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Influenza Update:

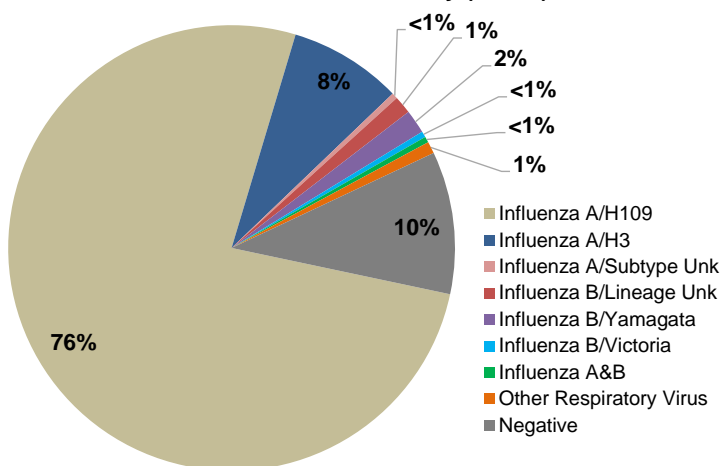
- **Locally, influenza activity has significantly increased in recent weeks.** At the State level, influenza activity is widespread. Influenza activity is expected to continue for months; it's not too late to vaccinate.
- The most frequently identified influenza virus reported by Orange County Public Health Laboratory was A(H1N1)pdm09 virus.
- No influenza-associated deaths in persons under the age of 65 years have been reported to Orange County Public Health so far this season.

Season Totals thru 1/5/19

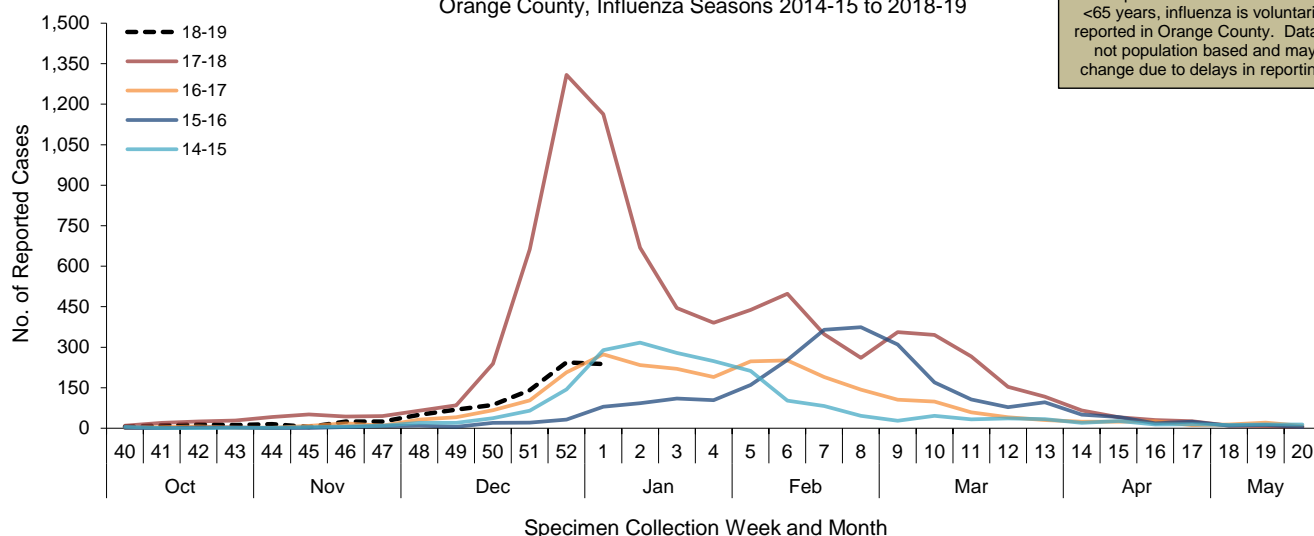
Increasing ↑	Local Flu Activity
4 children 4 adults	ICU Cases (0-64 yrs)
0 children 0 adults	Deaths (0-64 yrs)
2 LTCF 1 School	Respiratory Outbreaks

LTCF = Long Term Care Facility

Specimen Testing Results from Orange County Public Health Laboratory (n=232)



Reported Influenza Cases by Disease Week and Season, Orange County, Influenza Seasons 2014-15 to 2018-19



Clinical News:

- Vaccinating hospitalized patients does not increase risk of outpatient visits, hospital readmission, fever or laboratory tests for infection ([read more here](#)).
- Seasonal influenza vaccine reduced influenza-related hospitalizations among patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease by 37.5% ([read more here](#)).