

Marion County Influenza Situation Report 2022-2023 Seasonal Influenza Week 07 (February 12, 2023 – February 18, 2023)



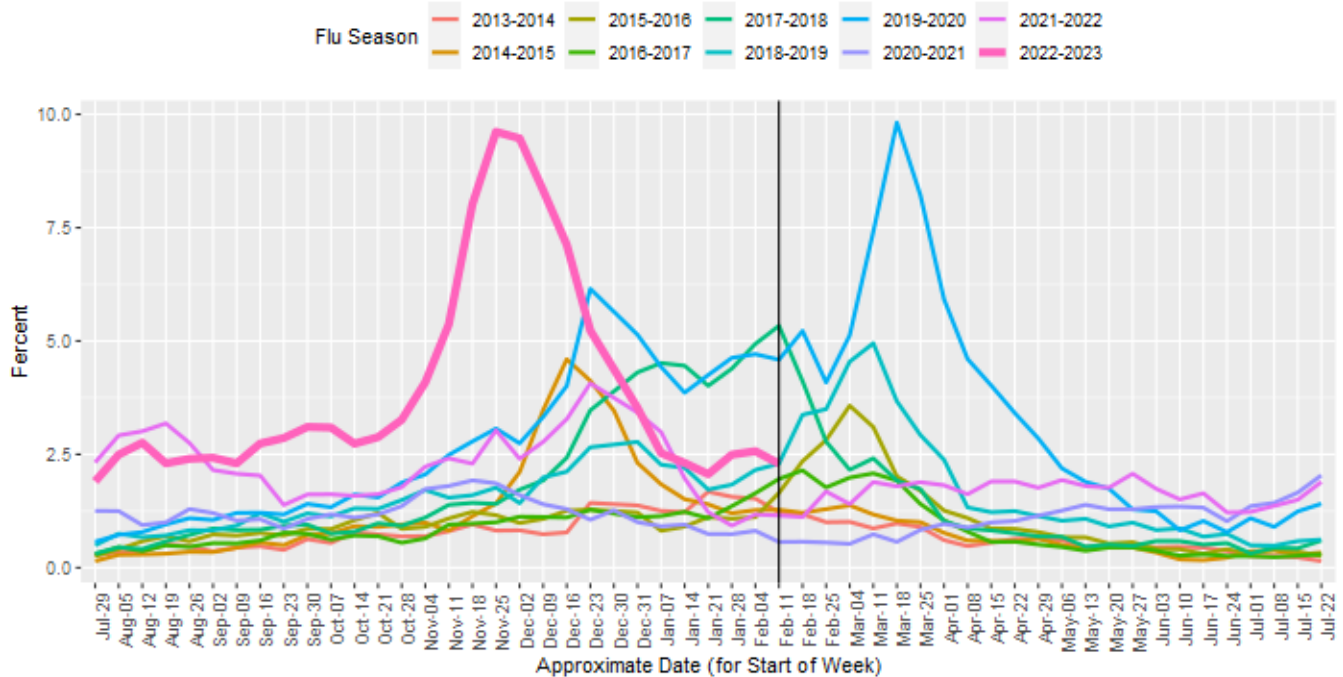
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Influenza-like Illness ED visits in Marion County decreased during the last week but is higher than seven out of nine past flu seasons.

Percent of ILI related ED Visits



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- During week 07 (February 12 to February 18), **2.29% of Marion County ED visits had ILI symptoms**. The current rate, which is the median percentage of ILI-related ED visits for week 07 over the past five years (2019-2023), is lower than last week's rate of 2.57%.
- In Marion County hospitals, 0-4 years old had the highest rate (7.04%) of ILI related ED Visits. This rate is higher than last week (5.62%). The median percent of 0-4 years old ILI-related ED visits for week 07 over the last five years was 6.48%.
- ED visits for Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and other respiratory illnesses for 0-4 years old remained steady during the last week.** The percentage of RSV-related ED visits was 8.64% out of all 0-4 years old ED visits during the week 07.
 - 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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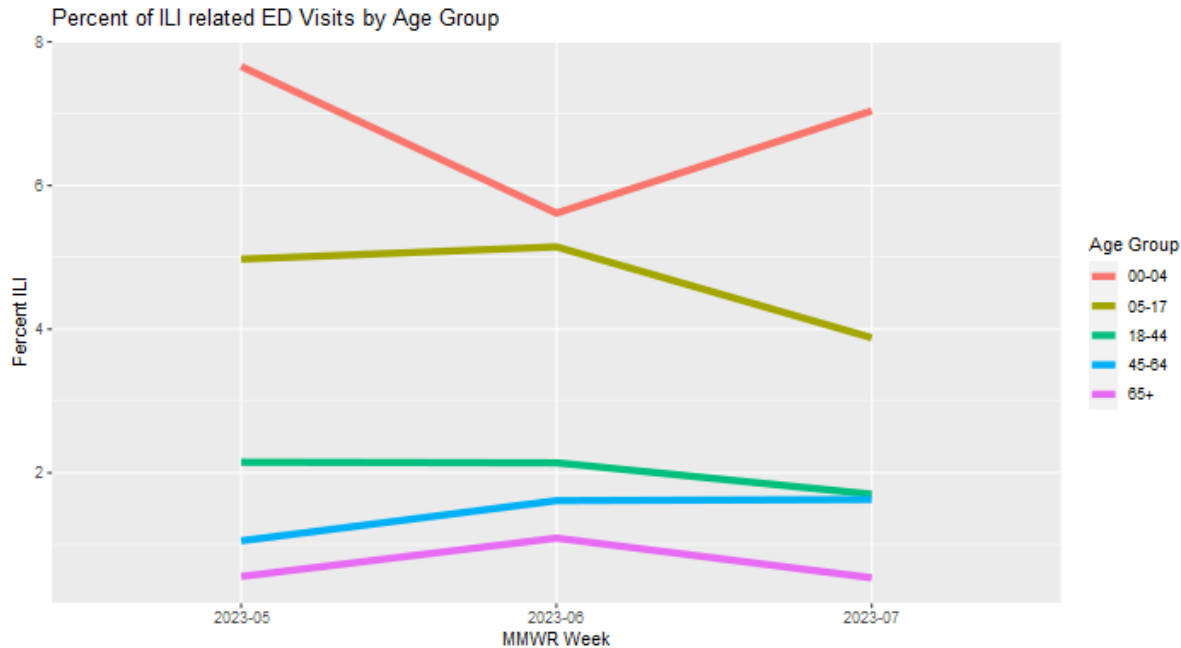
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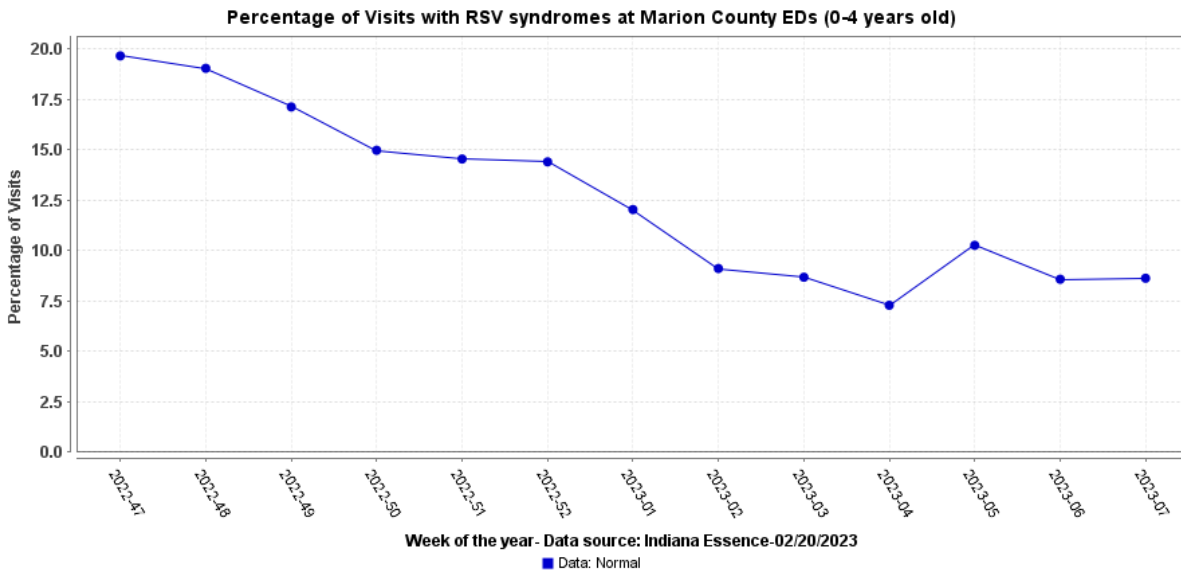
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Marion County (Week 06, February 05, 2023- February 11, 2023)

- The percentage of ILI-related ED visits was 2.57% out of all ED visits.
- In Marion County hospitals, 0-4 years old had the highest rate (5.62%) of ILI related ED Visits.

Indiana (Week 06, February 05, 2023- February 11, 2023)

IDOH [flu dashboard](#)

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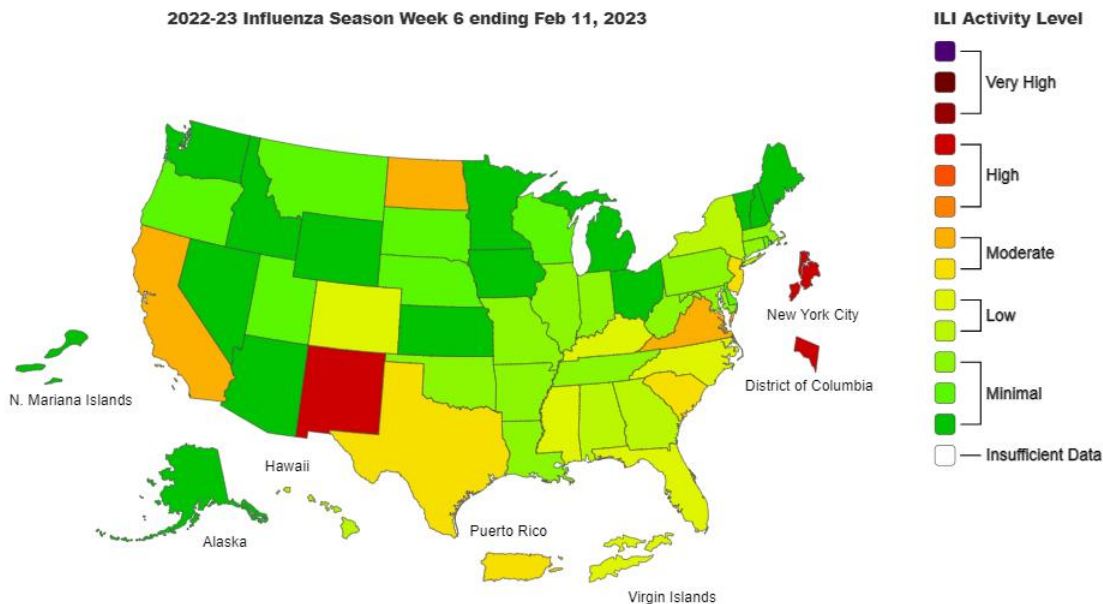
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- Indiana is experiencing **Minimal** ILI activity. For week 06, IDOH reported 1.74% ILI at sentinel provider sites and 1.88% ILI at ED and urgent care visits. Both rates have remained steady during the last week.
- There have been **167 influenza-associated deaths** this season, **one** Influenza-associated death was detected for the week 06.
- Twelve specimens were tested at the IDOH Laboratory during Week 06. All were detected as Influenza negative.

National (Week 06, February 05, 2023- February 11, 2023)

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



- Seasonal Influenza activity is **low** across the US.
- Of outpatient visits to a healthcare provider, **2.6% were ILI-related**, as reported through the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet). This rate is the same as last week's rate and higher than the national baseline of 2.5%.
- **Five influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported to CDC** during week 06. All five deaths were associated with influenza A viruses. The total number of pediatric deaths occurring during the 2022-2023 season reported to CDC was 111.
- During Week 06, **1.4% of clinical laboratory specimens** were **positive for influenza**. This rate is lower than last week (1.7%).
- During Week 06, **135 (2.1%) specimens** were **positive at public health laboratories**. This rate has remained steady during the last week.
- The CDC maintains its recommendation that all individuals aged 6 months and older receive an annual flu vaccine for as long as flu activity persists.

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