



## 2018-2019 HIGHLIGHTS

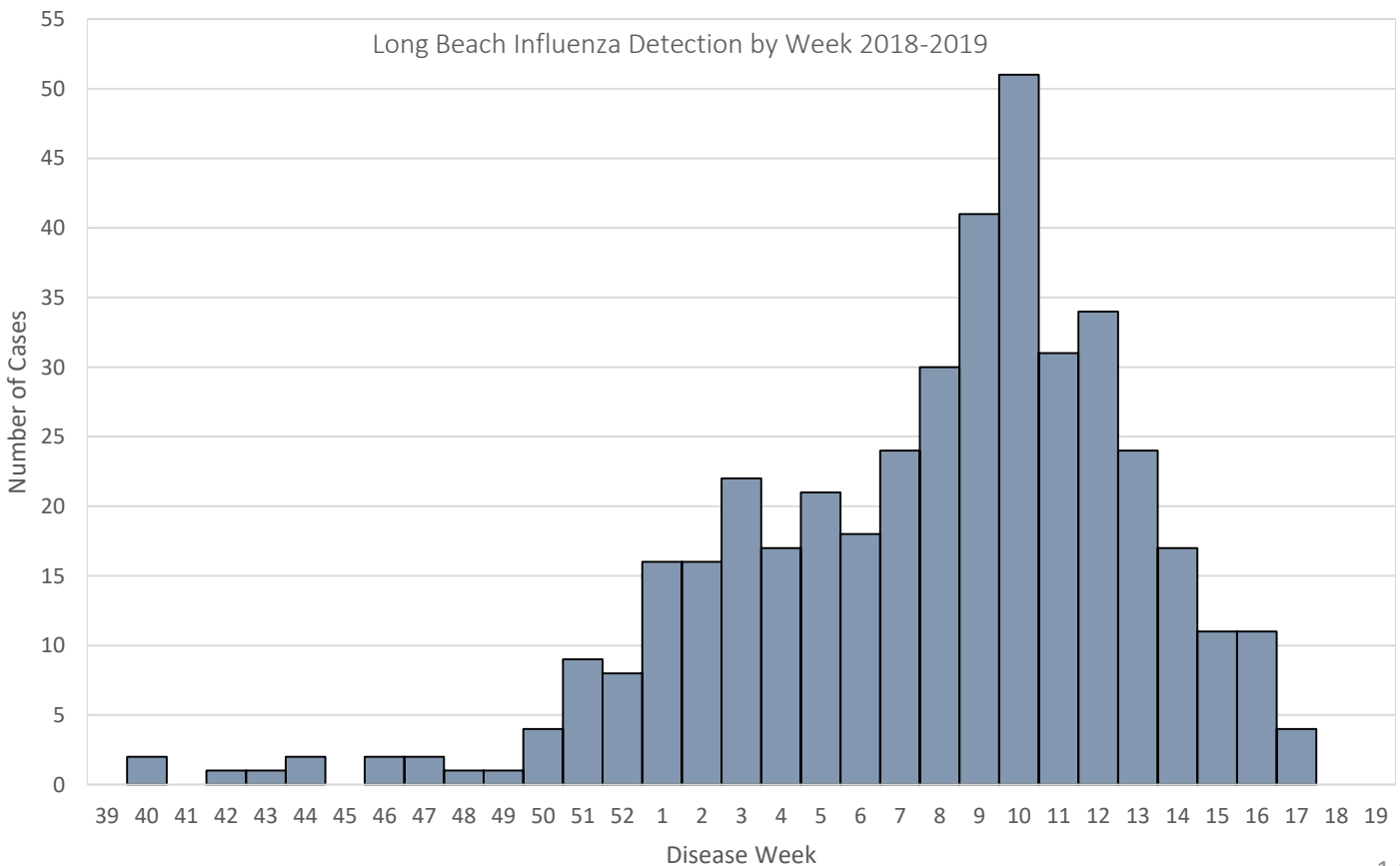
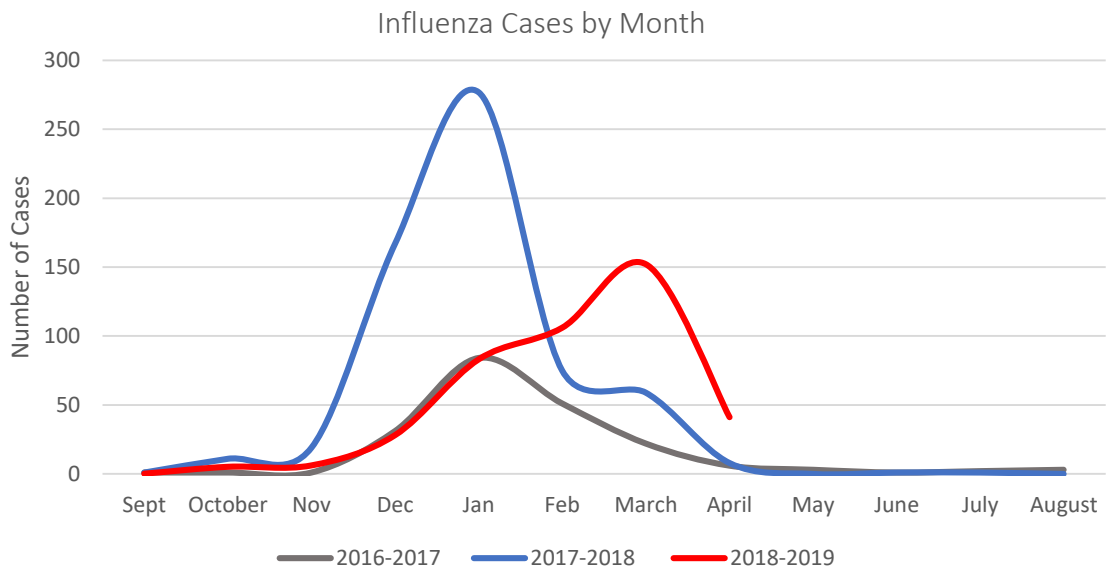
Statewide, Influenza activity has decreased to sporadic, and activity statewide is no longer considered elevated<sup>5</sup>. The predominate strain in Long Beach this season was Influenza H3, which tends to be more severe and result in more hospitalizations. This season there was low Influenza B activity, compared to previous years. Among sentinel laboratories in LA County, 6.9% of specimens tested were positive for influenza.<sup>3</sup> Although not as severe, this influenza season was longer than usual. The median age among Long Beach cases is 32 (0-104) years, with 37% of cases being less than 18 years of age. All recorded deaths in Long Beach have been in persons over 18 years of age.

## LONG BEACH SEASON SUMMARY

**Total Cases<sup>1</sup>**  
**421**

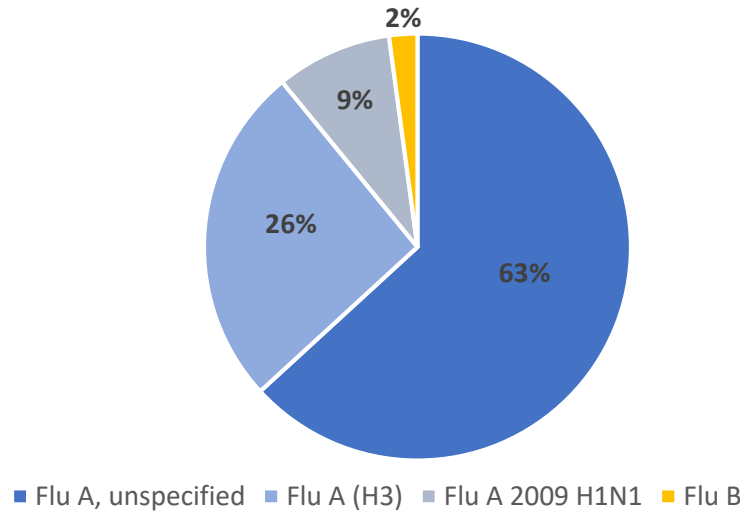
**Deaths<sup>2</sup>**  
**8**

**Outbreaks**  
**1**

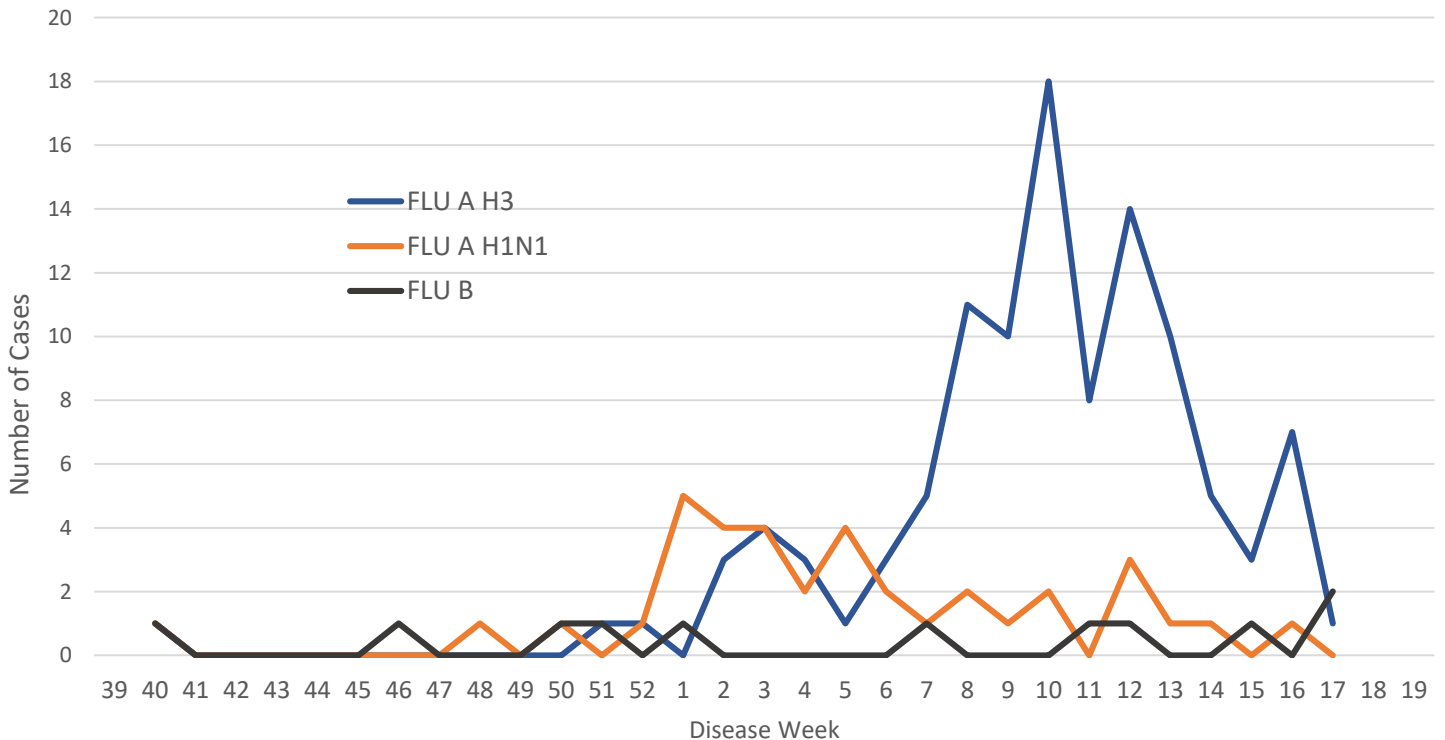




Virus Characteristics, 2018-2019



Influenza Subtypes by Disease Week



Note: Only includes cases that had influenza subtype information

1. Influenza is voluntarily reported to the health department. The total number of cases may not reflect the true number of influenza cases in Long Beach. Numbers are not final and there are delays in reporting are expected each week
2. Number of deaths is based on influenza-coded deaths from death certificates. They are not necessarily laboratory-confirmed and may be an underestimate of all influenza-associated deaths.
3. *Influenza Watch Week 15*. LA County Public Health, Acute Communicable Disease Control
4. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/68/wr/mm6806a2.htm>
5. Influenza and Other Respiratory Viruses Weekly Report. California Influenza Surveillance Program, CDPH, Week 17.