



National Center for Immunization & Respiratory Diseases



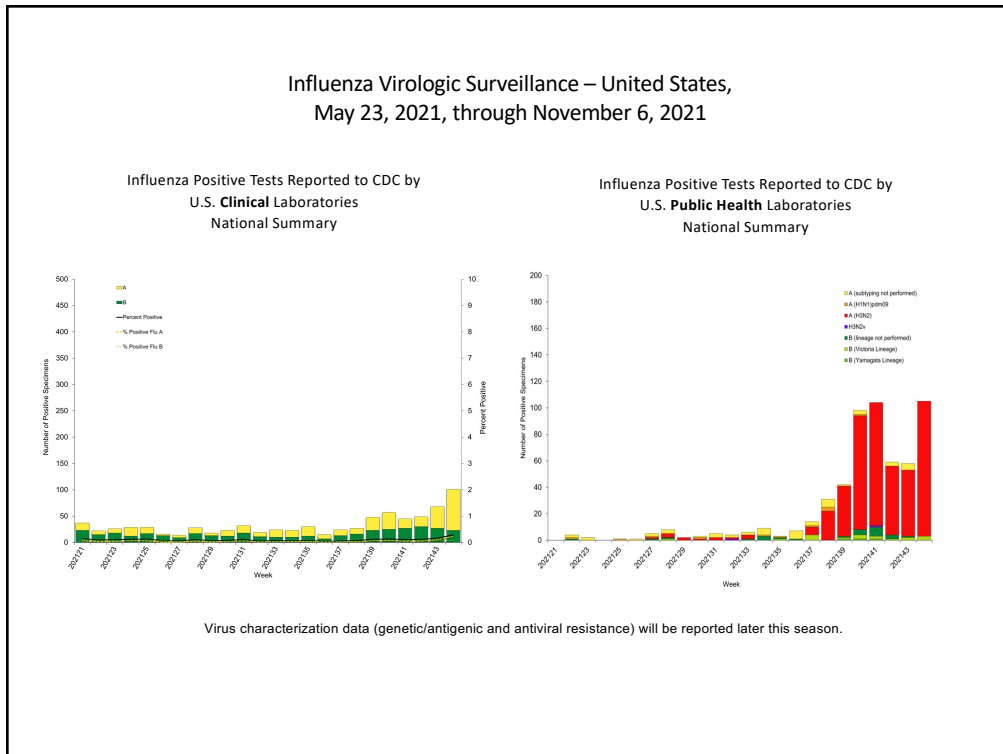
Influenza Activity in the United States 2021 – 2022 Season

Data through the week ending November 6, 2021 (week 44)

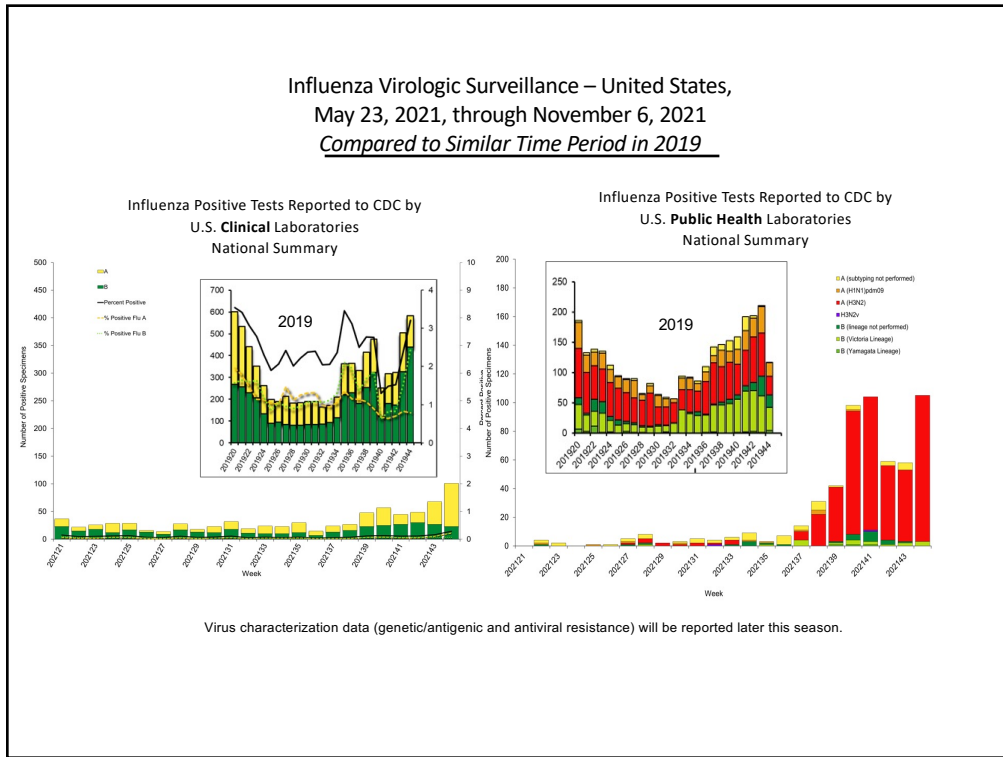


<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm>

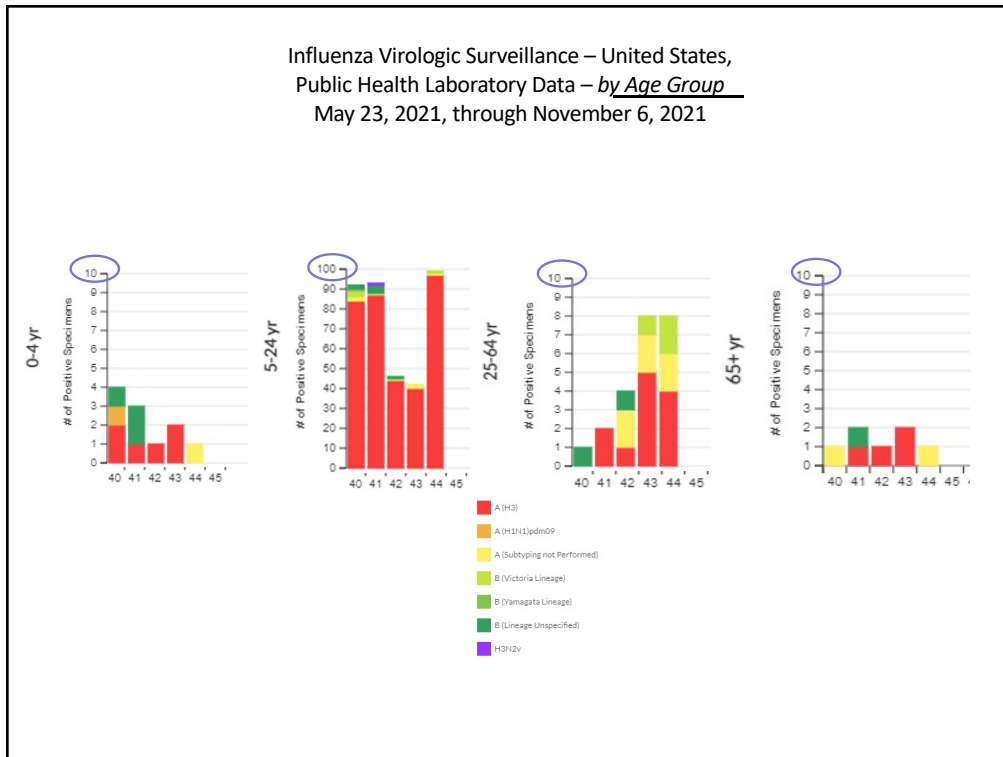
1



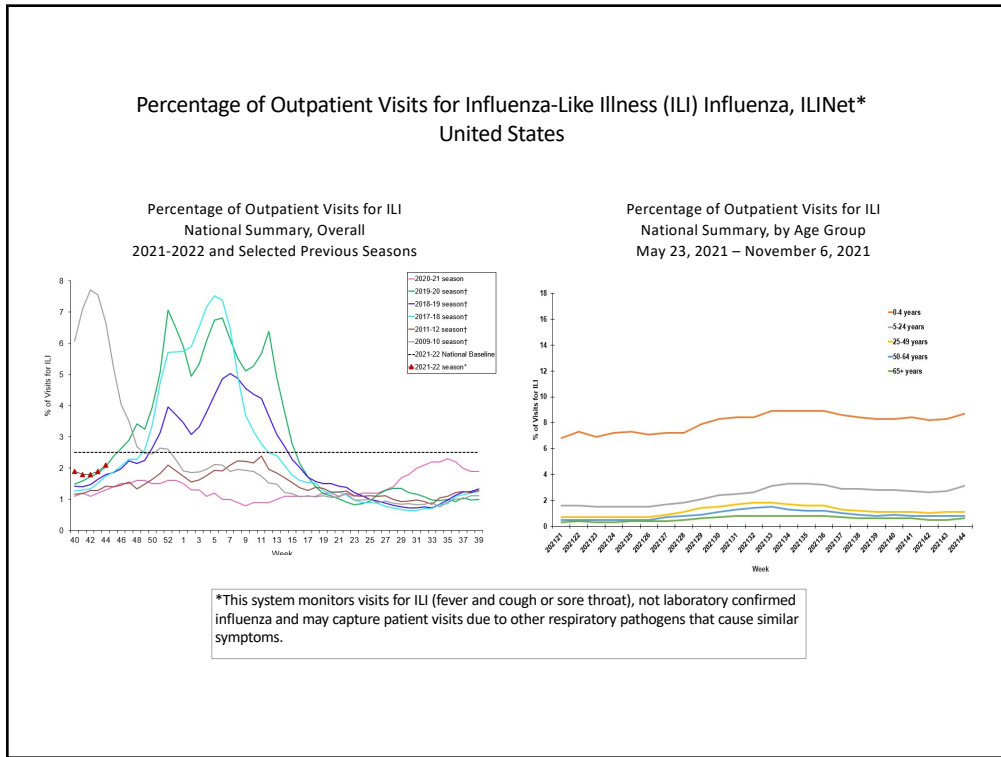
2



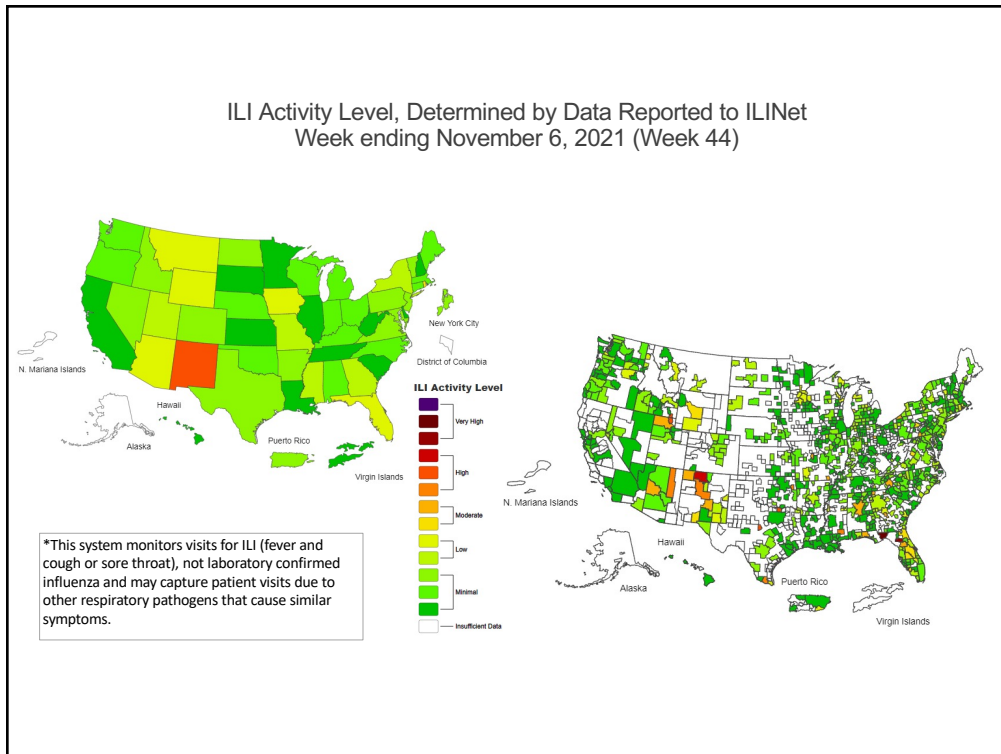
3



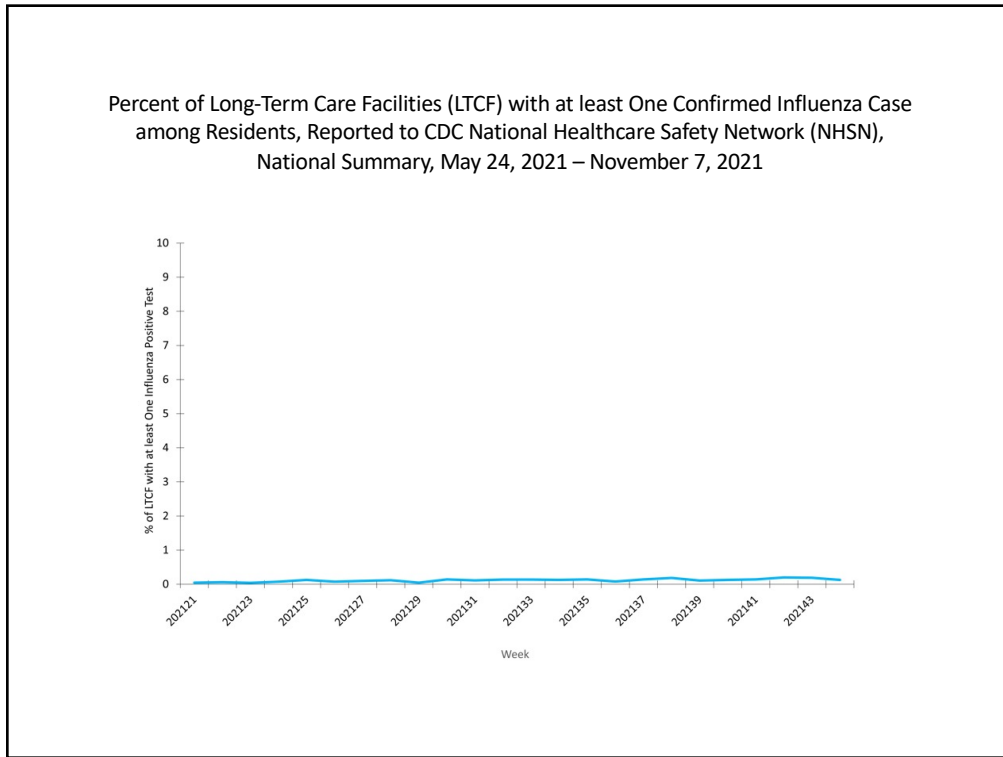
4



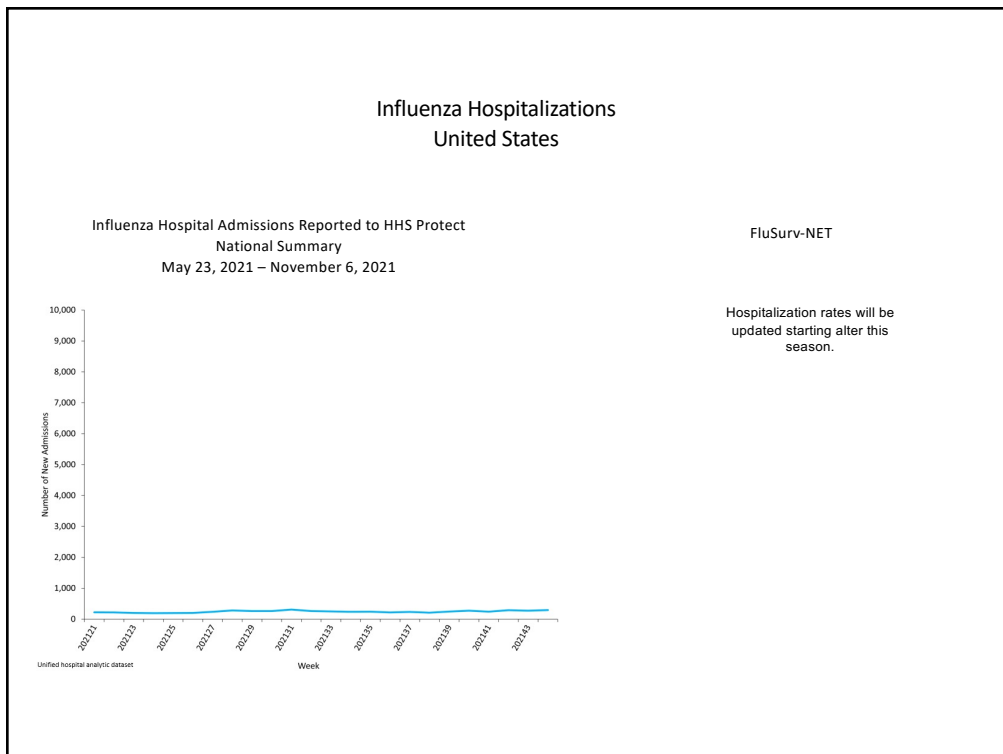
5



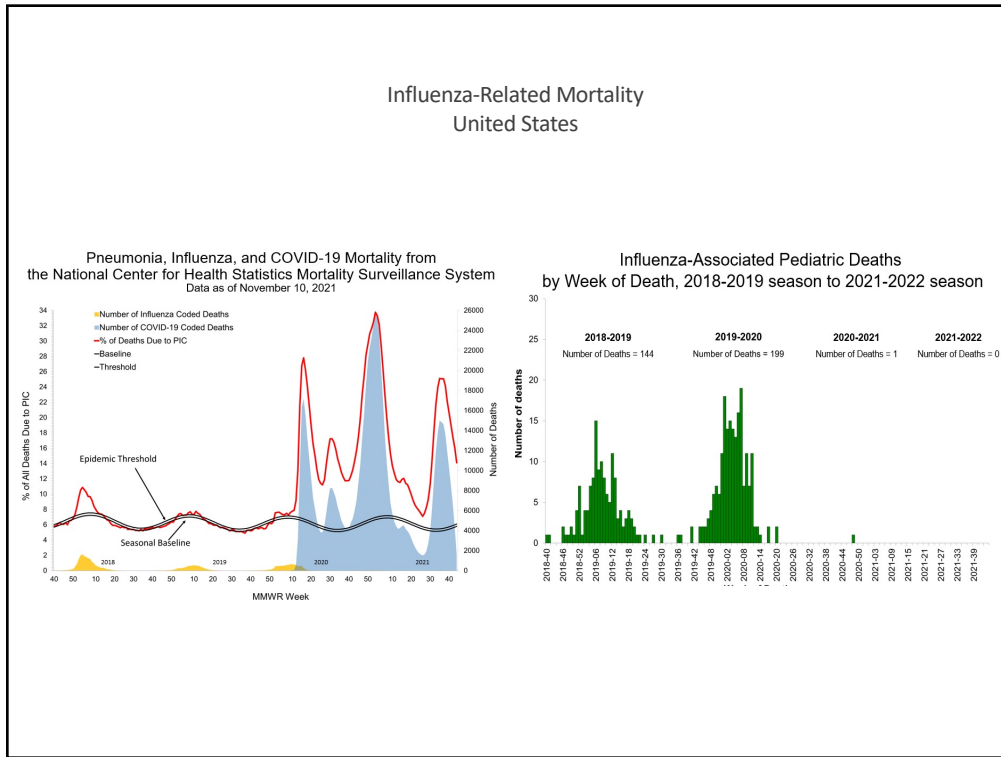
6



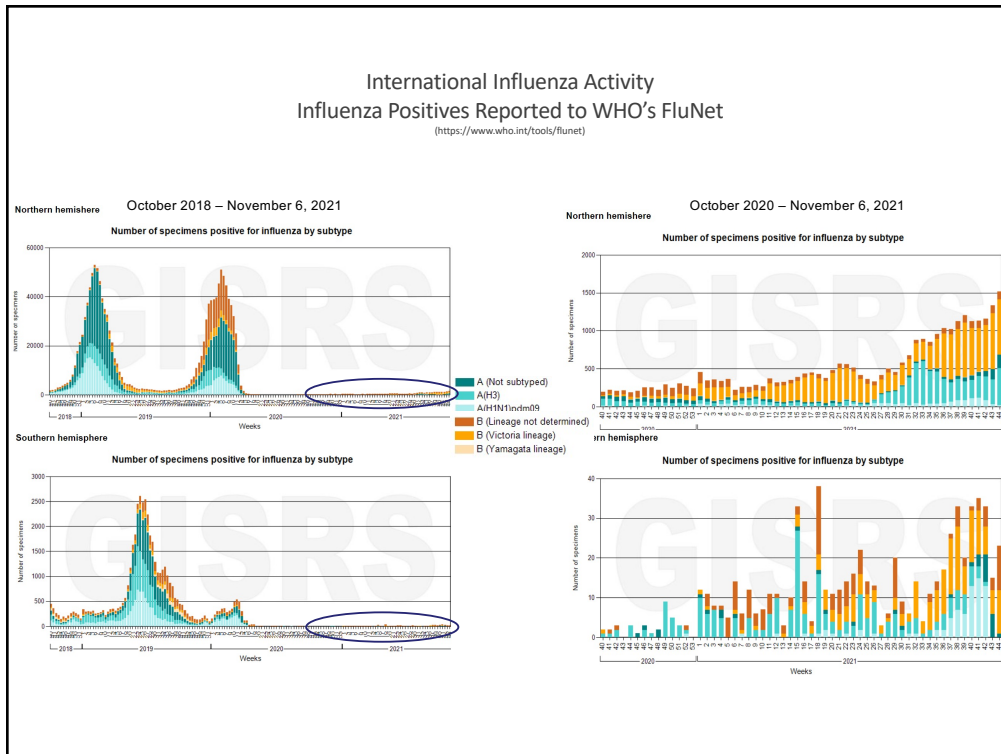
7



8



9



10

Influenza Vaccine

- Supply and distribution
 - Project as many as 200 million doses for 2021-22.
 - 162.5M doses of flu vaccine distributed (as of 11/5/21)
- Increases in flu activity + holidays = time to get vaccinated!
- There is confusion about the need for both a flu vaccine and a COVID vaccine.
 - Harris polled more than 2,000 American adults between Oct. 1 and 3 and found that:
 - 26% believe COVID vaccine protects against flu
 - 28% believe a COVID booster protects against flu.
 - 23% believe a flu vaccine will protect against COVID.
 - COVID vaccine and flu vaccine can be administered at the same time.

11

Summary

- Influenza activity is still low nationally but there are some increases that could mark the beginning of the influenza season.
 - H3N2 viruses are predominant so far and being reported from many areas of the country.
 - Most flu positives viruses have been detected in children and young adults.
 - Anecdotal reports of influenza outbreaks among young adults, possibly attending colleges/universities, in several states.
 - The occurrence and timing of these outbreaks is not unusual, but they are notable because they represent the first significant influenza activity of the 2021-2022 season (and the first since March 2020).
- It's a great time to get the flu vaccine (and COVID vaccine/booster) for people not yet vaccinated (or boosted).

12

Additional Information

Influenza Activity

- FluView
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index>
- FluView Interactive
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluviewinteractive.htm>
- WHO's FluNet
 - <https://www.who.int/tools/flunet>

Other Respiratory Virus Activity

- COVID Data Tracker Weekly Review
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview/index.html>
- COVID Data Tracker
 - <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home>
- National Respiratory Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS)
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/surveillance/nrevss/index.html>