

# Kansas Influenza Surveillance 2018-2019

Influenza is not a nationally notifiable disease, nor is it a notifiable disease in Kansas; therefore, the burden of influenza is monitored through other surveillance methods.

## Kansas Flu by the Numbers

**5.8% Outpatient Visits**

Highest weekly percentage of visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) reported by the U.S Outpatient ILI Surveillance Network (ILINet) during the 2018-2019 influenza season.

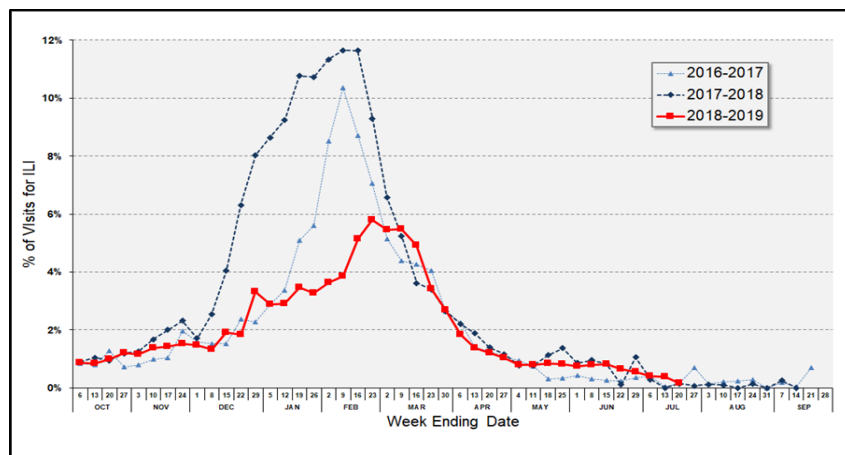
**7.1% Hospitalizations**

Highest weekly percentage of influenza-associated hospitalizations reported by participating infection preventionists during the 2018-2019 influenza season.

**95 Deaths**

Seventy-three deaths were directly attributed to influenza and 22 deaths had influenza documented as a contributing factor during the 2018-2019 season.

Percentage of visits for ILI reported by ILINet Sites,  
Oct 2016-May 2019



Laboratory-confirmed influenza viruses detected from specimens tested at Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories, Oct 2018-May 2019

| Influenza subtype    | # of specimens |
|----------------------|----------------|
| A/H3                 | 152            |
| A/H1                 | 67             |
| A (not subtyped)     | 3              |
| B (Victoria lineage) | 1              |

Influenza recorded as direct cause of death by age group, Sept 2018-May 2019

| Age Group        | <1-24 | 25-44 | 45-64 | 65-75 | 75-84 | ≥85 |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Number of Deaths | 1     | 6     | 15    | 13    | 13    | 25  |

To learn more about influenza surveillance in Kansas visit <http://www.kdheks.gov/flu/surveillance.htm>.  
Data on this website are updated weekly during the influenza surveillance season.