



## 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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
<b>6 months ~ 18 years old (8.12 million)</b>	• 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.
<b>Pregnant women (300,000)</b>		2020. 9. 22. ~ 2021. 4. 30.	2020. 9. 25. ~ 2021. 4. 30.
<b>62 years old or above (10.58 million)</b>	• 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.