Influenza activity by sub-type

- In July 2018, no new cases of human influenza A(H5N1) were reported in Egypt.
- In the northern Africa influenza transmission zone, Egypt reported sporadic co-circulation of A(H1N1)pdm09 and A(H3) viruses, while Morocco reported no activity.
- In the western Asia influenza transmission zone, Qatar reported co-circulation of all seasonal influenza viruses with predominance of A(H1N1)pdm09, while in Iraq A(H1N1)pdm09 was only detected. Bahrain, Jordan, Lebanon and oPt reported no activity.
- In south Asia transmission zone, Afghanistan, Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Pakistan reported no activity.


Circulating influenza viruses by subtype

- During July 2018, national influenza centres and influenza laboratories in the Region tested a total of 2535 specimens for influenza viruses of which 185 tested positive (7%).
- The average percentage of positivity rates is 7 %, with highest positivity rate recorded in Iraq and Qatar.
- Of the viruses tested; 161 (87%) were influenza A viruses, including 117 (63%) influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 virus and 20 (11%) were influenza A(H3) virus. Influenza B (Lineage Not determined) virus accounted for 24 (13%) (Figure 3).