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Philadelphia Influenza Activity

For week 23, flu-like illnesses at emergency departments decreased for pediatric and adolescents age groups. Additionally, 30 specimens were reported as positive for influenza A or B from our sentinel hospitals. Influenza activity has continued to decrease in the past few weeks, though activity remains higher than previous seasons. Since Oct 3, 2021, there have been 349 reports of severe influenza (Philadelphia resident, positive by rapid test, PCR or culture, and hospitalized for ≥ 24 hrs). Thirteen influenza outbreaks have been reported this season (≥ 1 case of lab confirmed flu reported in a long term care facility or other high-risk congregate setting). No influenza-associated death was reported for week 23, and five have been reported thus far this season.

Pennsylvania

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United States

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All institutional outbreaks and hospitalized and fatal cases of influenza are to be reported to PDPH.

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