

Kentucky Department for Public Health Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) Week 4 January 21, 2018– January 27, 2018



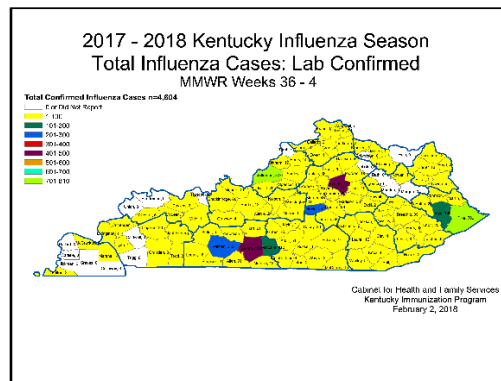
Current Influenza Activity Level: **Widespread for Seventh Consecutive Week**

Widespread: Outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI and recent laboratory confirmed influenza in at least half the regions of the state with recent laboratory evidence of influenza in the state.

Confirmed: Influenza laboratory Confirmed Cases are defined by positive molecular virus (RT-PCR) or Virus Culture test results. Those positive test results are reportable in Kentucky. (Positive results for Rapid Influenza Diagnostic Tests are not included in this report)

Activity Level Range: Sporadic Local Regional Widespread

Update for week 4:		Update Total for weeks 36-4:	
Lab Confirmed Influenza:	732 Cases	Lab Confirmed Total:	4,604 Cases
Number of Regions with Long Term Care Facility Outbreaks:	10 of 17 Regions	Total Number of Long Term Care Facility Outbreaks:	80 Outbreaks
Number of Regions with Confirmed Flu Cases:	16 of 17 Regions	Total Number of Regions with Confirmed Flu Cases:	17 of 17 Regions
Deaths Reported:	1 (under 18 years) 20 (18 years & older)	Total Deaths Reported:	4 (under 18 years) 78 (18 years & older)
Number of Regions with Increased ILI Activity:	17 of 17 Regions		
Number of Regions with Increased Influenza Activity (see page 3):	16 of 17 Regions		



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Fig 1: Laboratory Confirmed Cases by Age

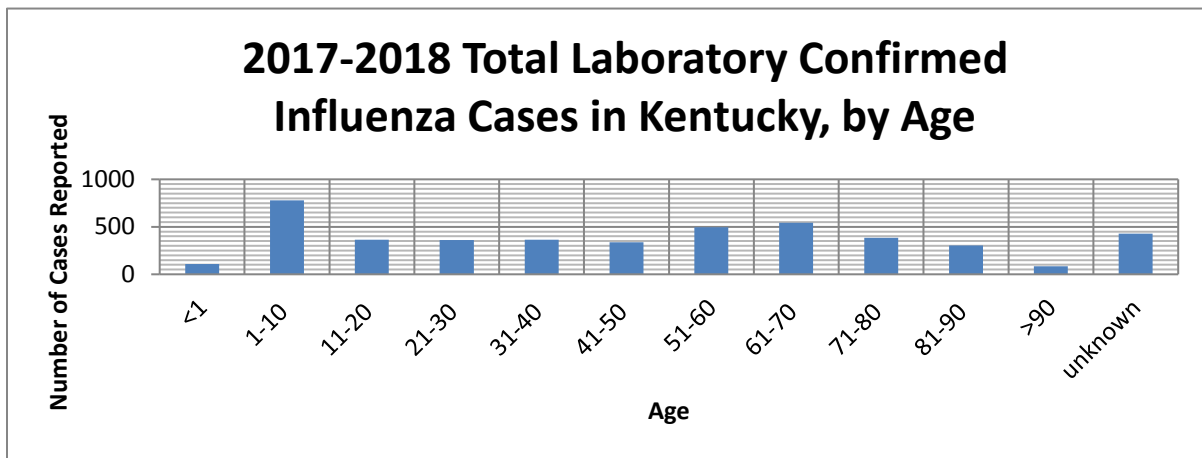


Fig 2: Laboratory Confirmed Cases by Influenza Virus Types

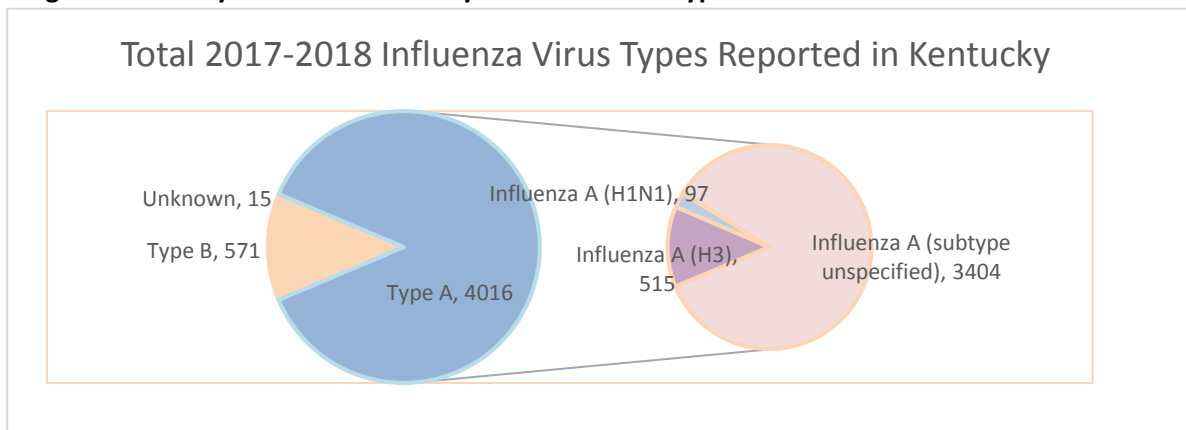
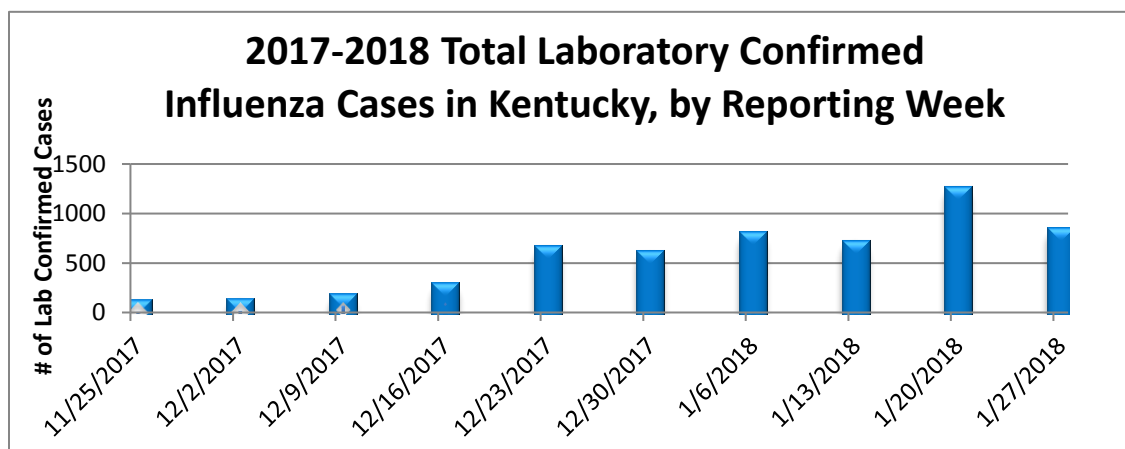


Fig 3: 2017-2018 Total Laboratory Confirmed Influenza Cases in Kentucky, by Reporting Week



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Influenza Activity Determination Table						
			Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Combined 1 or 2 plus 3
Regions	Number ILI Net Surveillance Sites Reporting / Total Enrolled Sites	Deaths Reported	Influenza Outbreaks Reported	Increased ILI Activity Reported	Laboratory Confirmed Influenza Reported	Include Region in Weekly Report for Increased Influenza Activity
Barren River	1/6	3	1	Y	135	Y
Big Sandy	0/1			Y	141	Y
Bluegrass Region	3/8			Y	56	Y
Buffalo Trace / Gateway	0/3		2	Y	4	Y
Capital Region	5/13	1 (Ped)		Y	25	Y
Cumberland Valley	0/5	1	1	Y	7	Y
FIVCO	1/3		1	Y	15	Y
Green River	1/4	1		Y	1	Y
Kentucky River	0/1	2	1	Y	25	Y
Lake Cumberland	0/1	1		Y	19	Y
Lexington - Fayette	3/7	4	1	Y	70	Y
Lincoln Trail	1/6		1	Y	16	Y
Louisville-Metro	2/20			Y	178	Y
North Central	2/2		3	Y	26	Y
Northern KY	3/11	3	1	Y	10	Y
Pennyrile	0/2	5		Y	4	Y
Purchase	0/3		2	Y		Y
**Total:	22/94 reporting	9/17 regions	10/17 regions	17/17 regions	16/17 regions	16/17 regions

**Total number of regions reporting category of activity not total number of influenza cases

Data Source: Kentucky National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS) and U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) Data. Department for Public Health, Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Frankfort, Kentucky, [January 21, 2018 – January 27, 2018].



National Data
2017-2018 Influenza Season
Week 3 ending January 20, 2018

All data are preliminary and may change as more reports are received.

**Week 4 will be available February 8th and will be attached on the next report.*

Synopsis:

During week 3 (January 14-20, 2018), influenza activity increased in the United States.

- **Viral Surveillance:** The most frequently identified influenza virus subtype reported by public health laboratories during week 3 was influenza A(H3). The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza in clinical laboratories slightly increased.
- **Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality:** The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) was above the system-specific epidemic threshold in the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Mortality Surveillance System.
- **Influenza-associated Pediatric Deaths:** Seven influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported.
- **Influenza-associated Hospitalizations:** A cumulative rate of 41.9 laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated hospitalizations per 100,000 population was reported.
- **Outpatient Illness Surveillance:** The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 6.6%, which is above the national baseline of 2.2%. All 10 regions reported ILI at or above region-specific baseline levels. New York City, Puerto Rico, and 39 states experienced high ILI activity; the District of Columbia and five states experienced moderate ILI activity; three states experienced low ILI activity; and three states experienced minimal ILI activity.
- **Geographic Spread of Influenza:** The geographic spread of influenza in Puerto Rico and 49 states was reported as widespread; Guam reported regional activity; the District of Columbia and one state reported local activity; and the U.S. Virgin Islands reported sporadic activity.

Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm>, Retrieved: 2/1/2018.