

Influenza Situation Report

2013-2014 Seasonal Influenza Week 6

(Feb 2- Feb 8, 2014)

Marion County Public Health Department, IN 2014-02-14, DR2166

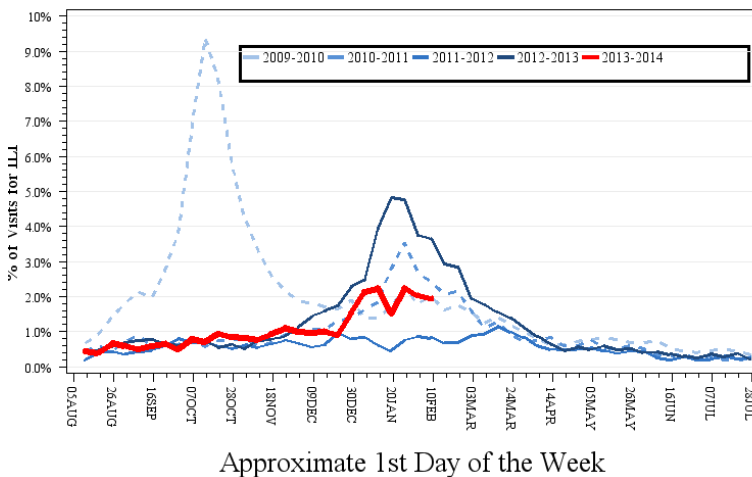
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Current Local Trends

- The percent of ED visits with a chief complaint of influenza-like illness (ILI) has decreased to 1.97% of all ED visits; this is indicative of a decreasing trend. Nationally, influenza is beginning to decrease (south central states are still seeing moderate to high activity).
- Children under the age of 5 have the highest age-specific percent ILI (3.9%), however, it is below the previous 4 week average.
- There has been 1 additional influenza related death reported in Marion County during Week 6 for a total of 7 deaths through the reporting period.
- ISDH is reporting statewide 1.72% ILI in ED visit surveillance (a decrease from last week); 42 deaths associated with influenza have been reported by ISDH for this season.
- 99.9% of positive influenza lab specimens antigenically tested by CDC correspond to the four components in the quadrivalent seasonal influenza vaccine (98% match with the trivalent formula).
- The majority of circulating influenza nationally has tested as influenza A (91%), influenza B is increasing in proportion of positive tests.

Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-Like Illness

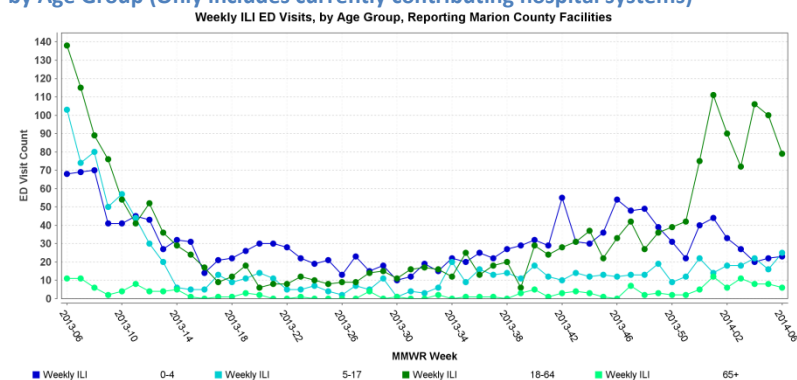
Figure 1. Percent Influenza-like Illness of all Marion County Hospital ED Visits, Current Year and Previous Seasons



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Data Source: ISDH Public Health Surveillance System, MCHD Epidemiology DR1202

Figure 2. Weekly Count of ILI ED Visits for Marion County Hospitals, by Age Group (Only includes currently contributing hospital systems)



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Table 1. Age group specific percent of ILI ED Visits at Marion County Hospitals, by Age Group

Age Group (years)	Current Week % ILI	Previous 4 Week Average % ILI (Avg)
<5	3.9%	4.1%
5-17	3.7%	3.1%
18-64	1.7%	2.0%
65+	0.7%	0.9%
Unknown	0.0%	0.0%
Total	1.97%	

Figure 1 represents the percent of all ED visits that were categorized as influenza-like illness. The percent ILI is at 1.97% (about a 10% decrease from last week) and appears to be decreasing.

Pediatric age groups are still experiencing higher percent ILI than the adult populations.

ILI visit means that the patient reported fever with cough or sore throat, or used the word "flu" to describe either their symptoms or their reason for the ED visit.

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Indiana

http://www.in.gov/isdh/files/Weekly_Influenza_Report_Week_06_2013_2014.pdf

- Indiana is experiencing widespread but minimal influenza activity. For Week 5, ISDH reports 2.19% ILI at sentinel provider sites and 1.72% ILI ED visits. Both of these observations are a decrease over the previous week..
- Five additional deaths have been reported in Indiana (1 aged 25-49 years old, 2 aged 50-64, and 2 aged 65+), bringing the total mortalities to 42.
- 98% of influenza positive laboratory samples at the state lab have tested positive for the 2009 A/H1N1 pandemic variant. There have been 4 positive A-H3N2 and 1 Influenza B positive test.

National

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>

- During Week 6, 24 states (including Indiana) are reporting widespread influenza activity by state and territorial epidemiologists (this is a decrease from 29 the previous week). In addition, during week 6, 3.0% of patient visits reported through the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) were due to influenza-like illness (ILI). This is a slight decrease from the previous week (Week 5=3.2%). The average annual national rate is 2.0%.
- The seasonal vaccine continues to be a good match to circulating virus. With 99.9% of positive influenza samples matching the vaccine components.
- CDC reports 10 confirmed influenza pediatric deaths for Week 6, increasing the season mortality to 50. CDC does not report adult influenza deaths, however, the percent of all mortality associated with pneumonia and influenza has increased to 8.4%; this is above the epidemic threshold of 7.3% for week 6 but a decrease from the previous week..
- Nationally, hospitalizations are occurring in greater percentages in patients 18-64. Elderly patients 65 and older still represent the highest rate of hospitalizations, however, represent a smaller proportion of influenza hospitalized cases. 61% of hospitalized patients are between 18-64 years old.

