

# DAVIS COUNTY

# INFLUENZA REPORT

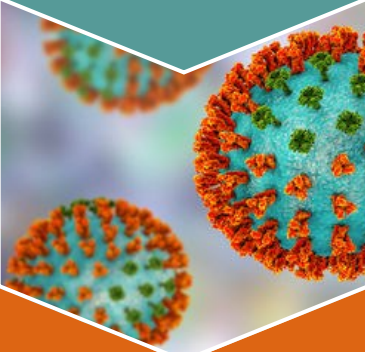
2019-20 Influenza Season Week 8 — Week Ending 02/22/2020

## LOCAL SUMMARY

ILI activity level:  
**HIGH**

Weekly hospitalizations:  
**12**

Weekly ILI rate:  
**5.3%**



Influenza-like Illness (ILI) is defined as fever (temperature of  $\geq 100^{\circ} F$  [ $37.8^{\circ} C$ ]), cough, and/or a sore throat without a known cause other than influenza.

## INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN DAVIS COUNTY

Influenza activity in Davis County remains at a *high* level. The school absentee rate dropped notably, below what has been seen in past years (see Figure 1). There were 12 hospitalized influenza cases that occurred in Davis County during Week 8, bringing the season total to 103. The number of hospitalized cases decreased, while the influenza-like illness (ILI) rate increased slightly in Week 8 (see Figure 2).

Figure 1. Elementary School Absence Rate, Davis County, 2019-20, 2018-19, 5-Year Average

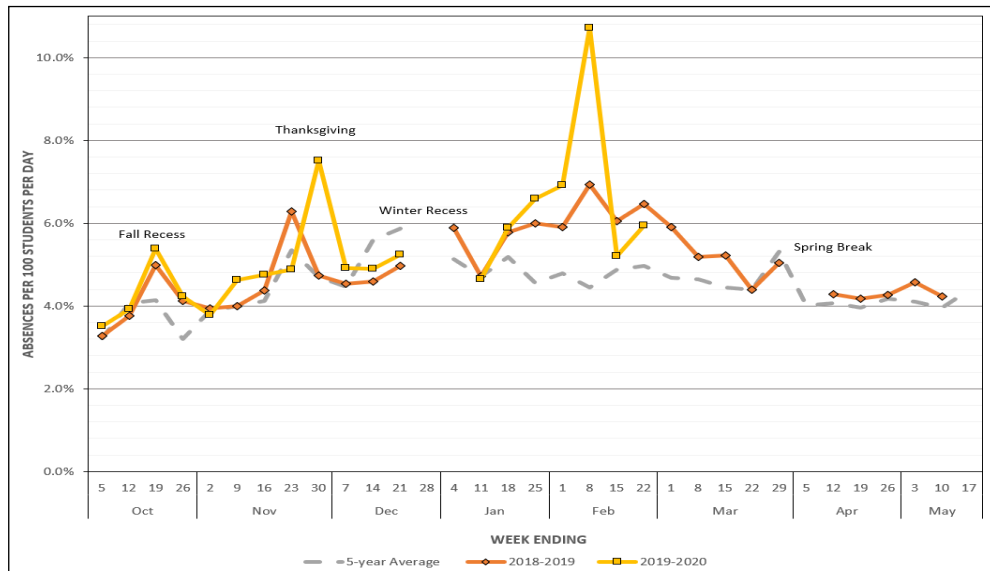
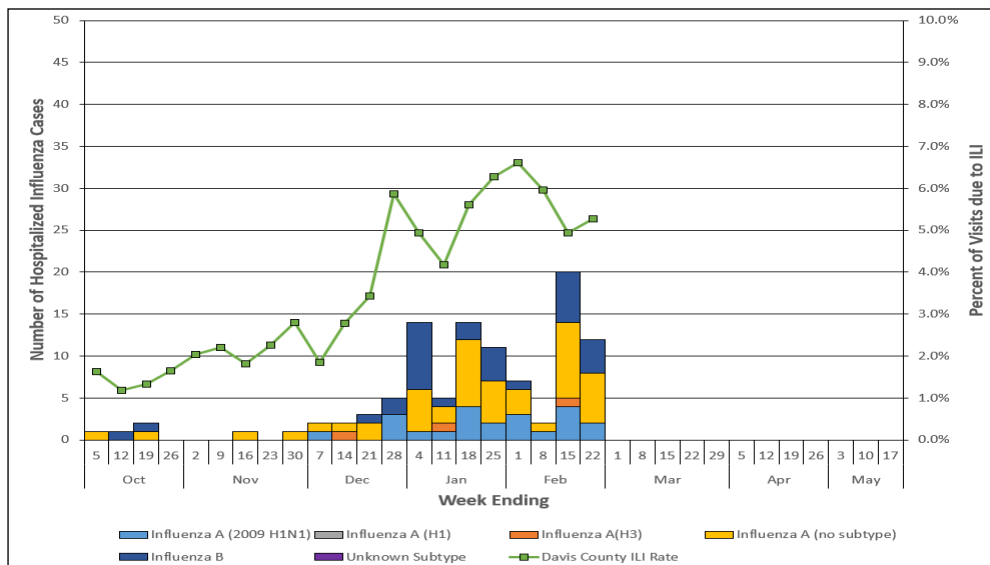


Figure 2. Influenza-like-Illness rate and Hospitalized Influenza Cases, by subtype and admission date, Davis County, 2019-20



## INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN UTAH\*

Utah's influenza severity estimate remained at a *moderate* level during Week 8. There were 80 hospitalized influenza cases reported during Week 8 in the state of Utah, with a total of 974 cases so far this season.

Surveillance data for influenza testing in laboratories across Utah indicate that 1,098 specimens were positive for influenza during Week 8. The predominant circulating virus this week is Influenza A. Influenza B also continues to circulate.

\*For more information regarding influenza activity in Utah, please visit: <https://bit.ly/2Mx18cT>.

Table 1. Influenza Positive Specimens Tested by Utah Laboratories, 2019-20

Positive Specimens by Type/Subtype	Current Week		Season-to-Date	
	Number	%	Number	%
Influenza A (2009 H1N1)	41	3.7%	573	5.1%
Influenza A (H3)	3	0.3%	36	0.3%
Influenza A (no subtype)	689	62.8%	4,614	40.7%
Influenza B	364	33.2%	6,117	53.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,098</b>		<b>11,344</b>	

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

The number of hospitalizations are similar to what has been seen in past seasons, however rates in children and young adults are higher than at this time in recent seasons. During Week 7, three states reported *regional* activity, and 47 states (including Utah) reported *widespread* activity (see Figure 3).

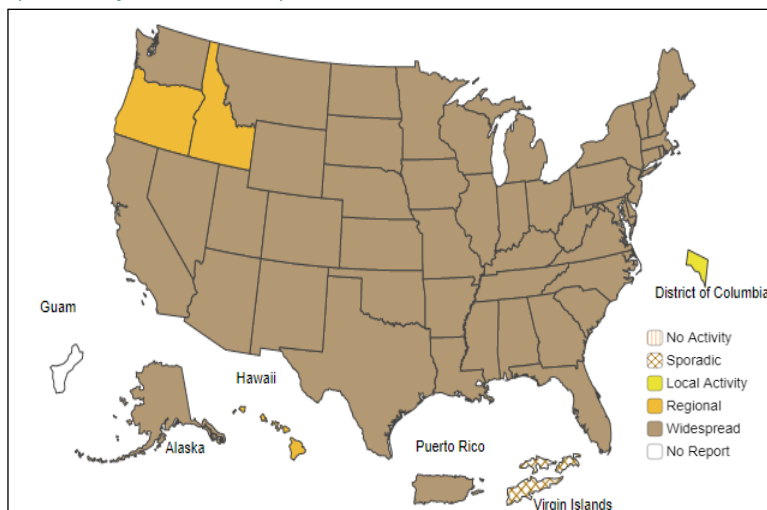
Collaborating clinical laboratories across the United States reported that 29.6% of respiratory specimens tested were positive for influenza in Week 7. Of those, 63.5% were typed as influenza A and 36.5% as influenza B.

CDC recently published the midseason estimates of the 2019-20 influenza vaccine effectiveness. Early estimates indicate that the influenza vaccines have reduced the risk of medically attended influenza-related illness by 47%.

Vaccination reduced the rate of illness due to Influenza A 2009 H1N1 by 37% and Influenza B by 50% among all ages.

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

Figure 3. Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates, Week 7 (February 9 - 15, 2020)



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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+ years) can receive the flu shot for \$30.
- Seniors (65+ years) can receive high-dose Fluzone® for \$45.
- Children and adolescents (<19 years) may receive the vaccine for an \$8 fee.

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



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