



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH SERVICES



## VAERS Reporting COVID-19 Vaccine

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### Immunization Program



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Health and Wellness for all Arizonans

#### **Attention All Immunization Providers**

#### **Do Your Part for Vaccine Safety**

#### **Report to VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System) For Any Adverse Event After Vaccination Including After COVID-19 Vaccine**

#### **WHAT IS VAERS?**

VAERS is a national program that monitors the safety of vaccines after they are licensed. It is managed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). VAERS monitors for any problems or "adverse events" that happen after vaccination. Not all events reported to VAERS are caused by the vaccine. VAERS is unable to determine that a vaccine caused or did not cause an adverse event. However, it can give the CDC and FDA important information that might signal a problem. If it looks as though a vaccine might be associated with an adverse event, the FDA and CDC will investigate further.

**WHO CAN REPORT TO VAERS?** Parents, Patients, Healthcare Providers and Others. The CDC and FDA encourage anybody who experiences any problems after vaccination to report to VAERS. Healthcare providers are required by law to report [certain problems](#).

**HOW DO YOU REPORT?** Go to [VAERS](#), then choose one of two ways to report:

1. Report online (preferred method) [Report An Event](#)
2. Report using a [Writable PDF Form](#).  
Download the PDF form to your computer, complete it and then return to the VAERS website to upload the completed form. Important: Use a desktop or laptop computer on which you can securely save a document that contains protected health information, personal identifiers or other sensitive personal or patient information.
3. If you need further assistance with reporting to VAERS, please email [info@VAERS.org](mailto:info@VAERS.org) or call 1-800-822-7967.



Resources:



[Information for Healthcare Providers](#)

[VAERS: An Overview and Demonstration](#) (video)

[VAERS: Online Reporting Demonstration](#) (video)

[Checklist of Information to Complete the VAERS Form](#)

[Tell Me More About Vaccines--Dr. Fauci](#) (video)

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## Influenza & RSV Summary: Week 49

12/10/2020

### Influenza & RSV Reports

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### **Influenza & RSV Summary: Week 49**

[See full report](#)

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Please see the [interactive influenza dashboard](#) for more details on current and past seasons in Arizona.

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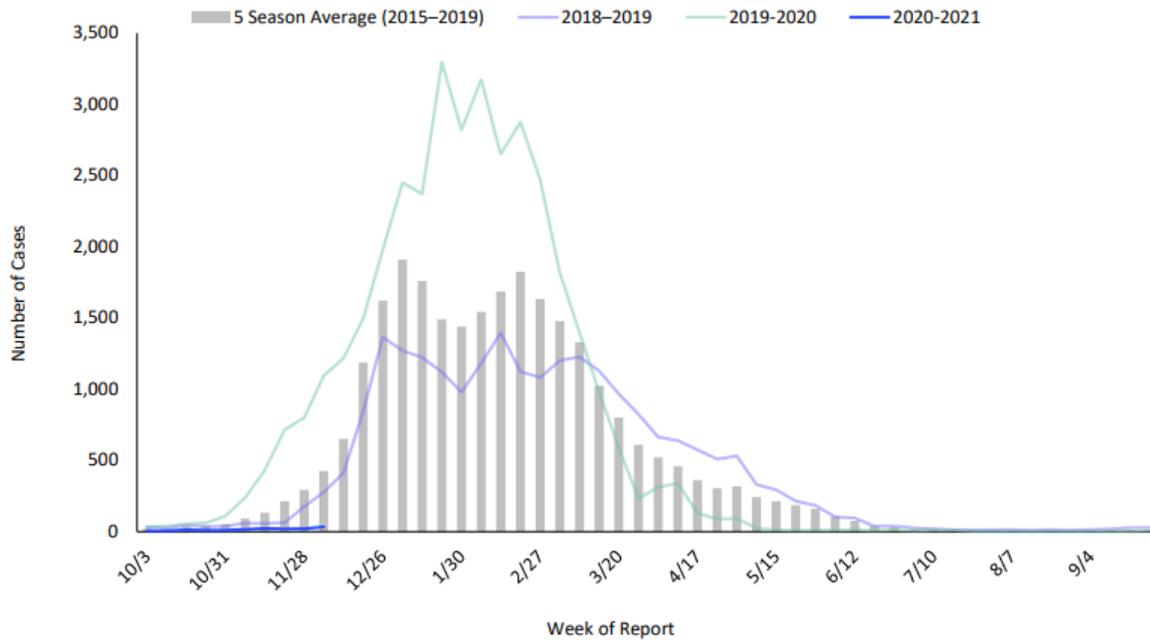
### Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Activity by Season

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**Arizona reported Sporadic Activity for week 49**

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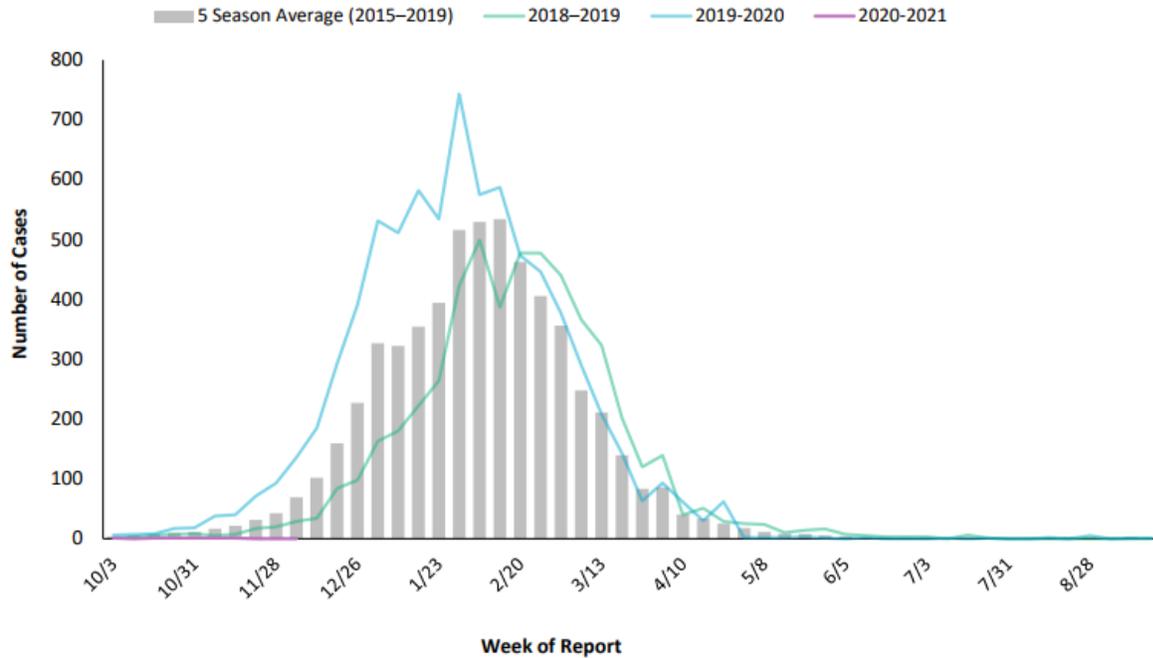
In the past week, there were **32 laboratory confirmed** influenza cases.



	Cumulative Season Total	Current Week Total
<b>2020-2021</b>	149	32
<b>2019-2020</b>	3,571	1,094
<b>5 season average</b>	1,322	426
<b>% increase, compared to 2019-2020 season</b>	-96%	-97%
<b>% increase, compared to a typical influenza season</b>	-89%	-92%
<b>% increase, compared to last week</b>	27%	52%

## Laboratory-Confirmed RSV Activity by Season

In the past week, there were **0 laboratory confirmed RSV cases**.



	Cumulative Season Total	Current Week Total
<b>2020-2021</b>	6	0
<b>2019-2020</b>	434	136
<b>5 season average</b>	219	69
<b>% increase, compared to 2019-2020 season</b>	-99%	-100%
<b>% increase, compared to a typical season</b>	-97%	-100%

ADHS produces weekly reports on influenza and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) to track the level of case activity, learn where influenza and RSV are occurring in the state as well as who is affected (e.g., age), and allows us the track what sub-types of influenza are circulating.

For more information on these reports visit our [Influenza & RSV Reports](#) page.

**About the Data:**

**2020–2021 Influenza Season:** The season is defined by surveillance weeks. The first day of the 2020–2021 influenza season was September 27th, 2020, or week 40 and the 2020–2021 surveillance season will continue through October 2nd, 2021, or week 39.

**Activity Levels:** Indicator of the geographic spread of influenza activity.

**Widespread:** Increased influenza-like illness from sentinel providers (ILI) in three or more regions and large numbers of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases in those regions.

**Regional:** Increased ILI in two regions and elevated numbers of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases in those regions.

**Local:** Increased ILI in one region and elevated numbers of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases in that region.

**Sporadic:** No increase in ILI activity and only isolated laboratory-confirmed influenza cases.

**No Activity:** No increase in ILI activity and no laboratory-confirmed influenza cases.

**Influenza-associated Pediatric Deaths:** Influenza-associated pediatric deaths are reportable to the public health departments in Arizona. The 2008–2009 and 2009–2010 seasons showed an increase in influenza-associated deaths in children related to the circulation of the 2009 H1N1 strain. One to five deaths were reported in each of the other seasons since 2004.

**Influenza-like illness:** Defined as a fever of at least 100°F plus either a cough or a sore throat. In weeks when a relatively low number of enrolled facilities report data, the ILI proportion may not be as representative of Arizona activity as for other weeks. The state ILI baseline is 1.9% and the epidemic threshold is 3.8%\*.

## About us:

The award-winning, nationally recognized Arizona Department of Health Services is responsible for leading Arizona's public health system including responding to disease outbreaks, licensing health and childcare facilities, operating the Arizona State Hospital, and improving the overall health and wellness of all Arizonans.