



Maine Influenza Surveillance: 2020-21 season

Monthly Summer Update

August 3, 2021

For MMWR weeks 27-30 (ending 07/31/2021):

Total new influenza cases:
17

New novel influenza A cases:
0

Most common circulating virus:
influenza B

Laboratory results- Maine, 2020-2021 season

samples tested at HETL (weeks 27-30): **11**

positive: **1**

% positive: **9**

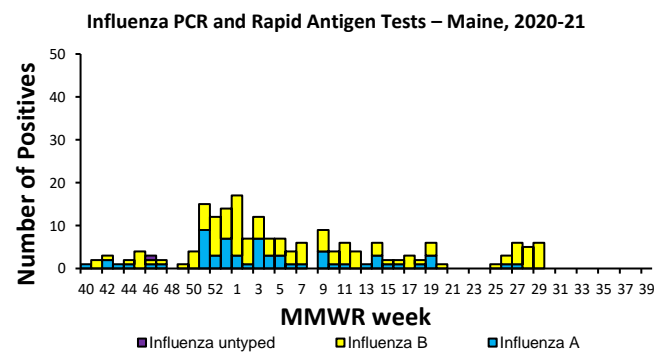
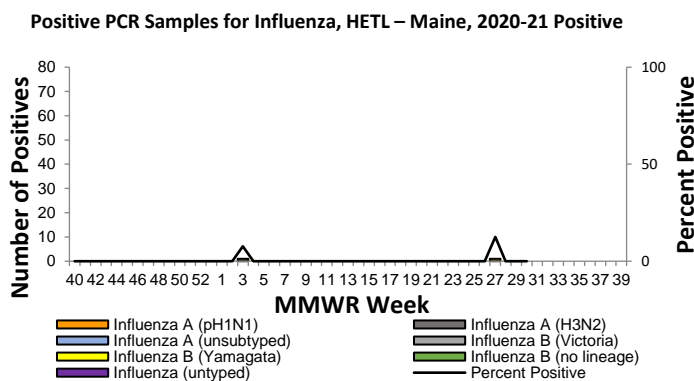
of reported positive samples (weeks 27-30): **17**

PCR: **1**

Rapid*: **16**

Total # of positive samples (2020-21 season, through week 26): **196**

*During the off-season, rapid test results can be inaccurate. Maine CDC requests providers send specimens to HETL for PCR confirmation.



Novel influenza A surveillance- 2020-21 season

Novel influenza A virus infections include all human infections with influenza A viruses that are different from circulating human seasonal influenza H1 and H3 viruses. Novel influenza A viruses include viruses that normally circulate in swine and are denoted by adding the letter “v” to the end of the virus subtype. In Maine, novel influenza viruses can only be detected through testing at Maine Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory (HETL).

Cases reported during the 2020-21 season:

	Influenza A H1N1v	Influenza A H1N2v	Influenza A H3N2v
Maine	-	-	-
<u>United States</u>	3	1	1

Novel influenza should be reported immediately upon suspicion by phone at 1-800-821-5821. Please send all suspect novel influenza specimens, especially from patients with agricultural or swine exposure, to HETL for further testing.