



INFLUENZA VIROLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE

Report for week 08/2023

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Summary

The present report summarises the results obtained in the context of the virological surveillance activities in Italy, coordinated by the National Influenza Centre (NIC) laboratory at ISS, in collaboration with a network of 23 regional influenza laboratories (InfluNet).

During the fifteenth week of virological surveillance (**week 08/2023**) for the 2022/2023 season, influenza virus circulation is quite stable in Italy, after the peak registered at the end of 2022, although a slight increase in the proportion of influenza positive specimens (18.6%) was observed this week, in comparison to the previous one (13.6%). In particular, this week, **1.000** clinical specimens were received by the InfluNet network laboratories and, among the **945** analyzed samples, **176 (18.6%)** resulted positive for influenza. Among these samples, 52 belonged to influenza type **A** (10 were **H3N2**, 34 were **H1N1pdm09** and 8 have not been subtyped yet) and 124 to influenza type **B**.

Among the above analyzed samples, 36 (3.8%) resulted **SARS-CoV-2** and 198 were attributed to other respiratory viruses, in particular 67 (7%) Rhinoviruses, 47 (4.9%) **RSV**, 38 (4%) Metapneumoviruses, 29 Adenoviruses, 12 Parainfluenza viruses and 5 human Coronaviruses (not SARS-CoV-2).

So far, in the 2022/2023 influenza season (week 46/2022-08/2023), a large prevalence of influenza type A viruses (91%) has been observed, mostly belonging to the H3N2 subtype. In particular, among a total of 20,833 collected samples, 5,239 (25.1%) resulted positive for influenza, of which 4,761 (91%) were positive for influenza A and 478 (9%) for influenza B.

Among the influenza A viruses, 82% (N=3,908) were A(H3N2) and 11% (N=528) were A(H1N1)pdm09; the remaining 325 A strains have not been subtyped yet.

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