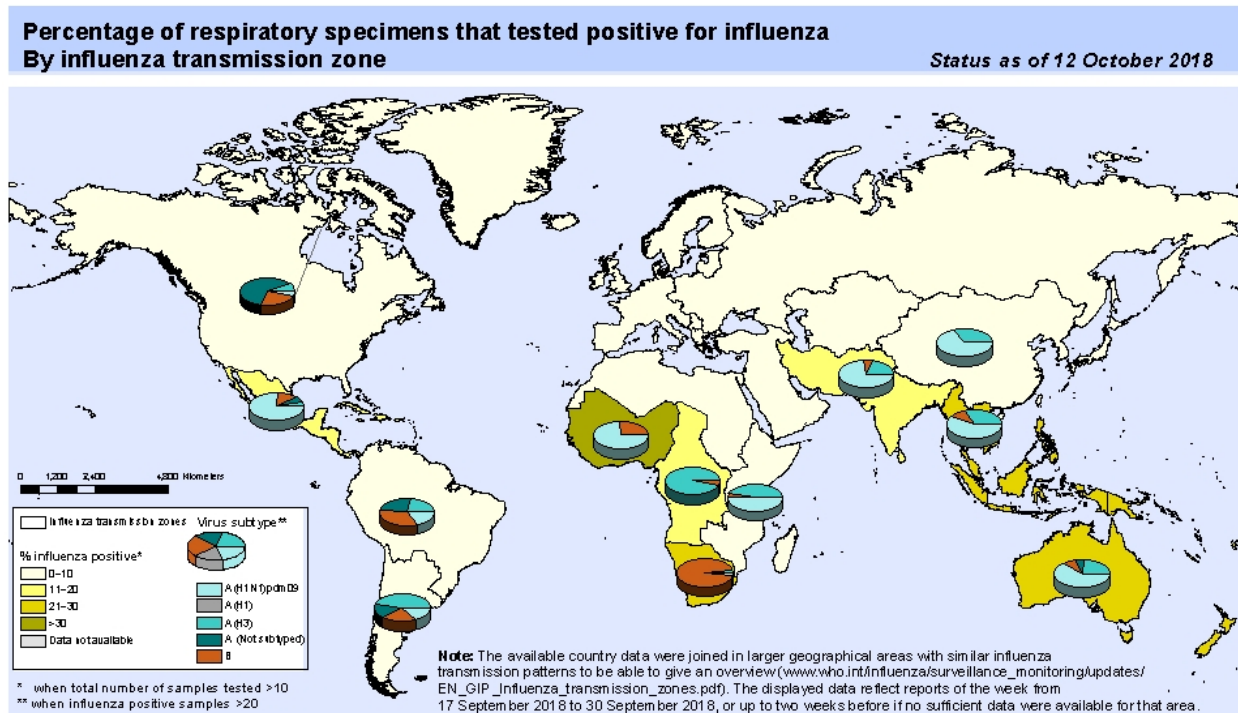


Figure 12. Percentage of Respiratory Specimens that Tested Positive for Influenza: WHO, based on data up to October 12, 2018



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



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