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Updates on COVID-19 in Republic of Korea

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Influenza surveillance and vaccination schedule information

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- In light of the change of seasons, KDCA stressed the importance of personal hygiene in preventing respiratory viral infections such as COVID-19 and influenza.
- Influenza-like illness (ILI) ratio for the 40th week of the year 2020 (i.e. Sept 27 – Oct 3) is 1.4 per 1,000 outpatients, compared to 3.9 during the same period last year.
- Influenza virus was not detected in samples requested by sentinel surveillance sites (52 clinics), but from pathogen surveillance of 5 hospitals, influenza virus was detected in 1.9% of the samples on the 40th week and 0.4% of the samples on the 41th week of 2020.

Influenza-like illness (ILI) rate

(number of ILI cases per 1,000 outpatients)

	Week 37 (9.6.~9.12.)	Week 38 (9.13.~9.19.)	Week 39 (9.20.~9.26.)	Week 40 (9.27.~10.3.)	Week 41 (10.4.~10.10.)
2020-2021 season	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.2
2019-2020 season	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.2

* Source: weekly reports from influenza sentinel surveillance facilities nationwide (199 medical clinics)

* Influenza-like illness (ILI): sudden fever of 38.0 degrees or above with cough or sore throat

* The criteria for issuing influenza advisory for the 2020-2021 season is 5.8 cases per 1,000 inpatients

Influenza virus detection rate

		Week 38 (9.13.~9.19.)	Week 39 (9.20.~9.26.)	Week 40 (9.27.~10.3.)	Week 41 (10.4.~10.10.)
Clinics*	2020-2021 season	0% (0/85)	0% (0/78)	0% (0/40)	0% (0/65)
	2019-2020 season	0% (0/214)	1.4% (3/220)	1.4% (3/209)	3.2% (7/212)
Testing healthcare institutions**		0.4% (5/1,428)	0.7% (11/1,516)	1.9% (20/1,045)	0.4% (10/2,285)

* Based on samples from 52 sentinel outpatient clinics (number of samples with influenza virus detected/number of samples of respiratory patients)

** Based on samples from 5 testing healthcare institutions (number of samples with influenza virus detected/number of samples of respiratory patients)



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- In light of the annual flu season approaching, KDCA is making the weekly influenza surveillance findings available for healthcare institutions and the public including at KDCA website (www.kdca.go.kr).
- Free influenza vaccination is provided for eligible groups starting 13 October.
- With the annual influenza season of November approaching, KDCA requests the public to practice prevention measures including hand hygiene and cough etiquette and to receive vaccination to prevent influenza.

Free influenza vaccination schedule

	Eligibility		Period	
			Before	After
6 months ~ 18 years old (8.12 million)	• 2 injections		2020. 9. 8. ~ 2021. 4. 30.	2020. 9. 8. ~ 2021. 4. 30. (Excluding 9.22~24)
	• 1 injection	12 year old or below	2020. 9. 22. ~ 2020. 12. 31.	2020. 9. 25. ~ 2020. 12. 31.
		13~18 years old		2020. 10. 13. ~ 2020. 12. 31.
Pregnant women (300,000)			2020. 9. 22. ~ 2021. 4. 30.	2020. 9. 25. ~ 2021. 4. 30.
62 years old or above (10.58 million)	• 75 years old or above		2020. 10. 13. ~ 2020. 12. 31.	70 years old or above: 2020. 10. 19. ~ 2020. 12. 31.
	• 70~74 years old		2020. 10. 20. ~ 2020. 12. 31.	
	• 62~69 years old		2020. 10. 27. ~ 2020. 12. 31.	2020. 10. 26. ~ 2020. 12. 31.