



Chinese Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report

December 15 to 21, 2025 (Week 51)

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

Summary

- The positive rate of influenza virus testing decreased in southern and northern provinces. There were 201 ILI outbreaks reported in this week.
- Among influenza viruses antigenically characterized by CNIC since March 31, 2025, 1092(97.9%) influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses were characterized as A/Victoria/4897/2022-like; 535(39.5%) influenza A(H3N2) viruses were characterized as A/Croatia/10136RV/2023(egg)-like, 983(72.5%) influenza A(H3N2) viruses were characterized as A/District of Columbia/27/2023(cell)-like; 313(97.5%) influenza B/Victoria viruses were characterized as B/Austria/1359417/2021-like.
- Among the influenza viruses tested by CNIC for antiviral resistance analysis since March 31, 2025, all but 31 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 influenza polymerase inhibitors.

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

During week 51, the percentage of outpatient or emergency visits for ILI (ILI%) at national sentinel hospitals in southern provinces was 7.6%, lower than the last week (9.7%), lower than the same week of 2022 and 2023 (13.1% and 9.2%), higher than the same week of 2024 (4.8%) . (Figure 1)

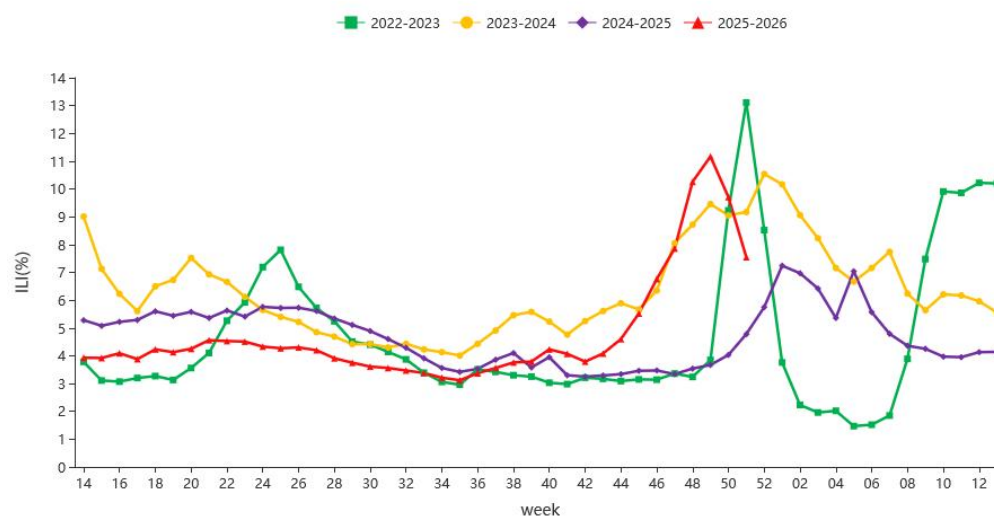


Figure 1. Percentage of Visits for ILI at Sentinel Hospitals in Southern Provinces

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

During week 51, ILI% at national sentinel hospitals in northern provinces was 4.9%, lower than the last week (6.3%), lower than the same week of 2022, 2023 and 2024 (8.8%, 6.8% and 6.4%). (Figure 2)

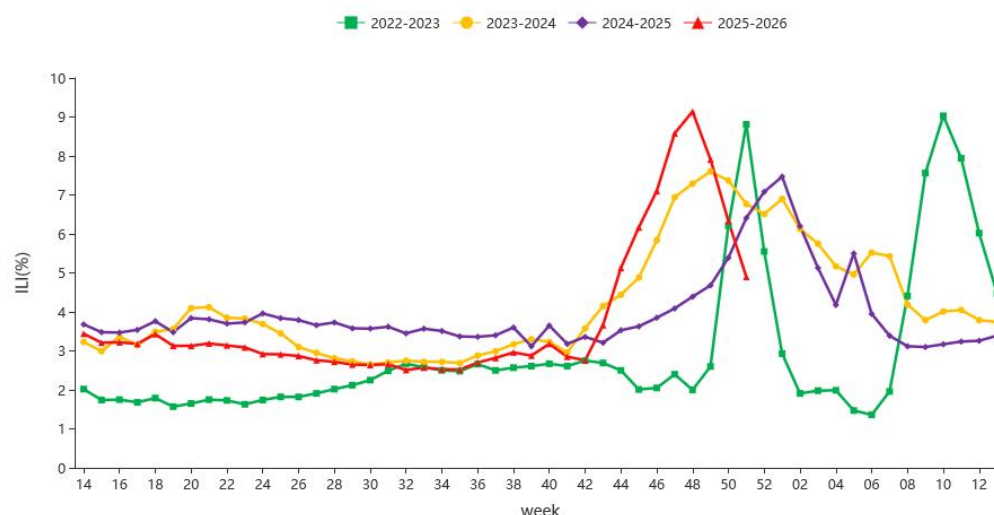


Figure 2. Percentage of Visits for ILI at Sentinel Hospitals in Northern Provinces

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Virologic Surveillance

During week 51 of 2025, influenza network laboratories tested 21296 specimens, there were 8402 positive detections for influenza. The number and proportion of influenza types and subtypes detected in southern and northern provinces were shown in Table1.

Table 1. Laboratory Detections of ILI Specimens (Week 51, 2025)

	Week 51		
	Southern provinces	Northern provinces	Total
No. of specimens tested	11362	9934	21296
No. of positive specimens (%)	5449(48.0%)	2953(29.7%)	8402(39.5%)
Influenza A	5400(99.1%)	2938(99.5%)	8338(99.2%)
A(H1N1)pdm09	6(0.1%)	2(0.1%)	8(0.1%)
A(H3N2)	5394(99.9%)	2936(99.9%)	8330(99.9%)
A (subtype not determined)	0	0	0
Influenza B	49(0.9%)	15(0.5%)	64(0.8%)
B (lineage not determined)	0	0	0
Victoria	49(100.0%)	15(100.0%)	64(100.0%)
Yamagata	0	0	0

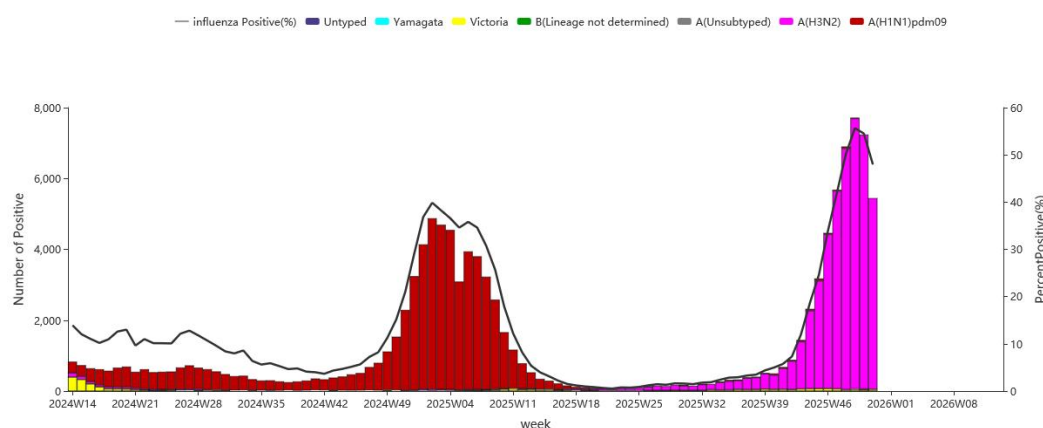


Figure 3. Influenza Positive Tests Reported by Southern Network Laboratories (Week 14, 2024–Week 13, 2026)

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.

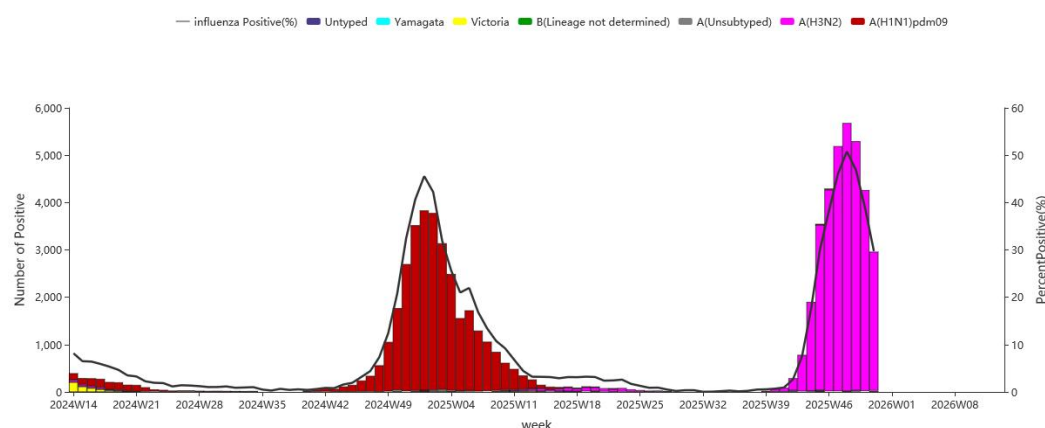


Figure 4. Influenza Positive Tests Reported by Northern Network Laboratories (Week 14, 2024–Week 13, 2026)

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Antigenic Characterization

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Antiviral Resistance

Since March 31, 2025, among the influenza viruses tested by CNIC for antiviral resistance, all but 31 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 influenza polymerase inhibitors.

Outbreak Surveillance

During week 51, there were 201 ILI outbreaks reported nationwide. Among them, 161 were A(H3N2), 3 were A(subtype not determined), 4 were mixed, 12 were negative for flu, 21 had not obtained the testing results.