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BI-WEEKLY INFLUENZA EPIDEMIOLOGY REPORT

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Influenza || Nationwide ILI Situation

KEY POINTS

Over 90% of United States jurisdictions are reporting very minimal influenza-like illness (ILI) activity as of 24 May 2025 (Figure 1), with West Coast states seeing sustained activity or no decline as shown in light green for the past 3 weeks.

Figure 1. ILI activity map for MMWR weeks 19-21.¹

Puerto Rico, however, is showing a slow increase in ILI activity.









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Influenza || Guam vs Nationwide comparison

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- Though Guam's influenza season precedes the mainland US (Figure 2)²⁻³ and early 2025 demonstrated a degree of agreement in trends.
- The US continues to detected increasing proportion of influenza B in recent weeks
- However, as seen in **Figure 2**, Guam has detected a notable increase in influenza reports.
- Despite this increase, this trend aligns with what has been observed historically, falling well within the expected range (Figure 3).





Preliminary

Influenza || Local trend

70 **KEY POINTS** 60 \geq **Figure 3**³ represents all influenza cases by week in Guam from 50 2023-present, including the 2yr average and bounds. Beginning week 18 (~1 month ago) Influenza case detection began 40 \geq to align with the 2yr average. 30 As previously mentioned, though there is a notable increase in the \geq past week (week 22), this was anticipated and falls within the range 20 of expectations. 10 0 48 49 50 51 52 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 9 Figure 3. Influenza detection by week in Guam, 2023-2025. 2024 2025 180 160 140 - Total Flu ·2-yr ava 120 001 es 008 C 60 40 20 0 4 7 10 13 16 19 22 25 28 31 34 37 40 43 46 49 52 9 12 15 18 21 24 27 30 33 36 39 42 45 48 51 2 5 8 11 14 17 20 23 26 29 32 35 38 41 44 47 50 3 6 2023 2024 2025 **Report Week**

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- > Influenza A continues to make up the majority influenza type in circulation (**Figure 4**).³
- > Preliminary wastewater surveillance data for Guam also provides supporting evidence that influenza A is the dominant type observed in the community.
- Because Influenza B detection is typically observed around this time; it is anticipated that there would be a shift from Influenza A to B in the coming weeks.



Figure 4. Influenza detection by type (A, B, and coinfection) by week in Guam, 2023-2025.



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- In May 2025, there was an equal proportion of Influenza A/H1N1 and Influenza B/Victoria detected lineage for influenza viruses in Guam, as seen in Figure 5⁴.
- \succ This is in stark contrast to what has been detected last year, when the predominant subtype was B/Victoria.
- > Note, the figure below presents the date of subtype, not the date of sample collection.



Figure 5. Proportion of influenza subtype by month in Guam, 2024-2025.





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- > Providers are encouraged to submit influenza samples for subtyping by Guam Public Health Laboratory (GPHL).
- > GPHL continues to receive antigen characteristic results from the CDC, which determine whether circulating influenza strains in Guam are captured by the virus component used in the influenza vaccine formulations.
- > To date, for 2025, GPHL received confirmation of **3** local influenza isolates antigenically characterized and confirmed for being antigenically related to A/WISCONSIN/67/2022-LIKE (H1N1)pdm09 virus.
 - This reference virus component is used in the 2024-2025 northern hemisphere and 2025 southern hemisphere cell-based influenzavaccine formulations.⁵







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- Majority of those reported with influenza consist of the school-age children (05 to 19 years) and those ages 19 to 54 years) (Figure 6).³
- > The proportion of age groups remains relatively consistent between 2024 and 2025.
- Hospitalizations associated with influenza continue to remain minimal based off on NHSN hospital respiratory data reporting.

Figure 6. Proportion of age groups diagnosed with influenza in Guam, 2024 and 2025.







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