



INFLUENZA VIROLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE

Report for week 09/2023

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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 sixteenth week of virological surveillance (**week 09/2023**) for the 2022/2023 season, influenza virus circulation is quite stable in Italy, after the peak registered at the end of 2022. The proportion of influenza positive specimens observed this week slightly decreased (16.5%), in comparison to the previous one (18.6%). In particular, this week, **922** clinical specimens were received by the InfluenzaNet network laboratories and, among the **882** analyzed samples, **146 (16.5%)** resulted positive for influenza. Among these samples, 29 belonged to influenza type **A** (4 were **H3N2**, 24 were **H1N1pdm09** and one has not been subtyped yet) and 117 to influenza type **B**.

Among the above analyzed samples, 53 (6%) resulted **SARS-CoV-2** and 142 were attributed to other respiratory viruses, in particular 46 (5.2%) Rhinoviruses, 32 (3.6%) Metapneumoviruses, 27 (3%) RSV, 19 Parainfluenza viruses, 14 Adenoviruses, 3 human Coronaviruses (not SARS-CoV-2) and one Bocavirus.

So far, in the 2022/2023 influenza season (week 46/2022-09/2023), a large prevalence of influenza type A viruses (88.6%) has been observed, mostly belonging to the H3N2 subtype. In particular, among a total of 21,933 collected samples, 5,421 (24.7%) resulted positive for influenza, of which 4,804 (88.6%) were positive for influenza A and 617 (11.4%) for influenza B.

Among the influenza A viruses, 82% (N=3,927) were A(H3N2) and 12% (N=560) were A(H1N1)pdm09; the remaining 317 A strains have not been subtyped yet.

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