

Section 1: Summary

For week 17 all Zones report some level of influenza activity.

South	▪ Sporadic activity.
Calgary	▪ Localized activity.
Central	▪ Sporadic activity.
Edmonton	▪ Sporadic activity.
North	▪ Sporadic activity.



Section 2: Outbreaks

There was one new influenza outbreak to report in week 17. There was one influenza outbreak in week 16. There have been 91 influenza outbreaks this season.

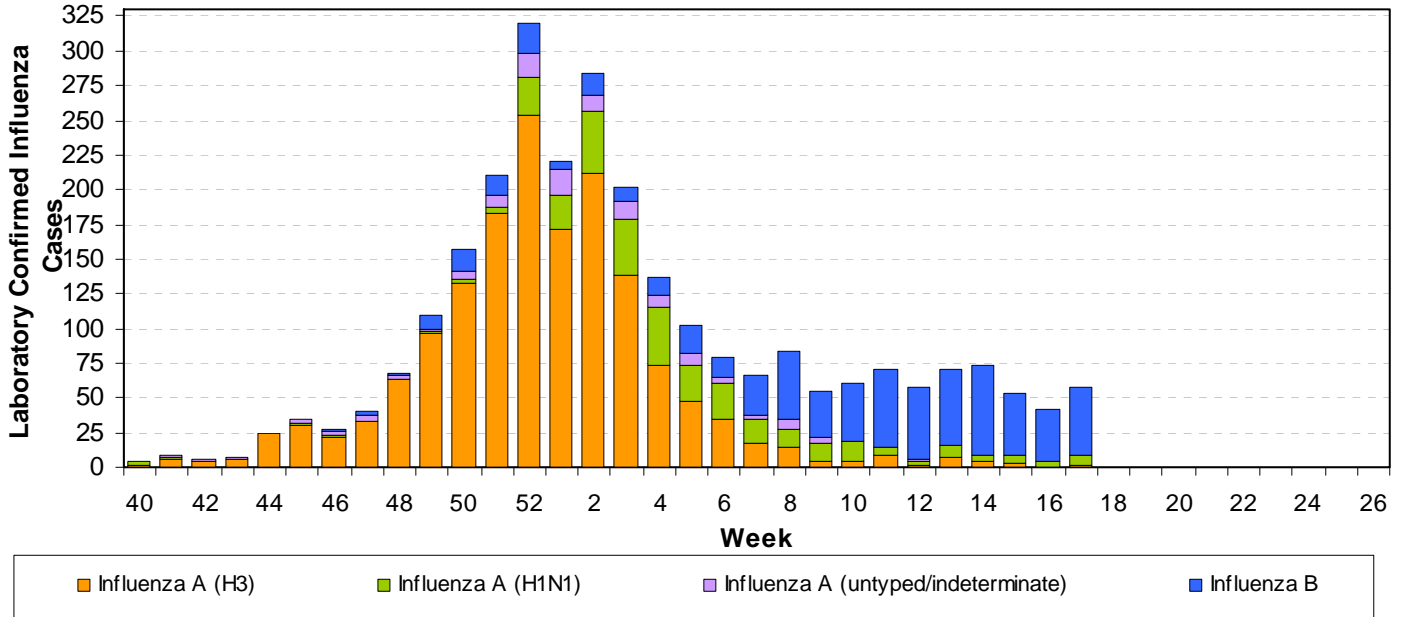
Reported Outbreaks of Influenza, 2012/13

Zone	Current Week	YTD
South	0	12
Calgary	1	21
Central	0	7
Capital	0	40
North	0	11
Alberta	1	91

Section 3: Isolates

In the 2012/13 influenza season, the Provincial Laboratory for Public Health (PLPH) reported 2,075 Influenza A cases and 658 Influenza B cases to Alberta Health. There were 57* lab confirmed influenza cases reported to Alberta Health in week 17 and 42 reported in week 16. While influenza A has been the dominant strain for the bulk of the season, the majority of influenza cases in recent weeks have been due to influenza B.

Laboratory Confirmed Influenza Cases by Strain Type, 2012/13

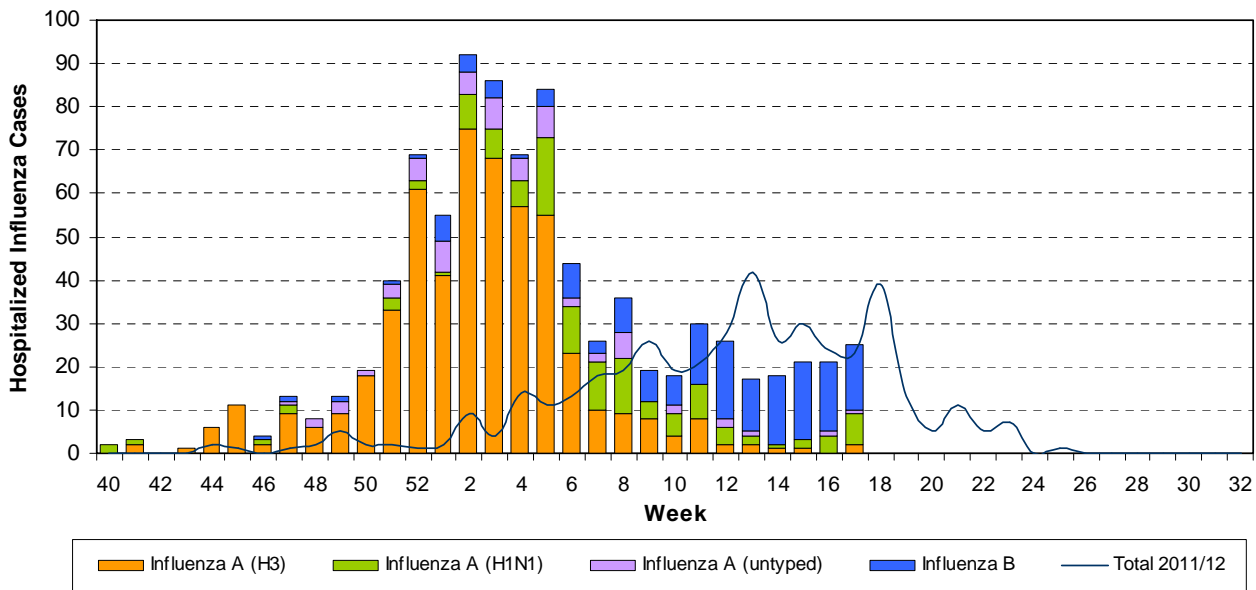


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Section 4: Hospitalizations

There were 25* new hospitalized cases of influenza reported in week 17, and 21 confirmed hospitalized cases in week 16. There have been 876 hospitalized cases in total for this influenza season. While the majority of hospitalized cases have been due to influenza A, the majority of hospitalized cases in recent weeks have been due to influenza B.

Hospitalized Influenza Cases by Influenza Strain Type, 2012/13



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Section 5: Influenza-Like Illness – TARRANT-Week 17

Sentinel physicians report cases of ILI seen in their practices. 20* cases of influenza like illness (ILI) were seen in week 17 and 11 cases were seen in week 16.

Zone	Sentinal Doctors (#)	Sentinal Recorders this Week (#)	Patients Seen (#)	ILI Cases (#)	Patients with ILI (%)
South	9	4	483	4	0.8%
Calgary	41	21	1188	5	0.4%
Central	15	13	586	0	0.0%
Edmonton	10	6	614	0	0.0%
North	6	2	178	11	6.2%
Alberta	81	46	3049	20	0.7%

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For more information, please go to the website: <http://www.tarrantviralwatch.ca/>

Section 7: Antiviral Resistance

- A probable case of oseltamivir-resistant influenza was reported to Alberta Health in week 9. The sample, isolated in Calgary, has been sent to the National Microbiology Laboratory for confirmatory testing. This is the first resistant isolate found in the 2012/13 influenza season.
- In the 2011/12 season there were 10 isolates found to be resistant to amantadine. No isolates were resistant to zanamivir or oseltamivir.

Section 6: Canadian and International Influenza Activity

The following links provide access to other websites related to influenza and ILI.

Canada – FluWATCH www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/fluwatch/index-eng.php

World Health Organization www.who.int/topics/influenza/en/

USA – CDC www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/