



INFLUENZA VIROLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE Report for week 08/2022

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Summary

During the eighth week of 2022 (**week 8/2022**), virological surveillance in Italy reported a low influenza virus circulation, if compared to seasons prior to the pandemic. In particular, **388** clinical specimens were received by the influenza network laboratories (InluNet) and, among the **356** analyzed samples, **35 (10%)** resulted positive for influenza, all belonging to type **A** (29 were **H3N2**, one was **H1N1pdm09** and 5 have not been subtyped yet).

So far, the 2021/2022 influenza season (week 46/2021-8/2022), has been characterized by a prevalence of influenza type A viruses, mostly belonging to the H3N2 subtype. In particular, among a total of 6.853 collected samples, 143 (2%) resulted positive for influenza, of which 138 (96,5%) were positive for influenza A and 5 (3,5%) for influenza B.

Among the influenza A viruses, 78% (N=108) were A(H3N2) and 5% (N=7) were A(H1N1)pdm09; the remaining 23 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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