

# Denton County Public Health

## 2018 – 2019 Influenza Surveillance Program

### CDC Week 47, Week Ending November 24, 2018



## Epidemiologic Overview

### Denton County

- Low influenza activity was reported in Denton County for week 47.
- 15 positive influenza tests (7 Flu A and 8 Flu B) and 3 hospitalizations were reported by Denton County sentinel providers for week 47.
- Syndromic surveillance for influenza-like illness (ILI) in Denton County decreased for week 47 when compared to the previous week.

### Texas

- Influenza activity in the state of Texas was local in week 47.
- The percentage of visits for ILI as reported by ILINet providers increased to 4.0% in week 47 compared to the previous week.
- The percentage of specimens testing positive for influenza in Texas increased to 4.3% in week 47 compared to the previous week.

### US

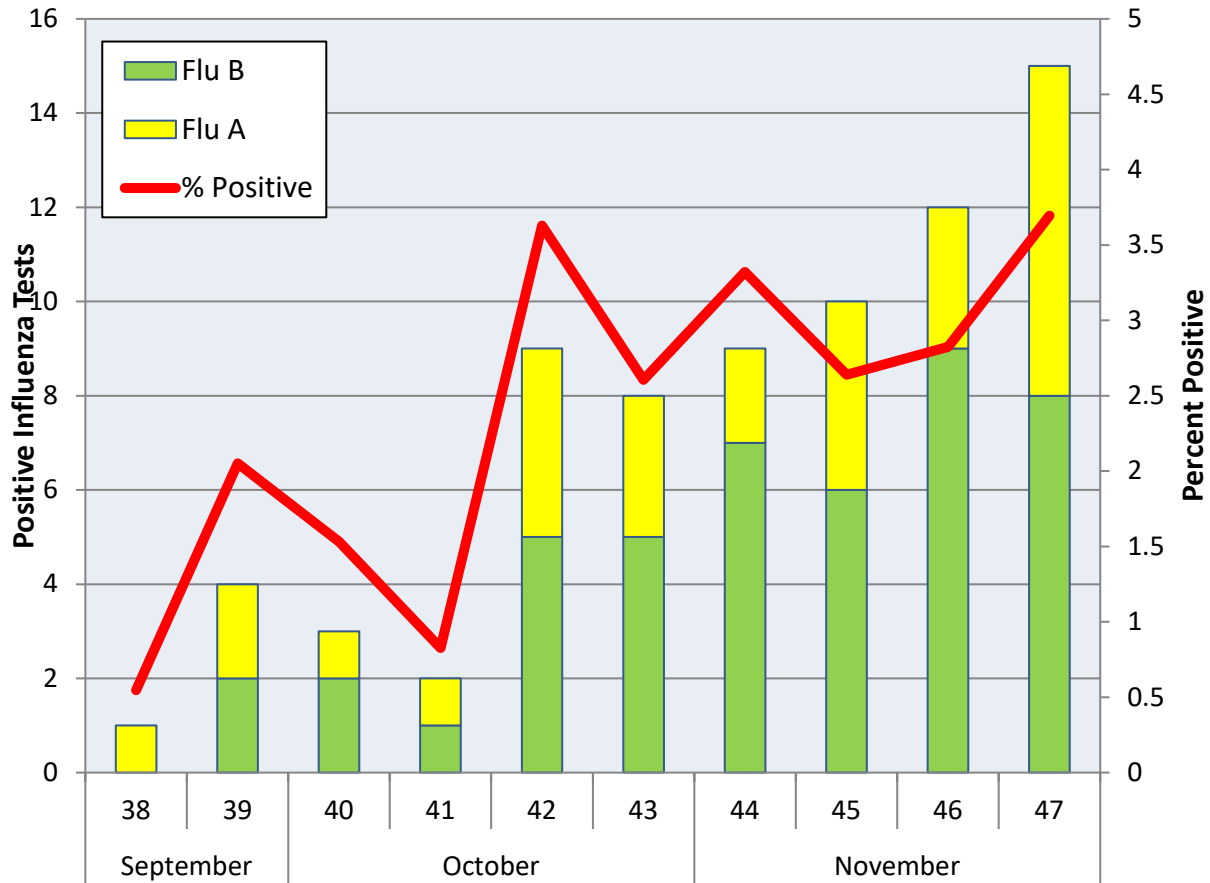
- The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 2.3%, which is above the national baseline of 2.2%. 5 of 10 regions reported ILI at or above their region-specific baseline level.
- The geographic spread of influenza in 5 states was reported as regional; 16 states was reported as local; 28 states reported sporadic activity; and 1 state reported no activity.
- The percentage of specimens testing positive for influenza in the US was 2.4%.
- The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) from the National Center for Health Statistics Mortality Surveillance System for week 46 was 5.8%. This percentage is below the epidemic threshold of 6.4% for week 46.

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

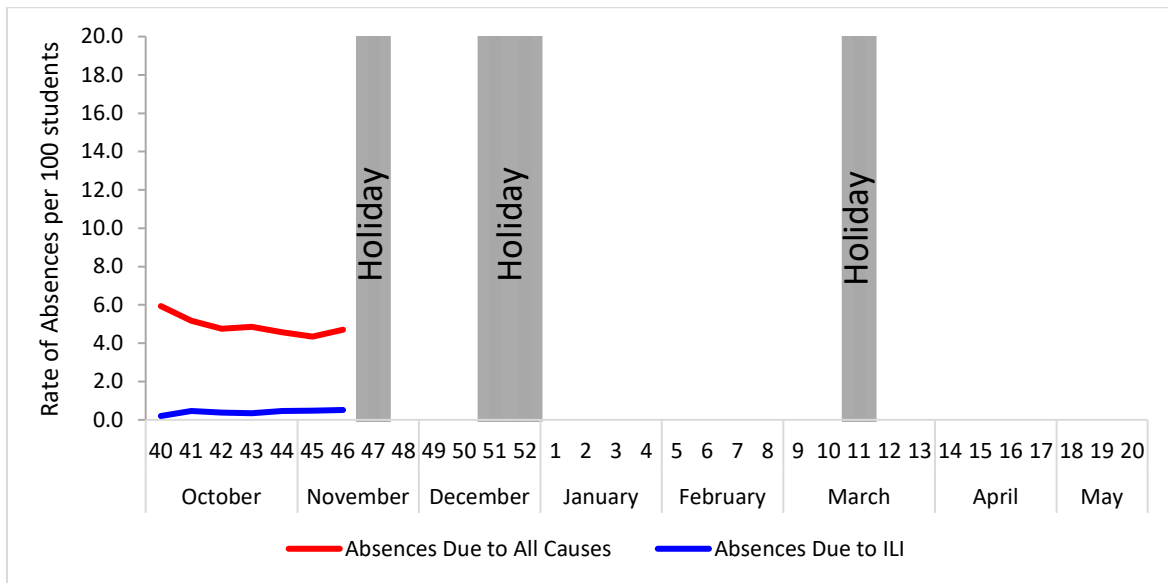
Week Ending	10/20/18	10/27/18	11/3/18	11/10/18	11/17/18	11/24/18	9/22/18 - Present
<b>CDC Week</b>	42	43	44	45	46	47	
<b>Influenza Tests Performed Weekly</b>	248	307	271	379	425	406	2446
<b>Total Positive Influenza Tests</b>	9	8	9	10	12	15	58
<b>Percent Positive Influenza Tests*</b>	3.6%	2.6%	3.3%	2.6%	2.8%	3.7%	
<b>Positive A Influenza</b>	4	3	2	4	3	7	21
<b>Positive B Influenza</b>	5	5	7	6	9	8	37
<b>Non-differentiated Influenza</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Influenza Hospitalizations</b>	4	2	4	1	3	3	16
<b>Influenza-associated Pediatric Deaths</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Influenza-associated Adult Deaths</b>	0	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**

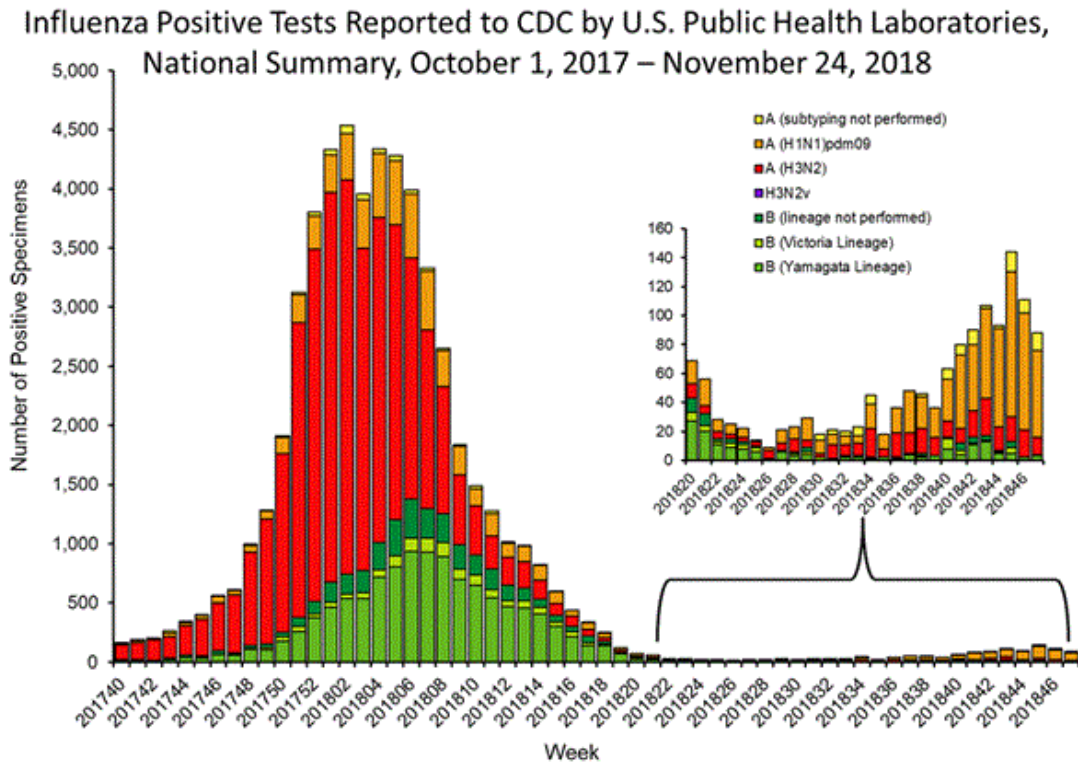


**Figure 3. Percent of Absenteeism Due to All Causes and ILI, Denton County Schools\*, 2018-2019 Season**

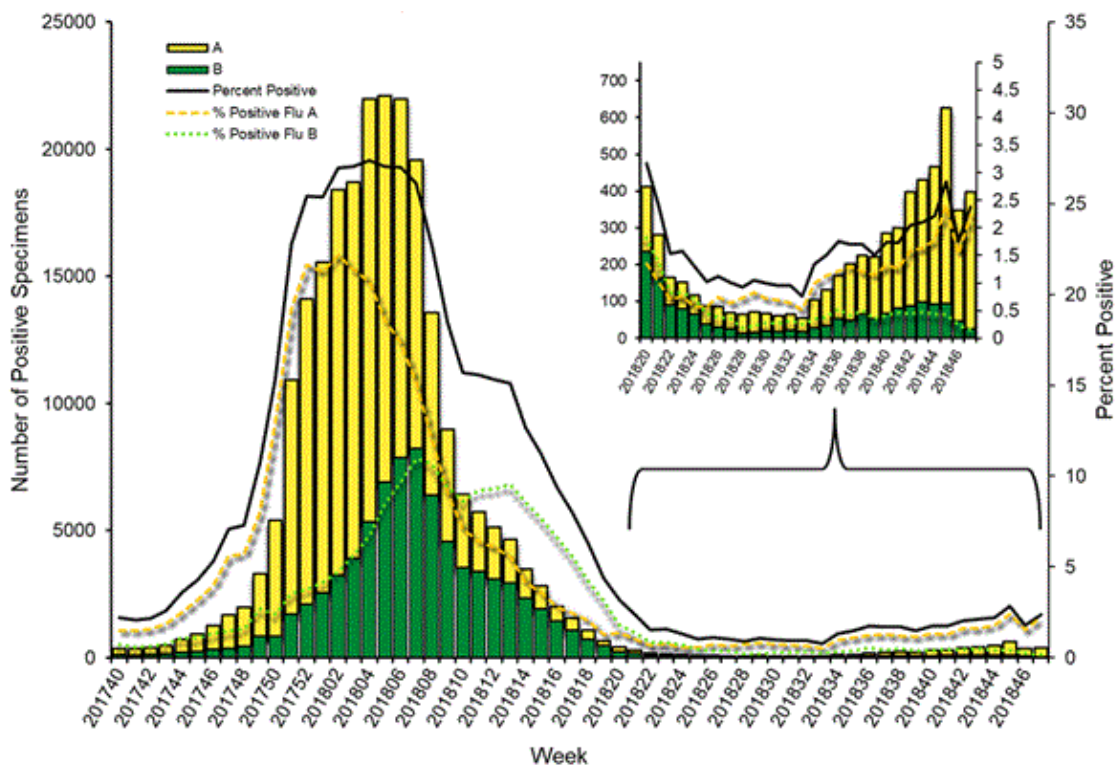


\*During week 47, there was no absenteeism data collected due to holiday school closures in Denton County.

**Figure 4. Influenza Positive Tests Reported to CDC by U.S. Public Health Laboratories, National Summary, October 1, 2017 – November 24, 2018**



**Figure 5. Influenza Positive Tests Reported to CDC by U.S. Clinical Laboratories, National Summary, October 1, 2017 – November 24, 2018**



**Figure 6. Antigenic Characterization of Influenza Isolates, Since November 24, 2018**

Influenza A (H1N1)	88 of 88 (100%) – A/Michigan/45/2015 pdm09-like
Influenza A (H3N2)	65 of 70 (92.9%) – A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016-like
Influenza B (Victoria Lineage)	9 of 13 (69.2%) – B/Colorado/06/2017-like
Influenza B (Yamagata Lineage)	48 of 48 (100%) – B/Phuket/3073/2013-like*

**2018-2019 Influenza Vaccine Composition, Northern Hemisphere:**

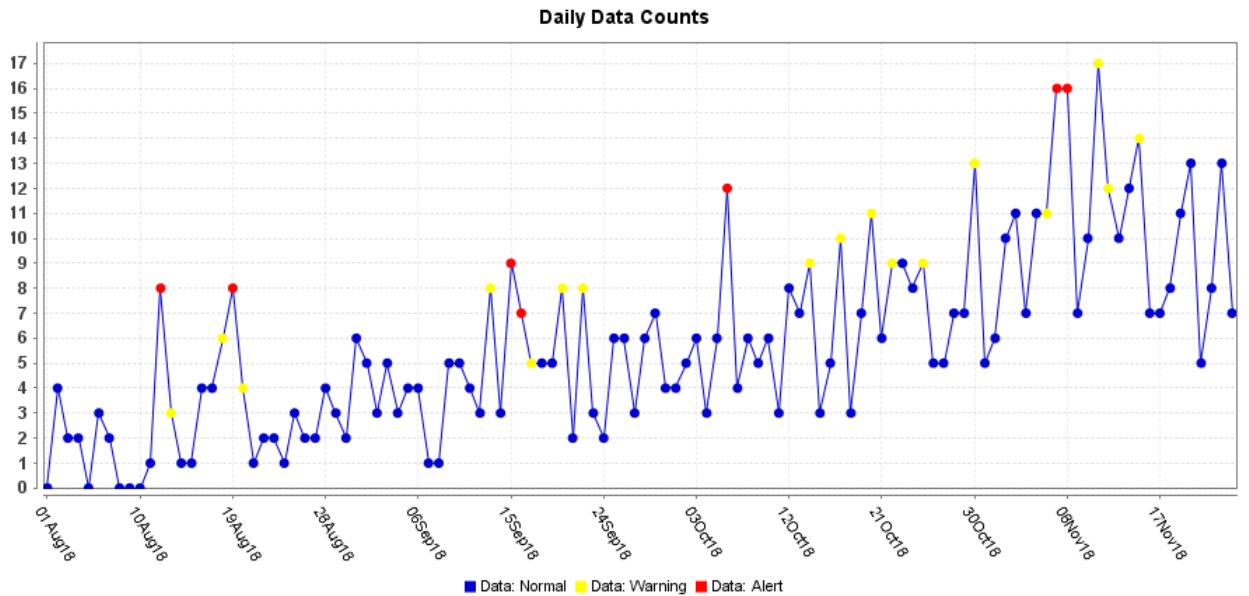
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\*2018-2019 Northern Hemisphere quadrivalent influenza vaccine influenza B component

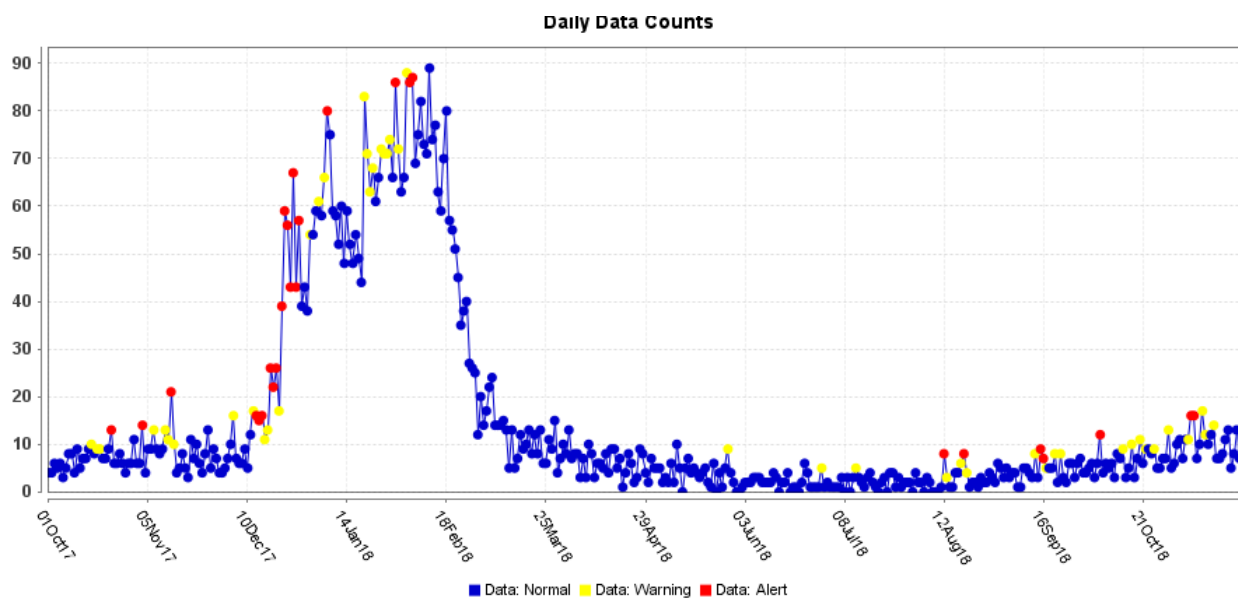
**Figure 7. U.S. Virologic Surveillance, Week 47**

	Week 47	Data Cumulative since September 30, 2018 (Week 40)
No. of specimens tested	16,648	153,017
No. of positive specimens (%)	397 (2.4%)	3,249 (2.1%)
<i>Positive specimens by type</i>		
Influenza A	372 (93.7%)	2,657(81.8%)
Influenza B	25 (16.3%)	592 (18.2%)

**Figure 8. ESSENCE Syndromic Surveillance for Influenza-like Illness: Denton County, August 1, 2018- November 24, 2018**

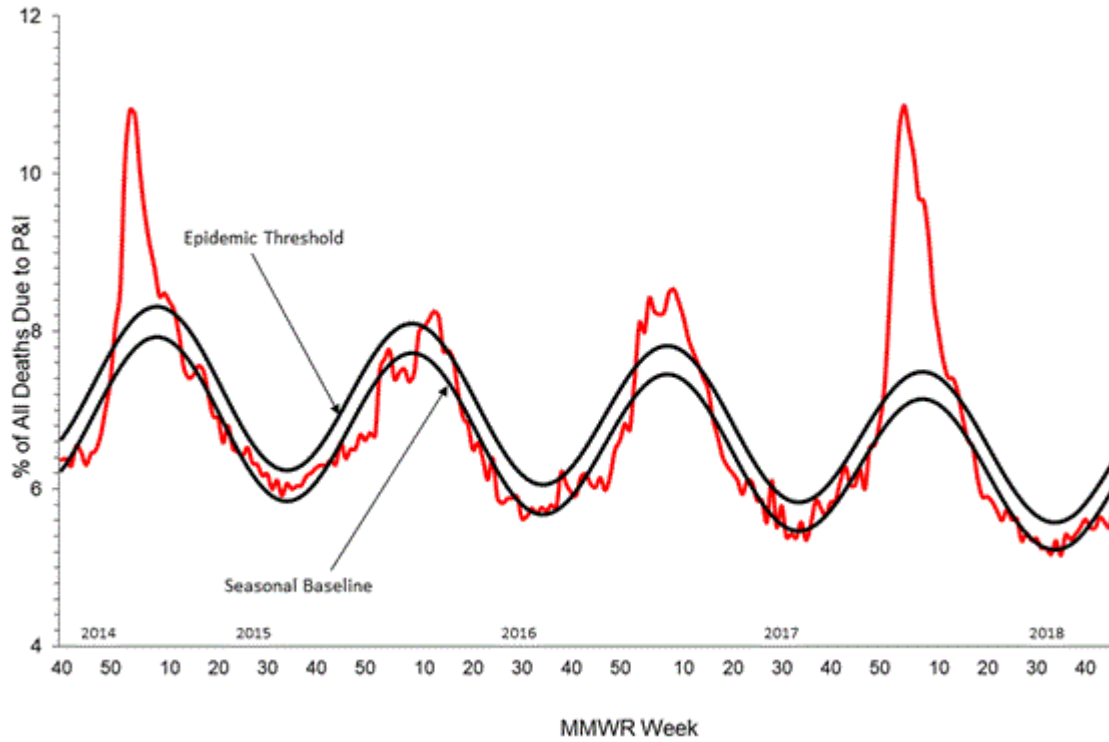


**Figure 9. ESSENCE Syndromic Surveillance for Influenza-like Illness: Denton County, October 1, 2017 – November 24, 2018**

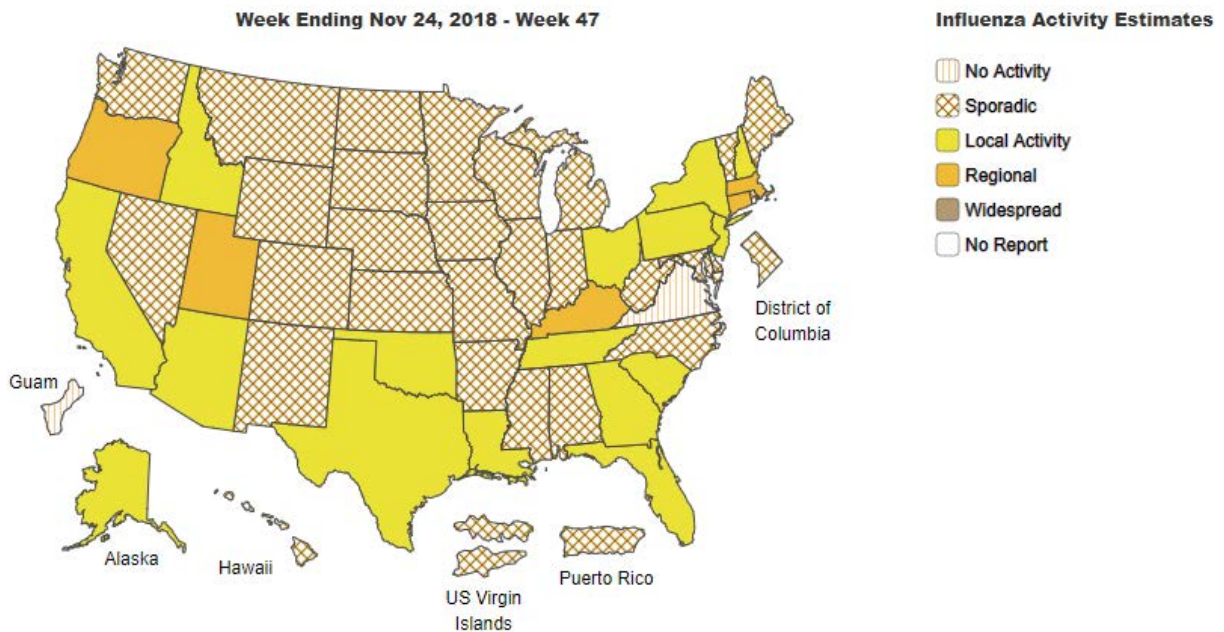


Data obtained from hospitals participating in the Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics (ESSENCE) from October 2017 through the present. Depicted are the numbers of persons presenting to Emergency Departments according to patient location (Denton region)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

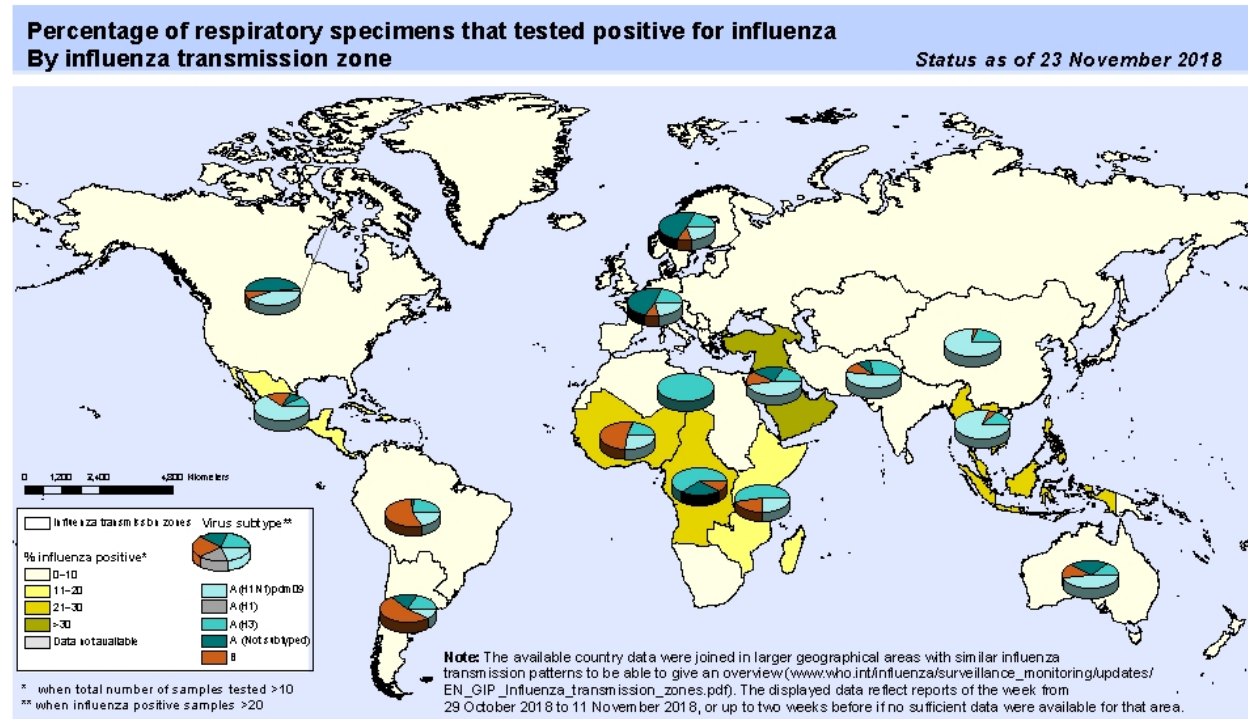
**Figure 10. Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality from the National Center for Health Statistics Mortality Surveillance System: Week ending November 17, 2018**



**Figure 11. Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates Reported by State and Territorial Epidemiologists: Week 47 – Week Ending November 24, 2018**



**Figure 12. Percentage of Respiratory Specimens that Tested Positive for Influenza: WHO, based on data up to November 23, 2018**



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Data Source:  
Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (GISRS),  
FluNet ([www.who.int/fluNet](http://www.who.int/fluNet))



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