

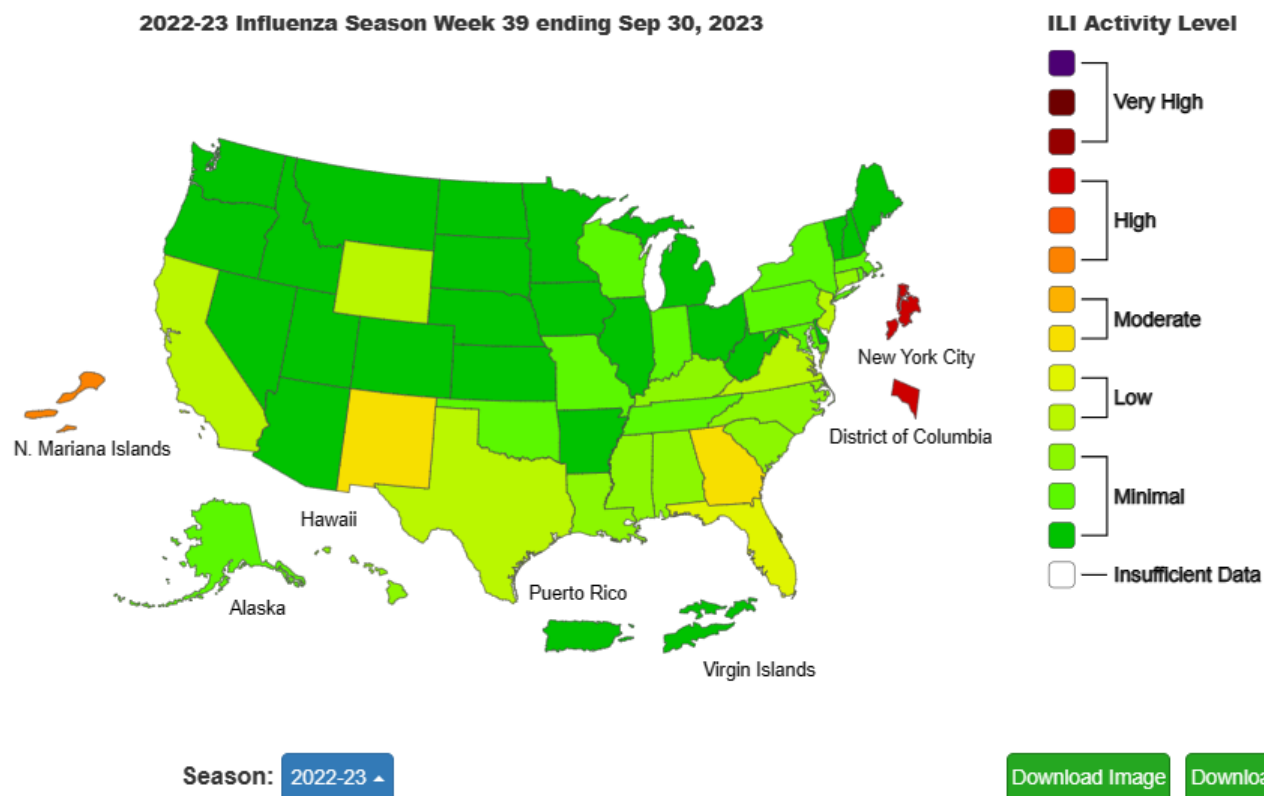


VACCINATE RESIDENTS FOR FLU NOW

It usually takes a couple of weeks for it to travel from Denver to us. My new recommendation is to do it ASAP. Sorry for the change.

We have flu activity early this year. There have seen some cases in New Mexico and even in Denver. The CDC saw 444 cases last week and tested 46,412. This week, CDC data shows testing for over 4 million for influenza-like illness and 360,500 were positive. Of those who tested positive, 97% had influenza A. We now see activity in New Mexico and Wyoming, bordering states.

	Week 39	Data Cumulative since October 2, 2022 (Week 40)
No. of specimens tested	46,412	4,205,970
No. of positive specimens (%)	444 (1.0%)	360,500 (8.6%)
<i>Positive specimens by type</i>		
Influenza A	284 (64.0%)	350,169 (97.1%)
Influenza B	160 (36.0%)	10,331 (2.9%)



COVID-19 Up to Date Status

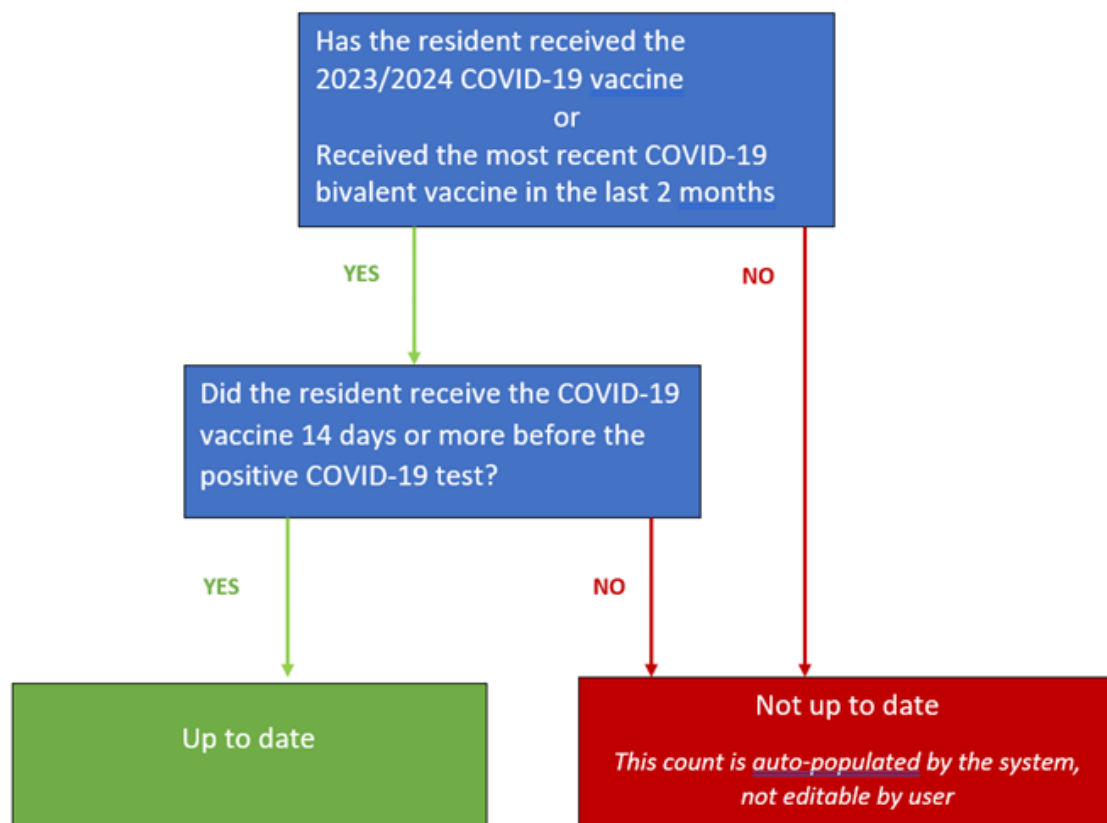
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COVID-19 Vaccination Modules: Key Terms

Appendix 1b: Decision Tree: Up to date with COVID-19 Vaccines during the surveillance period September 25, 2023 – December 31, 2023 for the Long-Term Care RIFC Pathway

Long-Term Care Facilities can use the following decision tree to help determine Up to date vaccination status for the RIFC Pathway. Please note this refers to reporting data through the NHSN COVID-19 RIFC Pathway for the reporting period of Quarter 4 of 2023 (representing data for September 25, 2023 – December 31, 2023).



CDC recommendations for the updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccines:

- Everyone aged 6 months and older should receive the 2023-2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine

Impact to the NHSN surveillance up to date definition:



- Individuals are considered up to date (beginning the reporting week 9/25/23 – 10/1/23) if they have received a 2023-2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine, or if they received a bivalent COVID-19 vaccine within the last 2 months.
- Under the new recommendations, most HCP will not be up to date with COVID-19 vaccines as of September 25, 2023. This is normal and expected.
- Facilities should report zero (0) up to date until individuals receive the 2023-2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine.
- HCP will become up to date as they receive the 2023-2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine this fall/winter.