



INFLUENZA VIROLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE

Report for week 12/2023

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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 nineteenth week of virological surveillance (**week 12/2023**) 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 (16.2%) is similar to the previous one (16.7%). In particular, this week, **707** clinical specimens were received by the InluNet network laboratories and, among the **661** analyzed samples, **107 (16.2%)** resulted positive for influenza. Among these samples, 26 belonged to influenza type **A** (1 was **H3N2**, 22 were **H1N1pdm09** and 3 have not been subtyped yet) and 81 to influenza type **B**.

Among the above analyzed samples, 54 (8.1%) resulted **SARS-CoV-2** and 102 were attributed to other respiratory viruses, in particular 32 (4.8%) Rhinoviruses, 22 (3.3%) Parainfluenza viruses, 20 (3%) Metapneumoviruses, 15 Adenoviruses, 8 RSV, 3 Bocavirus and 2 human Coronaviruses (not SARS-CoV-2).

So far, in the 2022/2023 influenza season (week 46/2022-12/2023), a prevalence of influenza type A viruses (82.9%) has been observed, mostly belonging to the H3N2 subtype. In particular, among a total of 25,136 collected samples, 5,958 (23.7%) resulted positive for influenza, of which 4,941 (82.9%) were positive for influenza A and 1,017 (17%) for influenza B.

Among the influenza A viruses, 80% (N=3,952) were A(H3N2) and 13% (N=650) were A(H1N1)pdm09; the remaining 339 A strains have not been subtyped yet.

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