## INFLUENZA REPORT

**2021-22 Influenza Season** Week 2 — Week Ending 1/15/2022



# Influenza-like Illness (ILI) is defined as fever (temperature of ≥ 100° F [37.8° C]), cough, and/or a sore throat without a known cause other than influenza.

#### INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN DAVIS COUNTY

The school absentee rate for Week 2 (14.39%) is higher than what it has been in the past, which could be in part due to COVID-19 (see Figure 1). Fewer than five influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported in Week 2. Updated ILI rates for this season can be found in Figure 2.

Figure 1. Elementary School Absence Rate, Davis County, 2021-22, 2019-20, 5-Year Average

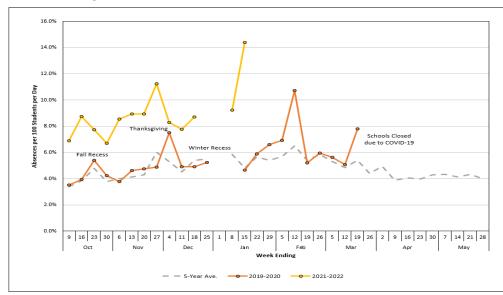
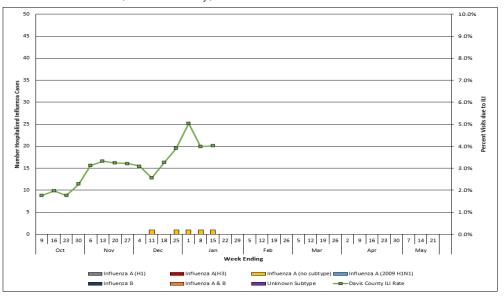


Figure 2. Influenza-like-Illness rate and Hospitalized Influenza Cases, by subtype and admission date, Davis County, 2021-22



#### **INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN UTAH\***

Utah's influenza severity estimate is currently at a *low* level during Week 1. There were 29 hospitalized influenza cases reported during Week 1 in the state of Utah, with a total of 140 hospitalizations so far this season.

Surveillance data for influenza testing in laboratories across Utah indicate that 716 specimens were positive for influenza during Week 1. The predominant virus currently circulating in the community is influenza A.

\*For more information regarding influenza activity in Utah, please

visit: <a href="https://bit.ly/3qPBrtH">https://bit.ly/3qPBrtH</a>.

Table 1. Influenza Positive Specimens Tested by Utah Laboratories, 2021-22

Positive Specimens by Current Week Seas

Positive Specimens by Type/Subtype	Current Week		Season-to-Date	
	Number	%	Number	%
Influenza A (2009 H1N1)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Influenza A (H3)	50	7.0%	230	6.4%
Influenza A (no subtype)	663	92.6%	3,303	91.8%
Influenza B	3	0.4%	66	1.8%
Total	716		3,599	

#### **INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES\*\***

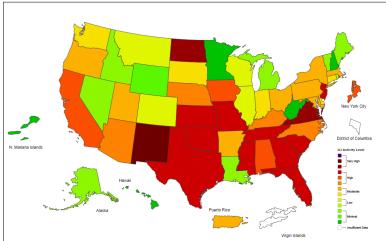
During Week 1, influenza activity declined slightly in the United States, with all states reporting influenza activity. Twelve states reported *minimal* activity, five states reported *low* activity, 13 states reported *moderate* (including Utah) activity, 17 states reported *high* activity, and three states reported *very high* activity (see Figure 3).

Collaborating clinical laboratories across the United States reported that 2.2% of respiratory specimens tested were positive for influenza in Week 1. Of those, 97.9% were typed as influenza A and 2.1% as influenza B.

CDC performs genetic and antigenic characterization of U.S. viruses submitted from state and local laboratories. The specimens are also tested for susceptibility of influenza virus to antiviral medications. Virus characterization data will be updated later this season when a sufficient number of specimens have been tested.

\*\*For more
information regarding
influenza activity
nationwide, please
visit: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/">https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/</a>

Figure 3. Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates, Week 1 (January 2—8, 2022 )



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### VACCINE INFORMATION

CDC recommends that all persons older than 6 months of age receive an influenza vaccine by the end of October.

Flu shots are available at Davis County Health Department at no out-of-pocket cost for those *with* contracted health insurance.

For those *without* insurance:

- Adults (19—49) can receive the flu shot for \$35.
- Adults and Seniors (50+ years) can receive the flu shot for \$70.
- Children and adolescents (<19 years) may receive the vaccine for an \$8 fee.

For additional information, call the Immunizations Hotline at (801) 525-5020.

