

Influenza Situation Report

2020-2021 Seasonal Influenza Week 53

(December 27 – January 02, 2021)



Marion County Public Health Department, IN 2021-01-11

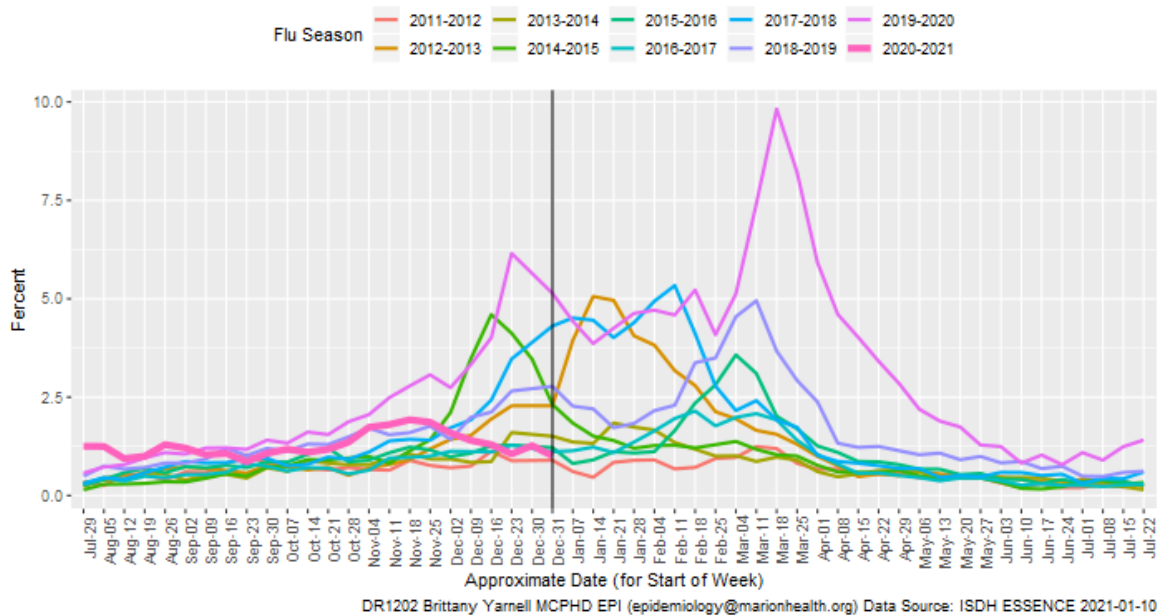
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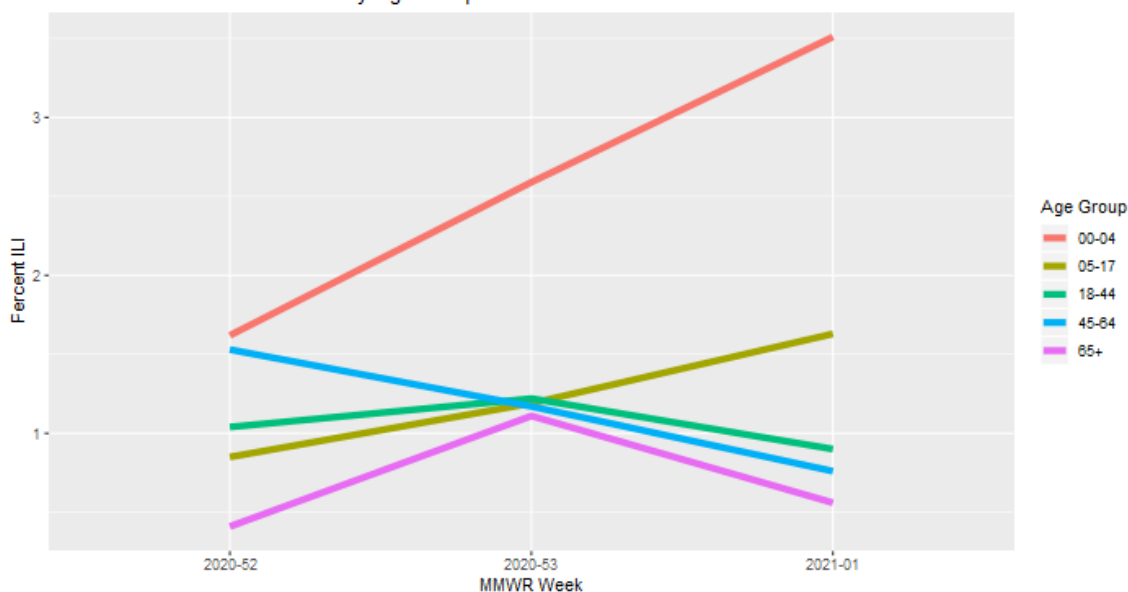
Updates on Most Recent Local Activity: Week 01 (January 03 – January 09)

- Influenza-like Illness (ILI) for all ages **decreased last week** and visits related to Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) for 0-4 years old is **low**.
 - RSV is a common respiratory virus that is the most common cause of bronchiolitis and pneumonia for children under 1 year of age in the U.S.¹
- During Week 01, **1.0% of Marion County ED visits had ILI symptoms**.
- In Marion County hospitals' ED population, ILI was **most common in the 0 - 4 age group** (3.5%).

Percent of ILI related ED Visits



Percent of ILI related ED Visits by Age Group



Note: ILI (Influenza-Like Illness) visit means that the patient reported fever with cough or sore throat, or used the word "flu" or "influenza" to describe either their symptoms or their reason for the ED (Emergency Department) visit.

1. RSV | Home | Respiratory Syncytial Virus | CDC. Published November 18, 2019. Accessed October 18, 2020. <https://www.cdc.gov/rsv/index.html>

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Local (Week 53)

- The percentage of ILI related ED visits was 1.3%.
- Infants and toddlers, 0 - 4 years old, the highest age-specific percent ILI (2.6%).

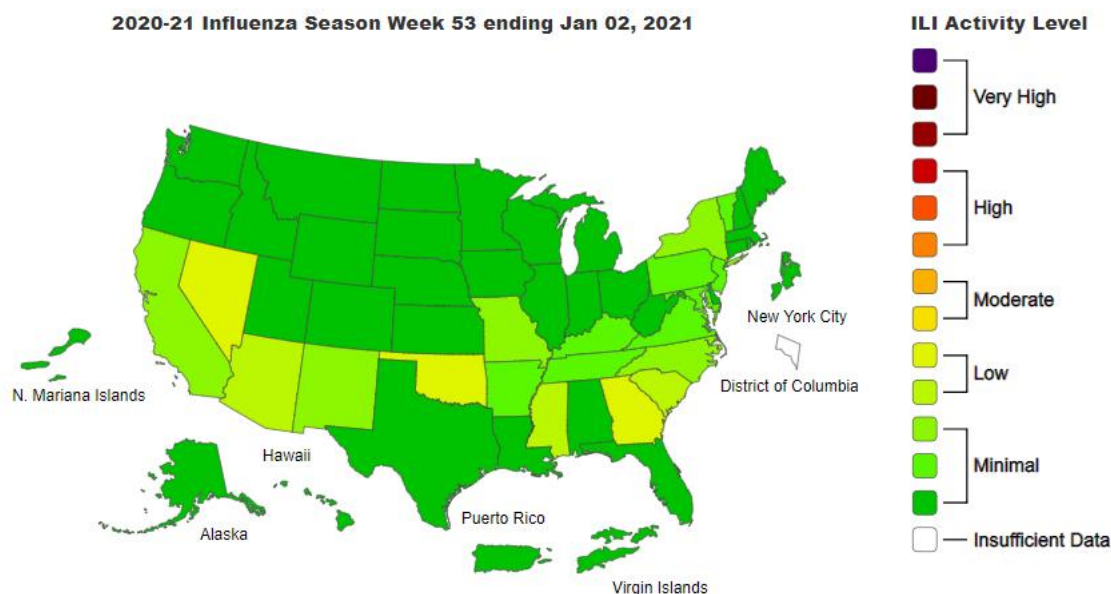
Indiana (Week 53)

<https://www.in.gov/isdh/files/Weekly%20Influenza%20Report-Week%2053-2020-2021.pdf>

- Indiana is experiencing **minimal ILI activity**.
- For Week 53, ISDH reported 1.1% ILI at sentinel provider sites and 1.1% ILI ED and urgent care visits.
- There have been **3 influenza-associated deaths** this season.
- No specimens were tested at the IDOH Laboratory during Week 53

National (Week 53)

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



- **Influenza activity remains lower than usual for this time of year. Confirmed labs as reported by clinical and public health laboratories remains low.** The majority of jurisdictions had minimal influenza activity.
- **Outpatient visits due to ILI stayed at 1.6%**, as reported through the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet). It was similar to the previous week (Week 52: 1.6%).
- **One influenza-associated pediatric death** has been reported to CDC this flu season.
- During Week 53, there were **28 positive influenza tests sent to clinical laboratories (0.1% positive specimens)**. The percent positive was similar to Week 52 at 0.3%.
- During Week 53, 16 (< 1%) of the specimens submitted was positive at **public health laboratories**.