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## **Highlights**

- We studied influenza data from 2006–2016 in Hong Kong and Shenzhen.
- Influenza epidemics appeared unsynchronized between Hong Kong and Shenzhen.
- Unsynchronized influenza epidemics could be due to their different age structure.

#### **Abstract**

### **Objective**

This study aims to examine the synchrony of influenza epidemics between Hong Kong and Shenzhen, two neighboring subtropical cities in South China.

#### **Methods**

Laboratory-confirmed influenza data from January 2006 to December 2016 were obtained from the Shenzhen Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Health in Hong Kong. The population data were retrieved from the 2011 population censuses. The weekly rate of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases were compared between Shenzhen and Hong Kong.

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