

Summary

During the fifth week of 2022 (**week 5/2022**), virological surveillance in Italy reported a low influenza virus circulation, if compared to seasons prior to the pandemic. In particular, **265** clinical specimens were received by the influenza network laboratories (InfluNet) and, among the **255** analyzed samples, **7 (2,7%)** resulted positive for influenza, all belonging to type **A** (3 were **H3N2** and 4 have not been subtyped yet).

So far, the 2021/2022 influenza season (week 46/2021-5/2022), has been characterized by a prevalence of influenza type A viruses (92,8%), mostly belonging to the H3N2 subtype. Among a total of 5.436 collected samples, 70 (1,3%) resulted positive for influenza with, in particular, 65 (92,8%) positive for influenza A and 5 (7,2%) positive for influenza B.

Among the influenza A viruses that were subtyped (N= 50), 88% (N=44) were A(H3N2) and 12% (N=6) were A(H1N1)pdm09; the remaining 15 A strains have not been subtyped yet.

Additional information and data for this influenza report may be found in the full Italian version.

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