



Chinese Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report

March 18 to March 24, 2024 (Week 12)

(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 10 ILI outbreaks reported in week 12.
- 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; 1364(98.8%) 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 12, the percentage of outpatient or emergency visits for ILI (ILI%) at national sentinel hospitals in southern provinces was 5.0%, lower than the last week (5.3%), higher than the same week of 2021 ~ 2022(2.8% and 3.7%), lower than the same week of 2023(10.1%). (Figure 1)

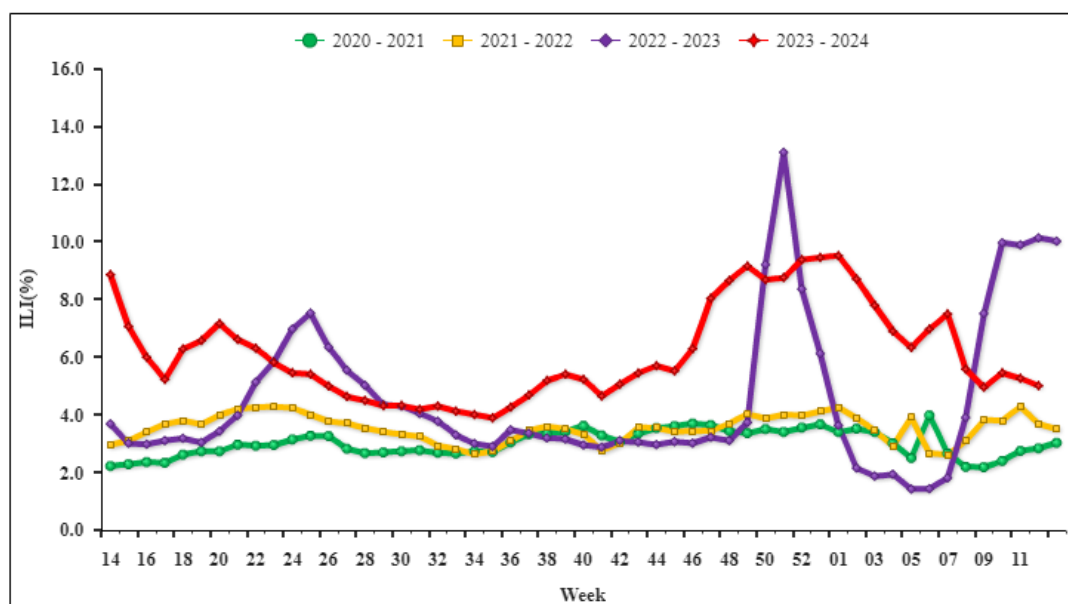


Figure 1. Percentage of Visits for ILI at Sentinel Hospitals in Southern Provinces

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

During week 12, ILI% at national sentinel hospitals in northern provinces was 3.9%, lower than the last week (4.1%), higher than the same week of 2021~2022(2.1% and 2.3%), lower than the same week of 2023(5.8%). (Figure 2)

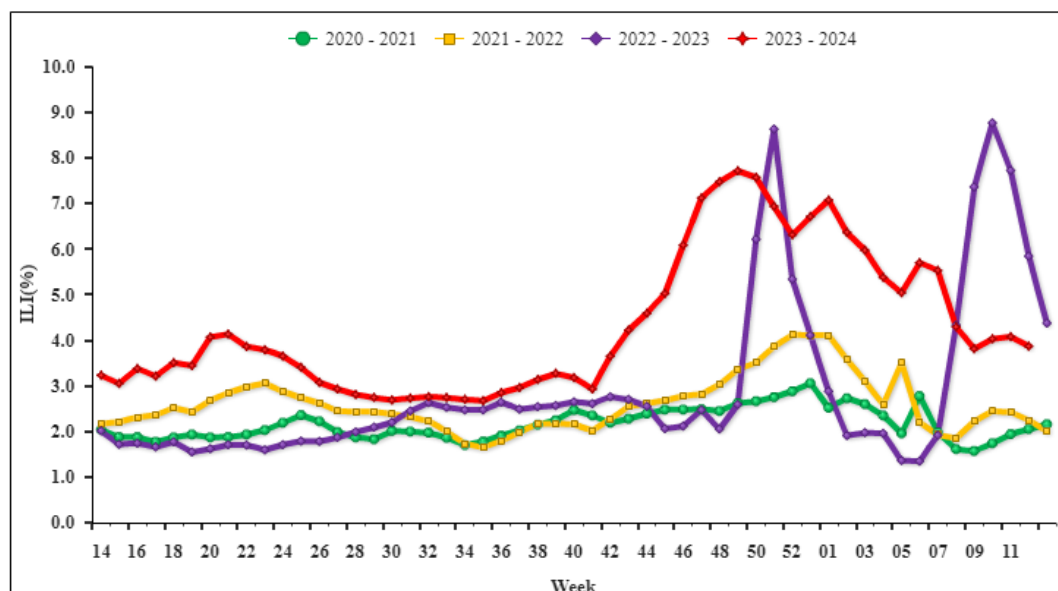


Figure 2. Percentage of Visits for ILI at Sentinel Hospitals in Northern Provinces

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Virologic Surveillance

During week 12, influenza network laboratories tested 11088 specimens, there were 1556 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 12, 2024)

	Week 12		
	Southern provinces	Northern provinces	Total
No. of specimens tested	5432	5656	11088
No. of positive specimens (%)	1006(18.5%)	550(9.7%)	1556(14.0%)
Influenza A	339(33.7%)	184(33.5%)	523(33.6%)
A(H3N2)	145(42.8%)	98(53.3%)	243(46.5%)
A(H1N1)pdm09	194(57.2%)	86(46.7%)	280(53.5%)
A (subtype not determined)	0	0	0
Influenza B	667(66.3%)	366(66.5%)	1033(66.4%)
B (lineage not determined)	1(0.1%)	0	1(0.1%)
Victoria	666(99.9%)	366(100%)	1032(99.9%)
Yamagata	0(0%)	0(0%)	0(0%)

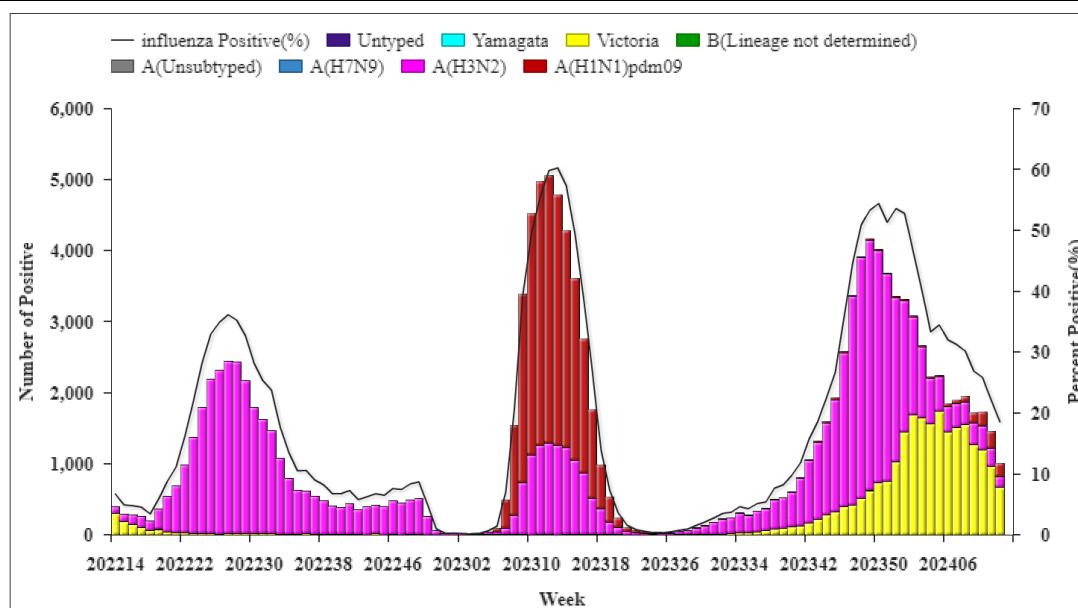


Figure 3. Influenza Positive Tests Reported by Southern Network Laboratories (Week 14, 2022–Week 13, 2024)

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.

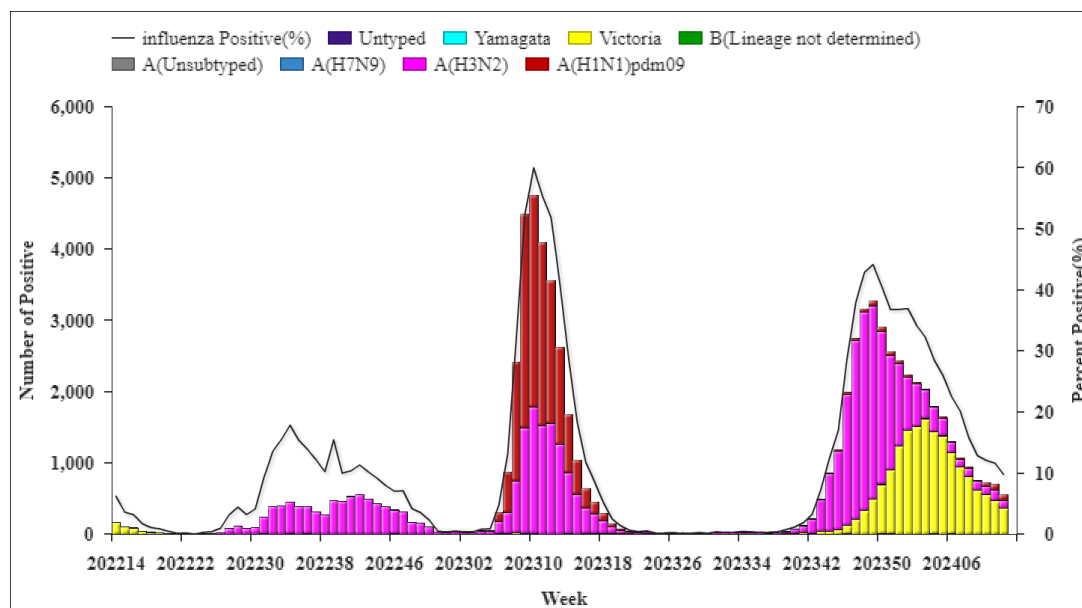


Figure 4. Influenza Positive Tests Reported by Northern Network Laboratories (Week 14, 2022–Week 13, 2024)

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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 12, there were 10 ILI outbreaks reported nationwide. Among them, 5 were B/Victoria, 2 were mixed, 1 was negative for flu, 2 had not obtained the testing results.