The 2017-2018 influenza season was more severe than usual with high levels of clinic and emergency department visits for influenza-like illnesses, high hospitalization rates, and a longer number of weeks spent at widespread levels of influenza activity. This season’s statistics are summarized below.

- **10,431** cases
- **979** hospitalizations
- **79** deaths

Of those hospitalized:
- **71%** were >65 years

The predominant strain of influenza this season was **influenza A H3** increased towards the late winter/early spring.

33 outbreaks reported
Control measures implemented in <2 days in 91% of reported outbreaks

**Most common settings:**
- Long term care facilities
- Child care facilities
- Schools

Of the Montanans who were hospitalized and had at least one comorbidity:
- **68%** of children did not receive an influenza vaccine
- **48%** of adults did not receive an influenza vaccine

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