

Marion County Influenza Situation Report

2021-2022 Seasonal Influenza Week 44 (October 31 – November 06, 2021)



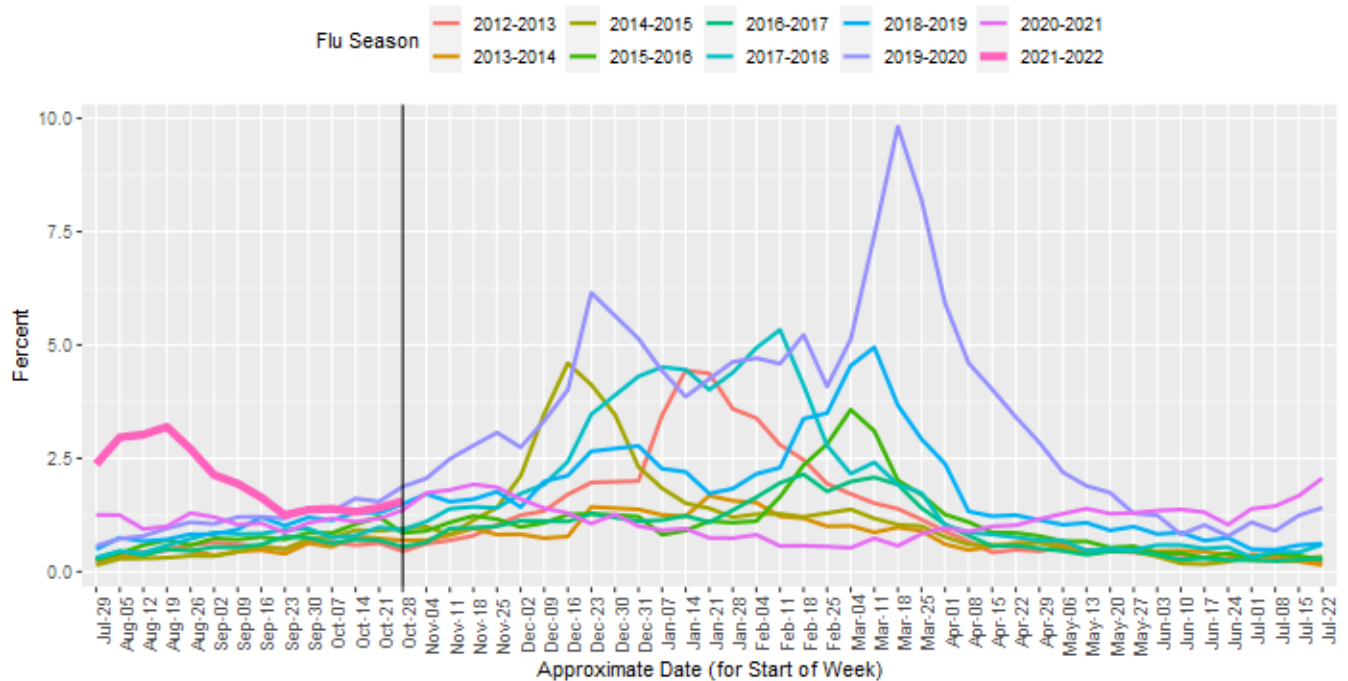
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Marion County ED visits for Influenza-like Illness are at usual levels (low) (Oct.31 – Nov. 06)

Percent of ILI related ED Visits



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- Emergency Department (ED) visits with Influenza-like Illness (ILI) symptoms, for all ages, are low, as is usual this time of year.
- During Week 44 (Oct. 31 to Nov. 06), **1.56% of Marion County ED visits had ILI symptoms**. The median of that for week 44 in the last 5 years has been 1.34%.
- In Marion County hospitals' ED population, **ILI was most common in the 0 – 4 age group** (8.69%). It is higher than usual and lower than the last week (9.31%). The median of that for week 44 in the last 5 years has been 5.8%.
- ED visits for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and other respiratory illnesses for 0-4 years old have been increasing since mid-April, and this is contributing to the increase in ILI.
 - 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

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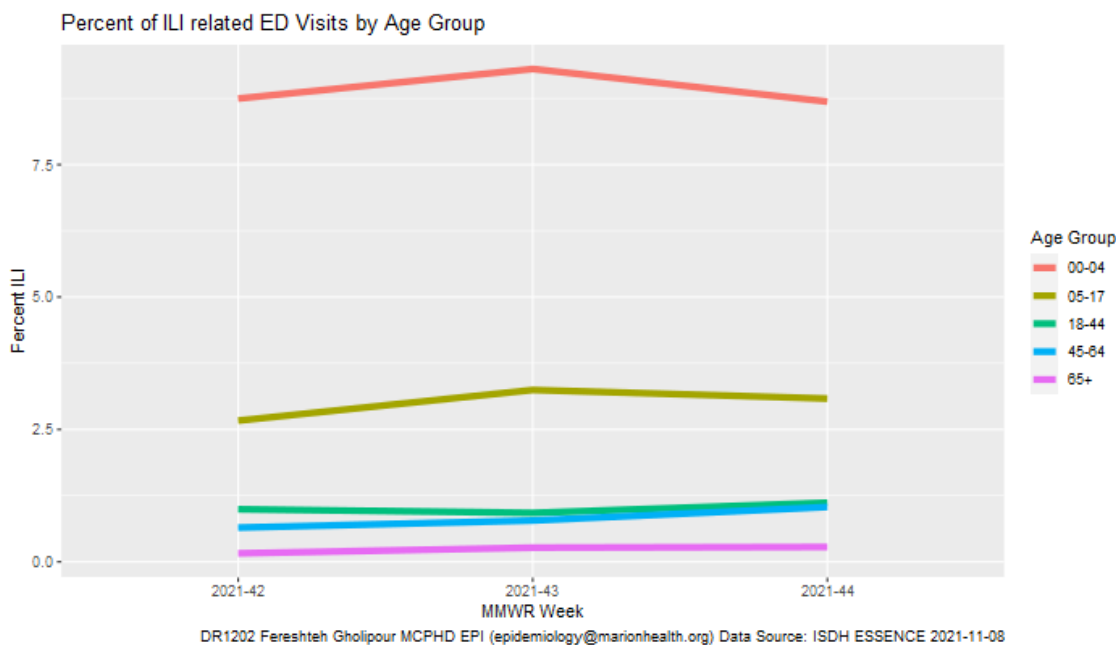
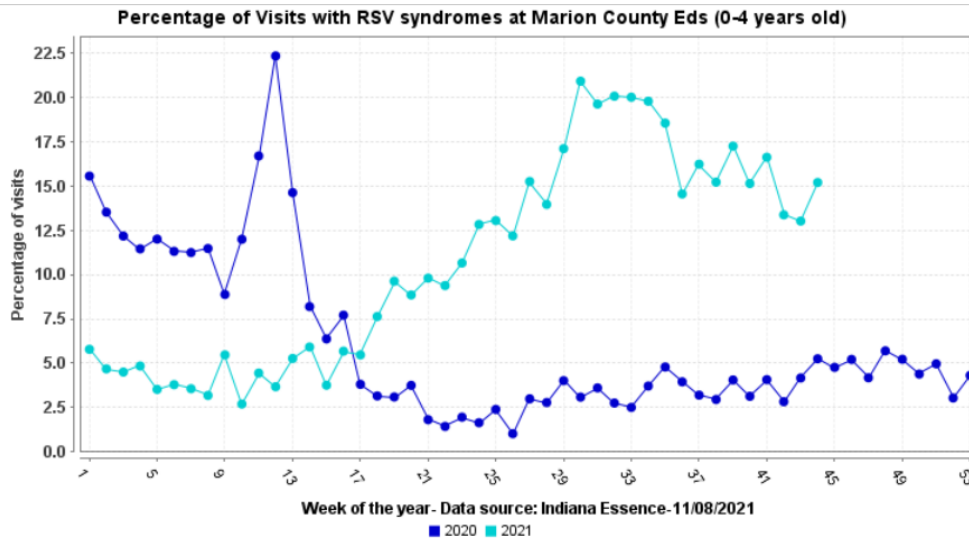
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Marion County (Week 43)

- The percentage of ILI related ED visits was 1.41%.
- Infants and toddlers, 0 – 4 years old have the highest age-specific percent ILI (9.31%).

Indiana (Week 43)

https://www.in.gov/health/erc/files/Weekly-Flu-Report_2021-MMWR-week-43.pdf

- Indiana is experiencing minimal ILI activity. For Week 43, ISDH reported 1.26% ILI at sentinel provider sites and 1.29% ILI ED and urgent care visits.
- There have been **1 influenza-associated deaths** this season.
- 2 specimens were tested at the IDOH Laboratory during Week 43.

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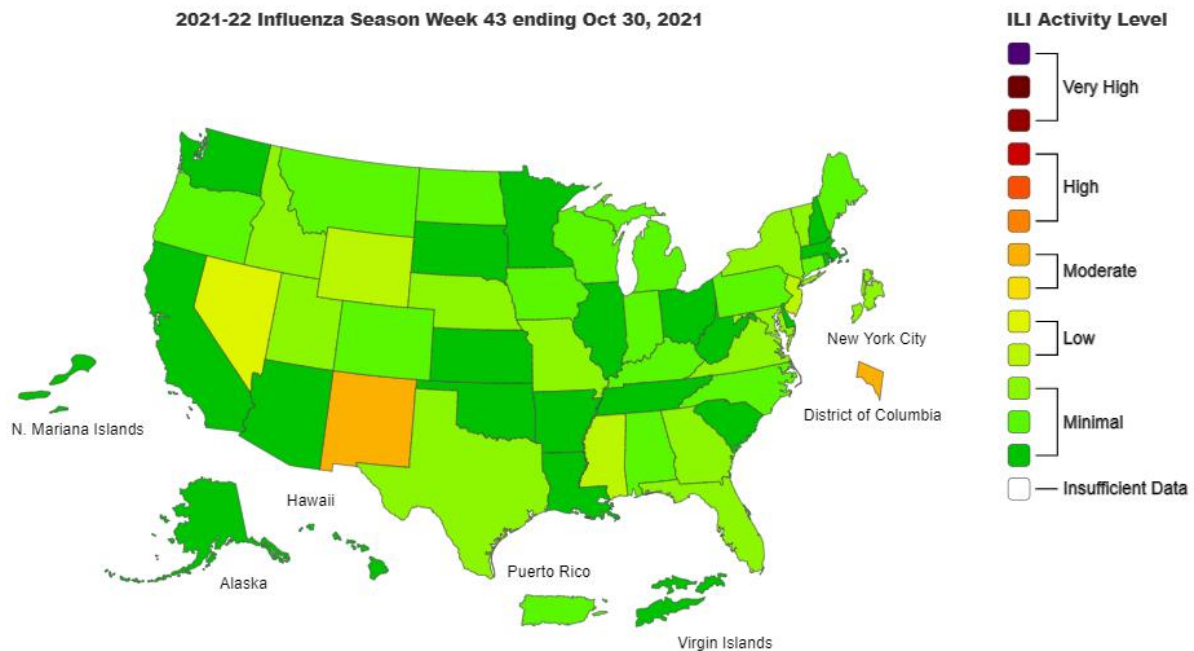
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National (Week 43)

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



- **Influenza activity remains low but confirmed labs as reported by clinical laboratories has increased recently.** The majority of jurisdictions had minimal influenza activity.
- **Outpatient visits due to ILI was at 1.9%**, as reported through the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet).
- **Zero influenza-associated pediatric deaths** have been reported to CDC this flu season.
- During Week 43, **positive influenza tests were higher than week 42 in clinical laboratories** at 0.2%.
- During Week 43, **35 (0.02%) of specimens were positive at public health laboratories.**

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