



Respiratory Illness in Skagit County, WA

CDC Week 8: February 19-25, 2023

Influenza

- Activity is minimal; influenza A remains the predominant strain
- 4 influenza outbreaks reported
- 7 confirmed influenza-related deaths reported; all were adults >65 years

COVID-19

- Transmission rate declined from last week
- 15 outbreaks have been reported to date in 2023
- 11 deaths reported since January 1, 2023
- Bivalent vaccination rate is at 31%

RSV

- Test positivity remains below 10%

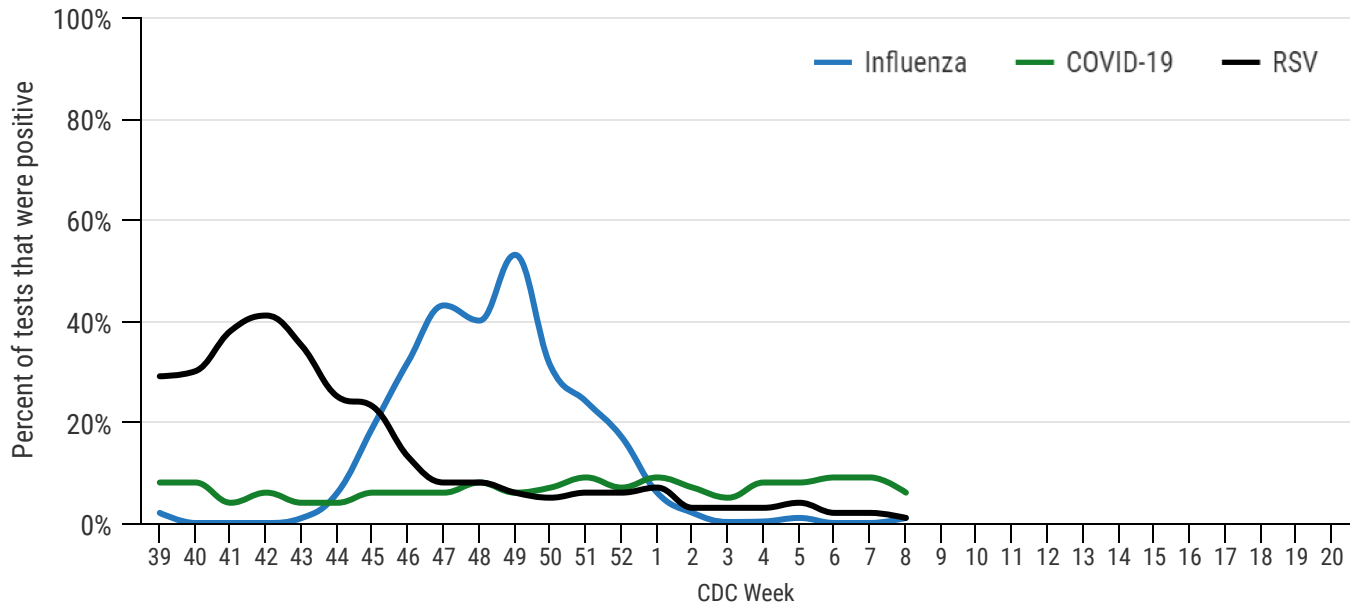


Schools continue to monitor for illnesses

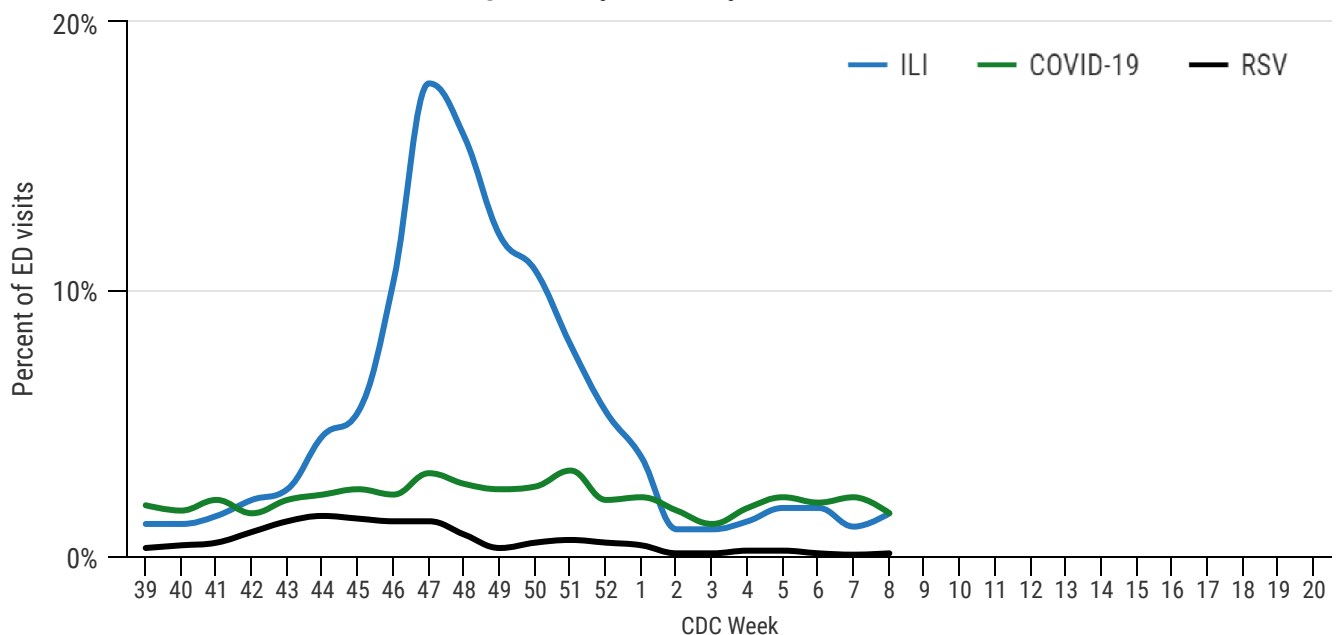


Hospitals continue to experience periods of higher patient volumes

Percent of total tests that were positive for Influenza, COVID-19, and RSV -- Skagit County, February 19-25, 2023



Percent of Emergency Department (ED) visits due to Influenza-like illness (ILI), COVID-19, and RSV -- Skagit County, February 19-25, 2023



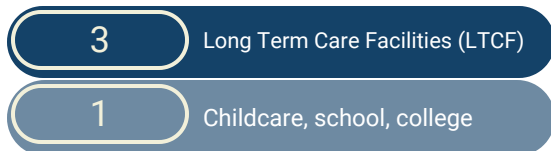
2022-23 INFLUENZA STATS

Influenza activity is
MINIMAL



Most common influenza type identified

Reported influenza outbreaks by setting, 2022-23 season



Reported influenza-related deaths



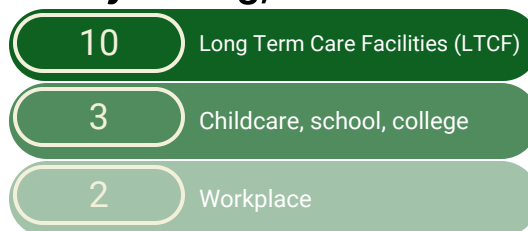
2023* COVID-19 STATS

COVID-19 Transmission
level: **SUBSTANTIAL**

31%

Age 5+ who have received
a bivalent booster

Reported COVID-19 outbreaks by setting, YTD 2023



Reported COVID-19-related deaths, 2023¹



What you can do to stop the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Wash your hands frequently
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Wear a well-fitting mask in crowded indoor spaces and around high-risk individuals
- Get a seasonal flu vaccine and stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccines
- Stay home when you are sick

Additional Resources

- [Washington DOH Influenza Update](#)
- [CDC Weekly Influenza Report](#)
- [Snohomish County Influenza Report](#)
- [Whatcom County Influenza Report](#)
- [Washington DOH COVID-19](#)
- [CDC RSV Surveillance: Washington](#)

Data partners include: Peacehealth United General, Island Hospital, and Skagit Regional Health. Data may not be 100% complete at the time of this report. *Due to seasonality of Influenza and RSV, surveillance occurs between October 1 and May 31. To date, COVID-19 has not shown a similar seasonality trend and therefore surveillance data is based on the calendar year. ¹Death data is reported once finalized, usually after 30 days.

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