Summary

During the thirteenth week of 2022 (**week 13/2022**), virological surveillance in Italy showed a slight decrease in the percentage of specimens that tested positive for an influenza virus (33.3%), in comparison to the previous week. In particular, **705** clinical specimens were received by the influenza network laboratories (InfluNet) and, among the **676** analyzed samples, **225** (**33.3%**) resulted positive for influenza, all belonging to type **A** (121 were **H3N2**, 1 **H1N1pdm09** and 103 have not been subtyped yet).

So far, the 2021/2022 influenza season (week 46/2021-13/2022), has been characterized by a prevalence of influenza type A viruses, mostly belonging to the H3N2 subtype. In particular, among a total of 10,448 collected samples, 1.250 (12%) resulted positive for influenza, of which 1.245 (99.6%) were positive for influenza A and 5 (0.4%) for influenza B.

Among the influenza A viruses, 70% (N=870) were A(H3N2) and 1% (N=10) were A(H1N1)pdm09; the remaining 365 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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