

Milwaukee Respiratory Virus Surveillance Update

MMWR Week 46, Ending November 18, 2023

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Overview

County

- There were 0 influenza-associated hospitalizations reported in Milwaukee County during the week ending on November 18, 2023. From October 1, 2023 through November 18, 2023, there have been 5 reported influenza-associated hospitalizations in Milwaukee County (5 City of Milwaukee residents).

State

- Influenza-like illness (ILI) levels continue to remain below baseline both statewide and in the southeastern region of the state.
- Influenza, RSV, and SARS-CoV-2 activity are continuing to increase. RSV activity is continuing to increase among children <5 years of age in the Emergency Department data.
- The uptick in influenza percent positivity from clinical testing data and in influenza-associated hospitalizations is accelerating.

National

- Seasonal influenza activity continues to increase in most parts of the country, most noticeably in the South Central, Southeast, Mountain and West Coast regions. Nine states/jurisdictions experienced moderate ILI activity while twelve experienced high or very high activity. Wisconsin had minimal ILI activity in outpatient visits.
- 2 influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported during this week.
- Influenza A viruses were the most frequently reported this week.

Influenza Vaccine Composition 2022-2023 Influenza Season All standard-dose flu shots will be quadrivalent (no trivalent standard-dose flu shots will be available this season). The quadrivalent vaccines for use in the 2023-2024 influenza season contain the following:

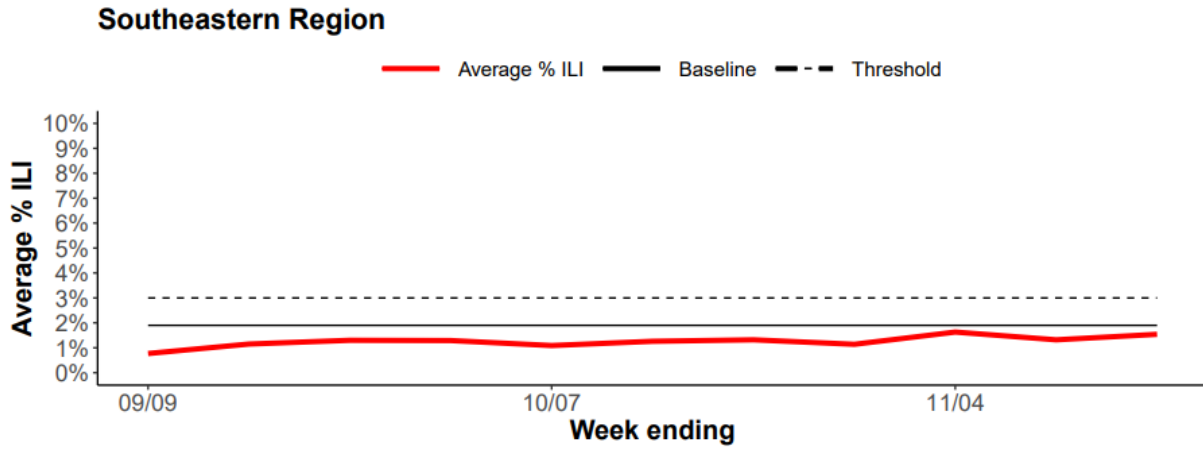
- an A/Victoria/4897/2022 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus;
- an A/Darwin/9/2021 (H3N2)-like virus;
- a B/Austria/1359417/2021 (B/Victoria lineage)-like virus; and
- a B/Phuket/3073/2013 (B/Yamagata lineage)-like virus

CDC Pediatric Data (Since Week 40)

2023-24 To Date: Total Deaths	2022-23 To Date: Total Deaths	Pediatric Deaths Reported This Week	Notes on Deaths
3	31	2	Two influenza-associated pediatric deaths associated with an influenza B virus with no lineage determined occurred during week 46 (the week ending November 18, 2023).

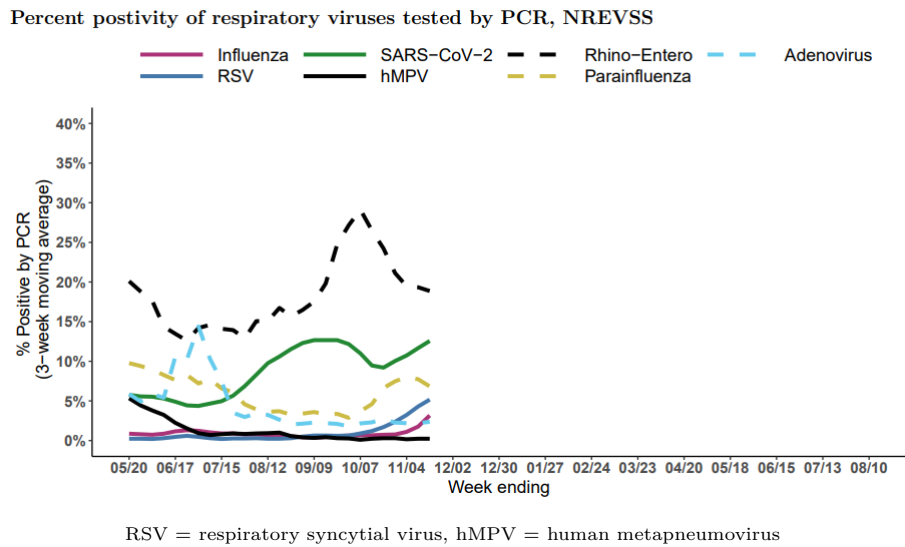
Statewide and Regional Influenza Activity

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Respiratory Virus Laboratory Surveillance

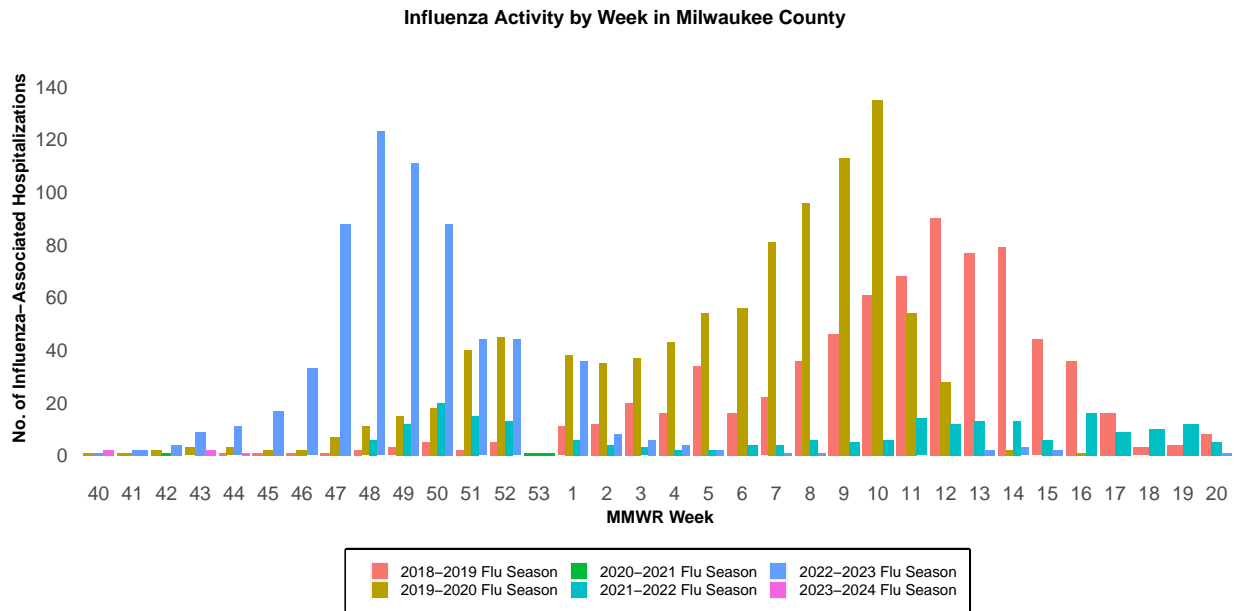


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Milwaukee County Influenza Activity

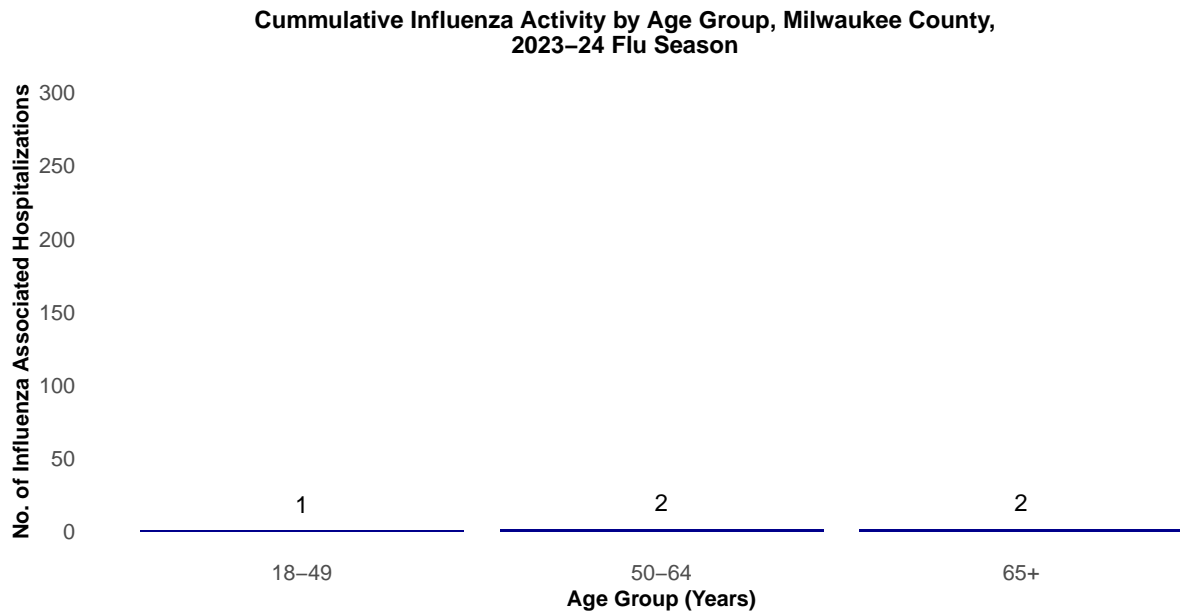
From October 1, 2023 through November 18, 2023 there have been 5 reported influenza-associated hospitalizations in Milwaukee County. Statewide hospitalization data are not yet available.

Milwaukee County Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations



*Flu activity was unusually low in the 2020-2021 flu season, despite high levels of testing. COVID-19 mitigation measures such as wearing face masks, social distancing, staying home, and school closures, in addition to flu vaccination, likely contributed to the low flu activity during this season.

Milwaukee County Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group MMWR Week 40, 2023 through Week 46, 2023



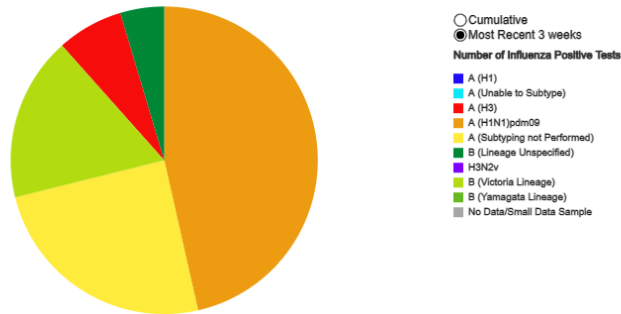
Influenza Testing Data

Public Health Laboratory Influenza Testing Data To-Date (Since Week 40)

Lab	Number Tested to date	Number Positive to date	Most Recent Week Percent Positive	Predominant A Subtype and Strain	Predominant B Strain	Predominant Type (A or B)
CDC	467,090	11,473	2,584/52,451(4.9%)	(H1N1)pdm09	Victoria	A
WSLH	-	-	439/8,761(5.0%)	Unknown	Unknown	A
MHDL	35	8	4/7(57.1%)	Unknown	Unknown	A

National Influenza Testing Data, CDC FluView

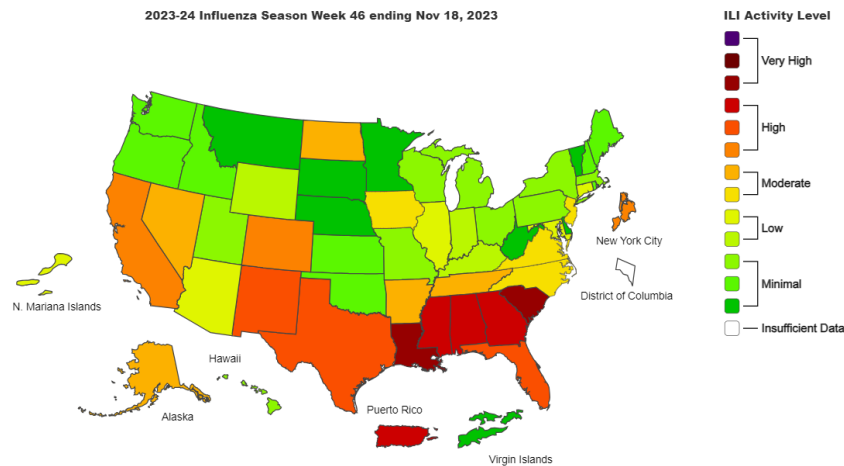
Influenza Positive Tests Reported to CDC by Public Health Laboratories, National Summary, 2023-24 Season, week ending Nov 11, 2023
Reported by: U.S. WHOINREVSS Collaborating Laboratories and ILINet



<http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/fluportaldashboard.html> accessed 11/27/2023

National Influenza Activity

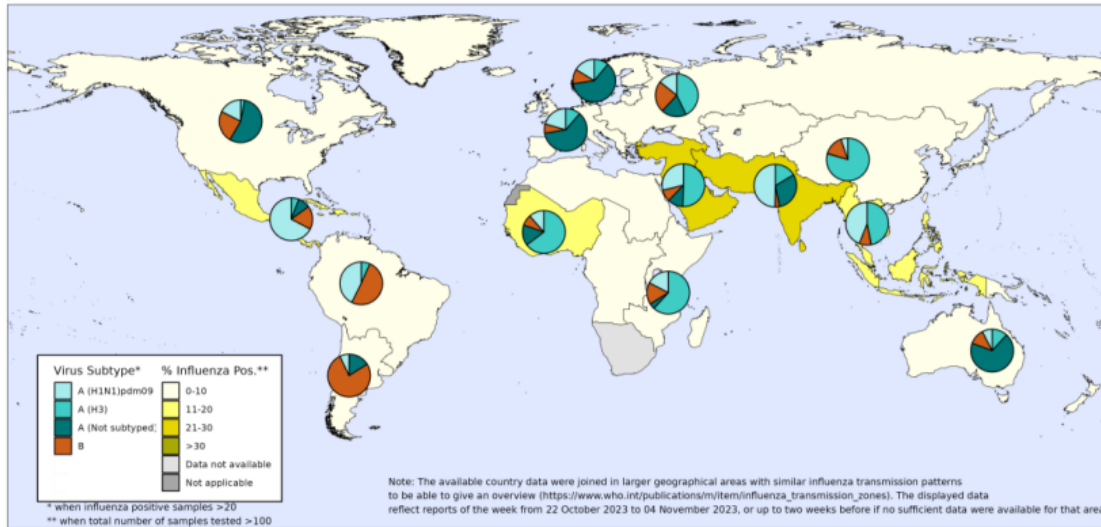
Outpatient Respiratory Illness Activity Map, CDC FluView



<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm#MS2> accessed 11/27/2023


Global Influenza Activity

Percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza, by influenza transmission zone¹ Map generated on 10 November 2023.

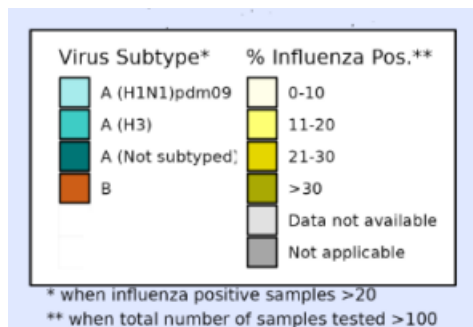


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Data source: Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (GISRS), FluNet (www.who.int/tools/fluNet)
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<https://www.who.int/teams/global-influenza-programme/surveillance-and-monitoring/influenza-updates>, accessed 11/27/2023

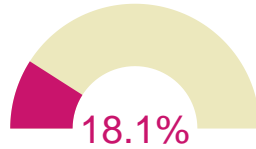


- Globally, influenza detections remained low, with most activity reported from tropical areas and increased activity reported in the temperate Northern hemisphere in Western and Eastern Asia.
- In the temperate zones of the northern hemisphere, indicators of influenza activity were reported at low levels or below seasonal threshold in most reporting countries. But increased influenza activity was reported in parts of Eastern and Western Asia. Detections were predominantly influenza A(H3N2) followed by influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 and B viruses.

Influenza Vaccination Uptake by City of Milwaukee Residents, 2023-2024 Season

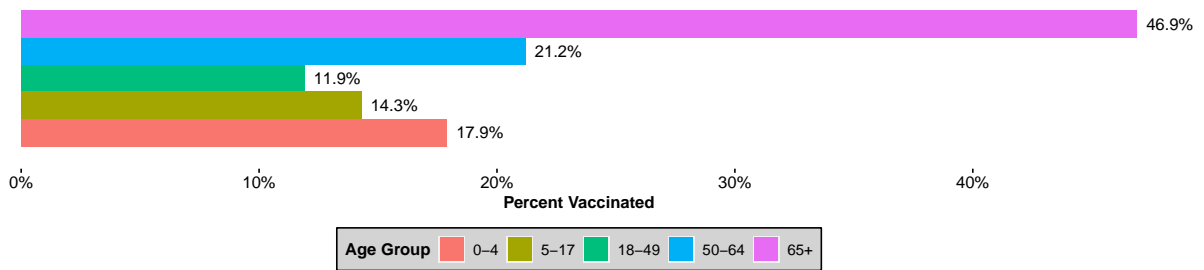
Overview

- City of Milwaukee residents who have received at least one dose of flu vaccinations as of November 27, 2023:

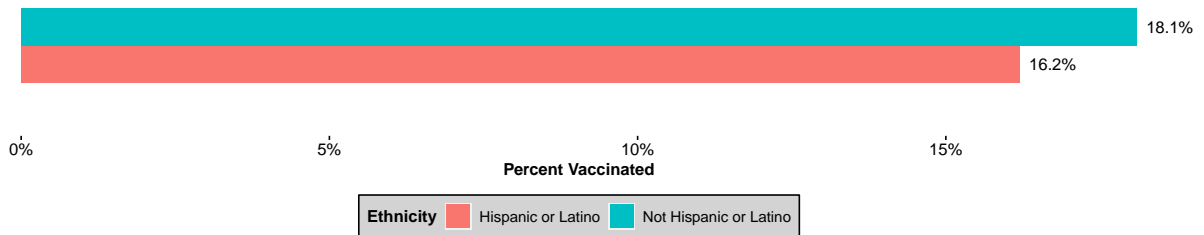


Influenza Vaccination Coverage for 2023-2024 Season by Demographics

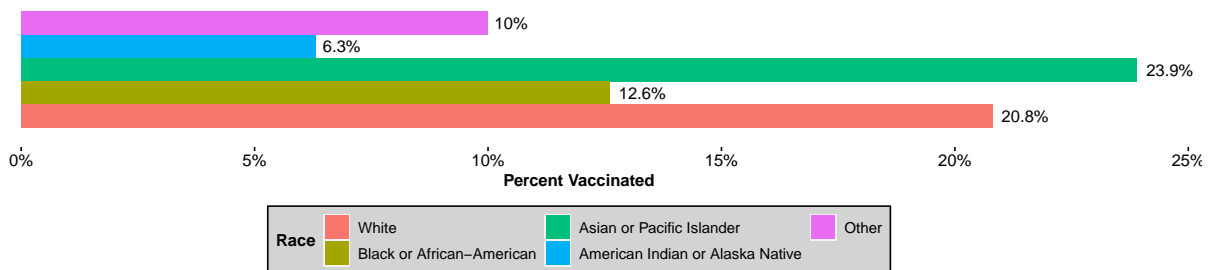
Influenza Vaccinations by Age Group



Influenza Vaccinations by Ethnicity

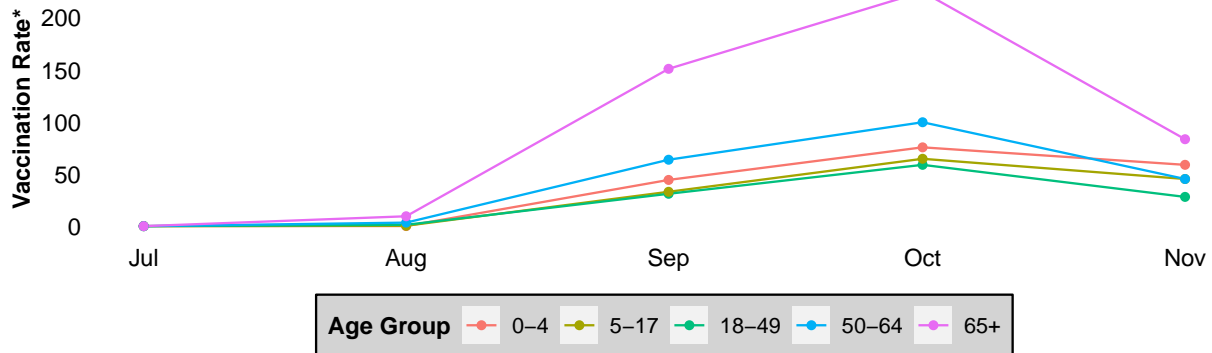


Influenza Vaccinations by Race



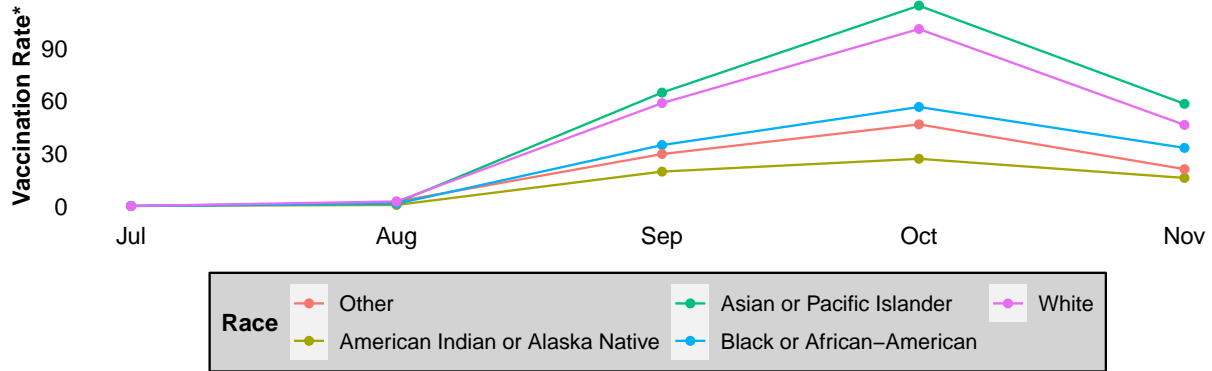
Vaccination Uptake Timelines

Influenza Vaccinations for Milwaukee Residents, 2023–24 Season by Month and Age Group



*Vaccination rates are per 1000 residents using 2021 ACS 5-year population estimates

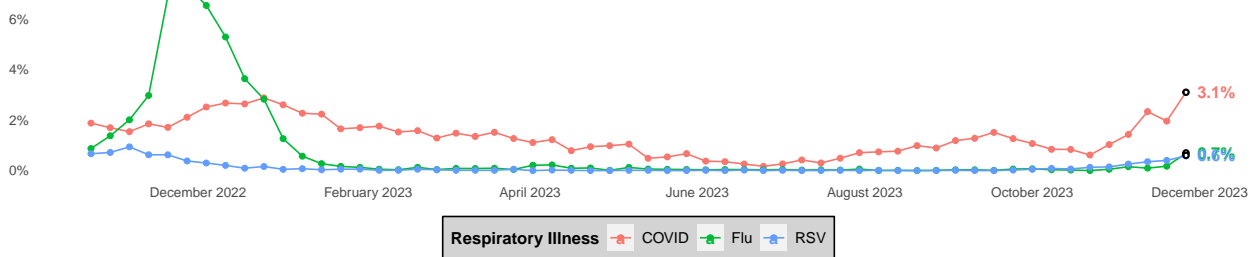
Influenza Vaccinations for Milwaukee Residents, 2023–24 Season by Month and Race



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Respiratory Illness Emergency Department Visits in Milwaukee County

Percent of All Emergency Room Visits Due to COVID, Flu, or RSV in Milwaukee County



COVID-19 Activity

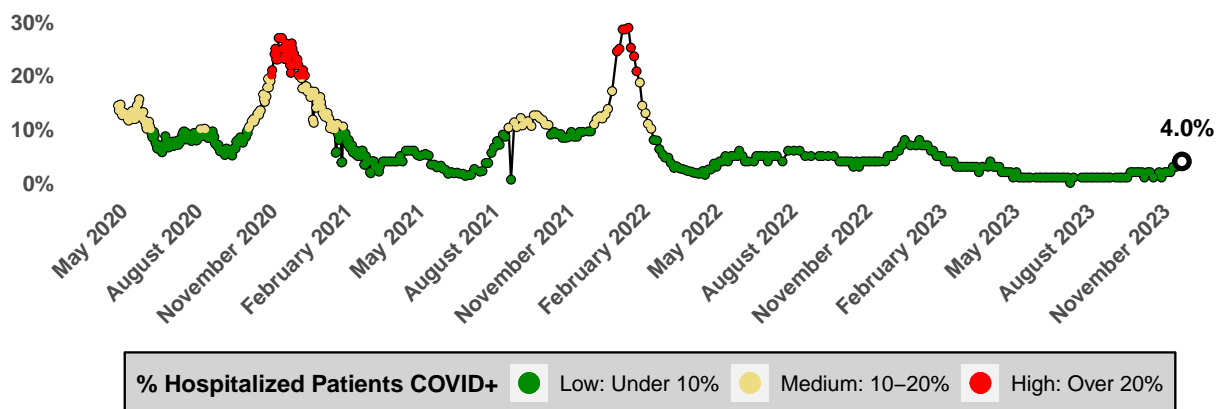
City of Milwaukee COVID-19 Vaccination Uptake

- As of November 27, 2023, 5.1% of city residents are up-to-date with their COVID-19 vaccinations.

COVID-19 Hospital Admission Metrics, Updated November 18, 2023

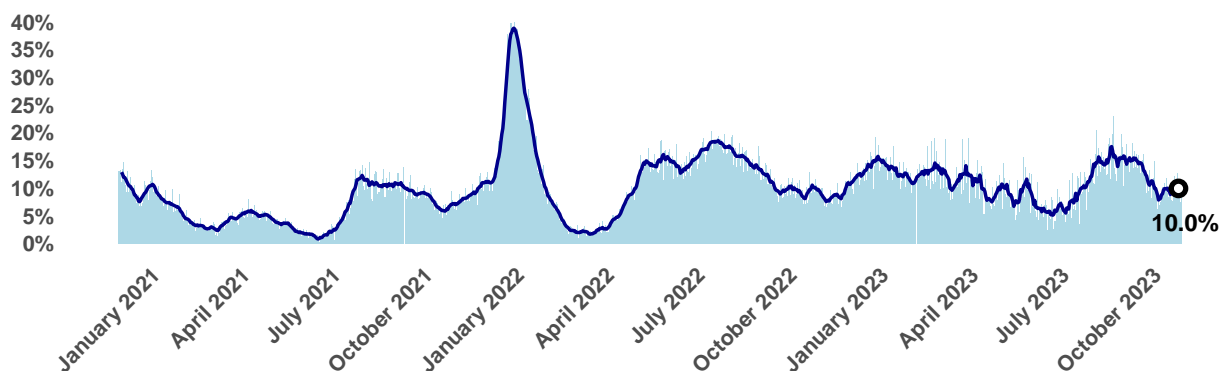
COVID-19 Hospital Admission Level - Low		
County Weekly Metrics Used to Determine the COVID-19 Hospital Admission Level		Comparison to Prior Week
New hospital admissions of confirmed COVID-19, past week (total)	126	Up from 95
New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population	8	Up from 6
% Staffed inpatient beds occupied by patients with confirmed COVID-19 past week (average)	1.9%	Up from 1.8%

Hospitalized Patients that are COVID-19 Positive Timeline, Milwaukee County



Data Source: HERC Region 7
Last Update: 2023-11-27

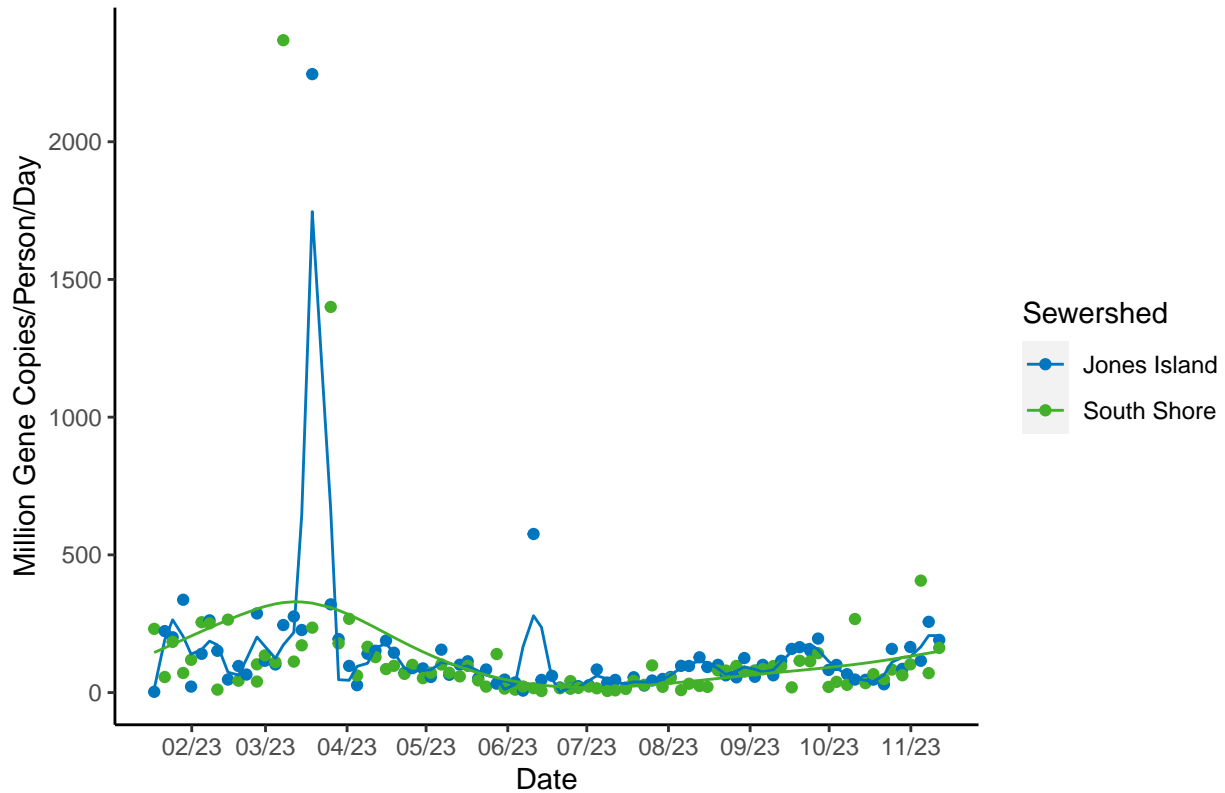
Percent Positive COVID-19 Tests by Day with 7-Day Rolling Average, City of Milwaukee



Please Note: Positivity is presented as positivity by PCR testing only. Changes to testing policies over time and rising usage of at-home tests as opposed to laboratory-based tests may affect positivity rates and incidence rates and should be interpreted accordingly.

SARS-CoV-2 Wastewater Surveillance

COVID-19 Trends in Milwaukee Sewersheds



Category: Compared to the last 6 months of data, the average of the last three most recent SARS-CoV-2 measurements are in the 91.67 percentile for Jones Island Sewershed and are in the 95.83 percentile for South Shore Sewershed. These measurements are *high* for Jones Island and *high* for South Shore.

Trajectory: Wastewater concentrations of SARS-CoV-2 *significantly increased* in the Jones Island or South Shore sewersheds.

Please note that at this time, the values reported here are slightly different than the values reported for Jones Island and South Shore on the DHS COVID-19 Wastewater Dashboard – this is not an error. The differences are due to the Milwaukee Health Department Lab (MHDL) using different methodologies than the lab who sends data to DHS.