

Kansas Influenza Surveillance 2022-2023

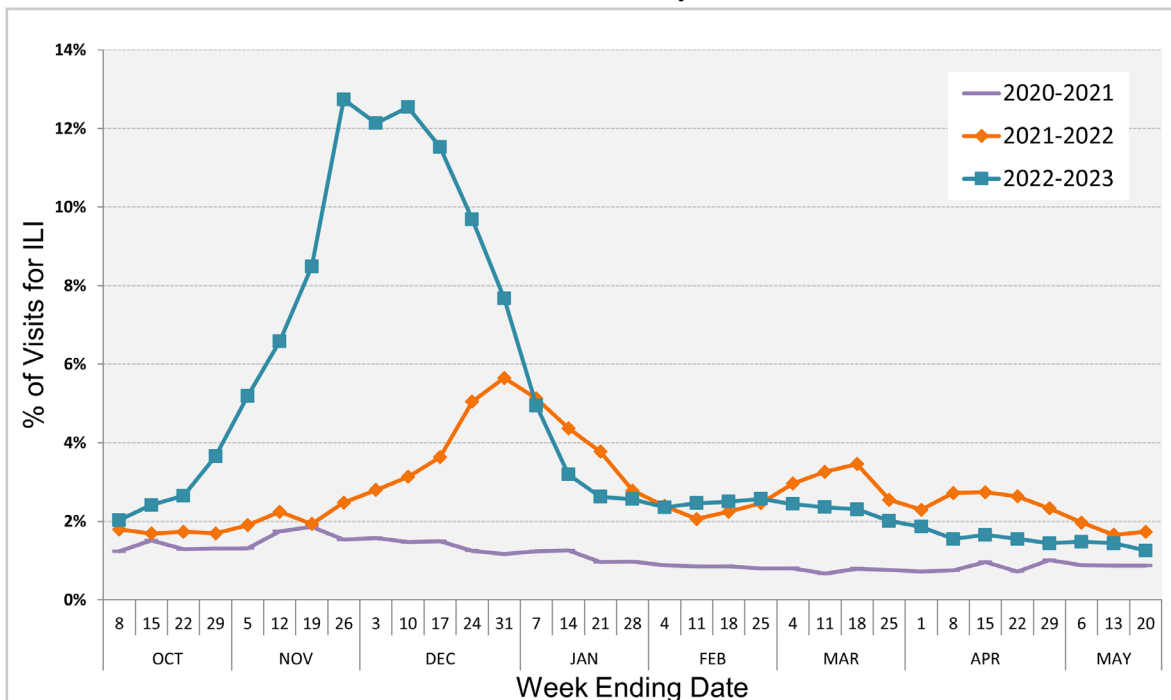


Influenza is not a nationally notifiable disease, nor is it a notifiable disease in Kansas; therefore, the burden of influenza is monitored through other surveillance methods.

Kansas Flu by the Numbers

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Emergency Department Visits Weekly percentage of visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) reported by syndromic surveillance.	1.7%	1.3%
Deaths 95 deaths were directly attributed to influenza and 29 deaths had influenza documented as a contributing factor during the 2022-2023 season.	44	124

Percentage of Emergency Department Visits Associated with ILI
October 2020 – May 2023



- During the 2022-2023 season, an early increase in influenza activity was seen nationwide. Seasonal influenza activity started to decline in January and remained low until the end of the season.
- Of positive specimens reported by the Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories, there were 28 influenza A/H1, 78 influenza A/H3 and seven influenza B specimens during the 2022-2023 season.

The Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics (ESSENCE) is a syndromic surveillance system capturing 98% of all Kansas ED patient visits a year. Death count is based on death certificates filed with the KDHE Office of Vital Statistics listing influenza as a direct or contributing cause of death.

To learn more about influenza surveillance in Kansas visit kdhe.ks.gov/1476/Influenza-Surveillance. Data on this website are updated weekly during the influenza surveillance season.