

# Seasonal influenza activity in young children before the COVID-19 outbreak in Wuhan, China

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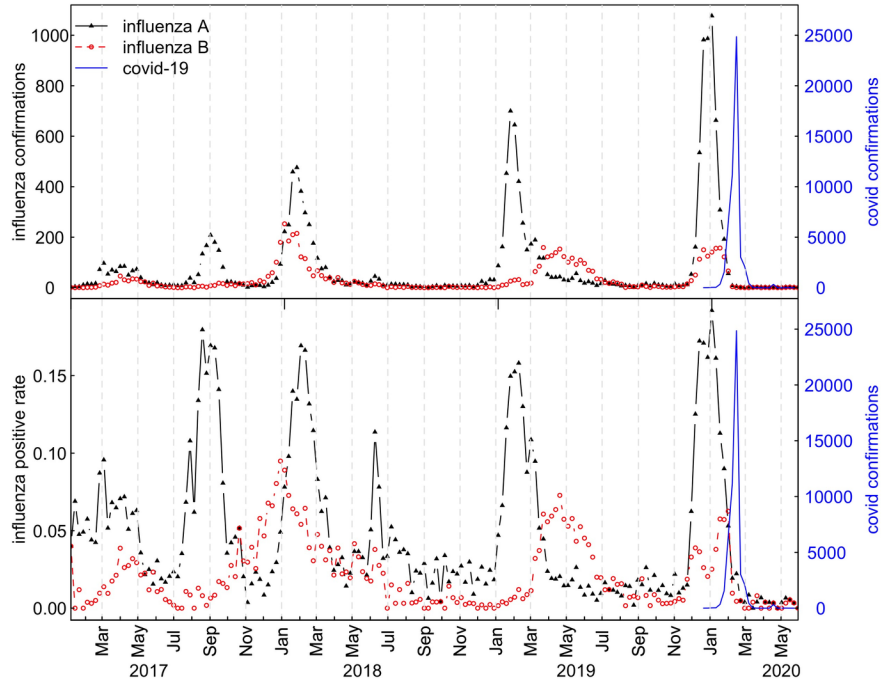
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## Abstract

The activity of influenza A at the end of 2019 was higher than previous two years in children younger than 6 years old in Wuhan, China. The 2019-20 seasonal influenza winter outbreak preceded the COVID-19 outbreak, with a higher and earlier peak than that of the 2017-18 and 2018-19 seasons. We speculate this could be due to the earlier CNY holiday season in 2019-20 than in previous two years. We compared these results with those of two previous studies to further discuss the possible interference between influenza and COVID-19 in young children.

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