

IN SUMMARY...

Activity levels**
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Zones reported no activity during this reporting period.
Laboratory-confirmed cases***
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were 0 influenza cases reported during this period. There have been 0 lab confirmed cases of Influenza reported during the 2016-2017 influenza season. Positive test results were received for Chlamydomphila pneumonia, Enterovirus, Mycoplasma pneumonia, Rhinovirus and Pertussis.
Severity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have no ICU admissions and no influenza deaths**** of laboratory confirmed influenza during the 2016-2017 influenza season.
Syndromic surveillance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The average ILI rate for Nova Scotia during this reporting period was 0.55. 96% of emergency rooms reported ILI data during this reporting period.

Notes: *Reporting weeks run from Sunday to Saturday. The 2016-2017 influenza season is defined using PHAC's influenza surveillance weeks. This year runs from August 28, 2016 (Week 35) to August 26, 2017 (Week 34);

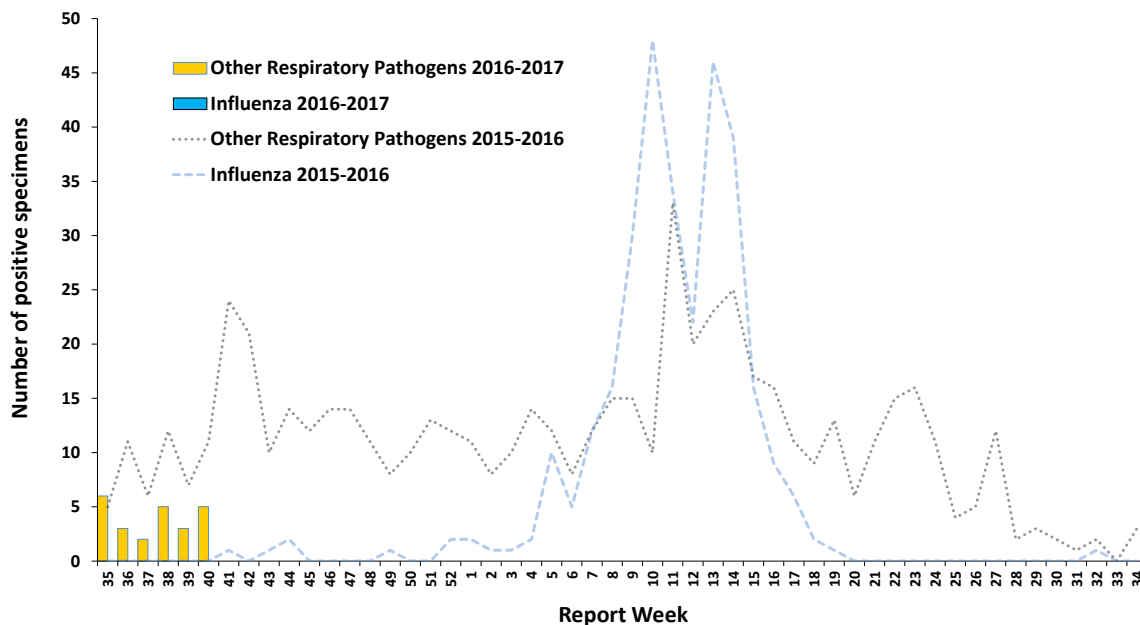
**Activity level data is obtained from CNPHI, see appendix for definitions;

*** Only a limited number of specimens are subtyped and/or receive multiplex testing. For information on influenza testing for the 2015-2016 season, see the [respiratory response plan](#).

****Deaths include individuals with a positive influenza test result, influenza may not have been the major contributing cause of death or hospitalization.

LABORATORY-CONFIRMED CASES

Figure 1: Number of respiratory specimens tested positive, by report week*, 2016-2017 season, with trend-line comparison to 2015-2016 season, Nova Scotia.

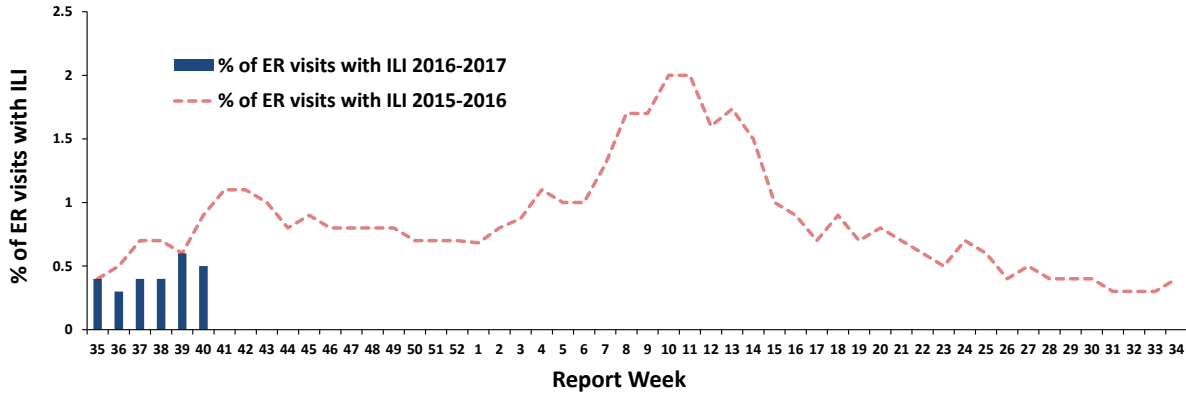


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**Data for this figure is obtained from provincial laboratories.

SYNDROMIC SURVEILLANCE

Figure 2: Percentage of emergency room visits due to ILI by report week*, 2016-2017 season, with trend-line comparison to 2015-2016 season, Nova Scotia.



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APPENDIX: DEFINITIONS USED IN INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE, AND USEFUL LINKS, 2016-2017

ACRONYM LIST

- CNPHI** Canadian Network for Public Health Intelligence
ICU Intensive care unit
ILI Influenza-like illness
RSV Respiratory syncytial virus

ILI CASE DEFINITION

Acute onset of respiratory illness with fever and cough and with one or more of the following – sore throat, arthralgia, myalgia or prostration which is likely due to influenza. In children under 5, gastrointestinal symptoms may also be present. In patients under 5 or 65 and older, fever may not be prominent.

NATIONAL FLUWATCH DEFINITIONS FOR INFLUENZA ACTIVITY LEVELS

No activity	No laboratory-confirmed influenza detections in the reporting week, however, sporadically occurring ILI* may be reported
Sporadic	Sporadically occurring ILI* and lab confirmed influenza detection(s) with no outbreaks detected within the influenza surveillance region
Localized	(1) Evidence of increased ILI* and (2) lab confirmed influenza detection(s) together with (3) outbreaks occurring in schools, hospitals, residential institutions and/or other types of facilities occurring in less than 50% of the influenza surveillance region
Widespread	(1) Evidence of increased ILI* and (2) lab confirmed influenza detection(s) together with (3) outbreaks occurring in schools, hospitals, residential institutions and/or other types of facilities occurring in greater than or equal to 50% of the influenza surveillance region

LINKS TO OTHER WEEKLY INFLUENZA REPORTING BODIES

Canada: <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/fluwatch/>
 World: https://www.who.int/influenza/surveillance_monitoring/updates/latest_update_GIP_surveillance/en/index.html
 US: www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly