

2019-2020 HIGHLIGHTS

Influenza activity is beginning to increase statewide and in Long Beach. In California, 4.8% of specimens tested for influenza tested positive during Week 44 (10/27-11/2),¹ which is higher than the previous week. Based on CDC data, Influenza A (H3N2) and Influenza B/Victoria viruses have been the most common so far this season.² More detailed Long Beach specific data will be reported as the season progresses.

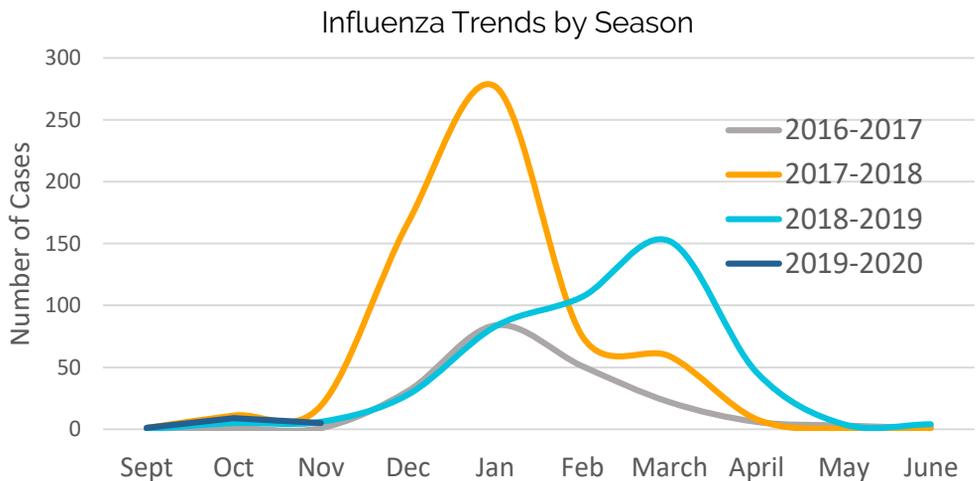
On October 1, 2019, laboratories were mandated to report all cases of influenza for the first time. This may lead to an increase in the number of cases reported this season compared to past seasons.

LONG BEACH SEASON SUMMARY

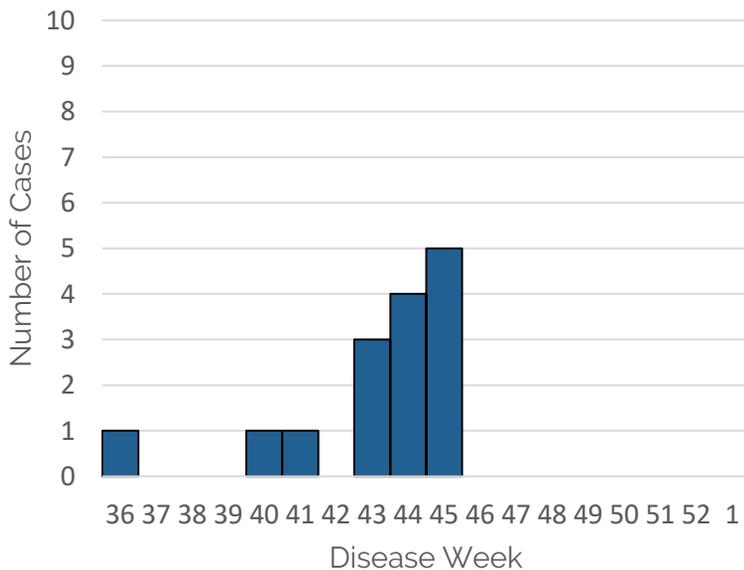
Total Cases³
15

Deaths⁴
0

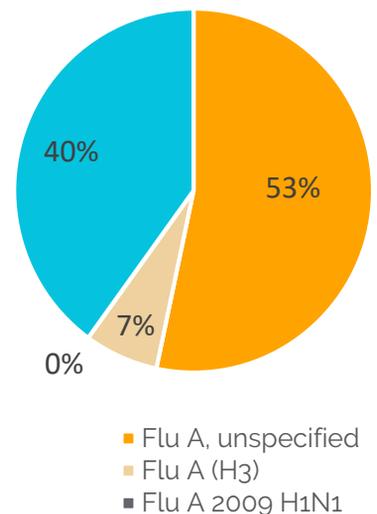
Outbreaks
0



Influenza Laboratory Detection by Week 2019-2020



Virus Characteristics 2019-2020



1. Influenza and Other Respiratory Viruses Weekly Report. California Influenza Surveillance Program, CDPH, Week 44.

2. Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report, CDC. <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm>

3. Total case counts are based on those reported to public health, the true number of influenza cases may be under-reported

4. Number of deaths is based on influenza-coded deaths from death certificates. They are not necessarily laboratory-confirmed and may be an underestimate of all influenza-associated deaths.