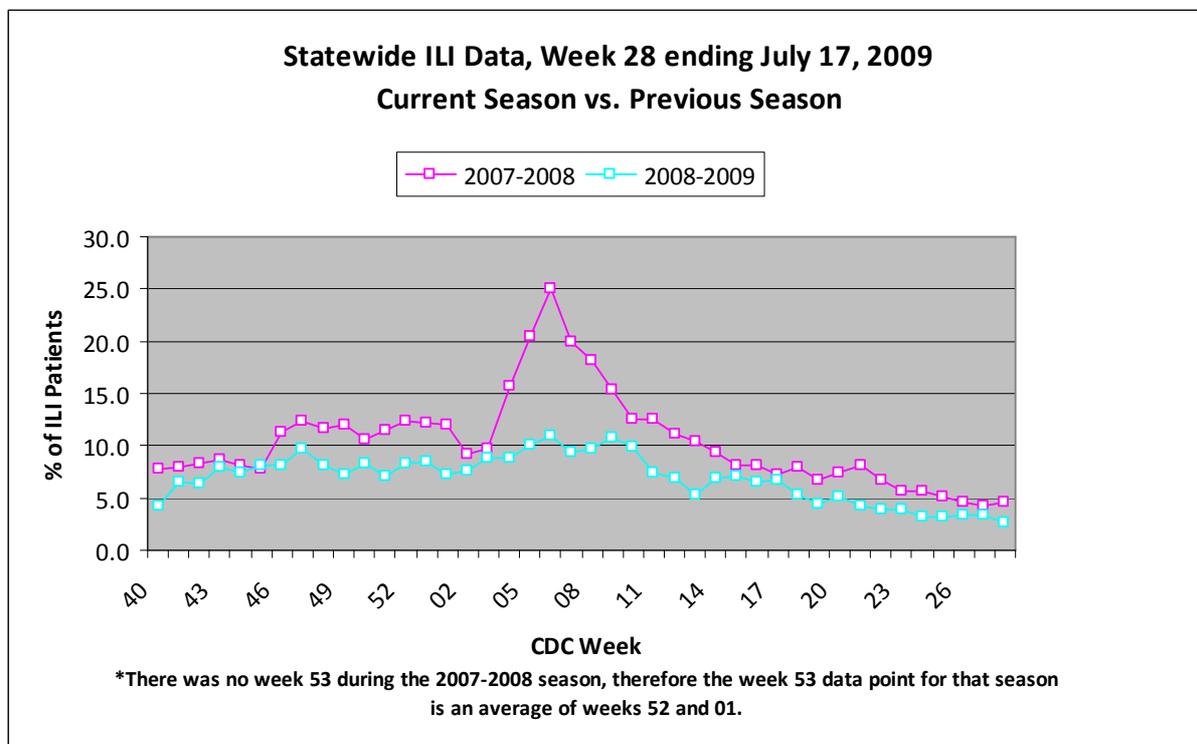


For week 28 (07/12/09- 07/18/09), the overall state ILI rate (2.7%) was lower than last week (3.3%) and this time last year (4.6%). The state ILI rate appears to be leveling off as it did this time last year.



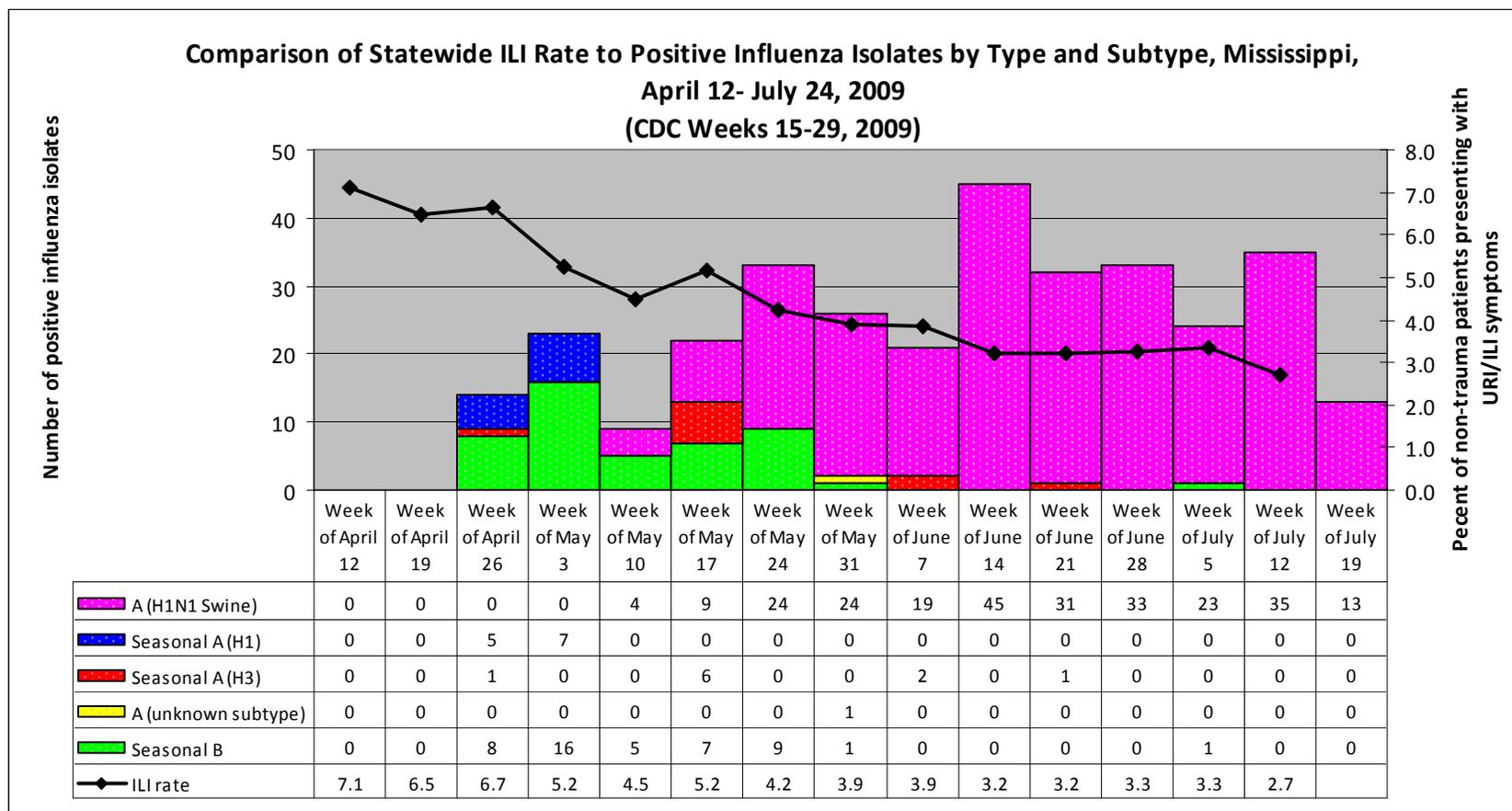
During week 28, three districts had a decrease in ILI activity (5, 6, and 9), one district had an increase (3), and four districts remained about the same (1, 4, 7, and 8).

*****Due to the increased testing for the presence of Novel H1N1 (swine) flu in MS, 1377 flu specimens have been submitted for testing to the MSDH PHL since April 27th. 260 specimens have tested positive for novel H1N1 (swine) flu. The positives were from the following counties:**

County	Total
Total	260
Alcorn	2
Attala	1
Bolivar	2
Calhoun	1
Chickasaw	3
Choctaw	1
Coahoma	6
Copiah	2

Covington	3
DeSoto	6
Forrest	15
Franklin	1
George	3
Greene	4
Hancock	1
Harrison	35
Hinds	12
Holmes	3
Jackson	22
Jasper	1
Jones	4
Lafayette	2
Lamar	17
Lauderdale	6
Lawrence	1
Lee	2
Leflore	1
Lincoln	4
Lowndes	7
Madison	11
Marion	1
Monroe	4
Neshoba	4
Oktibbeha	4
Panola	4
Pearl River	1
Perry	2
Pike	1
Prentiss	1
Rankin	10
Scott	3
Simpson	1
Smith	1
Sunflower	2
Tishomingo	2
Union	1
Walthall	2
Warren	4
Webster	3
Winston	27
Yazoo	3

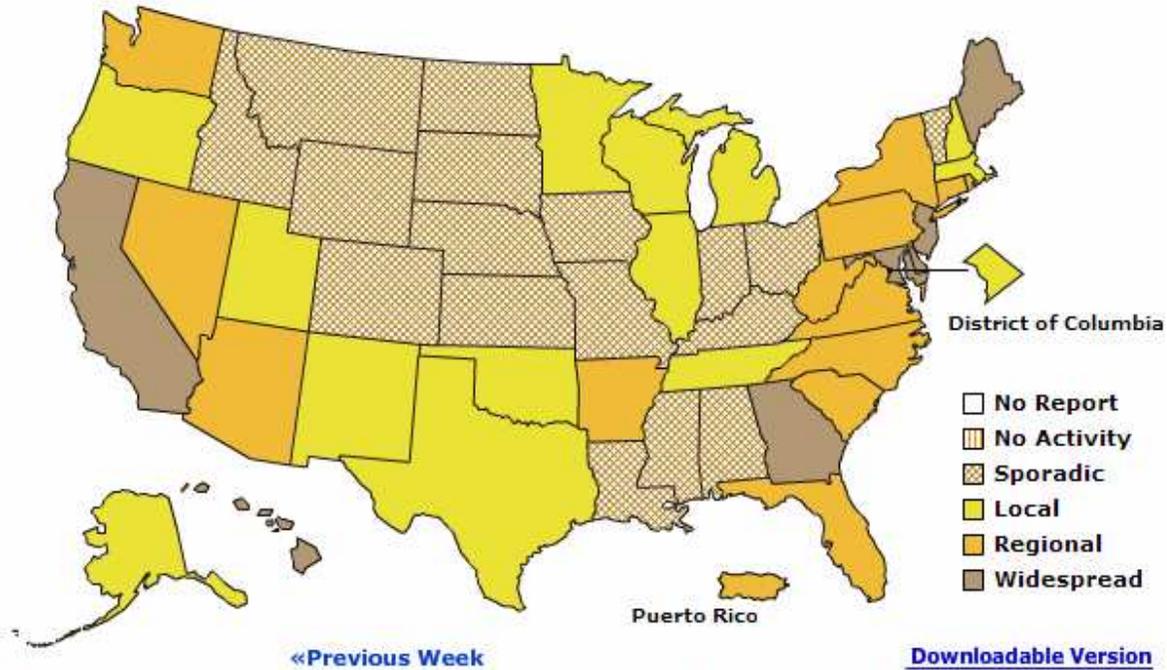
Below is a comparison of the state ILI rate to the number of positive influenza isolates since mid- April. Starting in late May and into July, the predominate flu type identified has been novel H1N1 (swine) flu.



Mississippi reported “**sporadic**” activity for week 28. For more information on flu activity nationwide, please refer to the CDC’s website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivity.htm>.

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