



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE  
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

**Influenza Surveillance 2015-2016 Season Update FINAL**  
Week ending: **05/21/2016** CDC MMWR week **20**

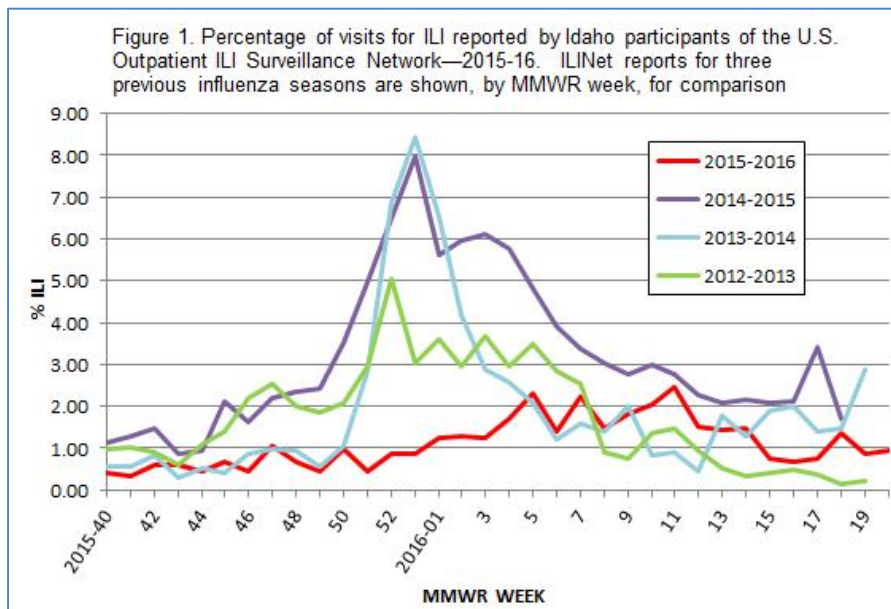
**Synopsis**

- This week an average of 0.93% of visits to ILINet-participating healthcare providers in Idaho were for influenza-like illness (ILI).
- 1 specimen was tested by the Idaho Bureau of Laboratories (IBL) this week for influenza; 1 was positive for influenza A(H3), 0 were positive for influenza A(H1N1)pdm09, and 0 were positive for influenza B. Influenza B-Yamagata lineage viruses predominated in Idaho this season.
- 0 influenza-associated deaths were reported this week.
- State activity code: sporadic

**Outpatient Surveillance Data**

Data on outpatient visits to health care providers for ILI are collected through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) U.S. Outpatient ILI Surveillance Network (ILINet). ILI is defined as fever (temperature of 100°F [37.8°C] or greater) and a cough and/or a sore throat without a KNOWN cause other than influenza.

During MMWR week **20-2016** the average percentage of visits for ILI in Idaho was reported as 0.93%.



A small number of healthcare sites from every state, including Idaho, provide weekly situational awareness on the geographic distribution and current level of ILI activity in

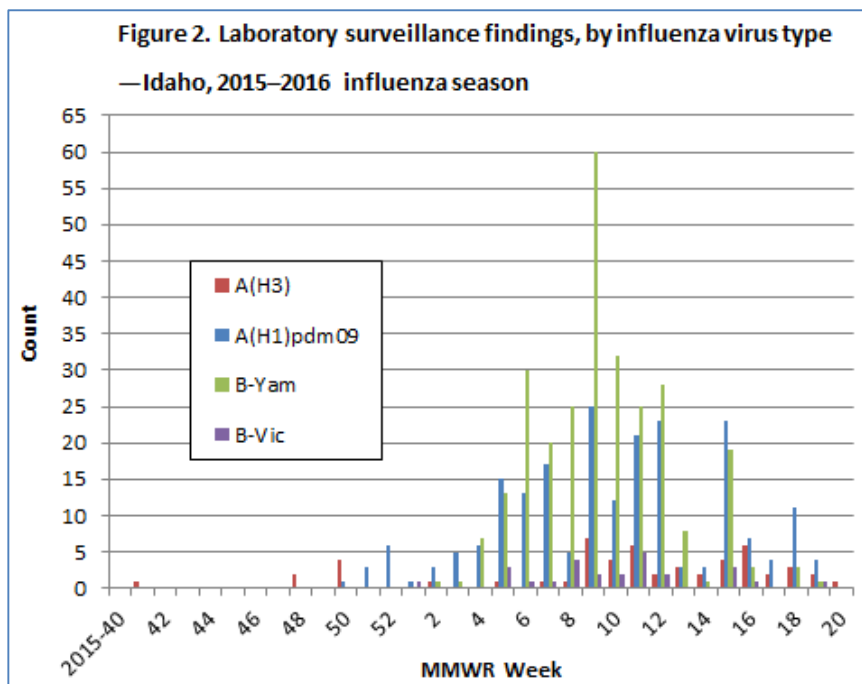
their area. The weekly % ILI is calculated by dividing the total number of patients seen for any reason by the number of those patients specifically seen for ILI. The trend in ILI is also examined by age group (0–4 years, 5–24 years, 25–49 years, 50–64 years, and ≥ 65 years) to understand which group is most impacted. The percentage of weekly visits to Idaho ILINet providers for ILI during the 2015–2016 influenza season (all ages) are shown along with weekly % ILI reported during the 2012–2013, 2013–2014, and 2014–2015 influenza seasons for comparison (Figure 1).

Note, the shape of the red line will change from week to week as ILINet sites report their data. This means that as new weekly postings are made, some past weeks could look slightly different as more data are received.

Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/overview.htm> to learn more about ILINet.

## Laboratory Data

- During MMWR week 20-2016 (From 5/15/2016 to 5/21/2016), IBL reported test results for 1 sample. The findings by influenza subtype are shown below:
  - Influenza A: 1 (influenza A(H3) [1] and influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 [0])
  - Influenza B: 0 (B-Yamagata lineage [0], B-Victoria lineage [0])



- For the 2015-2016 influenza season (week 40 to date), IBL reported results on 651 samples tested for influenza; 53 samples were positive for influenza A(H3), 211 samples were positive for influenza A(H1N1)pdm09, and 302 were positive for influenza B (influenza B-Victoria [26], influenza B-Yamagata [276]). (Figure 2).

## Mortality Data

Influenza-related death data reported by the Idaho Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics are reviewed weekly during the influenza season. Reviewing the number of deaths, by age group, provides information on populations most severely affected by the flu virus.

- [0](#) influenza-associated deaths were reported MMWR week [20-2016](#).
- [26](#) influenza-related deaths have been reported so far for the 2015-2016 season (see Table 1).

**Table 1. Total influenza-related deaths occurring in Idaho during the 2015-2016 influenza season, by age group, and public health district of residence\***

Residence	Total	Age		
		<18 yrs	18-49 yrs	≥50 yrs
Panhandle Health District (PHD-1)	2	-	-	2
North Central Health District (PHD-2)	2	-	-	2
Southwest District Health (PHD-3)	6	-	1	5
Central District Health Department (PHD-4)	8	-	1	7
South Central Public Health (PHD-5)	1	-	-	1
Southeastern Idaho Public Health (PHD-6)	6	-	1	5
Eastern Idaho Public Health District (PHD-7)	-	-	-	-
Non-resident	1	-	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23</b>

\*Public health district of residence is not always the same as county of death.

Source: Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare  
 Link to Idaho Public Health Districts: <http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/?TabId=97>

Only deaths occurring in Idaho are reported in Table 1; data include deaths in Idaho residents and non-residents, by public health district of residence. Deaths in Idaho residents occurring while out-of-state are not shown here. Data shown in Table 1 may differ from statistics based on Idaho resident records, data based on underlying cause of death only, and data based on calendar year. Deaths are considered influenza-related based on ICD coding for Influenza in Part I or Part II on the death certificate. Influenza may have been the underlying cause of death or contributed to death.

Table 2 lists the number of Idaho deaths recorded during recent past influenza seasons; with an average of 22 deaths recorded annually over the previous six years.

<b>Table 2. Influenza-associated deaths—Idaho, 2009 through 2015 influenza seasons</b>	
Influenza season	Influenza-associated deaths
2014-2015	32
2013-2014	19
2012-2013	35
2011-2012	5
2010-2011	21
2009-2010	22

## State Activity Code

For week 20-2016: [Sporadic](#)

State health departments report estimated levels of geographic spread of influenza weekly to CDC, based on surveillance findings.

- **No Activity:** No lab-confirmed cases, no reported increase in ILI activity.
- **Sporadic:** Small numbers of lab-confirmed cases or a single laboratory-confirmed outbreak. No reported increase in ILI activity.
- **Local:** Outbreaks or increases in ILI activity, lab-confirmed influenza in a single region\* of the state.
- **Regional:** Outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI activity and recent lab-confirmed influenza in at least two but less than half the regions of the state.
- **Widespread:** Outbreaks or increases in ILI activity and recent lab-confirmed influenza in at least half the regions of the state with recent laboratory evidence of influenza in the state.

\*In Idaho regions are defined by public health district boundaries.

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