

Influenza Situation Report

2018-2019 Seasonal Influenza Week 08

(February 17 – February 23)

Marion County Public Health Department, IN 2019-03-04

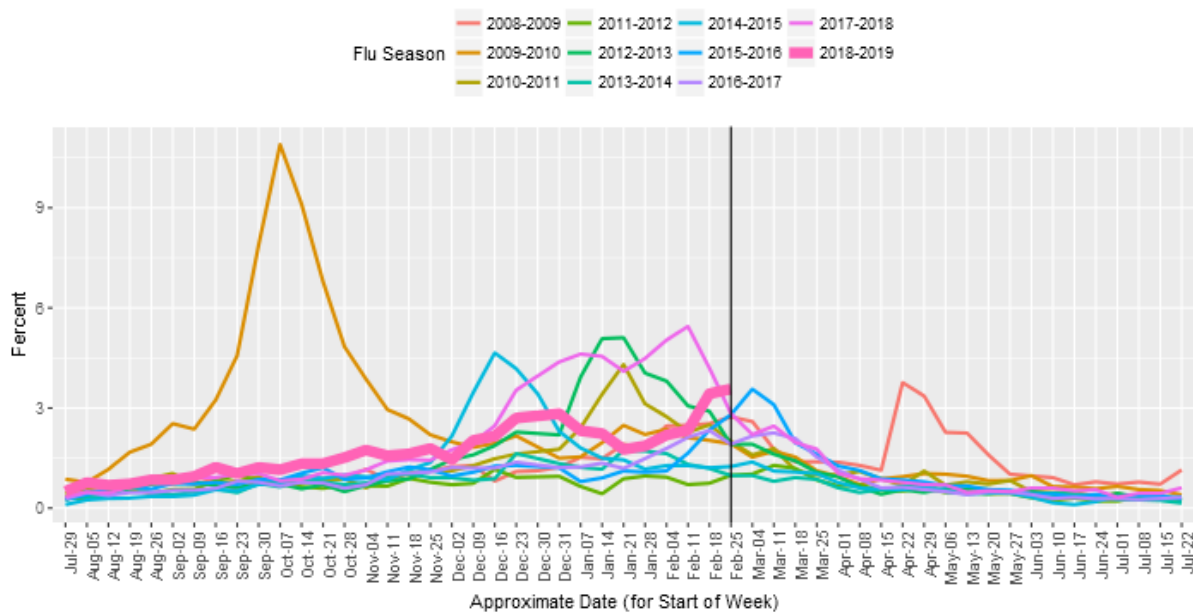
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Updates on Most Recent Local Activity: Week 09 (February 24 – March 02)

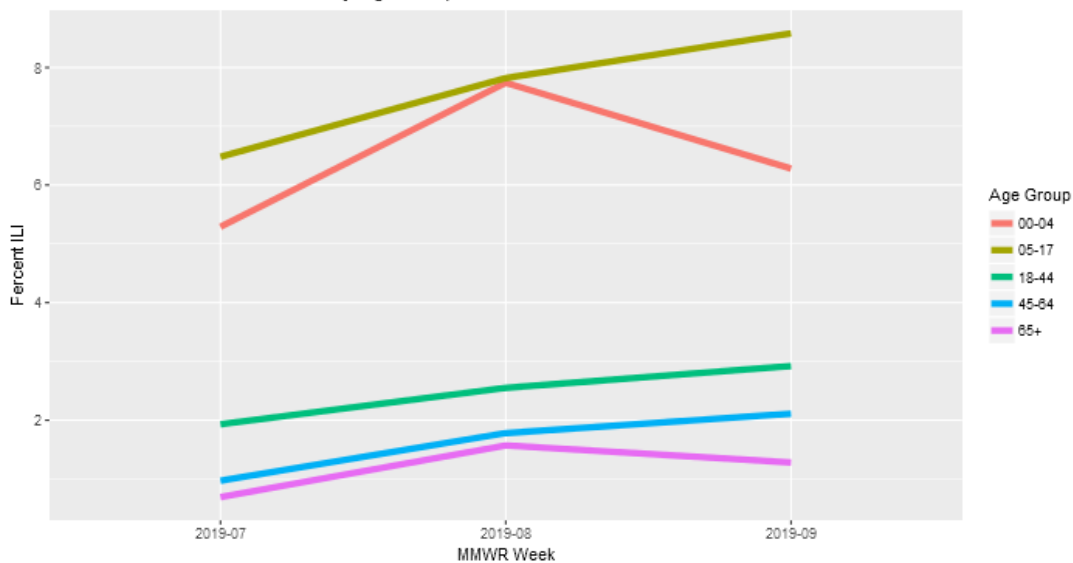
- During Week 09, ILI symptoms made up 3.57% of Marion County ED visits, which is above the 2.0% baseline for flu season.
- There have been less than 5 influenza-associated deaths for Marion County residents this flu season.
- In Marion County hospitals' ED population, ILI was most common in the 5-17 age group. Among ED visits by 5-17 year olds 8.58% was for ILI. ILI among ED visits by 0-4 year olds was next highest, at 6.28%.

Percent of ILI related ED Visits



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Percent of ILI related ED Visits by Age Group



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Local (Week 08)

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- Adolescents between 5 to 17 years old had the highest age-specific percent ILI (7.82%).

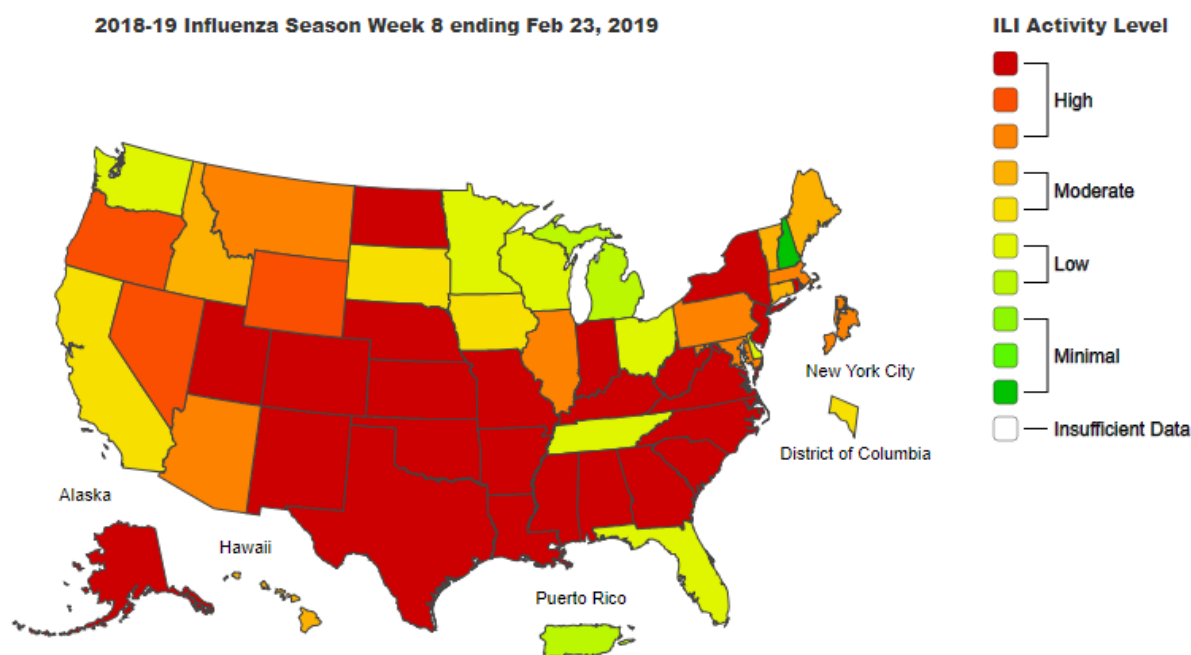
Indiana (Week 08)

<https://www.in.gov/isdh/files/Weekly%20Influenza%20Report-Week%208-2018-2019.pdf>

- Indiana is experiencing widespread and high ILI activity. For Week 08, ISDH reports 4.74% ILI at sentinel provider sites and 3.34% ILI ED visits. This is an increase for sentinel providers (4.07% Week 07) and ED visits (2.60% Week 07).
- There have been forty-five influenza-associated deaths in Indiana for the 2018/2019 flu season.
- Week 08 results for samples tested at the state lab: 25 specimen tested positive for 2009 A/H1N1pdm and 16specimen tested positive for Influenza A/H3 seasonal virus.

National (Week 08)

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



- During Week 08, influenza activity remained elevated in the United States, and the majority states were reporting high and widespread influenza activity. In addition, during Week 08, 5.0% of outpatient visits reported through the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) were due to ILI. This is higher than Week 07 (5.1%).
- Fifty-six influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported to CDC for the 2018/2019 flu season.
- The percent of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza in clinical laboratories increased slightly. During Week 08, the numbers of positive specimens for influenza A (97.2%) was higher than influenza B (2.8%).

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