

Influenza Surveillance in Ireland – Weekly Report

Influenza Week 5 2018 (29th January – 4th February 2018)



 Intensive Care Society of Ireland



Summary

Overall, influenza activity in Ireland remained widespread and at high levels during week 5 2018 (week ending 4th February 2018), with most indicators continuing to decrease. Influenza B and A(H3N2) are co-circulating, with a higher proportion of influenza B detected. Confirmed influenza hospitalisations continued to be reported at high levels. It is recommended that antivirals be considered for the treatment and prophylaxis of influenza in at-risk groups.

- **Influenza-like illness (ILI):** The sentinel GP influenza-like illness (ILI) consultation rate was 73.3 per 100,000 population in week 5 2018, a decrease compared to the updated rate of 91.8 per 100,000 reported during week 4 2018.
 - ILI rates have been above the Irish baseline threshold (17.5 per 100,000) for eight consecutive weeks and the medium intensity threshold (59.6/100,000) for five consecutive weeks.
 - During week 5 2018, ILI age specific rates were highest in the 5-14 year age group.
- **GP Out of Hours:** The proportion of influenza-related calls to GP Out-of-Hours services continued to decrease compared to recent weeks, however remained at moderately high levels during week 5 2018.
- **Respiratory admissions:** Respiratory admissions reported from a network of hospitals have decreased.
- **National Virus Reference Laboratory (NVRL):**
 - Influenza positivity remained at high levels during week 5 2018, with 289 (32.9%) influenza positive specimens reported from the NVRL from sentinel GP and non-sentinel sources: 39% influenza A [77 A(H3N2), 29 A(H1N1)pdm09, 8 A (not subtyped)] and 61% (175) influenza B.
 - Influenza B and A(H3N2) are co-circulating, with a higher proportion of influenza B detected. Low numbers of influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 are also being reported each week.
 - Coinfections of all seasonal respiratory viruses were reported during week 5 2018, with 18% of influenza detections from non-sentinel sources co-infected with another respiratory virus.
 - Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) positivity decreased further during week 5 2018.
 - Human metapneumovirus, adenovirus, parainfluenza virus, coronavirus and picornavirus (which includes both rhinovirus and enterovirus) continue to be detected in varying proportions.
- **Hospitalisations:** 339 confirmed influenza hospitalised cases were notified during week 5 2018, 36% associated with influenza A and 64% with influenza B. For the season to date, 2136 confirmed influenza hospitalised cases have been notified to HPSC, with the highest rates occurring in those aged ≥65 years.
- **Critical care admissions:** 106 confirmed influenza cases were admitted to critical care units and reported to HPSC (weeks 40 2017–5 2018), 48% associated with influenza A and 52% with influenza B.
- **Mortality:** 70 deaths in notified influenza cases were reported to HPSC between weeks 40 2017 - 5 2018, with a median age of 77 years. Excess all-cause mortality was reported in those aged 65 years and older for weeks 52 2017 – 3 2018.
- **Outbreaks:** Seven acute respiratory infection (ARI)/influenza general outbreaks were notified during week 5 2018, a significant decrease compared to 37 in the previous week.
- **International:** As of February 5th 2018, influenza activity remained high in the temperate zone of the northern hemisphere. [ECDC and WHO Europe have issued a joint press statement](#) regarding the low uptake of seasonal influenza vaccination in Europe.

1. GP sentinel surveillance system - Clinical Data

- During week 5 2018, 183 influenza-like illness (ILI) cases were reported from sentinel GPs, corresponding to an ILI consultation rate of 73.3 per 100,000 population, a decrease compared to the rate of 91.8 per 100,000 reported during week 4 2018 (figure 1).
- The ILI rates have been above the Irish baseline ILI threshold (17.5/100,000 population) for eight consecutive weeks (weeks 50 2017 – 5 2018) and above the medium intensity threshold (59.6/100,000 population) for five consecutive weeks (weeks 1 - 5 2018).
- During week 5 2018, ILI age specific rates were highest in the 5-14 year age group (87.5/100,000); decreasing from 131.0/100,000 population in week 4 2018 (figure 2).
- HPSC in consultation with the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) has revised the Irish baseline ILI threshold for the 2017/2018 influenza season to 17.5 per 100,000 population; this threshold indicates the likelihood that influenza is circulating in the community. The Moving Epidemic Method (MEM) has been adopted by ECDC to calculate thresholds for GP ILI consultations in a standardised approach across Europe.¹
- The baseline ILI threshold (17.5/100,000 population), medium (59.6/100,000 population) and high (114.5/100,000 population) intensity ILI thresholds are shown in figure 1.

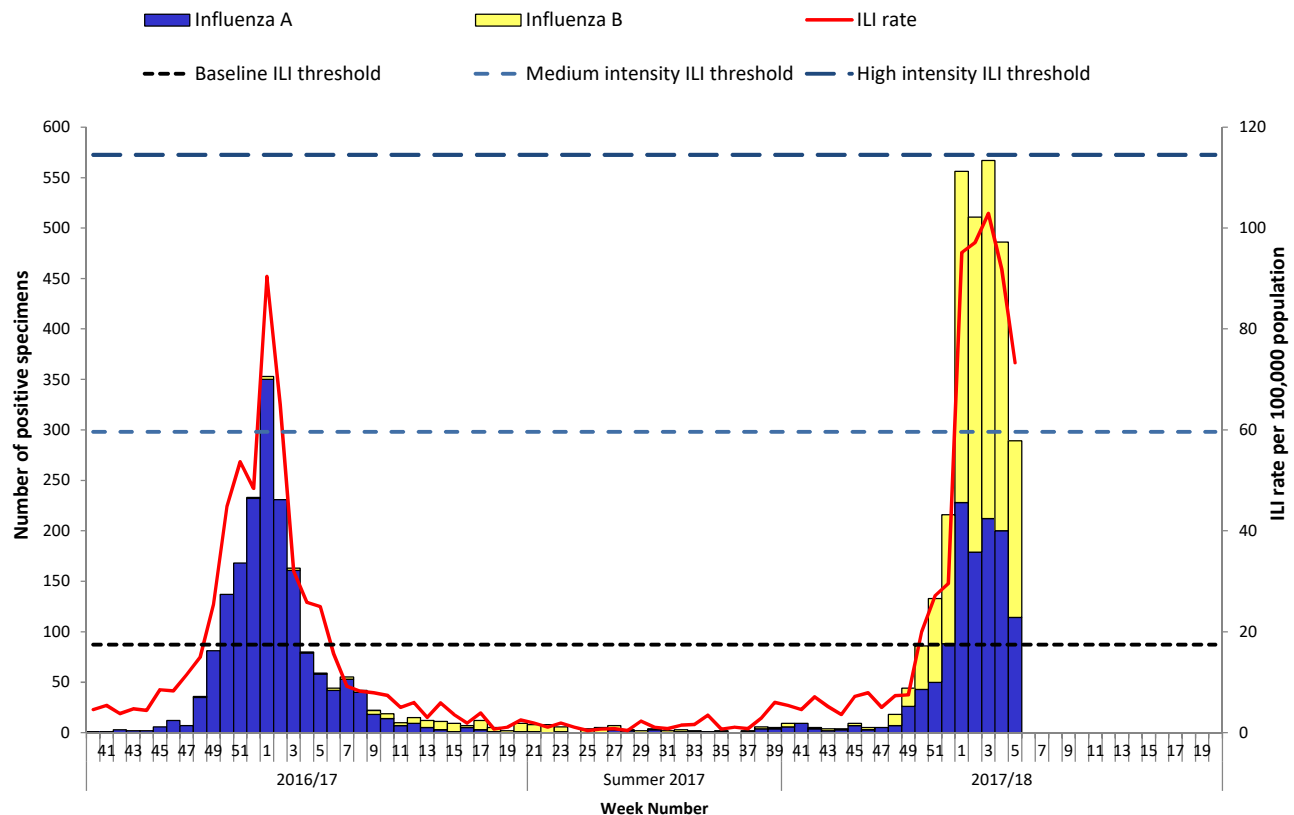


Figure 1: ILI sentinel GP consultation rates per 100,000 population, baseline ILI threshold, medium and high intensity ILI thresholds* and number of positive influenza A and B specimens tested by the NVRL, by influenza week and season.
 Source: ICGP and NVRL

* For further information on the Moving Epidemic Method (MEM) to calculate ILI thresholds:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22897919>

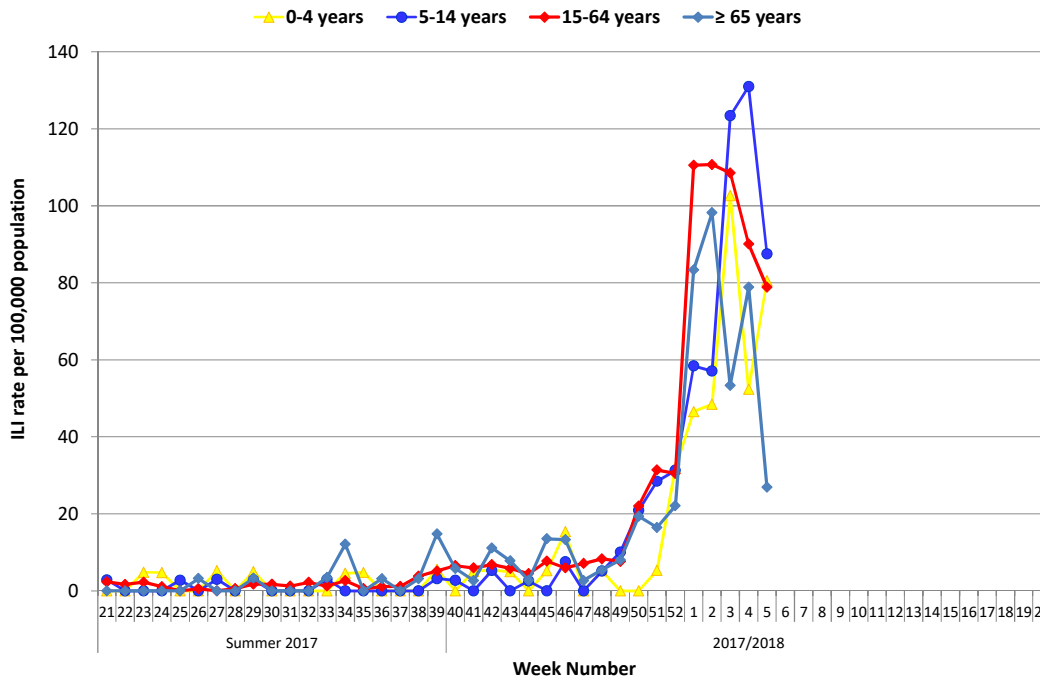


Figure 2: Age specific sentinel GP ILI consultation rate per 100,000 population by week during the summer of 2017 and the 2017/2018 influenza season to date. Source: ICGP.

2. Influenza and Other Respiratory Virus Detections - NVRL

The data reported in this section for the 2017/2018 influenza season refer to sentinel and non-sentinel respiratory specimens routinely tested for influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), adenovirus, parainfluenza viruses types 1, 2, 3 & 4 (PIV-1, -2, -3 & -4) and human metapneumovirus (hMPV) by the National Virus Reference Laboratory (NVRL) (figures 3, 4 & 5 and tables 1 & 2).

- Influenza positivity remained at high levels during week 5 2018; however overall numbers are starting to decline. During week 5 2018, 289 (32.9%) influenza positive specimens were reported from the NVRL from sentinel GP and non-sentinel sources: 39% influenza A [77 A(H3N2), 29 A(H1N1)pdm09, 8 A (not subtyped)] and 61% (175) influenza B. It should be noted that data on respiratory specimens tested for the season to date are updated each week.
- Week 5 2018:
 - 61 of 101 (60.4%) sentinel specimens were influenza positive: 31% influenza A and 69% influenza B.
 - 228 of 778 (29.3%) non-sentinel specimens were influenza positive: 42% influenza A and 58% B.
- Data from the NVRL for week 5 2018 and the 2017/2018 season to date are detailed in tables 1 and 2.
- Influenza B and A(H3N2) are co-circulating, with a higher proportion of influenza B detected. Low numbers of influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 continue to be reported each week (figures 3 & 4).
- Coinfections of all seasonal respiratory viruses were reported during week 5 2018, with 18% of influenza detections from non-sentinel sources co-infected with another respiratory virus.
- Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) positivity decreased further during week 5 2018 (table 2 & figure 5).
- Human metapneumovirus, adenovirus, parainfluenza virus, coronavirus and picornavirus (which includes both rhinovirus and enterovirus) positive detections have continued to be detected in varying proportions (table 2).¹
- The overall proportion of non-sentinel specimens positive for respiratory viruses¹ remained high at 41% during week 5 2018, however decreased compared to 50% during week 4 2018.

¹ Respiratory viruses routinely tested by the NVRL and included in this report are detailed above. It should be noted that there are no historic data on picornaviruses or coronaviruses for seasonal comparisons, data on these viruses are not included in this report.

Virus Characterisation:

- The recommended composition of trivalent influenza vaccines for the 2017/2018 influenza season in the Northern Hemisphere included: an A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus; an A/Hong Kong/4801/2014 (H3N2)-like virus; and a B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus (B/Victoria lineage). For quadrivalent vaccines, a B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus (B/Yamagata lineage) was recommended. Trivalent influenza vaccines are the most widely used influenza vaccines in Europe. <http://www.who.int/influenza/vaccines/virus/recommendations/en/>
- Genetic characterisation of influenza viruses circulating this season in Ireland has been carried out by the NVRL on 21 influenza A(H3N2), 16 influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 and 42 influenza B positive specimens to date. Further genetic and antigenic testing is ongoing at the NVRL.
- Of the 21 influenza A(H3N2) viruses genetically characterised, the majority (71.4%; n=15) of viruses belonged to the vaccine virus clade, clade 3C.2a represented by A/Hong Kong/4801/2014. Six (28.6%) viruses belonged to subclade 3C.2a1, represented by A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016. Both 3C.2a (vaccine virus clade) and 3C.2a1 viruses circulated last season in Ireland and Europe, with 3C.2a1 viruses predominating last season. Viruses in these two groups are antigenically similar; however both clade and subclade are evolving rapidly, thereby requiring continued monitoring.
- Sixteen influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses were characterised and all viruses (100%) belonged to the influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 vaccine virus clade, genetic clade 6B.1, represented by A/Michigan/45/2015.
- Forty-two influenza B viruses were genetically characterised, the vast majority (97.6%; n=41) were B/Yamagata lineage viruses, clustering in clade 3 represented by B/Phuket/3073/2013. The most prevalent influenza B lineage virus detected this season to date in Europe, is B/Yamagata, which is not included in the 2017/2018 trivalent influenza vaccine. All circulating B/Yamagata viruses have been associated with the AA mutations L172Q and M251V in the haemagglutinin gene. One single B/Victoria lineage virus was detected by the NVRL, belonging to a subgroup of clade 1A viruses, represented by B/Norway/2409/2017, which carries the HA1 double amino acid deletion, Δ 162-163, characteristic of a new antigenically distinct subgroup of viruses that has been detected in low numbers in several countries in the European Region, the US and Canada.
- See [ECDC](#) influenza surveillance reports for further information.

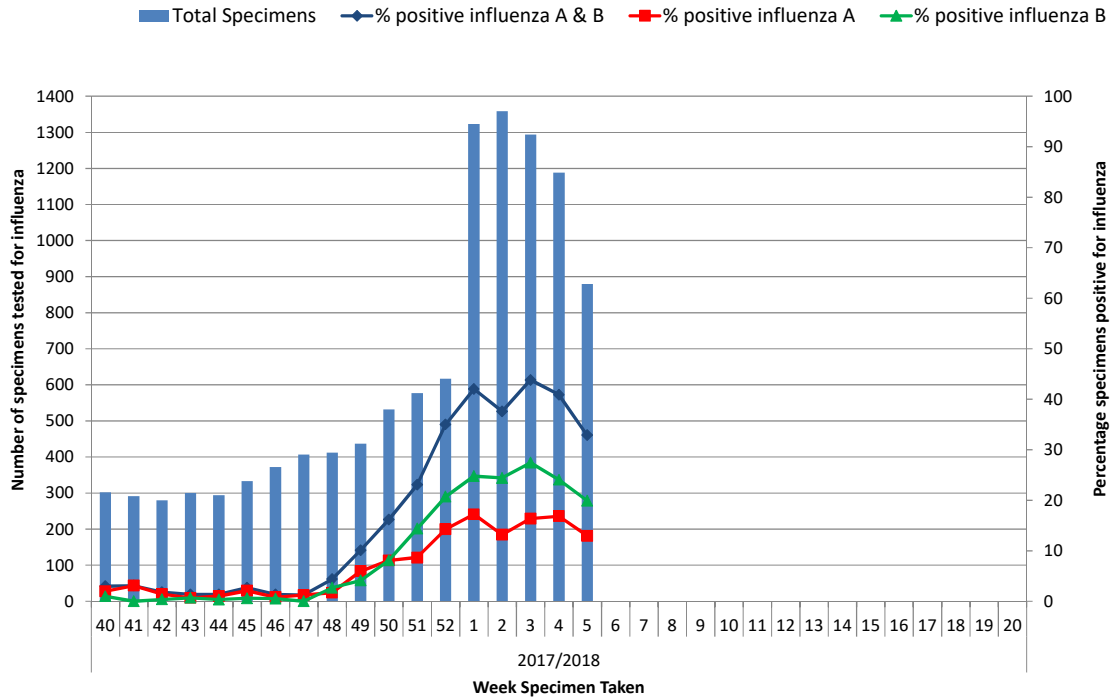


Figure 3: Number of specimens (from sentinel and non-sentinel sources combined) tested by the NVRL for influenza and percentage influenza positive by week for the 2017/2018 influenza season. Source: NVRL

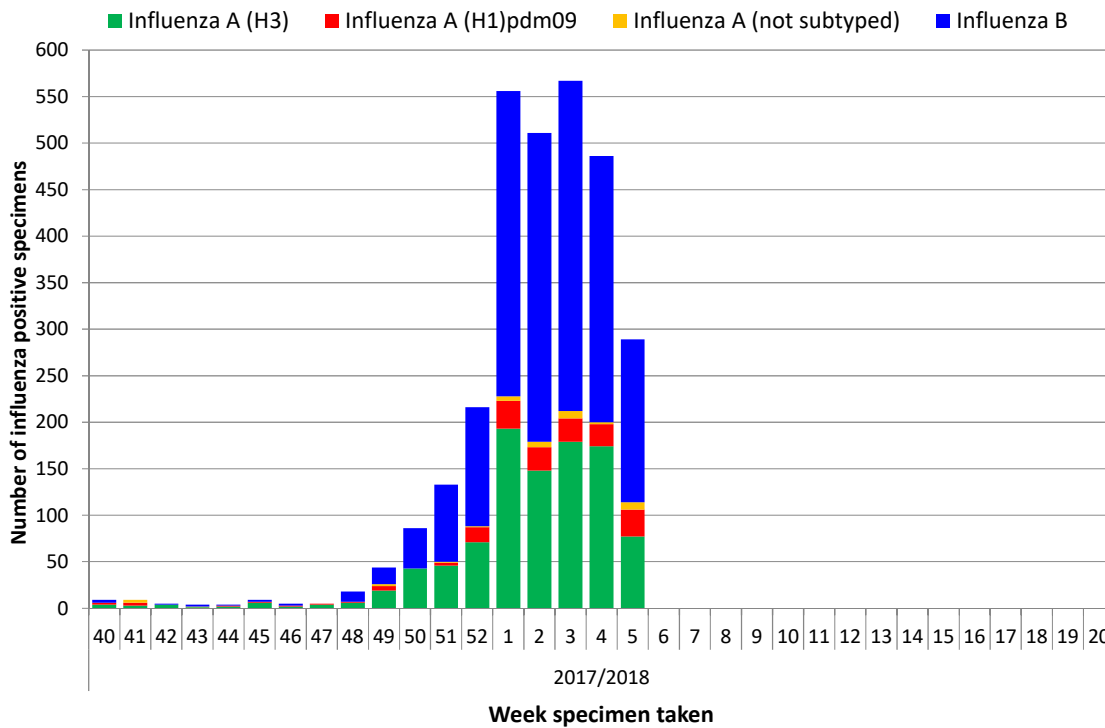


Figure 4: Number of positive influenza specimens (from sentinel and non-sentinel sources combined) by influenza type/subtype tested by the NVRL, by week for the 2017/2018 influenza season. Source: NVRL.

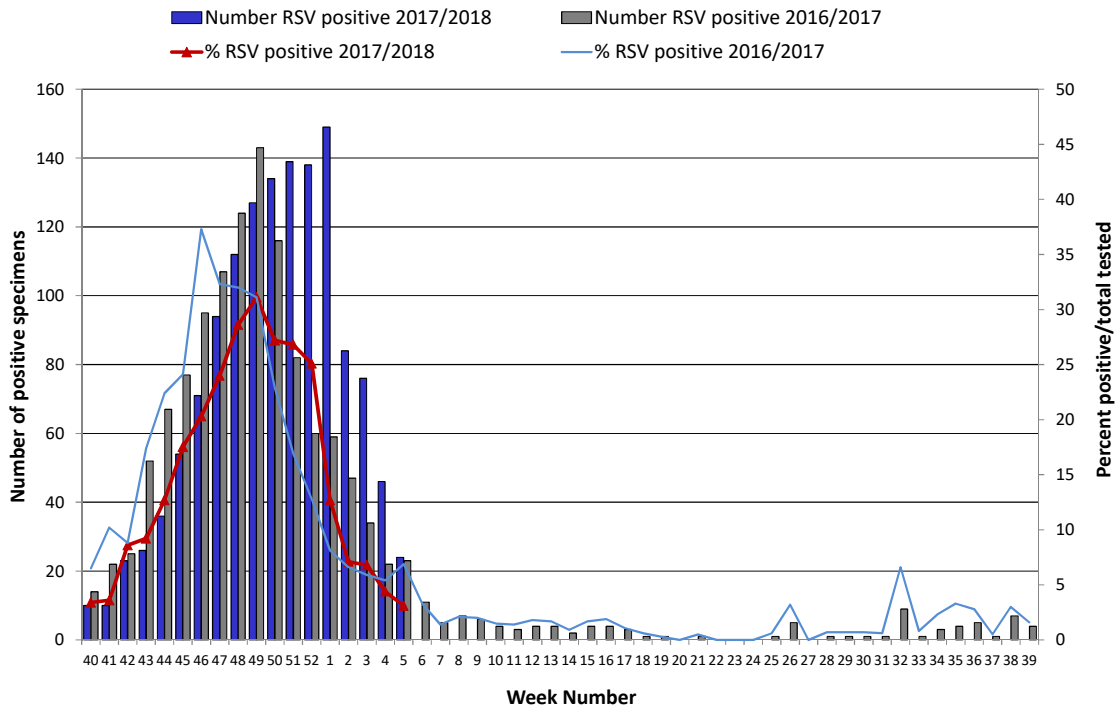


Figure 5: Number and percentage of non-sentinel RSV positive specimens detected by the NVRL during the 2017/2018 season, compared to the 2016/2017 season. Source: NVRL.

Table 1: Number of sentinel and non-sentinel[†] respiratory specimens tested by the NVRL and positive influenza results, for week 5 2018 and the 2017/2018 season to date. Source: NVRL

Week	Specimen type	Total tested	Number influenza positive	% Influenza positive	Influenza A				Influenza B
					A (H1)pdm09	A (H3)	A (not subtyped)	Total influenza A	
5 2018	Sentinel	101	61	60.4	0	15	4	19	42
	Non-sentinel	778	228	29.3	29	62	4	95	133
	Total	879	289	32.9	29	77	8	114	175
2017/2018	Sentinel	1084	567	52.3	24	145	9	178	389
	Non-sentinel	10113	2389	23.6	143	837	28	1008	1381
	Total	11197	2956	26.4	167	982	37	1186	1770

Table 2: Number of non-sentinel specimens tested by the NVRL for other respiratory viruses and positive results, for week 5 2018 and the 2017/2018 season to date. Source: NVRL

Week	Specimen type	Total tested	RSV	% RSV	Adenovirus	% Adenovirus	PIV-1	% PIV-1	PIV-2	% PIV-2	PIV-3	% PIV-3	PIV-4	% PIV-4	hMPV	% hMPV
5 2018	Sentinel	101	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.0
	Non-sentinel	778	24	3.1	23	3.0	1	0.1	2	0.3	1	0.1	1	0.1	35	4.5
	Total	879	24	2.7	23	2.6	1	0.1	2	0.2	1	0.1	1	0.1	36	4.1
2017/2018	Sentinel	1084	26	2.4	15	1.4	12	1.1	1	0.1	0	0.0	3	0.3	27	2.5
	Non-sentinel	10113	1353	13.4	179	1.8	164	1.6	73	0.7	14	0.1	48	0.5	645	6.4
	Total	11197	1379	12.3	194	1.7	176	1.6	74	0.7	14	0.1	51	0.5	672	6.0

[†] Please note that non-sentinel specimens relate to specimens referred to the NVRL (other than sentinel specimens) and may include more than one specimen from each case.

3. Regional Influenza Activity by HSE-Area

The geographical spread of influenza is reviewed on a weekly basis using sentinel GP ILLI consultation rates, laboratory data and outbreak data.

Widespread influenza activity was reported in HSE-East, -Midwest, -Northeast, -Southeast, and -South and regional influenza activity was reported in HSE-Midlands, -Northwest and -West during week 5 2018 (figure 6). Influenza activity, in particular the number of influenza outbreaks, has decreased in all HSE-Areas.

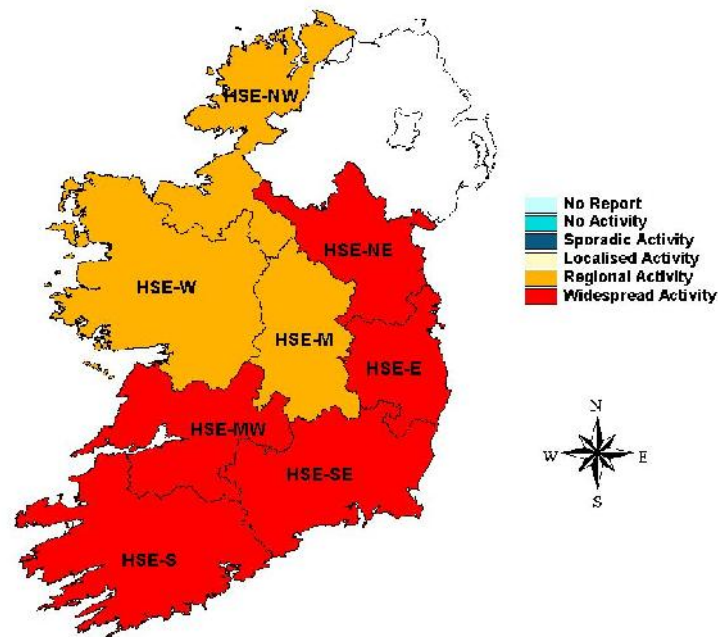


Figure 6: Map of provisional influenza activity by HSE-Area during week 5 2018

Sentinel hospitals

The Departments of Public Health have established at least one sentinel hospital in each HSE-Area, to report data on total, emergency and respiratory admissions on a weekly basis.

Respiratory admissions reported from a network of sentinel hospitals were at moderate levels during week 5 2018 (n=366), a significant decrease from peak levels reported during week 1 2018 (n=535) (figure 7).

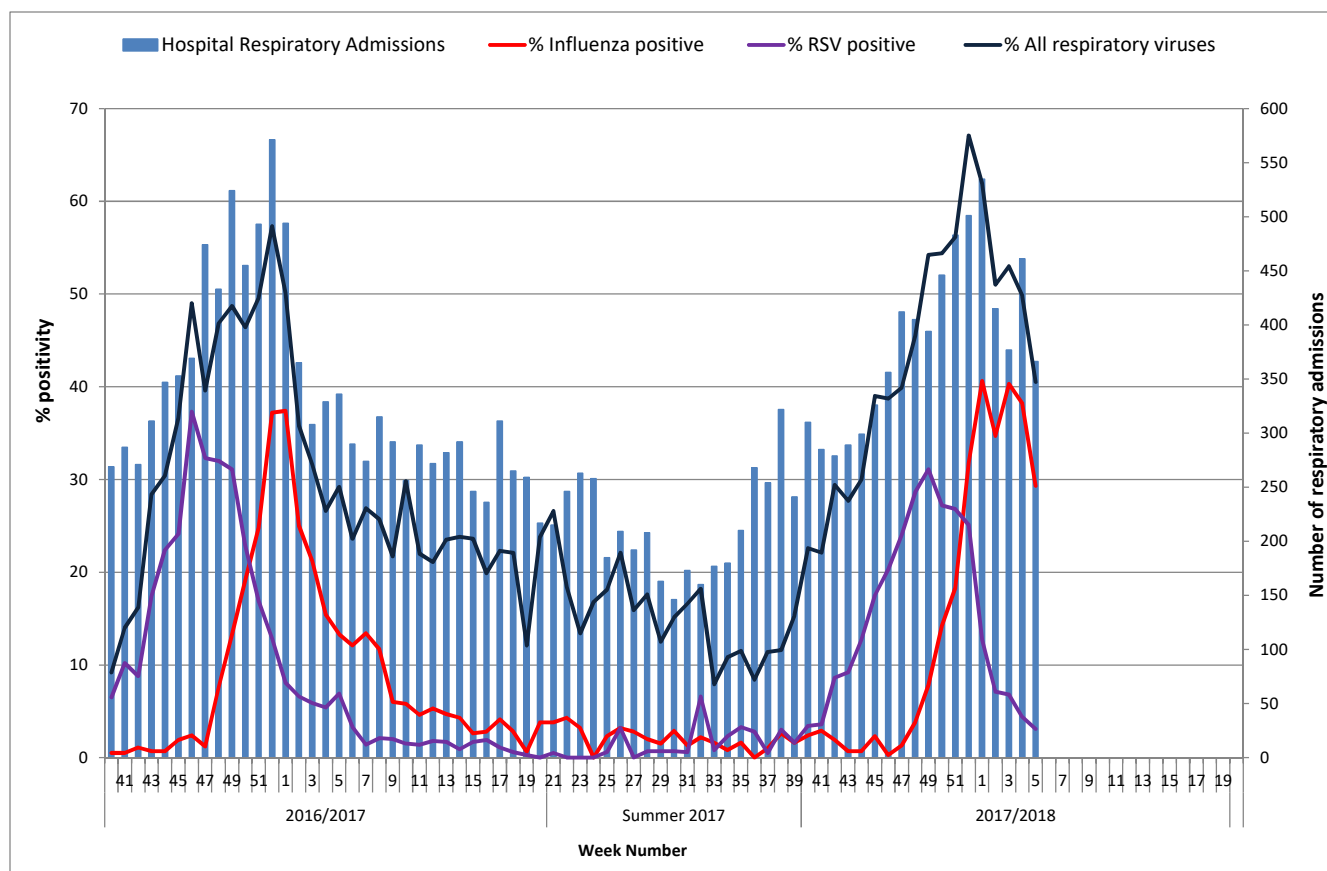


Figure 7: Number of respiratory admissions reported from the sentinel hospital network and % positivity for influenza, RSV and all seasonal respiratory viruses tested* by the NVRL by week and season. *Source: Departments of Public Health - Sentinel Hospitals & NVRL. *All seasonal respiratory viruses tested refer to non-sentinel respiratory specimens routinely tested by the NVRL including influenza, RSV, adenovirus, parainfluenza viruses and human metapneumovirus (hMPV).*

4. GP Out-Of-Hours services surveillance

The Department of Public Health in HSE-NE is collating national data on calls to nine of thirteen GP Out-of-Hours services in Ireland. Records with clinical symptoms reported as flu or influenza are extracted for analysis. This information may act as an early indicator of increased ILI activity. However, data are self-reported by callers and are not based on coded influenza diagnoses.

The proportion of influenza-related calls to GP Out-of-Hours services remained at moderately high levels during week 5 2018 at 5.7%, however decreased compared to 6.8% reported during week 4 2018 (figure 8).

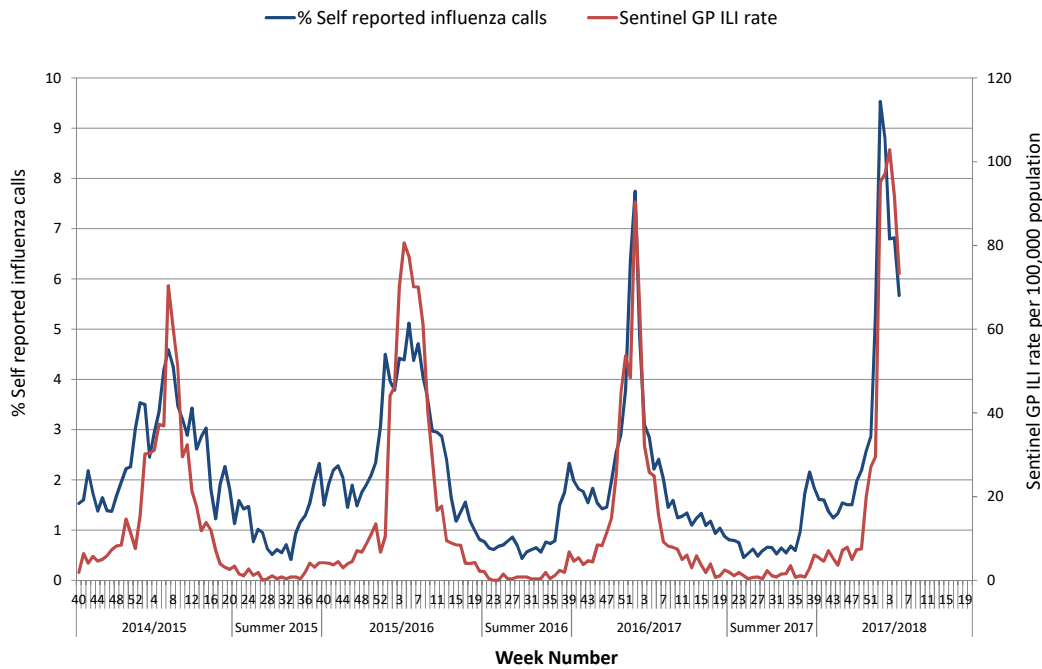


Figure 8: Self-reported influenza-related calls as a proportion of total calls to Out-of-Hours GP Co-ops and sentinel GP ILI consultation rate per 100,000 population by week and season. Source: GP Out-Of-Hours services in Ireland (collated by HSE-NE) & ICGP.

5. Influenza & RSV notifications

Influenza and RSV cases notifications are reported on Ireland’s Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting System (CIDR), including all positive influenza /RSV specimens reported from all laboratories testing for influenza/RSV and reporting to CIDR.

Influenza and RSV notifications are reported in the [Weekly Infectious Disease Report for Ireland](#).

- Influenza notifications remained at high levels during week 5 2018, at 984, a slight increase compared to 975 in the previous week. During week 5 2018, 348 (35.4%) cases were associated with influenza A [161 A(H3N2), 23 A(H1N1)pdm09 and 164 A (not subtyped)], 634 (64.4%) cases were associated with influenza B, and 2 (0.2%) cases with influenza type not reported.
- For the 2017/2018 influenza season to date, 5654 confirmed influenza cases have been notified to HPSC: 2042 (36%) cases were associated with influenza A [802 A(H3N2), 151 A(H1N1)pdm09, 1089 A (not subtyped)], 3537 (63%) cases with influenza B, and 75 (1.0%) cases with influenza type not reported. The median age of notified confirmed influenza cases this season to date was 56 years.
- RSV notifications continued to decrease during week 5 2018, with 93 cases notified, compared to 158 notified cases during week 4 2018.

6. Influenza Hospitalisations

- 339 confirmed influenza hospitalised cases were notified during week 5 2018, a slight increase from 322 notified during week 4 2018. Of typed influenza viruses notified during week 5 2018, 36% were associated with influenza A and 64% with influenza B.
- For the 2017/2018 influenza season to date, 2136 confirmed influenza hospitalised cases have been notified to HPSC: 833 (39.0%) were associated with influenza A [245 associated with A(H3N2), 68 with A(H1N1)pdm09, 520 with A (not subtyped)], 1257 (58.8%) with influenza B and 46 (2.2%) with influenza type not reported. Age specific rates for hospitalised influenza cases are reported in table 3, with the highest rates reported in those aged 65 years and older. The median age of hospitalised cases this season to date was 66 years. The number of confirmed influenza hospitalised cases by influenza type/subtype and by week of notification is shown in figure 9.

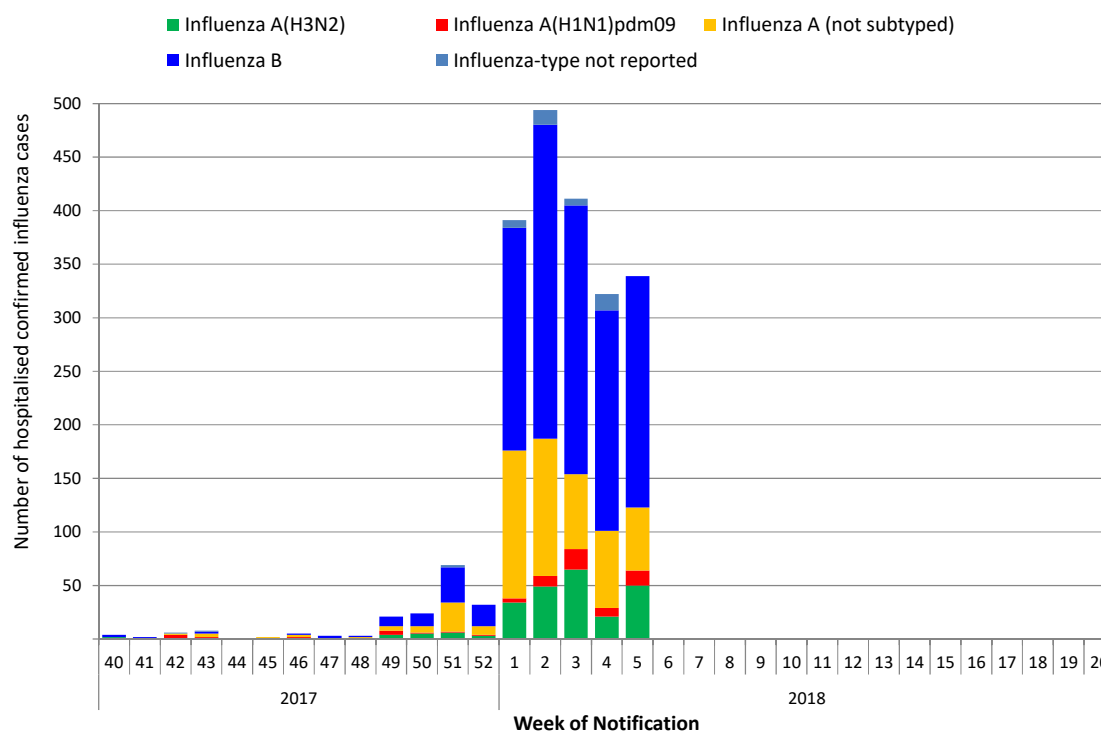


Figure 9: Number of confirmed influenza cases hospitalised by influenza type/subtype and by week of notification.
 Source: Ireland's Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting System (CIDR).

7. Critical Care Surveillance

The Intensive Care Society of Ireland (ICSI) and the HSE Critical Care Programme are continuing with the enhanced surveillance system set up during the 2009 pandemic, on all critical care patients with confirmed influenza. HPSC processes and reports on this information on behalf of the regional Directors of Public Health/Medical Officers of Health.

One hundred and six confirmed influenza cases were admitted to critical care units and reported to HPSC during weeks 40 2017 – 5 2018, 48% associated with influenza A and 52% with influenza B: 18 A(H3N2), two influenza A(H1N1)pdm09, 31 A - not subtyped, and 55 influenza B. The highest age specific rates were reported in those aged less than one year old, followed by those aged 65 years and older (table 3). The median age of cases was 60 years.

Table 3: Age specific rates for confirmed influenza cases hospitalised and admitted to critical care during the 2017/2018 influenza season to date. Age specific rates are based on the 2016 CSO census.

Age (years)	Hospitalised		Admitted to ICU	
	Number	Age specific rate per 100,000 pop.	Number	Age specific rate per 100,000 pop.
<1	71	114.0	7	11.2
1-4	156	57.9	2	0.7
5-14	161	23.9	8	1.2
15-24	75	13.0	3	0.5
25-34	80	12.1	3	0.5
35-44	134	20.3	13	1.7
45-54	150	24.0	9	1.4
55-64	211	41.5	18	3.5
≥65	1097	172.1	43	6.7
Unknown Age	1		0	
Total	2136	44.9	106	2.2

8. Mortality Surveillance

Influenza-associated deaths include all deaths where influenza is reported as the primary/main cause of death by the physician or if influenza is listed anywhere on the death certificate as the cause of death. HPSC receives daily mortality data from the General Register Office (GRO) on all deaths from all causes registered in Ireland. These data have been used to monitor excess all-cause and influenza and pneumonia deaths as part of the influenza surveillance system and the European Mortality Monitoring Project. These data are provisional due to the time delay in deaths' registration in Ireland. <http://www.euromomo.eu/>

- 70 deaths in notified influenza cases have been reported to HPSC during weeks 40 2017 – 5 2018. The median age at the time of death was 77 years. Influenza A was confirmed for 39% of these notified cases that died; influenza B for 50% and influenza type was not reported for 11%.
- All-cause excess mortality was reported in Ireland in those aged 65 years and older during weeks 52 2017 - 3 2018, after correcting GRO data for reporting delays with the standardised EuroMOMO algorithm. It is important to note that these data are provisional due to the time delay in deaths' registration in Ireland.
- Increased all-cause mortality among the elderly has been reported in parts of Europe in recent weeks, especially in the Southern Europe and in England and Scotland. <http://www.euromomo.eu/>

9. Outbreak Surveillance

- Seven influenza general outbreaks were notified to HPSC during week 5 2018, four from HSE-East and one from each of the following areas - HSE Northeast, -Southeast and -South. Four of these outbreaks were associated with influenza B and three were associated with influenza A (H3N2). One outbreak was reported in an acute hospital setting and six in residential care facilities/long stay units. No acute respiratory infection (ARI) outbreaks were reported during week 5 2018.
- For the 2017/2018 influenza season to date, 139 influenza/ARI general outbreaks have been notified: 121 associated with influenza (reported from all HSE-Areas, with 46% reported from HSE-East), seven associated with RSV (in HSE-East, -Midwest, -Northwest and -South) and 11 ARI outbreaks (the majority associated with rhinovirus) in HSE-East, -Northwest, -Southeast, -South, and -West. Of the 121 influenza outbreaks notified, 43 were associated with influenza A [16 with A(H3N2), two with A(H1N1)pdm09 and 25 with influenza A-not subtyped], 59 with influenza B, 11 with both influenza A and B and 8 with no influenza type reported. Sixteen influenza outbreaks were reported in acute hospital settings, one in a school, one in a child care facility, 98 in residential care facilities/other residential setting, two in other setting and three with the outbreak setting not reported. The number of influenza, ARI, and RSV outbreaks by week of notification is shown in figure 10. *Family outbreaks are not included in this surveillance report.*

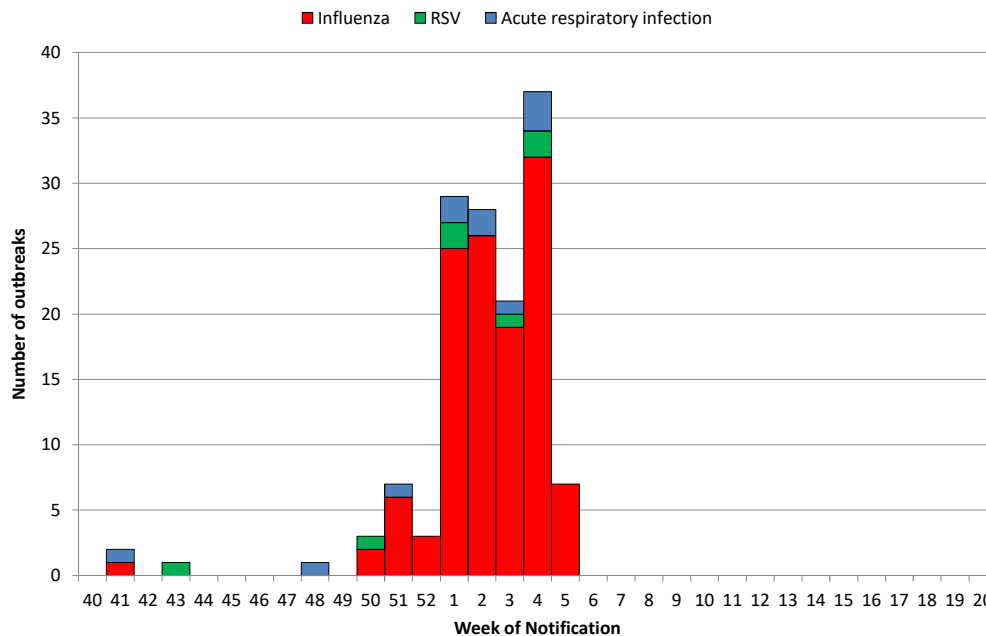


Figure 10: Number of acute respiratory infection, influenza and RSV outbreaks notified by week of notification. Source: Ireland's Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting System (CIDR).

10. International Summary

- During week 4 2018, influenza activity was widespread in the majority of reporting European countries, and while activity was increasing, intensity in most countries was reported as low to medium. Both influenza A and B were co-circulating and mixed patterns were observed across the region, with a higher proportion of influenza B viruses compared to A viruses detected during week 4 2018. Of subtyped A viruses from sentinel sources, A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses have outnumbered A(H3N2) viruses. Conversely, the majority of subtyped influenza A detections from non-sentinel systems have been influenza A(H3N2). For type B viruses from both sentinel and non-sentinel sources, B/Yamagata lineage viruses have greatly outnumbered those of the B/Victoria lineage. Of the genetically characterised A(H3N2) viruses, 58% belonged to clade 3C.2a, the vaccine virus clade as described in the [WHO recommendations for vaccine composition for the northern hemisphere 2017–18](#), 37% to clade 3C.2a1 and 5% to clade 3C.3a. Viruses in both clades 3C.2a and 3C.2a1 are antigenically similar.
- As of February 5th 2018, influenza activity remained high in the temperate zone of the northern hemisphere while in the temperate zone of the southern hemisphere activity was at inter-seasonal levels. Worldwide, influenza A accounted for the majority of influenza detections, with increased influenza B (mostly from the Yamagata lineage) in recent weeks. The majority of countries reported ILI activity reaching moderate levels in comparison with previous years, with few reaching levels exceeding those of previous years. Some countries however have reported levels of hospitalisation and ICU admissions reaching or exceeding peak levels of previous influenza seasons. WHO recommends countries with current influenza activity or entering their season to adopt necessary measures for ensuring appropriate case management, compliance with infection control measures and seasonal influenza vaccination for high risk groups.
- [ECDC and WHO Europe have issued a joint press statement](#) regarding low uptake of seasonal influenza vaccination in Europe.
- ECDC has published a [Risk assessment for seasonal influenza, EU/EEA, 2017–2018](#) and the WHO Regional office for Europe published a [situation analysis](#) that describes the early season evolving epidemiological pattern.
- See [ECDC](#) and [WHO](#) influenza surveillance reports for further information.

- Further information is available on the following websites:
 - Northern Ireland <http://www.fluawareni.info/>
 - Europe – ECDC <http://ecdc.europa.eu/>
 - Public Health England <http://www.hpa.org.uk/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/InfectionsAZ/SeasonalInfluenza/>
 - United States CDC <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>
 - Public Health Agency of Canada <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/fluwatch/index-eng.php>
- Information on Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS), including the latest ECDC rapid risk assessment is available on the [ECDC website](#). Further information and guidance documents are also available on the [HPSC](#) and [WHO](#) websites.
- Further information on avian influenza is available on the [ECDC website](#). The latest ECDC rapid risk assessment on highly pathogenic avian influenza A of H5 type is also available on the [ECDC website](#).

11. WHO recommendations on the composition of influenza virus vaccines

On March 2, 2017, the WHO vaccine strain selection committee recommended that trivalent vaccines for use in the 2017/2018 northern hemisphere influenza season contain the following: an A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus; an A/Hong Kong/4801/2014 (H3N2)-like virus; a B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus. It is recommended that quadrivalent vaccines containing two influenza B viruses contain the above three viruses and a B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus. <http://www.who.int/influenza/vaccines/virus/recommendations/en/>

Further information on influenza in Ireland is available at www.hpsc.ie

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