

Influenza Update: July 18, 2020

During the week ending July 18, 2020:

- There were no new influenza-related deaths and no new outbreaks reported this week. Thirty-nine deaths and 27 outbreaks at long-term care facilities have been reported this season (since 9/29/2019).
- The percent of positive tests for respiratory viral pathogens at King County laboratories was below levels observed this time of year and below peak levels observed during the previous five seasons. COVID-19 testing is not currently included in laboratory reporting of respiratory pathogens.
- During the week ending July 18th, the percent of emergency department (ED) visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was below baseline levels among all ages combined, and among each individual age group. Among every age group except for adults ages 65 years and older, the percent of ED ILI visits overall this season is higher than observed during each of the previous five influenza seasons. The percent of ED ILI visits has been highest among pediatric age groups, peaking at or above four of the previous five influenza seasons. This season, the percent of admissions for influenza has been highest among adults ages 65 years and older, but below levels observed during each of the previous five influenza seasons.

At a glance

	<u>Week Ending</u> <u>07/18/2020</u>	<u>Since 09/29/2019</u>	<u>5-Year Average to Date</u>
Laboratory-confirmed influenza deaths	0	39	48.6
Respiratory disease outbreaks at long-term care facilities (LTCFs)	0	27	57
Percentage positive influenza tests by PCR ¹	0%	Season Peak	21.2%
Number of labs reporting	5	Weekly Average	6
Number of specimens tested	133	Weekly Average	901
Percentage of emergency department (ED) visits for ILI ²	0.50%	Season Peak	6.93%
		5-Year Average to Date	2.51%

¹Based on King County hospital laboratory and sentinel provider submissions to CDC's National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS).

NREVSS data not available for all previous seasons due to change in reporting procedures. Changes in facilities reporting to NREVSS may impact counts.

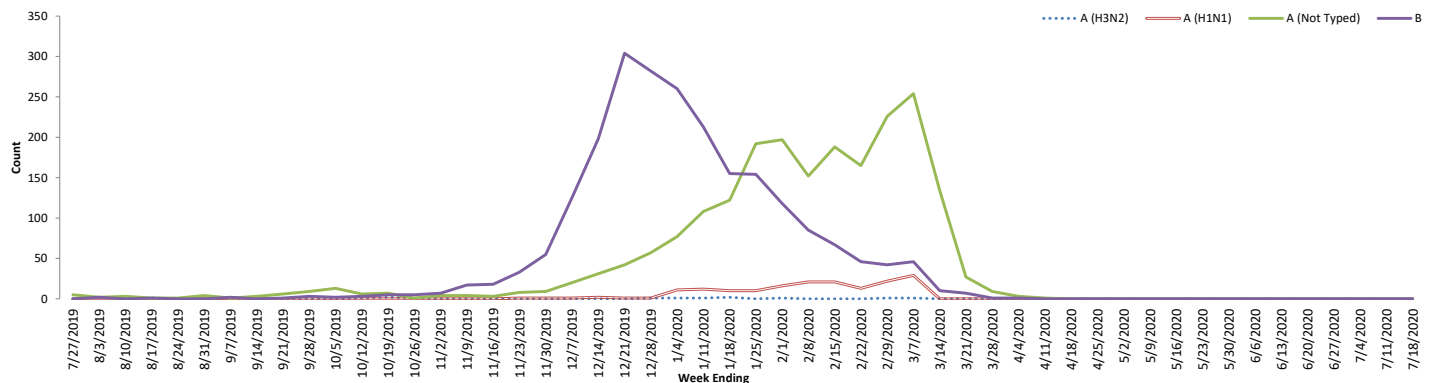
²Based on Public Health - Seattle & King County's syndromic surveillance data representing aggregate percent of visits to King County EDs.

Submissions to NREVSS by King County labs, PCR testing only

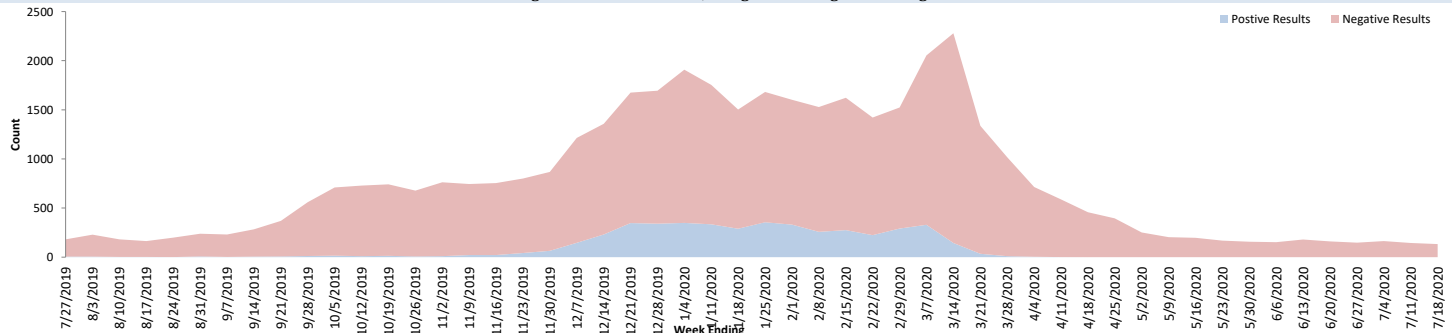
Week #	Week ending	# Labs reporting	A (H1N1)	A (H3N2)	A (Not typed)	B	# Tested	% Flu positive
26	6/27/2020	7	0	0	0	0	147	0%
27	7/4/2020	8	0	0	0	0	163	0%
28	7/11/2020	6	0	0	0	0	144	0%
29	7/18/2020	5	0	0	0	0	133	0%

Influenza results by subtype, PCR testing only (NREVSS)

Positive Influenza Results by Subtype, Using PCR Testing Methodologies



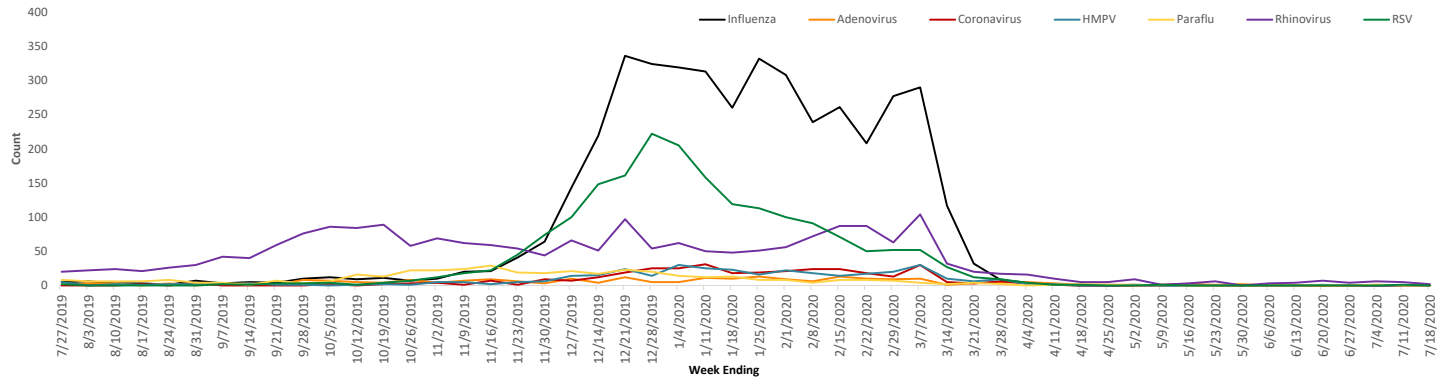
Positive and Negative Influenza Results, Using PCR Testing Methodologies



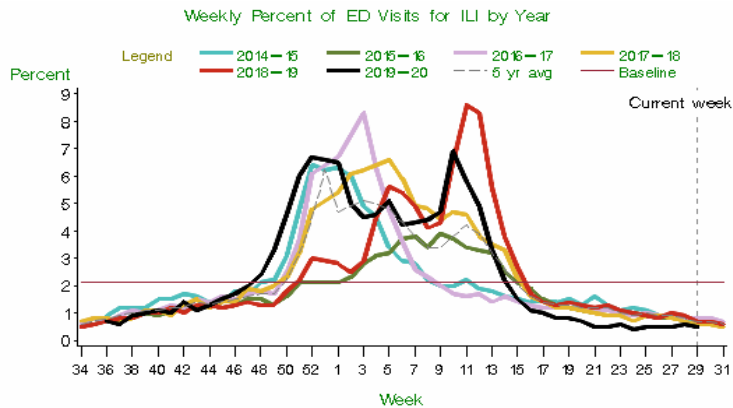
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Summary of Influenza Syndromic and Laboratory Surveillance

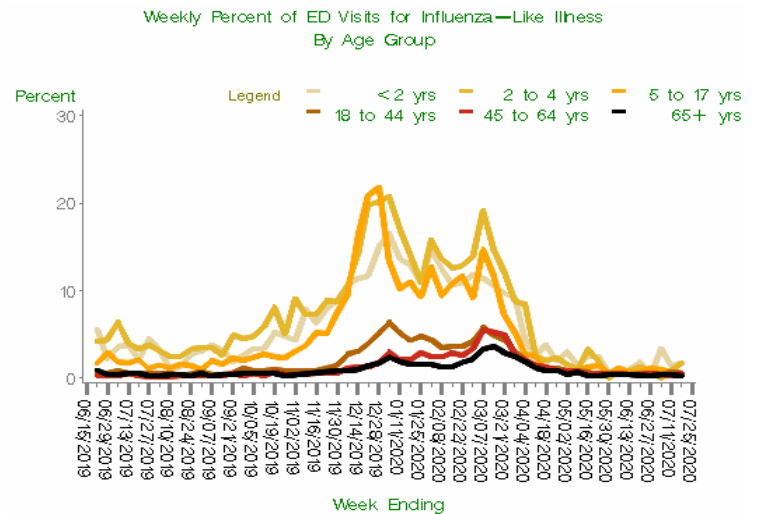
Influenza and other respiratory pathogens, PCR testing only (NREVSS)



King County syndromic surveillance



Note: The change from ICD-9 to ICD-10 codes in October 2015 may impact trends.
 Last updated Jul 19, 2020 ; 'current week' is week ending Jul 18, 2020
 Baseline: Mean % ILI during non-flu weeks for previous three seasons, adding two standard deviations.
 A non-flu week is a period of 2+ consecutive weeks where each one accounted for <2% of the season's total number of specimens that tested positive for influenza by PCR.



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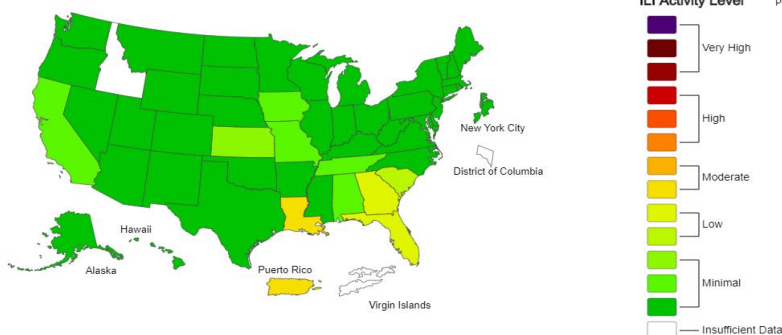
National data from CDC



A Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report Prepared by the Influenza Division

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Activity Level Indicator Determined by Data Reported to ILINet

2019-20 Influenza Season Week 28 ending Jul 11, 2020



*This map uses the proportion of outpatient visits to healthcare providers for influenza-like illness to measure the ILI activity level within a state. It does not, however, measure the extent of geographic spread of flu within a state. Therefore, outbreaks occurring in a single city could cause the state to display high activity levels.
 *Data collected in ILINet may disproportionately represent certain populations within a state, and therefore may not accurately depict the full picture of influenza activity for the whole state.
 *Data displayed in this map are based on data collected in ILINet, whereas the State and Territorial flu activity map are based on reports from state and territorial epidemiologists. The data presented in this map is preliminary and may change as more data is received.
 *Differences in the data presented by CDC and state health departments likely represent differing levels of data completeness with data presented by the state likely being the more complete.

Please report any of the following:

- Laboratory-Confirmed influenza-associated deaths
- Patients with novel or unsubtypeable influenza viruses
- Outbreaks of influenza-like illness in a long-term care facility

Reporting Timeframe

Within 3 business days
 Immediately
 Immediately

Contact Information

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Additional Resources:

[Additional King County Flu Information, Resources, and Surveillance](#)
[UW Virology Laboratory Respiratory Virus Surveillance](#)
[Washington State Influenza Surveillance Update](#)

[National Influenza Update](#)
[Global Influenza Update](#)

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