

Summary

During the ninth week of 2022 (week 9/2022), virological surveillance in Italy reported a low influenza virus circulation, if compared to seasons prior to the pandemic. In particular, 487 clinical specimens were received by the influenza network laboratories (InfluNet) and, among the 479 analyzed samples, 60 (12,5%) resulted positive for influenza, all belonging to type A (55 were H3N2 and 5 have not been subtyped yet).

So far, the 2021/2022 influenza season (week 46/2021-9/2022), has been characterized by a prevalence of influenza type A viruses, mostly belonging to the H3N2 subtype. In particular, among a total of 7.395 collected samples, 208 (2,8%) resulted positive for influenza, of which 203 (97,6%) were positive for influenza A and 5 (2,4%) for influenza B.

Among the influenza A viruses, 90% (N=183) were A(H3N2) and 3,4% (N=7) were A(H1N1)pdm09; the remaining 13 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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