

ACT Influenza Surveillance Report – No. 5, 2018

Summary: Influenza notifications continue to be reported to ACT Health in low numbers, indicating that the 2018 influenza season has not yet commenced.

Influenza notifications

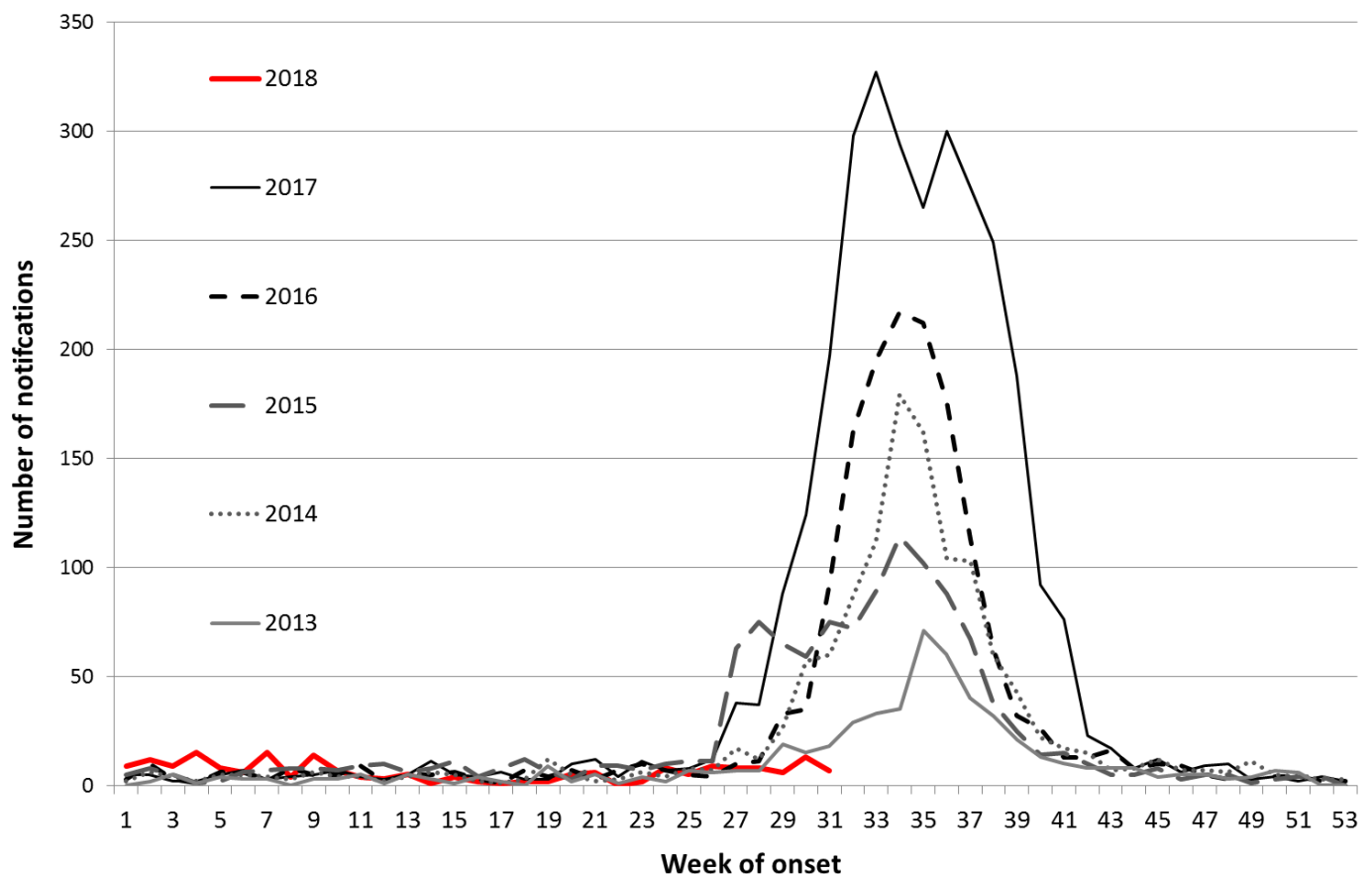
Reporting Period: 1 January to 5 August 2018, Weeks 1-31

Between 1 January and 5 August 2018, there were 200 notifications of influenza reported to ACT Health, of which only 20 occurred in the last fortnight (Figure). In comparison, there were 637 notifications of influenza reported to ACT Health during the same time period in 2017. The low numbers of influenza notifications in recent weeks indicates that the 2018 influenza season has not yet commenced.

Year to date, 66% of notifications (n=131) were influenza A and 35% of notifications (n=69) were influenza B. There have been no notifications of cases co-infected with influenza A and B. Of the 45 influenza A notifications with subtype information available, 28 (62%) were H1N1 and 17 (38%) were H3 (presumed H3N2).

Overall, notifications have been highest among adults aged 30-39 years (16%, n=32), followed by adults aged 50-59 years (13%, n=26) and children aged 0-4 years (13%, n=25).

Figure. Number of influenza notifications, by week and year of onset, 1 January 2013 to 5 August 2018, ACT.



**Data provided for the current and most recent weeks may be incomplete. All data are preliminary and subject to change as updates are received. Notification data include all cases diagnosed in the ACT in residents of the ACT. Generally, notified cases represent only a small proportion of cases of influenza occurring in the community.*

Notification data were exported on 6 August 2018 for the period 1 January 2013 to 5 August 2018, by onset date.

Source: Notifiable Diseases Database, ACT, Communicable Disease Control Section, ACT Health.