

Influenza Situation Report

2020-2021 Seasonal Influenza Week 18

(May 02 – May 08, 2021)



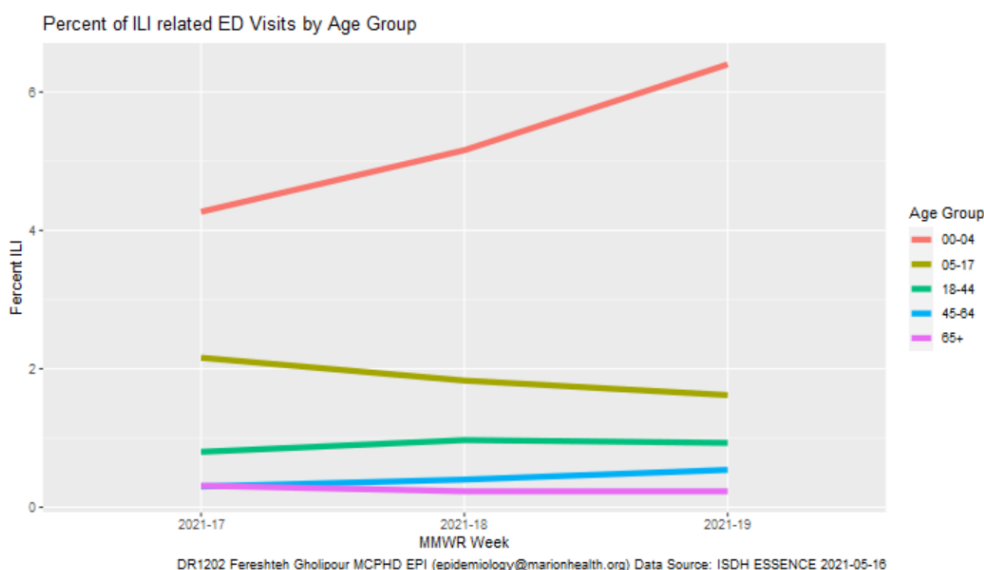
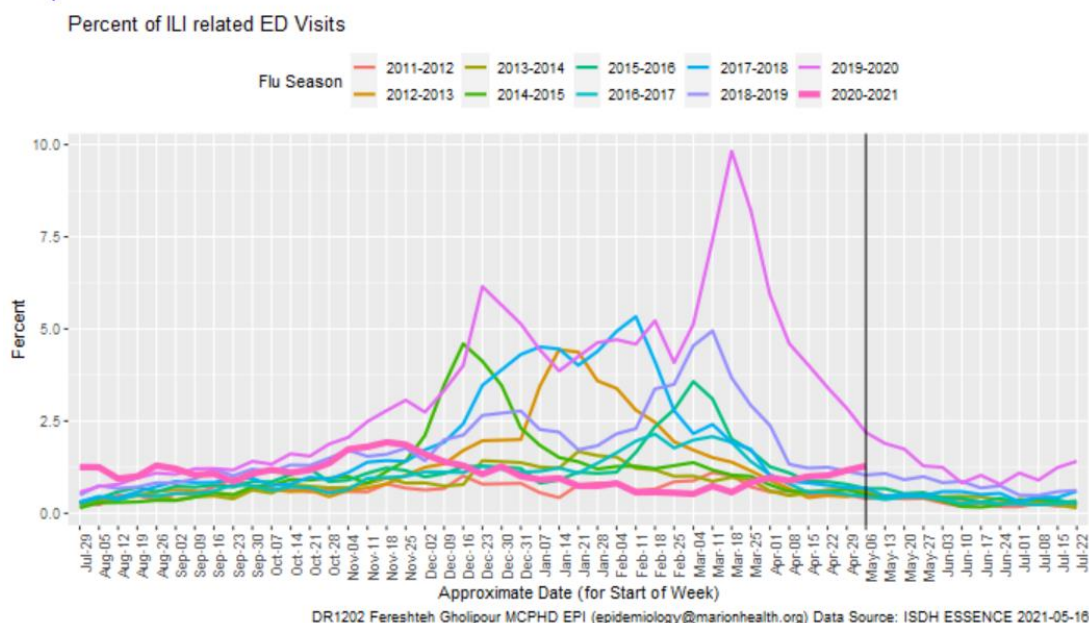
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Updates on Most Recent Local Activity: Week 19 (May 09 – May 15)

- Visits with Influenza-like Illness (ILI) symptoms, for all ages, is still low, but higher than previous seasons.
- 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.S¹.
- During Week 19, **1.3% of Marion County ED visits had ILI symptoms.**
- In Marion County hospitals' ED population, ILI was **most common in the 0 - 04 age group** (6.4%).



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 18)

- The percentage of ILI related ED visits was 1.2%.
- Infants and toddlers, 00 - 04 years old, the highest age-specific percent ILI (5.2%).

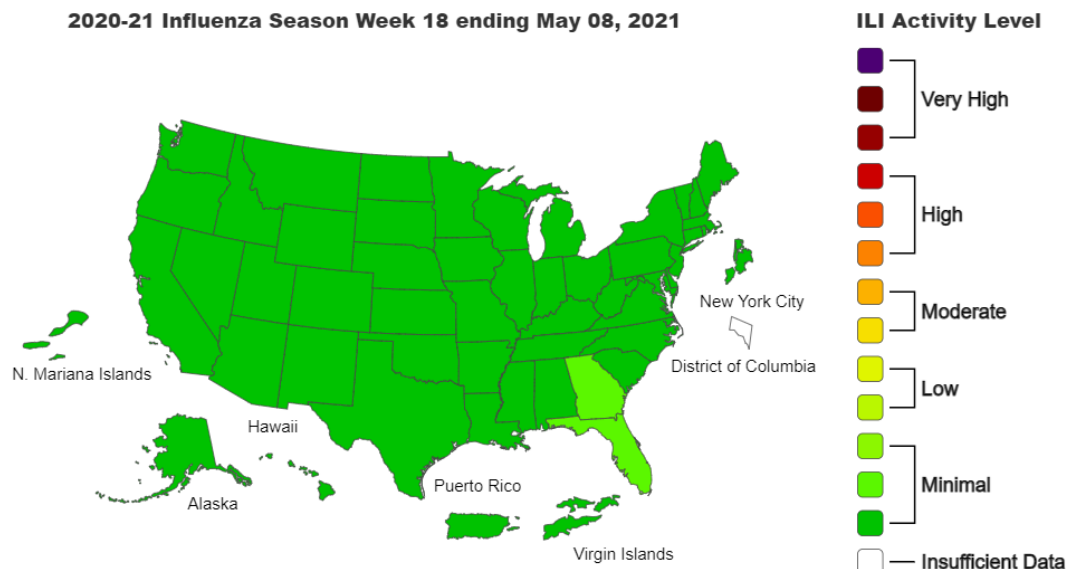
Indiana (Week 18)

<https://www.in.gov/isdh/files/Weekly%20Influenza%20Report-Week%2018-2020-2021.pdf>

- Indiana is experiencing **minimal ILI activity**.
- For Week 18, ISDH reported 1.0% ILI at sentinel provider sites and 0.9% ILI ED and urgent care visits.
- There have been 5 **influenza-associated deaths** this season.
- No specimens were tested positive at the IDOH Laboratory during Week 18.

National (Week 18)

<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.** All reporting jurisdictions had minimal influenza activity.
- **Outpatient visits due to ILI was 1.2%** for the week 18 as reported through the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet). It remained stable compared to week 17 ($\pm 0.1\%$).
- **One influenza-associated pediatric death** has been reported to CDC this flu season.
- During Week 18, there were **22 positive influenza tests sent to clinical laboratories (0.1% positive specimens). The percent positive was the same as Week 17** at 0.1%.
- During Week 18, **1 (<0.1%) of the specimens submitted was positive at public health laboratories.**