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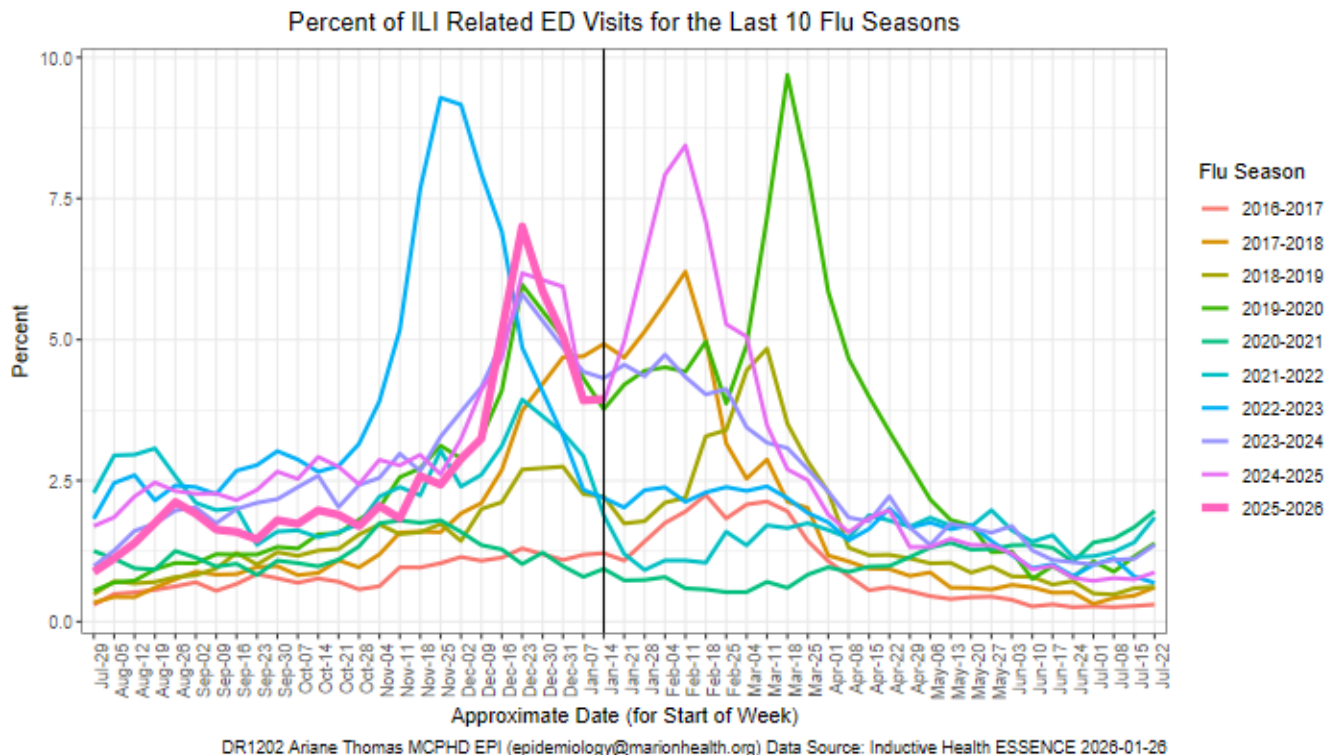
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Overview

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) emergency department (ED) visits **slightly increased**, and RSV ED visits **decreased** during this past week. ILI ED visits in Marion County **increased** during Week 3, a 0.5% **increase** compared to Week 2. For children aged 0-4 years old, ILI ED visits **slightly increased** by 0.2%, while for children aged 5-17 years old, ILI ED visits **increased** by 19.8%.



Influenza and RSV Surveillance – Week 3, January 18, 2026 – January 24, 2026 Marion County

Influenza

- During Week 3, **3.95% or 469 of Marion County ED visits had ILI symptoms**. The current percentage is slightly higher than last week (3.93% or 501 visits).
- In Marion County hospitals, the age group 0-4 years old had the highest percentage of ILI-related ED visits at 9.70% (110 visits), followed by 5-17 years old at 7.61% (98 visits).
- The median percentage of ILI-related ED visits for Week 3 over the last five years is 3.90%.

RSV

- The percentage of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)-related ED visits for 0-4 years old was **2.56% (29 visits)** during Week 3. This percentage is lower compared to last week (3.17% or 36 visits).
- RSV is a common respiratory virus that is the most common cause of bronchiolitis and pneumonia for children under one year of age in the U.S.

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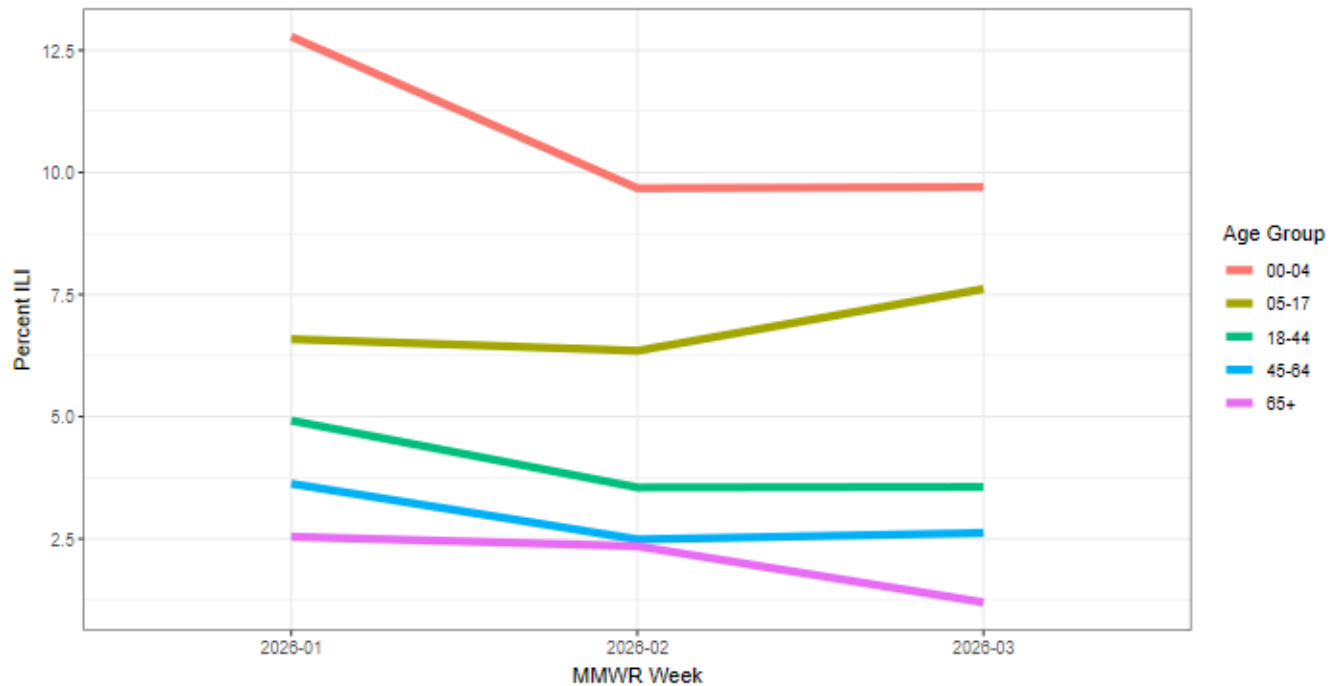


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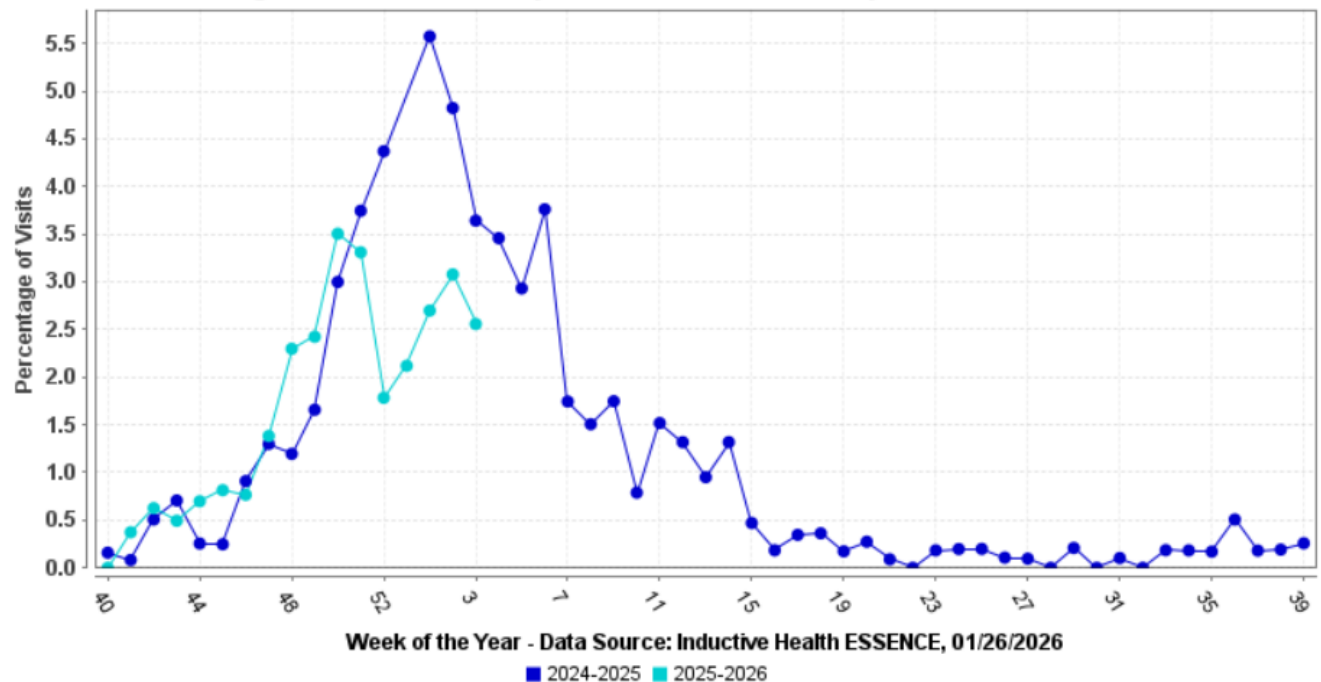
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Percent of ILI related ED Visits by Age Group



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Percentage of Visits with RSV Syndromes at Marion County EDs for 0-4 Years Old



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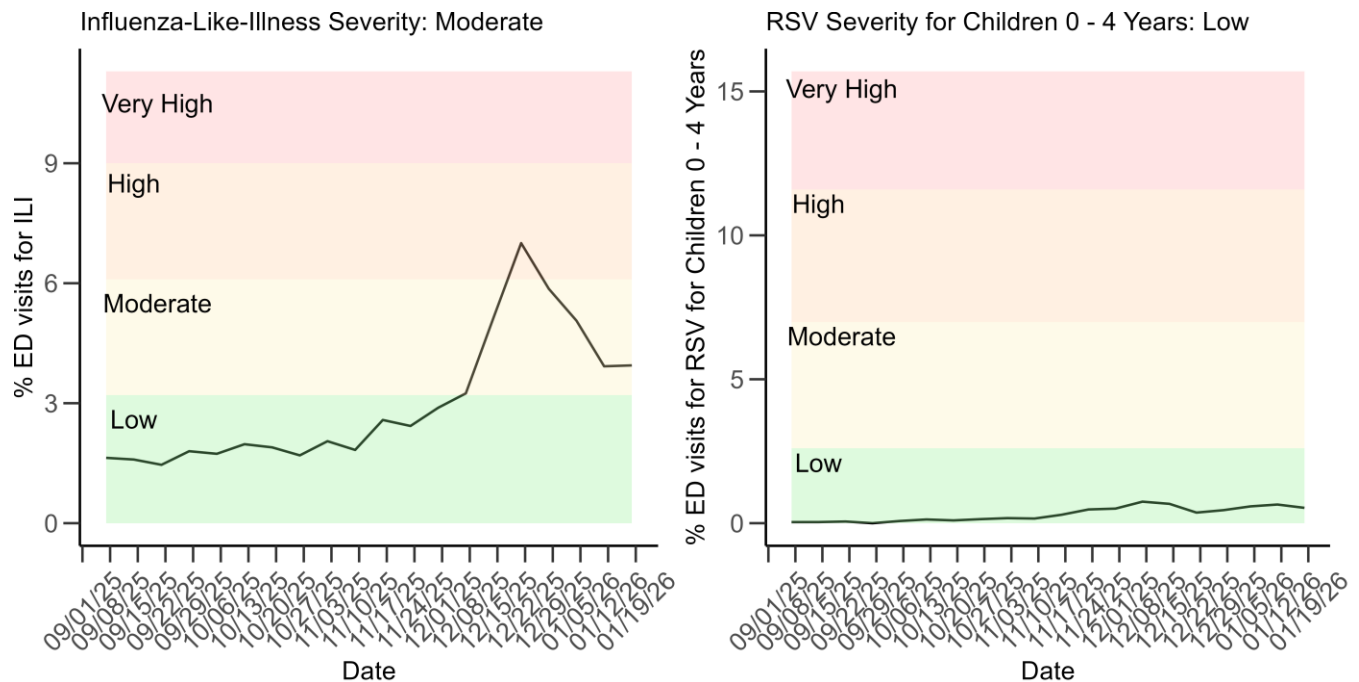
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Thresholds for ILI and RSV Severity – Week 3, January 18, 2026 – January 24, 2026

Marion County

- In Marion County, the severity of ILI is **moderate** and the severity of RSV for children 0 - 4 years old is **low** for Week 3. Severity thresholds were estimated using Marion County data from flu seasons 2017/2018 to 2024/2025.



Influenza Surveillance – Week 2, January 11, 2026 – January 17, 2026

Marion County

- During Week 2, **3.93% or 501 of Marion County ED visits had ILI symptoms.**
- In Marion County hospitals, the age group 0-4 years old had the highest percentage of ILI-related ED visits at 9.68% (110 visits), followed by 5-17 years old at 6.35% (84 visits).

Indiana

<https://www.in.gov/health/idepd/respiratory-disease/influenza/influenza-dashboard/>

- Indiana is experiencing **Moderate** ILI activity.
- IDOH reported 3.37% ILI at ED and urgent care visits and 3.39% ILI at sentinel provider sites.
- Six influenza-associated deaths have been reported** during Week 2. Fifty-five deaths have been reported since the beginning of the season.

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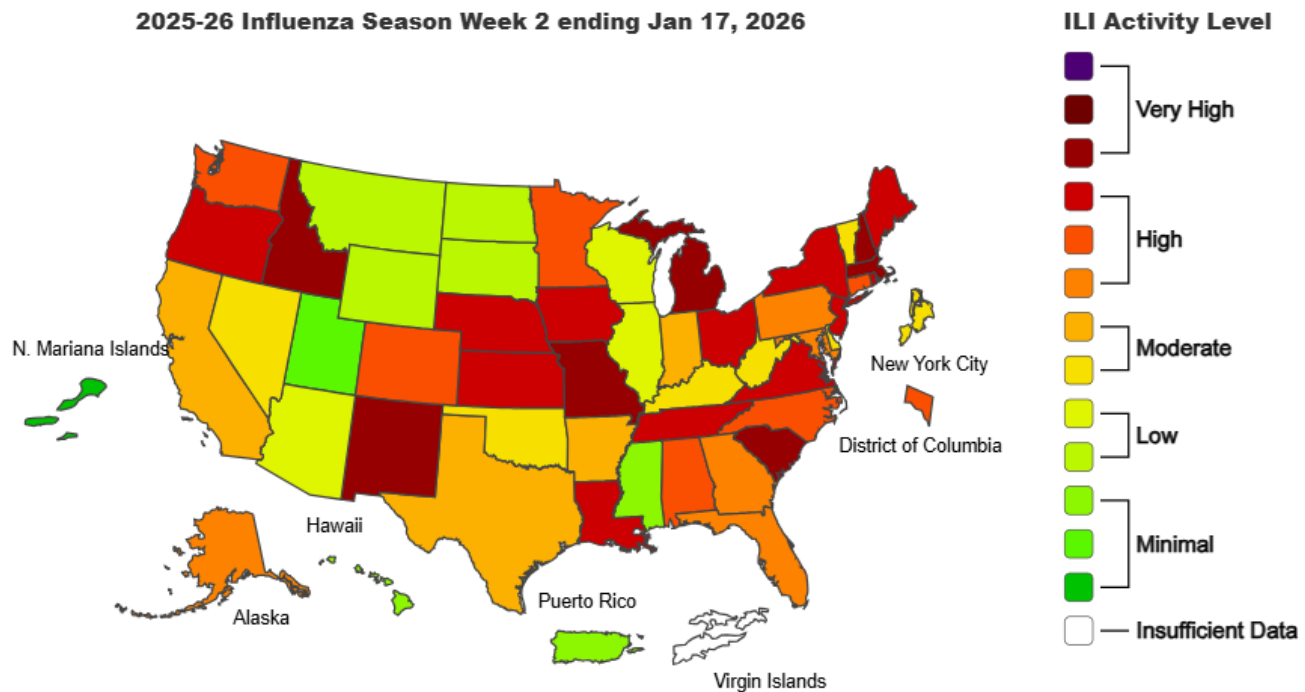
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National

<https://www.cdc.gov/fluview/>

2025-26 Influenza Season Week 2 ending Jan 17, 2026



- Seasonal influenza (flu) activity remains elevated across the country, however, trends in activity vary across age groups and regions.
- According to the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), **4.4% of outpatient visits to healthcare providers** were related to ILI (influenza-like illness). This percentage is above the baseline of 3.0%.
- During Week 2, 17.7% of **clinical laboratory specimens** were **positive for the influenza virus**.
- During Week 2, 61.6% of specimens were **positive for influenza viruses at public health laboratories**.
- **Twelve influenza-associated pediatric deaths** were reported to CDC during Week 2. The deaths occurred during weeks 52, 53, 1 and 2.
 - All deaths were associated with influenza A viruses. Six of these deaths had subtyping performed. One was an A(H1N1) virus and five were A(H3N2) viruses.
 - A total of forty-four influenza-associated pediatric deaths occurring during the 2025-2026 season have been reported to CDC.

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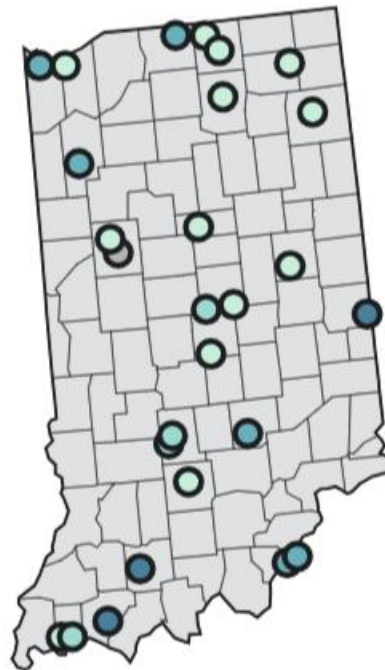
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[Wastewater Viral Activity Levels – Week 2, January 11, 2026 – January 17, 2026](https://www.cdc.gov/nwss/data-methods.html)
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Influenza A Wastewater

- In Indiana, the wastewater viral activity level is currently **Very Low**.
- In Marion County, the wastewater viral activity level is currently **Very Low**.



Current Site Levels

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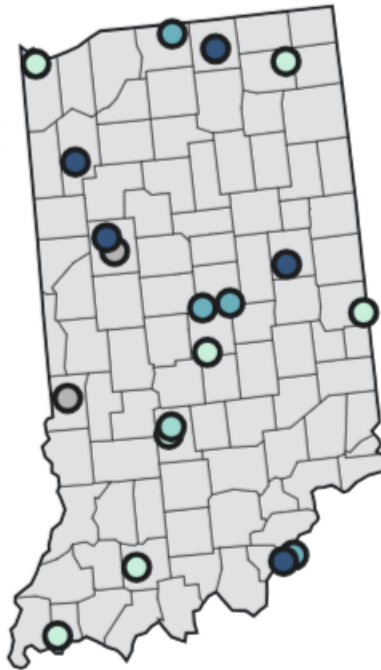
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RSV Wastewater

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