Public Health - Seattle & King County
Summary of Influenza Syndromic and Laboratory Surveillance

Influenza Update: November 30, 2019

During the week ending November 30, 2019:

• There were no new influenza-related deaths and no new outbreaks reported this week. Two deaths and three outbreaks at long-term care facilities have been reported this season (since 9/29/2019).

• Based on data from King County laboratories, RSV was the most commonly identified respiratory pathogen, followed by influenza and rhinovirus. The percent of positive tests for respiratory viral pathogens was comparable to or below rates observed this time of year and below peak levels observed during the previous five seasons.

• The percent of emergency department (ED) visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) is on an increasing trend, and is above baseline levels among all ages combined, as well as among children ages 5-17 years and adult ages 18-44 years. The percent of ED ILI visits is below baseline levels among all other age groups and comparable to the five-year average for this time of year. The percent of ED ILI visits is highest among the pediatric population.

At a glance

	Week Ending 11/30/2019	Since 09/29/2019		5-Year Average to Date	
Laboratory-confirmed influenza deaths	0	2		0.8	
Respiratory disease outbreaks at long-term care facilities (LTCFs)	0	3		2	
Percentage positive influenza tests by PCR[1]	7.4%	Season Peak	7.4%		
Number of labs reporting	4	Weekly Average	6		
Number of specimens tested	701	Weekly Average	797		
Percentage of emergency department (ED) visits for ILI[2]	2.25%	Season Peak	2.25%	5-Year Average to Date	1.40%

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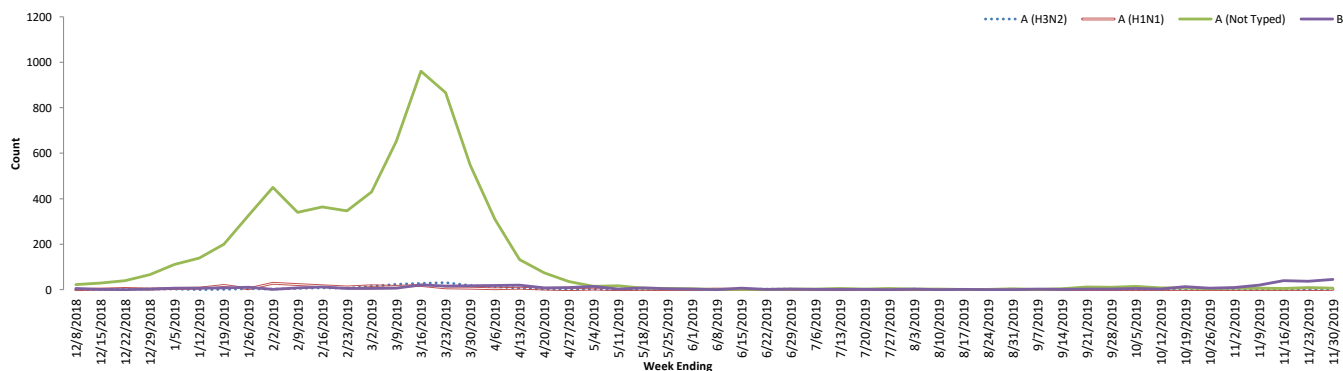[2]Based on Public Health - Seattle & King County's syndromic surveillance data representing aggregate percent of visits to King County EDs.

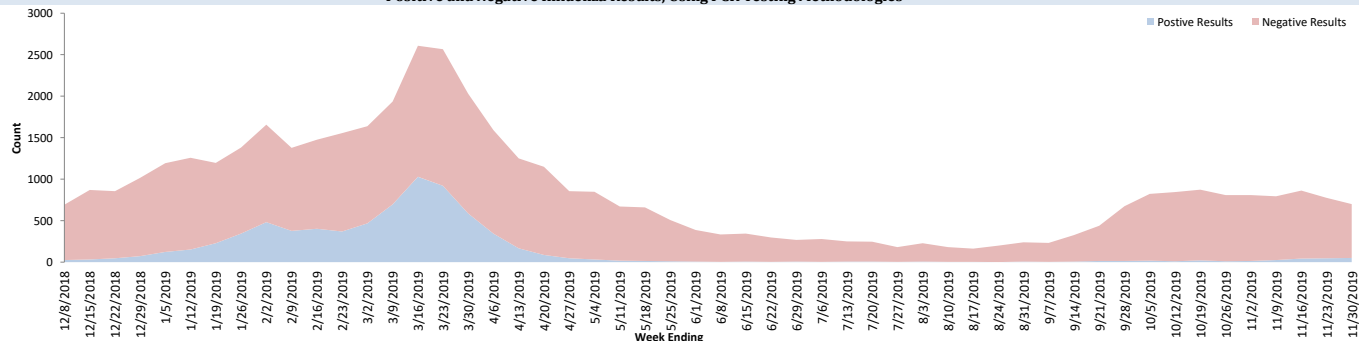## Submissions to NREVSS by King County labs, PCR testing only

Week #	Week ending	# Labs reporting	A (H1N1)	A (H3N2)	A (Not typed)	B	# Tested	% Flu positive
45	11/9/2019	6	0	0	6	20	794	3.3%
46	11/16/2019	6	0	0	5	39	863	5.1%
47	11/23/2019	5	0	0	9	37	777	5.9%
48	11/30/2019	4	1	0	6	45	701	7.4%

Influenza results by subtype, PCR testing only (NREVSS)

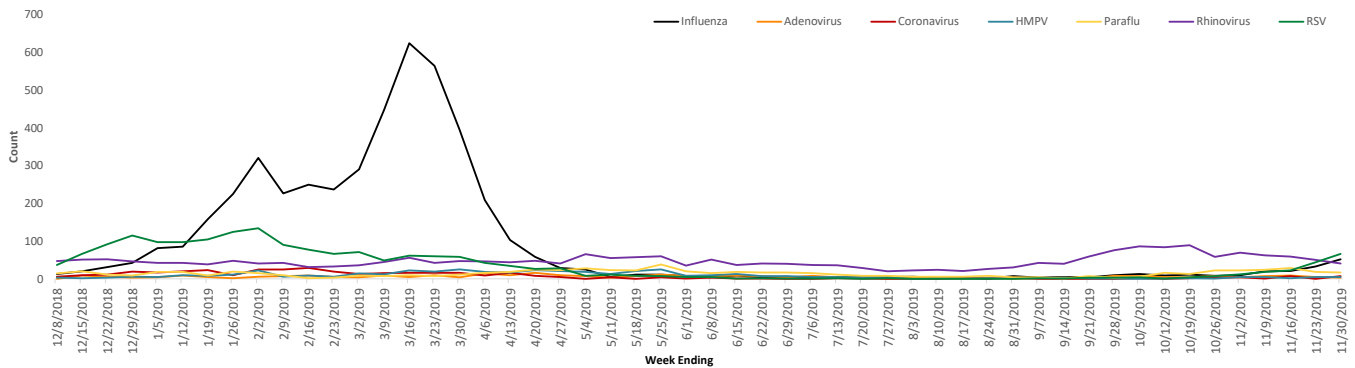Positive Influenza Results by Subtype, Using PCR Testing Methodologies

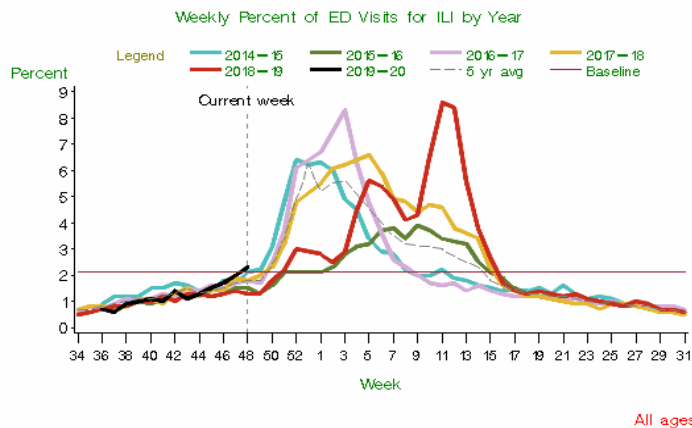Positive and Negative Influenza Results, Using PCR Testing Methodologies

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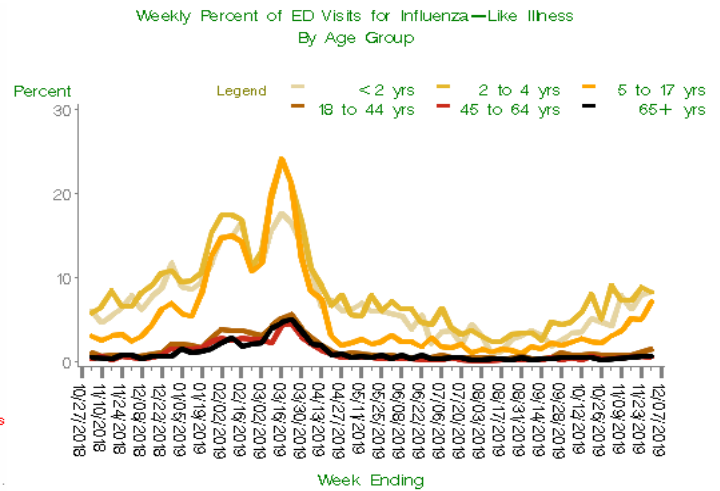## Summary of Influenza Syndromic and Laboratory Surveillance

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

King County syndromic surveillance

Weekly Percent of ED Visits for ILI by Year

Note: The change from ICD-9 to ICD-10 codes in October 2015 may impact trends.
Last updated Dec 5, 2019 ; 'current week' is week ending Nov 30, 2019
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.

Weekly Percent of ED Visits for Influenza-Like Illness By Age Group

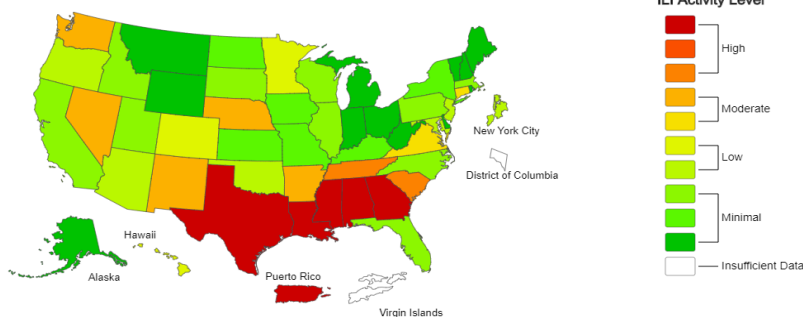ALLHOSPITALS, Last Updated   Dec 4, 2019

National data from CDC

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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 47 ending Nov 23, 2019

*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 unsubtypable 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

Report updated on 12/5/2019

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Summary of Influenza Deaths and Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF) Influenza Outbreaks

Confirmed cases as of week 48 (ending 11/30/19)														
	2019-2020		**2018-2019**		**2017-2018**		**2016-2017**		**2015-2016**		**2014-2015**		**5-year avg**
Influenza Deaths in Week 48	**0**		**0**		**0**		**1**		**0**		**0**		**0.2**
Influenza deaths, season to date (since 9/29/2019)	**2**		**0**		**0**		**3**		**1**		**0**		**0.8**
LTCF Outbreaks in Week 48	**0**		**0**		**0**		**0**		**0**		**1**		**0.2**
LTCF Outbreaks, season to date (since 9/29/2019)	**3**		**1**		**1**		**8**		**1**		**1**		**2.4**

	2019-2020		**2018-2019**		**2017-2018**		**2016-2017**		**2015-2016**		**2014-2015**		**5-year avg**
Total Seasonal LTCF Outbreaks	**3**		**43**		**68**		**92**		**18**		**65**		**57.2**	
Flu type:														
A	2	67%	37	86%	15	22%	62	67%	7	39%	49	75%	34	59%
B	1	33%	0	0%	6	9%	3	3%	7	39%	4	6%	4	7%
A and B	0	0%	1	2%	5	7%	4	4%	0	0%	2	3%	2.4	4%
Info not available	0	0%	5	12%	42	62%	23	25%	4	22%	10	15%	16.8	29%

	2019-2020		**2018-2019**		**2017-2018**		**2016-2017**		**2015-2016**		**2014-2015**		**5-year avg**
Total Seasonal Influenza Deaths	**2**		**52**		**50**		**84**		**16**		**43**		**49**	
Flu type:														
A	1	50%	48	92%	33	66%	75	89%	10	63%	40	93%	41.2	84%
H1/H1N1	0	0%	11	21%	1	2%	1	1%	6	38%	0	0%	3.8	8%
H3	0	0%	5	10%	6	12%	18	21%	1	6%	7	16%	7.4	15%
A (not typed)	1	50%	32	62%	26	52%	56	67%	3	19%	33	77%	30	61%
B	1	50%	2	4%	11	22%	7	8%	6	38%	3	7%	5.8	12%
Not typed	0	0%	2	4%	6	12%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1.8	4%
Sex:														
Male	2	100%	27	52%	17	34%	41	49%	7	44%	17	40%	21.8	44%
Female	0	0%	25	48%	33	66%	43	51%	9	56%	26	60%	27.2	56%
Age:														
Under 5 years	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
5 - 17	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
18 - 44	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	1	1%	3	19%	1	2%	1.2	2%
45 - 64	0	0%	13	25%	7	14%	5	6%	5	31%	6	14%	7.2	15%
65+ years	2	100%	38	73%	43	86%	78	93%	8	50%	36	84%	40.6	83%
Average	*79*		*73.6*		*81.1*		*81.9*		*64.9*		*81.7*		*76.6*	
Race:														
White	2	100%	35	67%	33	66%	54	64%	12	75%	35	81%	33.8	69%
Asian	0	0%	5	10%	2	4%	13	15%	2	13%	1	2%	4.6	9%
Black	0	0%	1	2%	3	6%	4	5%	2	13%	5	12%	3	6%
Amer Indian	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0.2	0%
Hispanic/Latino	0	0%	2	4%	2	4%	3	4%	0	0%	1	2%	1.6	3%
Other	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	1	1%	0	0%	1	2%	0.6	1%
Unknown	0	0%	8	15%	9	18%	9	11%	0	0%	0	0%	5.2	11%
Flu vaccine status														
Up to date	0	0%	16	31%	26	52%	39	46%	6	38%	21	49%	21.6	44%
Not up to date	2	100%	19	37%	10	20%	20	24%	8	50%	5	12%	12.4	25%
Unknown	0	0%	17	33%	14	28%	25	30%	2	13%	17	40%	15	31%

Report updated on 12/5/2019