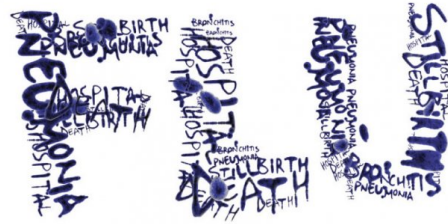


The Influenza Surveillance Bulletin describes influenza activity in Northern Ireland and is produced weekly or fortnightly by the PHA during the flu season.

Influenza is an acute viral infection of the respiratory tract (nose, mouth, throat, bronchial tubes and lungs). There are three types of flu virus: A, B and C, with A and B responsible for most clinical illness. Influenza activity in Northern Ireland is monitored throughout the year to inform public health action and to prevent spread of the infection.



The flu season typically runs from week 40 to week 20. Week 40 for the 2022/2023 season will commence on 3 October 2022.

The flu bulletins for 2022/23 are available [here](#).

Surveillance systems used to monitor influenza activity in Northern Ireland include:

- GP ‘flu/flu-like-illness’ (‘flu/FLI’) surveillance representing 98% of the population
- GP Out-of-Hours (OOH) surveillance system representing 100% of the population
- Sentinel flu-spotter GP practices representing 11.2% of the population
- Virological reports of flu and RSV from the Regional Virus Laboratory (RVL) and local laboratories (as outlined in the influenza weekly surveillance bulletin)
- Hospital (non-ICU/HDU) laboratory confirmed flu cases
- Laboratory confirmed flu outbreak notifications reported to PHA Health Protection duty room
- Mortality data from Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) of selected respiratory infections (some of which may be attributable to flu)
- Excess mortality estimations are calculated using the EuroMOMO (Mortality Monitoring in Europe) model based on raw death data supplied by NISRA

Previous flu bulletins

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