Summary

During the fourteenth week of 2022 (week 14/2022), virological surveillance in Italy showed a further decrease in the percentage of specimens that tested positive for an influenza virus (24.8%), in comparison to the previous week. In particular, 696 clinical specimens were received by the influenza network laboratories (InfluNet) and, among the 664 analyzed samples, 165 (24.8%) resulted positive for influenza, all belonging to type A (75 were H3N2 and 90 have not been subtyped yet).

So far, the 2021/2022 influenza season (week 46/2021-14/2022), has been characterized by a prevalence of influenza type A viruses, mostly belonging to the H3N2 subtype. In particular, among a total of 11,236 collected samples, 1.491 (13.2%) resulted positive for influenza, of which 1,486 (99.6%) were positive for influenza A and 5 (0.4%) for influenza B.

Among the influenza A viruses, 69% (N=1,026) were A(H3N2) and 0.6% (N=10) were A(H1N1)pdm09; the remaining 450 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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