

INFLUENZA:

MONTANA 2018-2019 SEASON SUMMARY

FLU CASES

Nearly 14,000 Montanans were diagnosed with influenza

13,576

this season. This is likely *less than the actual number* as not all people who are infected with flu visit a healthcare provider.

LABORATORY FINDINGS

The majority of cases (91.4%) were identified as *Influenza A*. There were two waves: Influenza A H1N1 followed by Influenza A H3N2.

SEVERE CASES

767
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Montanans were *hospitalized* and

deaths due to influenza were reported.

VACCINATION

Of those hospitalized due to influenza:

30%

of kids aged <18 years

53%

of adults 18+ years

received a *seasonal influenza vaccine*.

COMORBIDITIES

81%

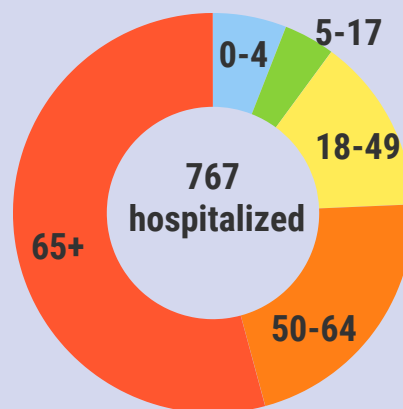
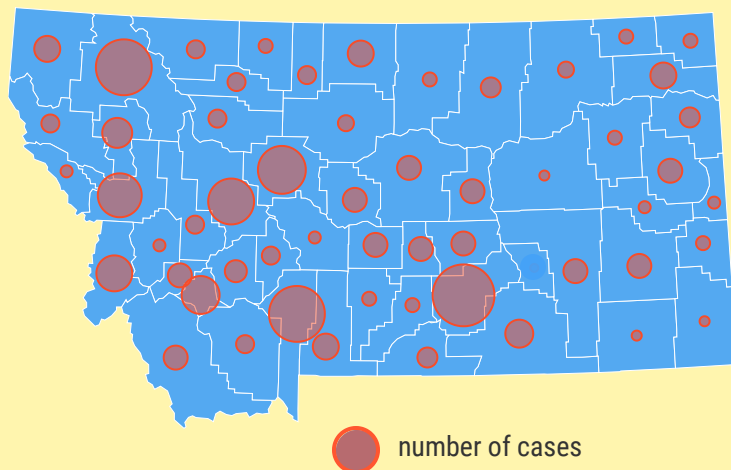
of those hospitalized due to influenza had at least 1 *underlying condition* at admission.

OUTBREAKS

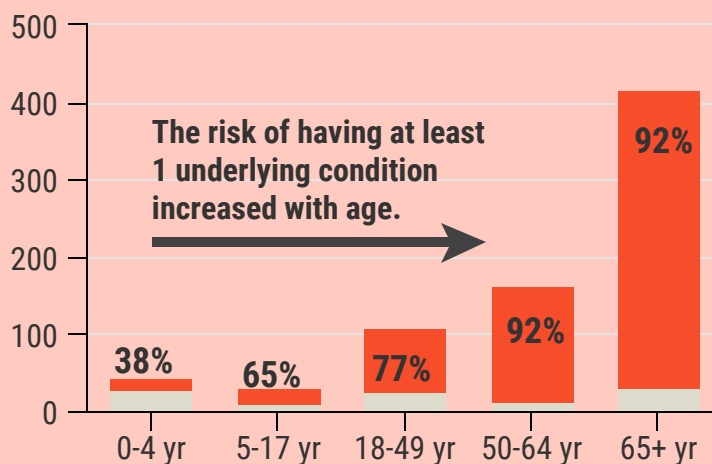
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outbreaks were reported from 19 counties. The most common settings were *long term care facilities, schools, and child care facilities*.

All but one county (Treasure) reported at least one case of influenza.



The highest rate of influenza related hospitalizations was in adults 65+ years



most common comorbidities:



cardiovascular disease



chronic lung conditions



diabetes

