



Chinese Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report

September 14 to September 20, 2026 (Week 38)

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

Summary

- The positive rate of influenza virus testing decreased slightly in southern provinces, while remained low level in northern provinces, with A(H3N2) dominated. There were 47 ILI outbreaks reported in this week.
- Among influenza viruses antigenically characterized by CNIC since March 30, 2026, 69(95.8%) influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses were characterized as A/Missouri/11/2025-like; 326(83.2%) influenza A(H3N2) viruses were characterized as A/Darwin/1454/2025(egg)-like, 350(89.3%) influenza A(H3N2) viruses were characterized as A/Darwin/1415/2025(cell)-like; 587(93.9%) influenza B/Victoria viruses were characterized as B/Tokyo/EIS13-175/2025-like.
- Among the influenza viruses tested by CNIC for antiviral resistance analysis since March 30, 2026, all A(H1N1)pdm09 and B viruses were sensitive to neuraminidase inhibitors, all but 1 influenza A(H3N2) 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 38, 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 (5.1%), lower than the same week of 2023(5.5%), higher than the same week of 2024 and 2025 (4.1% and 3.8%). (Figure 1)

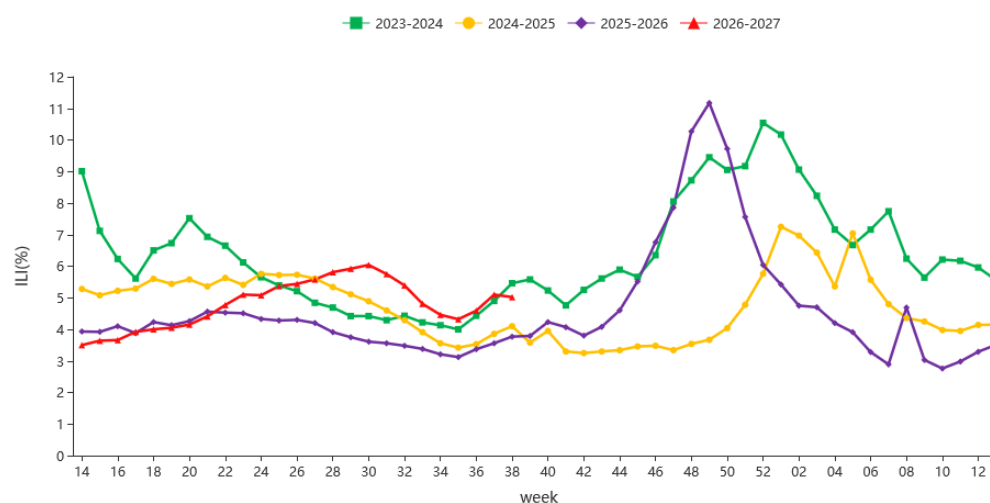


Figure 1. Percentage of Visits for ILI at Sentinel Hospitals in Southern Provinces

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

During week 38, ILI% at national sentinel hospitals in northern provinces was 3.2%, higher than the last week (3.1%), the same as the same week of 2023(3.2%), lower than the same week of 2024 (3.6%), higher than the same week of 2025 (3.0%). (Figure 2)

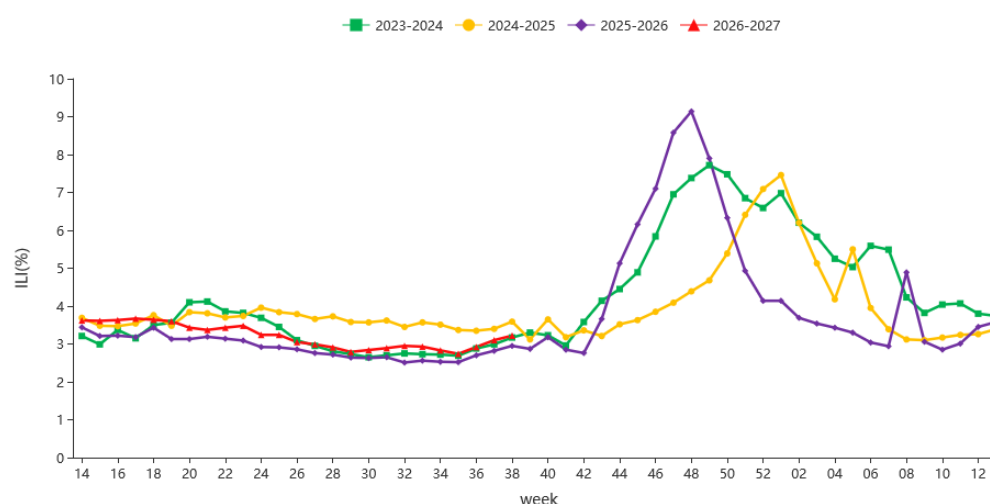


Figure 2. Percentage of Visits for ILI at Sentinel Hospitals in Northern Provinces

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Virologic Surveillance

During week 38 of 2026, influenza network laboratories tested 14279 specimens, there were 2526 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 38, 2026)

	Week 38		
	Southern provinces	Northern provinces	Total
No. of specimens tested	11157	3122	14279
No. of positive specimens (%)	2459(22.0%)	67(2.2%)	2526(17.7%)
Influenza A	1574(64.0%)	44(65.7%)	1618(64.1%)
A(H1N1)pdm09	93(5.9%)	1(2.3%)	94(5.8%)
A(H3N2)	1481(94.1%)	43(97.7%)	1524(94.2%)
A (subtype not determined)	0	0	0
Influenza B	885(36.0%)	23(34.3%)	908(35.9%)
B (lineage not determined)	0	0	0
Victoria	885(100.0%)	23(100.0%)	908(100.0%)
Yamagata	0	0	0

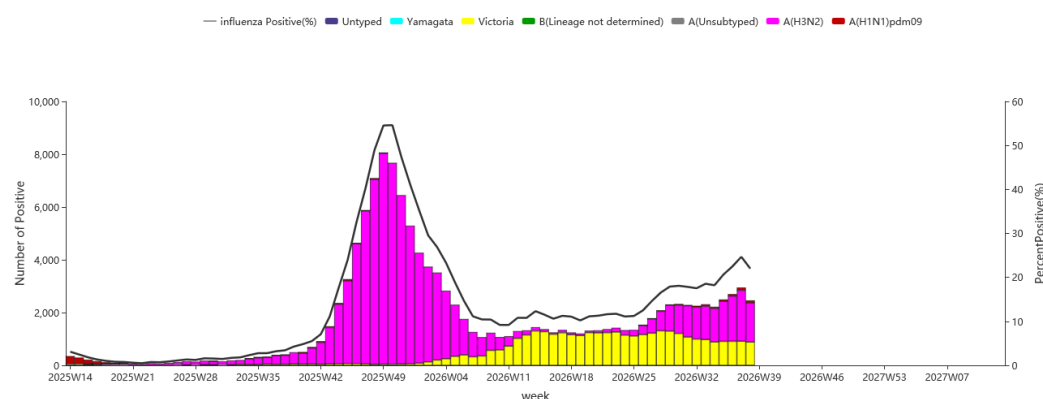


Figure 3. Influenza Positive Tests Reported by Southern Network Laboratories

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.

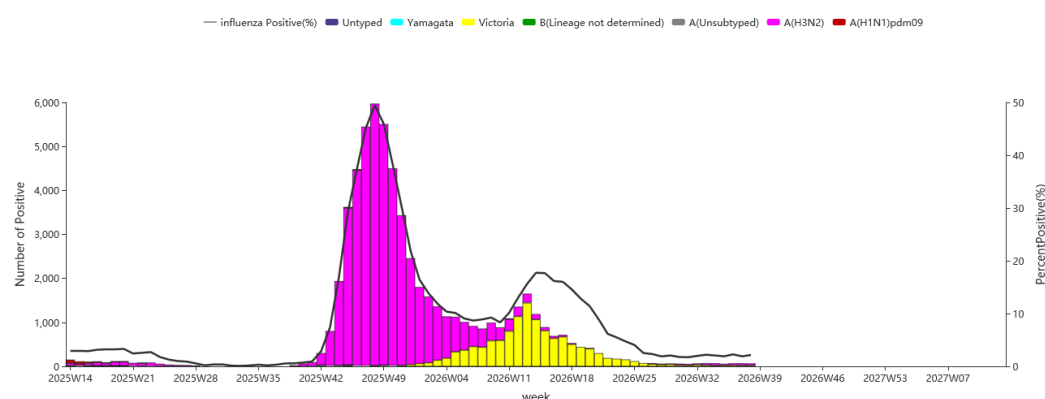


Figure 4. Influenza Positive Tests Reported by Northern Network Laboratories

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Antigenic Characterization

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Antiviral Resistance

Since March 30, 2026, among the influenza viruses tested by CNIC for antiviral



resistance, all A(H1N1)pdm09 and B viruses were sensitive to neuraminidase inhibitors, all but 1 influenza A(H3N2) were sensitive to neuraminidase inhibitors; all A(H1N1)pdm09, A(H3N2) and B viruses were sensitive to influenza polymerase inhibitors.

Outbreak Surveillance

During week 38, there were 47 ILI outbreaks reported nationwide. Among them, 13 were A(H3N2), 3 were A(H1N1)pdm09, 12 were B/Victoria, 2 were B(lineage were not determined), 7 were mixed, 7 were negative for flu, 3 had not obtained the testing results.