



Chinese Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report

March 25 to March 31, 2024 (Week 13)

(All data are preliminary and may change as more reports are received)

Summary

- Influenza detections were decreasing in the southern provinces and northern provinces in this week, B/Victoria were predominated, followed by A(H1N1)pdm09 and A(H3N2). There were 12 ILI outbreaks reported in week 13.
- Among influenza viruses antigenically characterized by CNIC since October 2, 2023, 68(95.8%) influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses were characterized as A/Victoria/4897/2022-like; 702(34.1%) influenza A(H3N2) viruses were characterized as A/Darwin/9/2021(egg)-like, 678(33.0%) influenza A(H3N2) viruses were characterized as A/Darwin/6/2021(cell)-like; 1785(99.0%) influenza B/Victoria viruses were characterized as B/Austria/1359417/2021-like.
- Among the influenza viruses tested by CNIC for antiviral resistance analysis since October 2, 2023, all but 1 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 13, the percentage of outpatient or emergency visits for ILI (ILI%) at national sentinel hospitals in southern provinces was 4.7%, lower than the last week (5.1%), higher than the same week of 2021 ~ 2022(3.0% and 3.1%), lower than the same week of 2023(10.0%). (Figure 1)

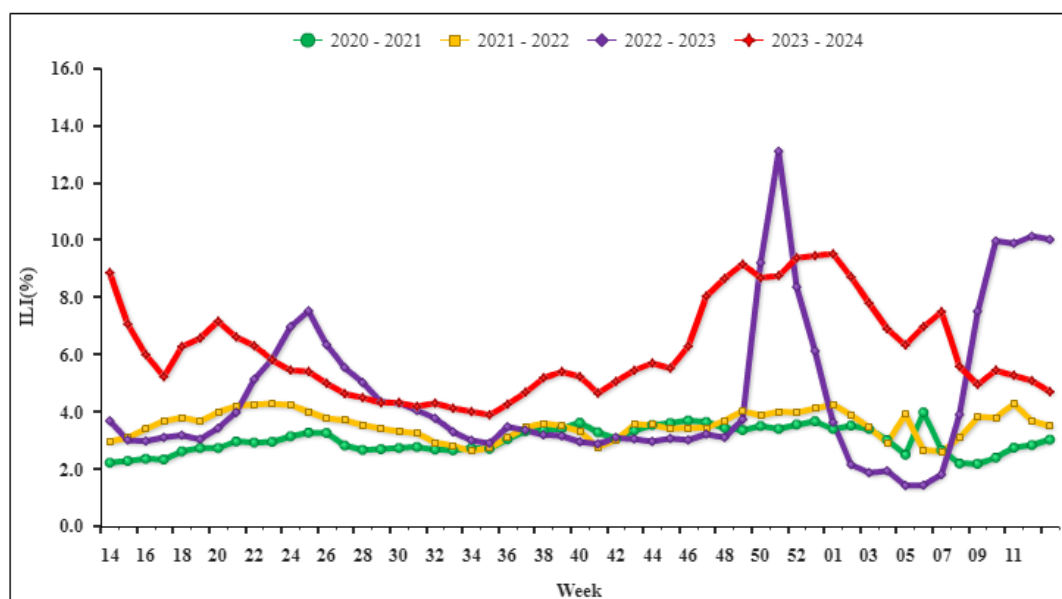


Figure 1. Percentage of Visits for ILI at Sentinel Hospitals in Southern Provinces

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

During week 13, ILI% at national sentinel hospitals in northern provinces was 3.8%, lower than the last week (3.9%), higher than the same week of 2021~2022(2.2% and 2.0%), lower than the same week of 2023(4.4%). (Figure 2)

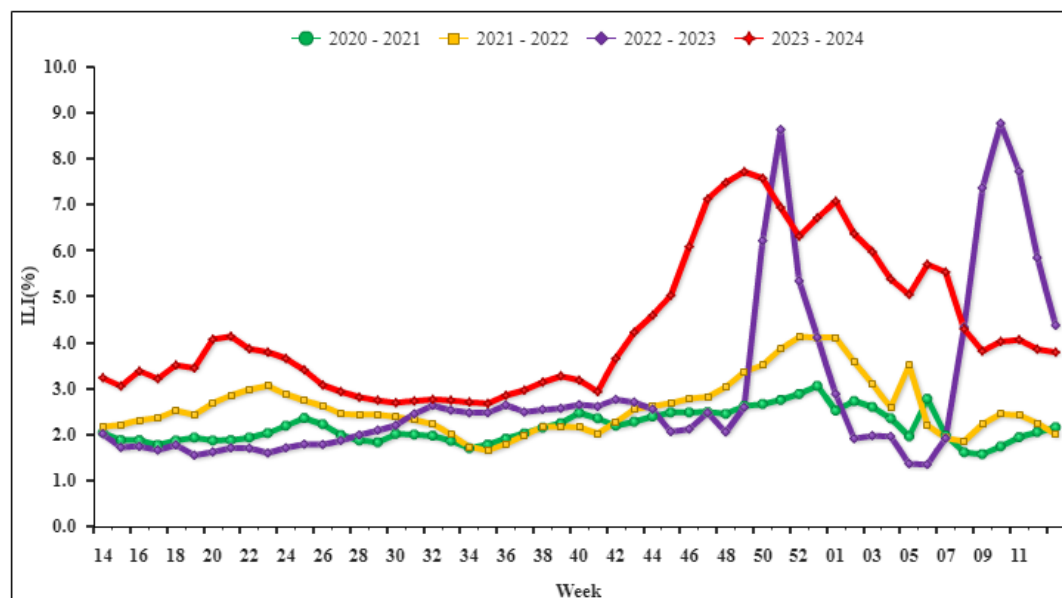


Figure 2. Percentage of Visits for ILI at Sentinel Hospitals in Northern Provinces

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Virologic Surveillance

During week 13, influenza network laboratories tested 11594 specimens, there were 1452 positive detections for influenza. The number and proportion of influenza types and subtypes detected in southern and northern provinces were shown in Table 1.

Table 1 Laboratory Detections of ILI Specimens (Week 13, 2024)

	Week 13		
	Southern provinces	Northern provinces	Total
No. of specimens tested	5968	5626	11594
No. of positive specimens (%)	1010(16.9%)	442(7.9%)	1452(12.5%)
Influenza A	441(43.7%)	171(38.7%)	612(42.1%)
A(H3N2)	132(29.9%)	63(36.8%)	195(31.9%)
A(H1N1)pdm09	309(70.1%)	108(63.2%)	417(68.1%)
A (subtype not determined)	0	0	0
Influenza B	569(56.3%)	271(61.3%)	840(57.9%)
B (lineage not determined)	0	0	0
Victoria	569(100%)	271(100%)	840(100%)
Yamagata	0	0	0

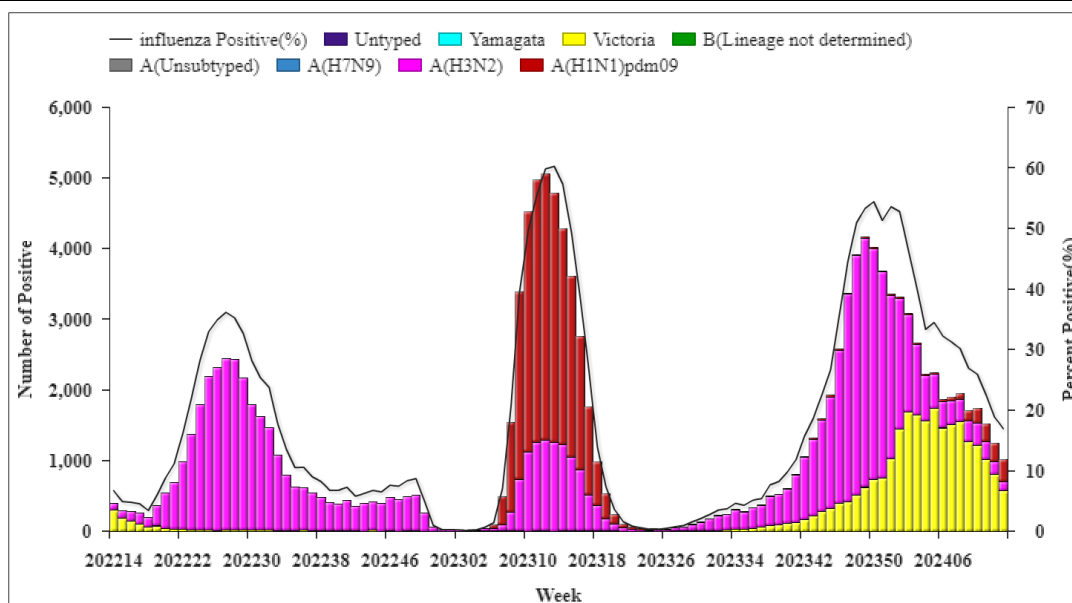


Figure 3. Influenza Positive Tests Reported by Southern Network Laboratories (Week 14, 2022–Week 13, 2024)

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.

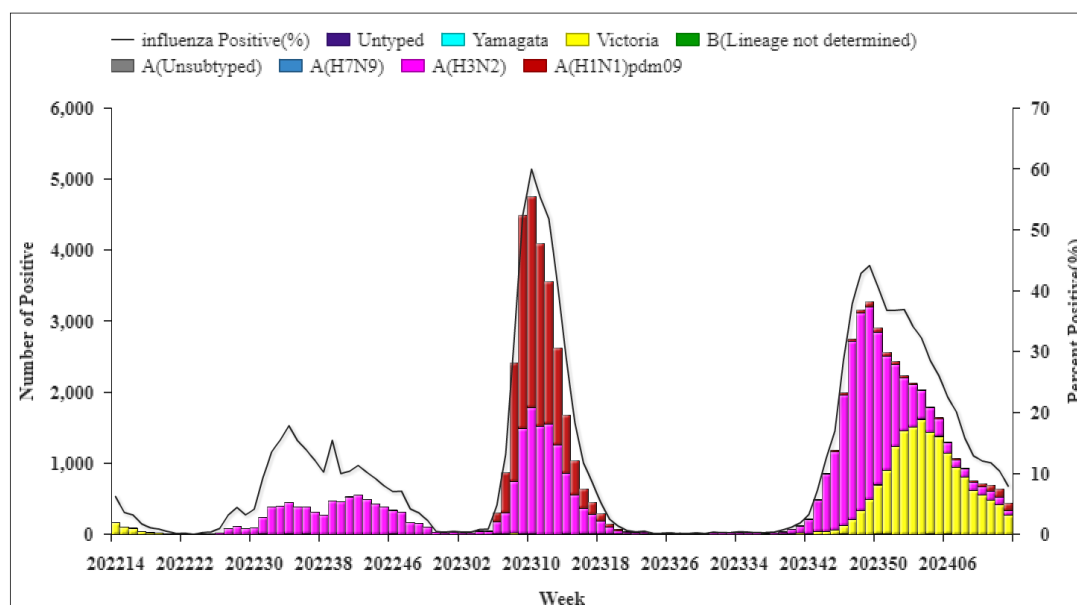


Figure 4. Influenza Positive Tests Reported by Northern Network Laboratories (Week 14, 2022–Week 13, 2024)

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Antigenic Characterization

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Antiviral Resistance

Since October 2, 2023, among the influenza viruses tested by CNIC for antiviral resistance, all but 1 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 13, there were 12 ILI outbreaks reported nationwide. Among them, 7 were B/Victoria, 3 were A(H1N1)pdm09, 1 was B(subtype not determined), 1 was negative for flu.