

Summary

During the third week of 2022 (**week 3/2022**), virological surveillance in Italy reported a low influenza virus circulation. In particular, **542** clinical specimens were received by the influenza network laboratories (InfluNet) and, among the **527** analyzed samples, **6 (1,1%)** resulted positive for influenza, all belonging to type **A (1 H3N2, 1 H1N1pdm09** and 4 have not been subtyped yet).

So far, the 2021/2022 influenza season (week 46/2021-3/2022), has been characterized by a prevalence of influenza type A viruses (89,5%), mostly belonging to the H3N2 subtype. Among a total of 4.721 collected samples, 48 (1%) resulted positive for influenza with, in particular, 43 (89,5%) positive for influenza A and 5 (10,5%) positive for influenza B.

Among the influenza A viruses that were subtyped (N= 34), 88.2% (N=30) were A(H3N2) and 11.8% (N=4) were A(H1N1)pdm09; the remaining 9 A strains have not been subtyped yet.

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