INFLUENZA REPORT

2021-22 Influenza Season Week 10 — Week Ending 3/12/2022



Weekly ILI rate:

3.2%



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

Influenza activity in Davis County is currently at a *low* level. The school absentee rate for Week 10 (7.44%) is higher than what it has been in the past, which could be in part due to COVID-19 (see Figure 1). There were six influenza-associated hospitalizations reported in Week 10. 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

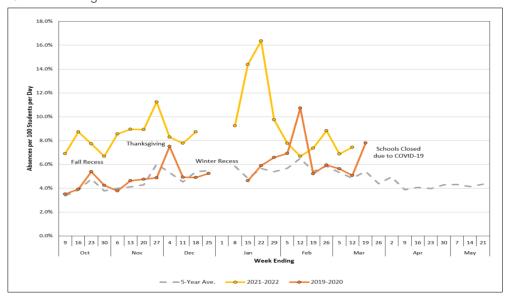
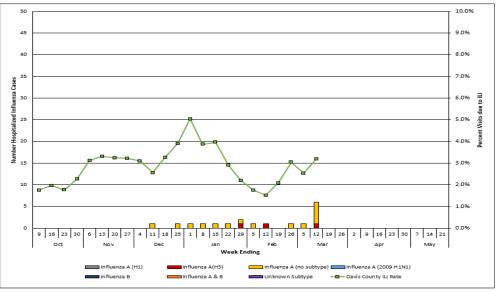


Figure 2. Influenza-like-Illness rate and Hospitalized Influenza Cases, by subtype and admission date, Davis County, 2021-22



INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN UTAH*

Utah's influenza severity was estimated at a *low* level during Week 10. There were 46 hospitalized influenza cases reported during Week 10 in the state of Utah, with a total of 410 hospitalizations so far this season.

Surveillance data for influenza testing in laboratories across Utah indicate that 1,103 specimens were positive for influenza during Week 10. The predominant virus currently circulating in the community is influenza A (H3N2).

*For more information regarding influenza activity in Utah, please

visit: https://bit.ly/3qPBrtH.

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

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)	68	6.2%	771	9.6%
Influenza A (no subtype)	1,034	93.7%	7,136	89.3%
Influenza B	1	0.1%	88	1.1%
Total	1,103		7,995	

INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES**

During Week 10, influenza activity has been increasing in most of the United States, with all states reporting influenza activity. Forty-two states reported *minimal* activity, five states (including Utah) reported *low* activity, two states reported *moderate* activity, and one state reported *high* activity (see Figure 3).

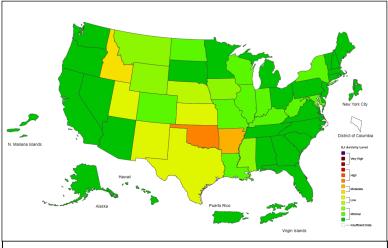
Collaborating clinical laboratories across the United States reported that 6.8% of respiratory specimens tested were positive for influenza in Week 10. Of those, 98.9% were typed as influenza A and 1.1% as influenza B.

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. H₃N₂ viruses identified so far this season are genetically closely related to the vaccine virus but there are some antigenic differences that have developed as H₃N₂ viruses have continued to evolve.

**For more information regarding influenza activity nationwide, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Figure 3. Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates, Week 10 (March 6 — 12, 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.

