

Chinese Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report

March 11 to March 17, 2024 (Week 11)

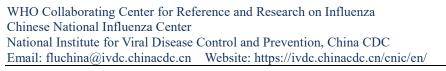
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Summary

- Influenza detections were decreasing in the southern provinces and northern provinces in this week, B/Victoria were predominated, followed by A(H3N2) and A(H1N1)pdm09. There were 23 ILI outbreaks reported in week 11.
- Among influenza viruses antigenically characterized by CNIC since April 3, 2023, 1875(97.3%) influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses were characterized as A/Victoria/4897/2022-like; 1318(40.7%) influenza A(H3N2) viruses were characterized as A/Darwin/9/2021(egg)-like, 1304(40.2%) influenza A(H3N2) viruses were characterized as A/Darwin/6/2021(cell)-like;1052(98.7%) influenza B/Victoria viruses were characterized as B/Austria/1359417/2021-like.
- Among the influenza viruses tested by CNIC for antiviral resistance analysis since April 3, 2023, all but 5 influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 were sensitive to neuraminidase inhibitors, all A(H3N2) and B viruses were sensitive to neuraminidase inhibitors; all A(H1N1)pdm09, A(H3N2) and B viruses were sensitive to endonuclease inhibitors.

Surveillance of outpatient or emergency visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI)

During week 11, the percentage of outpatient or emergency visits for ILI (ILI%) at national sentinel hospitals in southern provinces was 5.4%, lower than the last week (5.5%), higher than the same week of $2021 \sim 2022(2.8\% \text{ and } 4.3\%)$, lower than the same week of 2023(9.9%). (Figure 1)





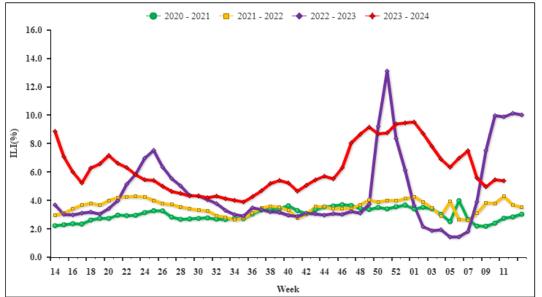


Figure 1. Percentage of Visits for ILI at Sentinel Hospitals in Southern Provinces

Note: Analysis in this part was based on data from sentinel hospitals belong to national influenza surveillance network.

During week 11, ILI% at national sentinel hospitals in northern provinces was

4.1%, higher than the last week (4.0%), higher than the same week of

2021~2022(1.9% and 2.4%), lower than the same week of 2023(7.7%). (Figure 2)

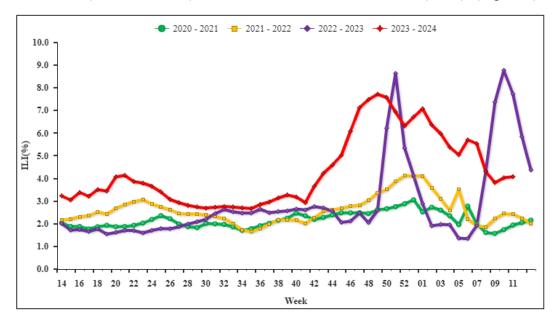


Figure 2. Percentage of Visits for ILI at Sentinel Hospitals in Northern Provinces

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Virologic Surveillance

During week 11, influenza network laboratories tested 11125 specimens, there were 1881 positive detections for influenza. The number and proportion of influenza types and subtypes detected in southern and northern provinces were shown in Table1.

	Week 11		
	Southern provinces	Northern provinces	Total
No. of specimens tested	5651	5474	11125
No. of positive specimens (%)	1259(22.3%)	622(11.4%)	1881(16.9%)
Influenza A	409(32.5%)	195(31.4%)	604(32.1%)
A(H3N2)	221(54.0%)	124(63.6%)	345(57.1%)
A(H1N1)pdm09	188(46.0%)	71(36.4%)	259(42.9%)
A (subtype not determined)	0	0	0
Influenza B	850(67.5%)	427(68.6%)	1277(67.9%)
B (lineage not determined)	0	0	0
Victoria	850(100%)	427(100%)	1277(100%)
Yamagata	0	0	0

 Table 1 Laboratory Detections of ILI Specimens (Week 11, 2024)

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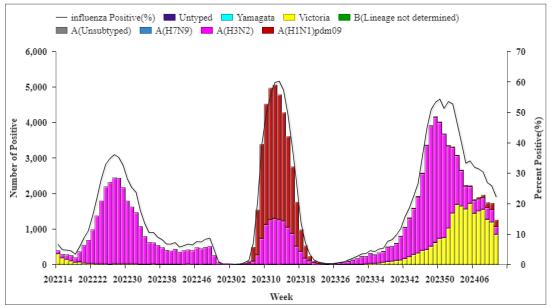


Figure 3. Influenza Positive Tests Reported by Southern Network Laboratories (Week 14, 2022–Week 13, 2024)

Note: Analysis in this part was based on the test results of network laboratories. If it were not consistent with the results of CNIC confirmation, the results of CNIC confirmation were used.

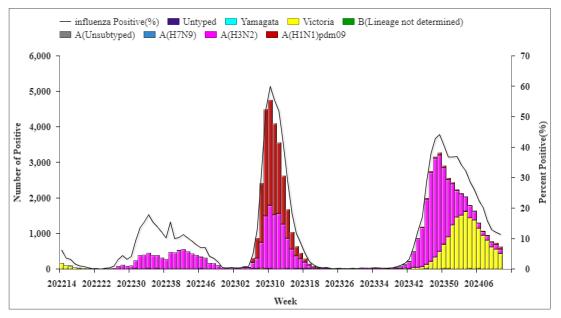


Figure 4. Influenza Positive Tests Reported by Northern Network Laboratories (Week 14, 2022–Week 13, 2024)

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Antigenic Characterization

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Antiviral Resistance

Since April 3, 2023, among the influenza viruses tested by CNIC for antiviral resistance, all but 5 influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 were sensitive to neuraminidase inhibitors, all A(H3N2) and B viruses were sensitive to neuraminidase inhibitors; all A(H1N1)pdm09, A(H3N2) and B viruses were sensitive to endonuclease inhibitors.

Outbreak Surveillance

During week 11, there were 23 ILI outbreaks reported nationwide. Among them, 8 were B/Victoria, 8 were B(lineage not determined), 2 were A(H3N2), 2 were A(H1N1)pdm09, 2 were mixed, 1 had not obtained the testing results.