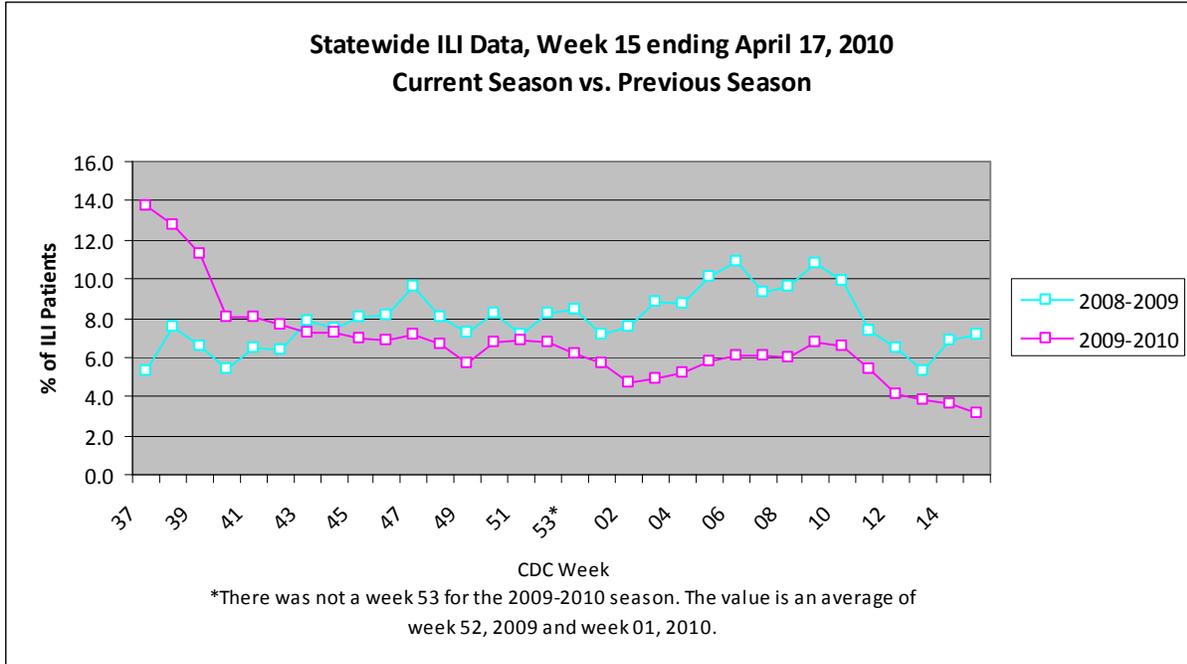
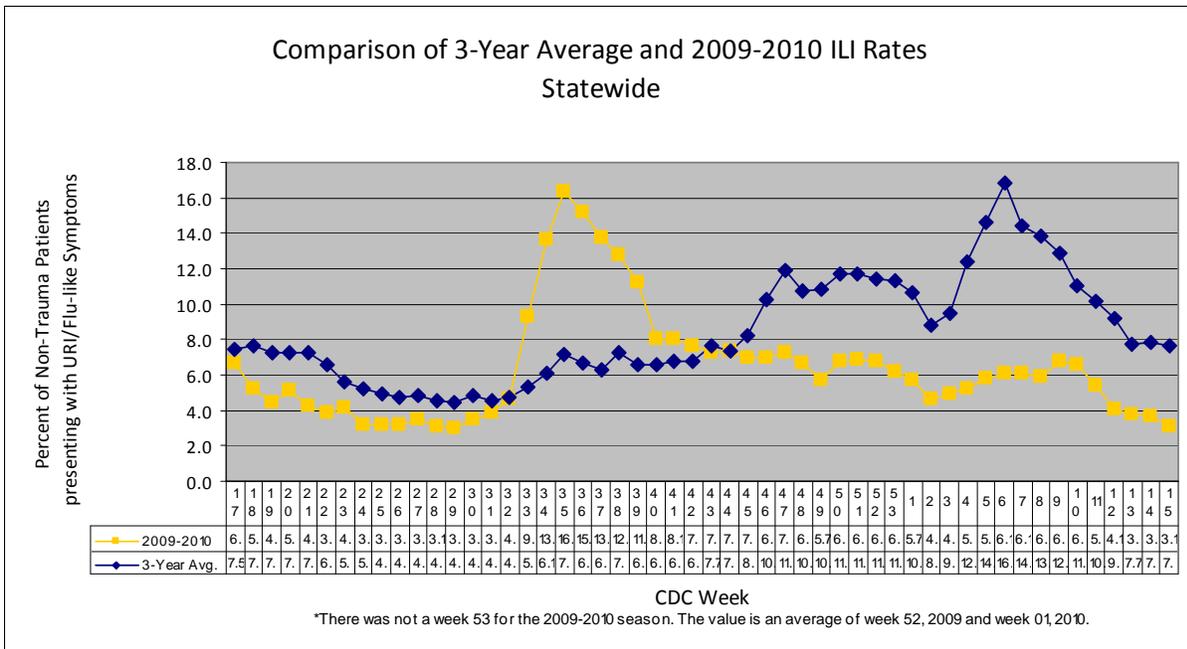


For week 15 (04/11/10- 04/17/10), the overall state ILI rate (3.1%) was lower than last week (3.6%) and this time last year (7.1%).



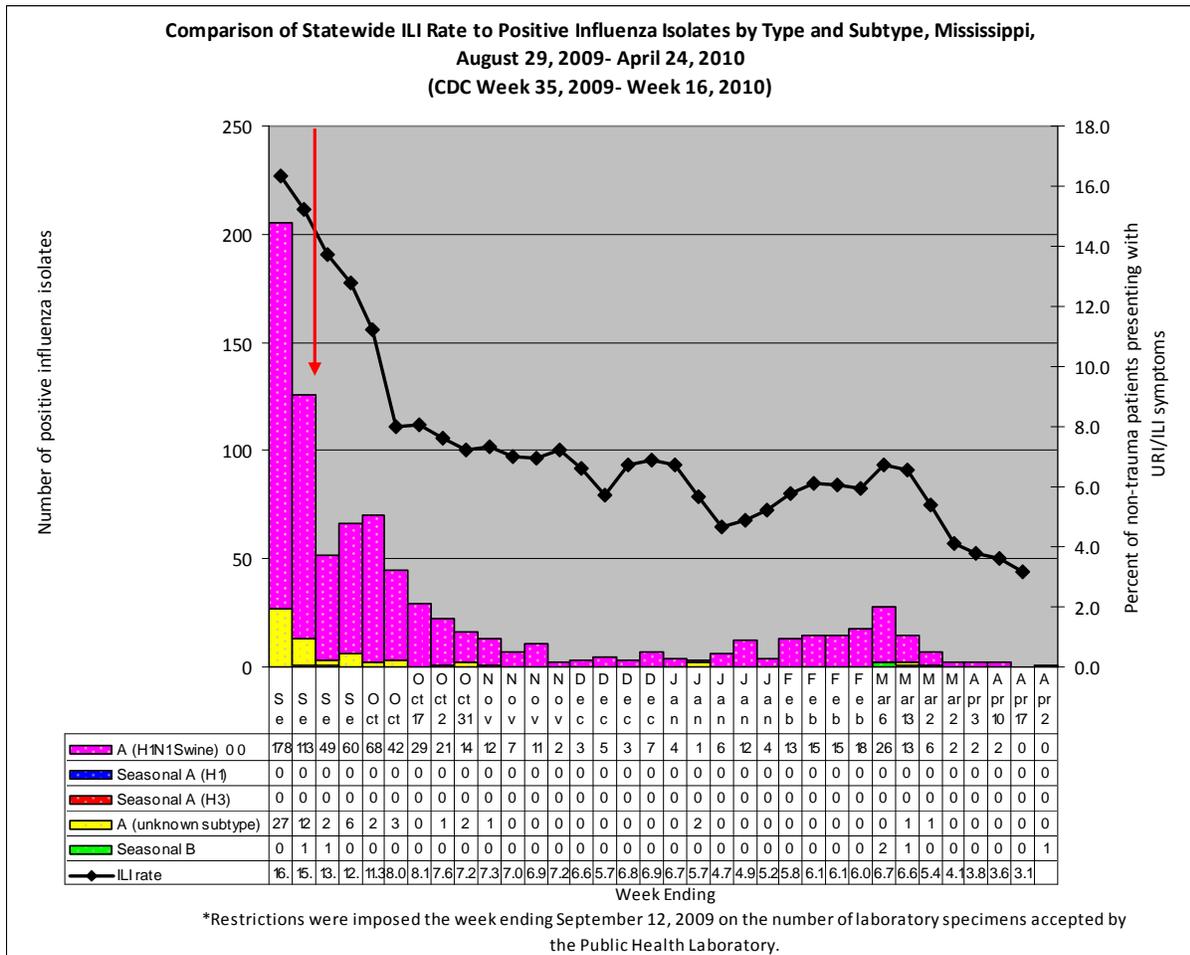
The 2009-10 state ILI rate was below baseline for week 15 and has been below baseline for the past six months.



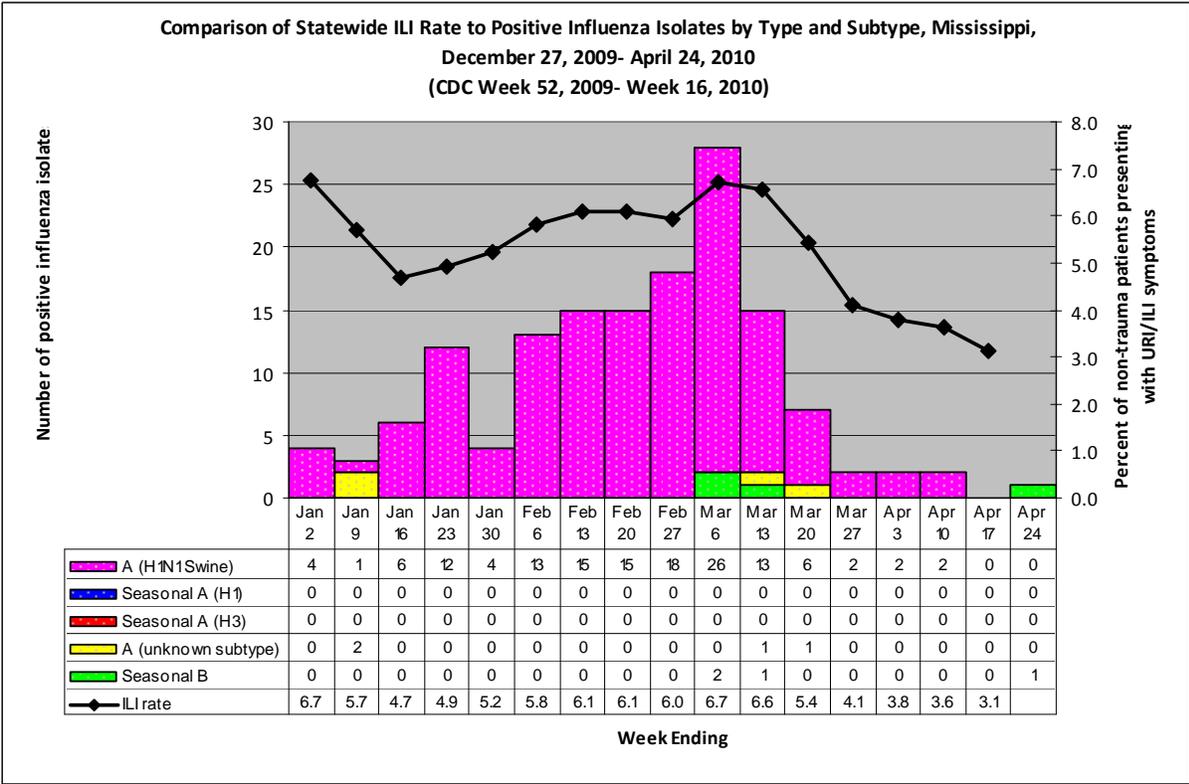
During week 15, three districts (5, 8, and 9) had a decrease in ILI activity, four districts (1, 2, 4, and 6) had a slight to moderate increase, and two remained about the same (3 and 7).

Since August 29th, there have been a total of 27 reported flu deaths, 14 that were confirmed H1N1. The most recent reported flu death occurred in Lincoln County in mid-March.

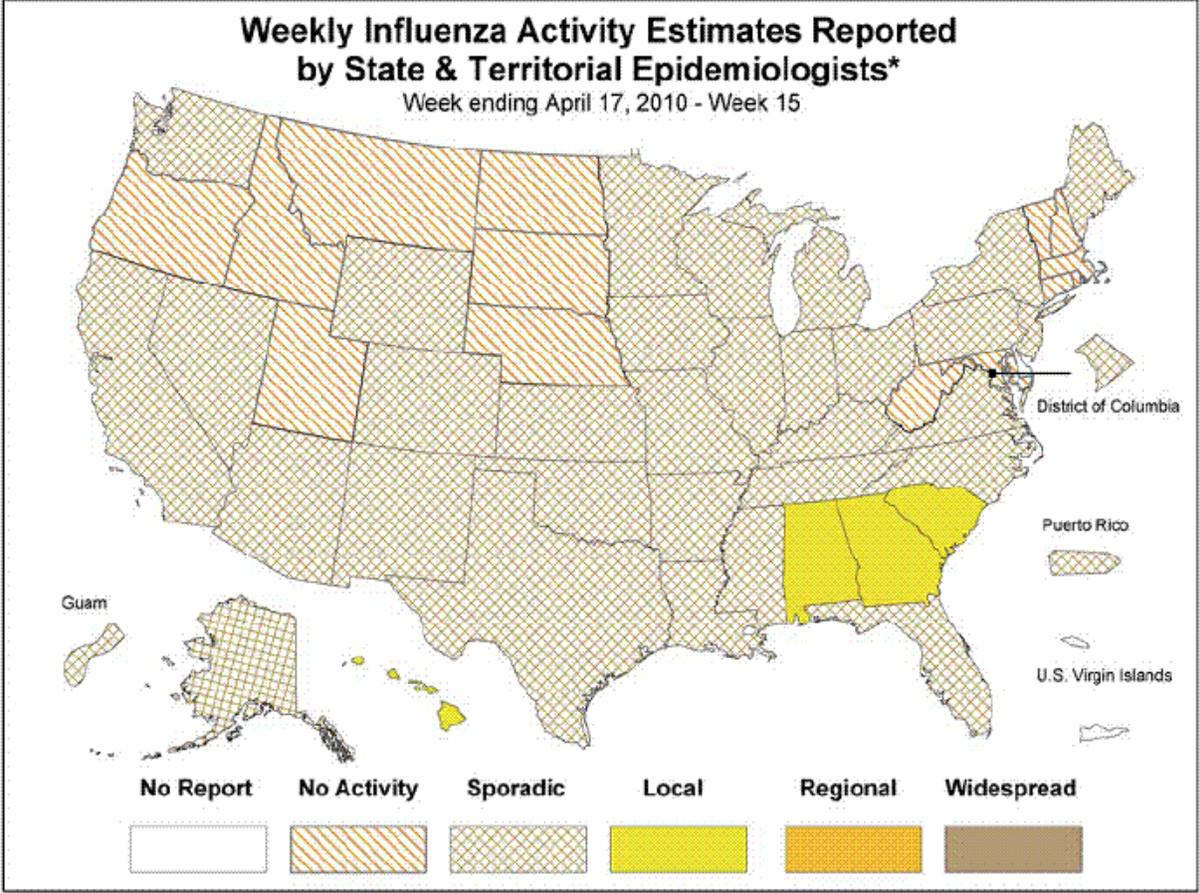
Below is a comparison of the state ILI rate to the number of positive influenza isolates since August 29th. The predominant flu type identified continues to be novel H1N1 (swine) flu.



The inset graph below shows the latest Flu B that was identified by the MSDH PHL. The Flu B was from District 3 (Attala County) and had an onset of symptoms in mid-April.



Mississippi reported “sporadic” (small numbers of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases or a single laboratory-confirmed influenza outbreak has been reported, but there is no increase in cases of ILI) activity for week 15. For more information on flu activity nationwide, please refer to the CDC’s website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivity.htm>.



* This map indicates geographic spread & does not measure the severity of influenza activity