

Influenza Situation Report

2018-2019 Seasonal Influenza Week 43

(October 21 – October 27, 2018)

Marion County Public Health Department, IN 2018-11-05

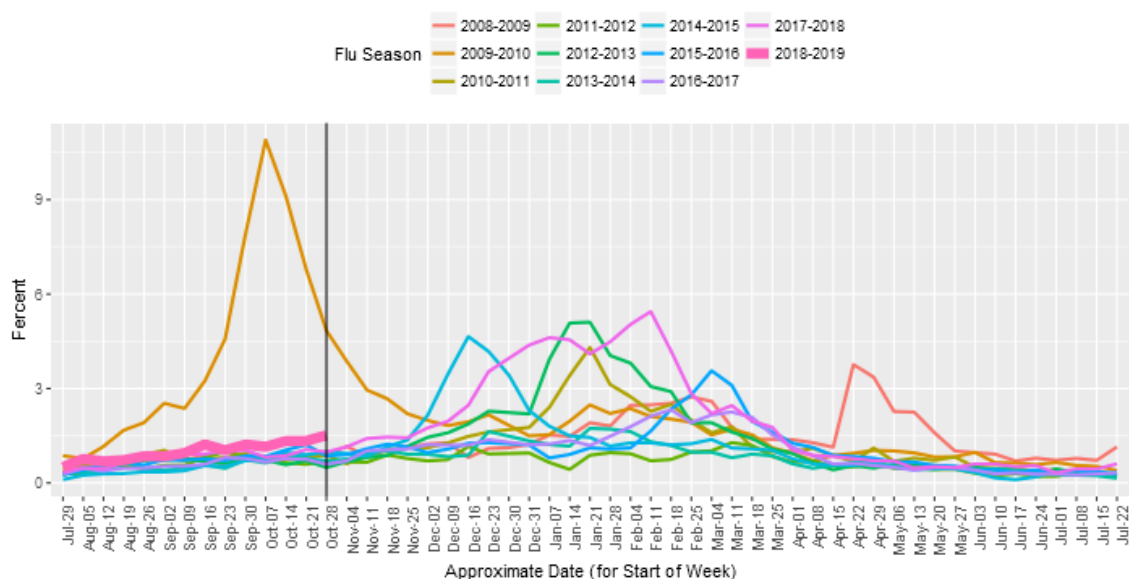
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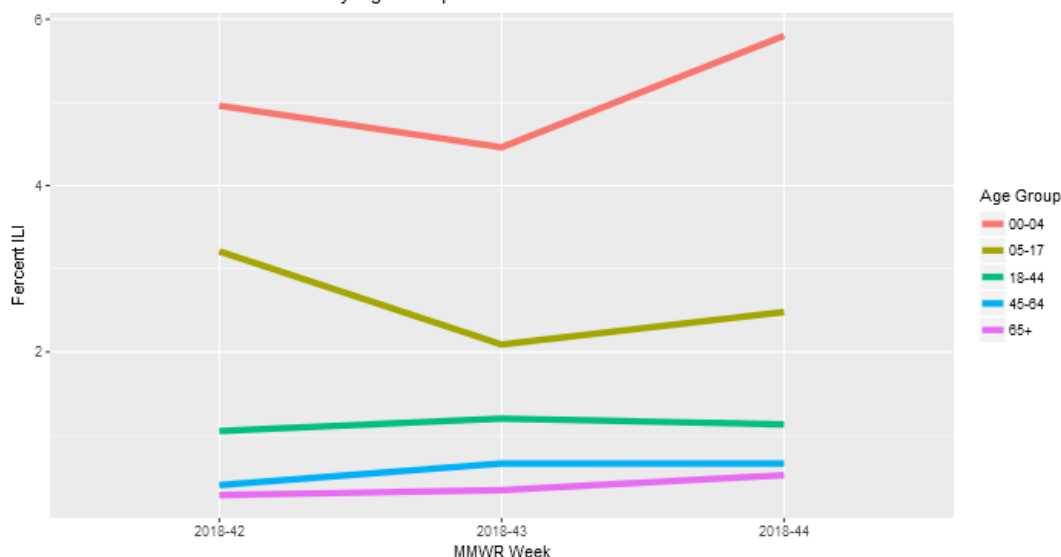
- Visits to a Marion County Emergency Department (ED) with Influenza-like Illness (ILI) symptoms were slightly higher for Week 44 than previous years at this time. However, not many were diagnosed with influenza during Week 44.
- During Week 44, ILI symptoms made up 1.52% of Marion County ED visits.
- There have been 0 influenza-associated deaths for Marion County residents this flu season.
- In Marion County hospitals' ED population, ILI was most common in the 0-4 age group. Among ED visits by 0-4 year olds, 5.80% was for ILI. ILI among ED visits by 5-17 year olds was next highest, at 2.48%.

Percent of ILI related ED Visits



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Percent of ILI related ED Visits by Age Group



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Local (Week 43)

- The percentage of ILI related ED visits was 1.34%.
- Children age 0-4 had the highest age-specific percent ILI (4.46%).

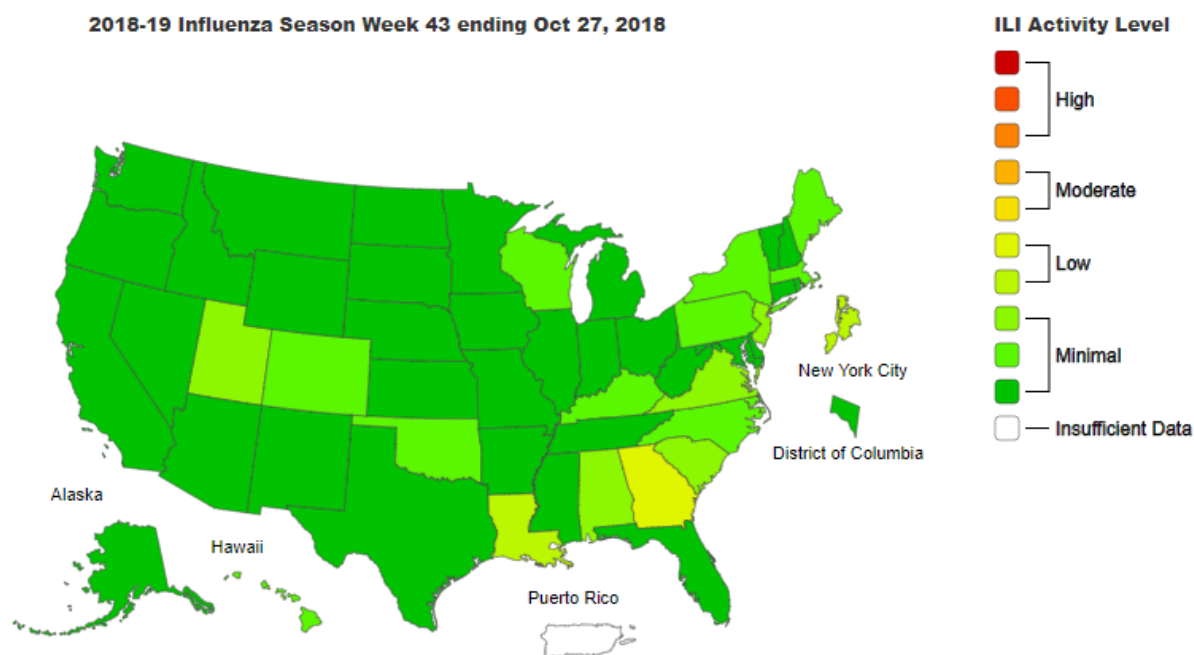
Indiana (Week 43)

<https://www.in.gov/isdh/files/Weekly%20Influenza%20Report-Week%2043-2018-2019.pdf>

- Indiana is experiencing sporadic and minimal ILI activity. For Week 43, ISDH reports 1.09% ILI at sentinel provider sites and 1.31% ILI ED visits. This is an increase for sentinel providers (0.84% Week 42) and ED visits (1.28% Week 42).
- There has been one influenza-associated death in Indiana for the 2018/2019 season.
- Week 43 results for samples tested at the state lab: 1 specimen tested positive for 2009 A/H1N1pdm.

National (Week 43)

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm>



- During Week 43, influenza activity remained low in the United States, and the majority states were reporting minimal and sporadic influenza activity. In addition, during Week 43, 1.7% of outpatient visits reported through the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) were due to ILI. This is slightly higher than Week 42 (1.5%).
- Two influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported to CDC this flu season.
- The percent of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza in clinical laboratories is low. During Week 43, the numbers of positive specimens for influenza A (82.9%) was higher than influenza B (17.1%).

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