

# Marion County Influenza Situation Report 2021-2022 Seasonal Influenza Week 06 (February 06, 2022 – February 12, 2022)



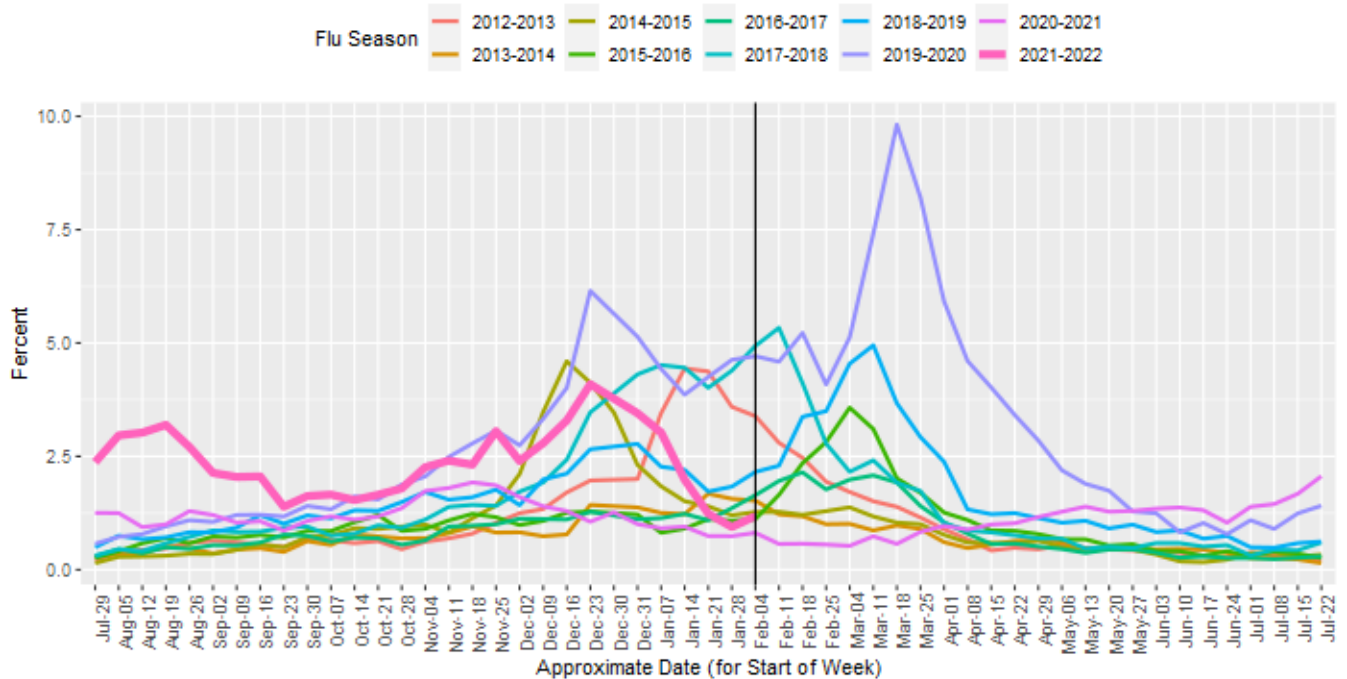
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## Influenza-like Illness ED visits in Marion County are higher than last week but lower than 7 of 9 past flu seasons.

Percent of ILI related ED Visits



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- During Week 06 (Feb.06 to Feb.12), **1.2% of Marion County ED visits had ILI symptoms**. ED visits with ILI symptoms have increased since Week 05 (0.9%). The median percent of ILI-related ED visits for Week 06 in the last 5 years (2018-2022) was 2.19%.
- Among Marion County hospitals' ED population, ILI was most common in the **0-4 age group** (5.37%). This rate is higher than the percentage of ILI visits for ages 0-4 for Week 05 (3.67%). The median percent of ILI-related ED visits for ages 0-4 over the last 5 years was 5.79%.
- ED visits for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) for 0-4 years old have declined during last three weeks.
  - 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.
- The COVID-19 pandemic may impact the Indiana Syndromic ILI data. Surveillance indicators that monitor outpatient and ED visits for ILI will detect visits for other respiratory illnesses with similar symptoms, including COVID-19.

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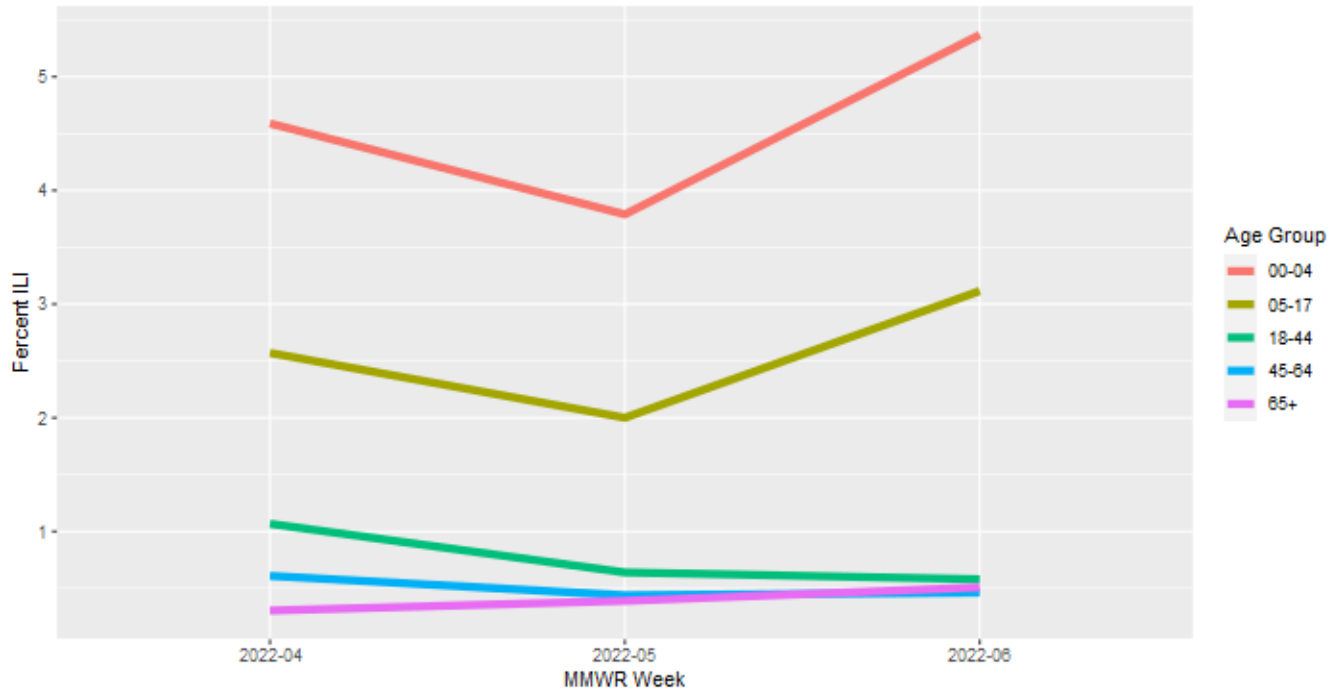


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Percent of ILI related ED Visits by Age Group



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## Marion County (Week 05)

- The percentage of ILI-related ED visits was 0.9%.
- Infants and toddlers aged 0-4 had the highest age-specific percent of ILI-related ED visits (3.67%).

## Indiana (Week 05)

<https://www.in.gov/health/erc/files/Weekly-Flu-Report-Week-5-2021-2022.pdf>

- Indiana is experiencing **Minimal** ILI activity. For Week 05, IDOH reported 1.15% ILI at sentinel provider sites and 1.16% ILI at ED and urgent care visits.
- There have been **eighteen (18) influenza-associated deaths** this season. One death occurred during Week 38, which was outside of the regular flu reporting season (Weeks 40-20).
- Zero (0) specimens were tested at the IDOH Laboratory during Week 05.

## National (Week 05)

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

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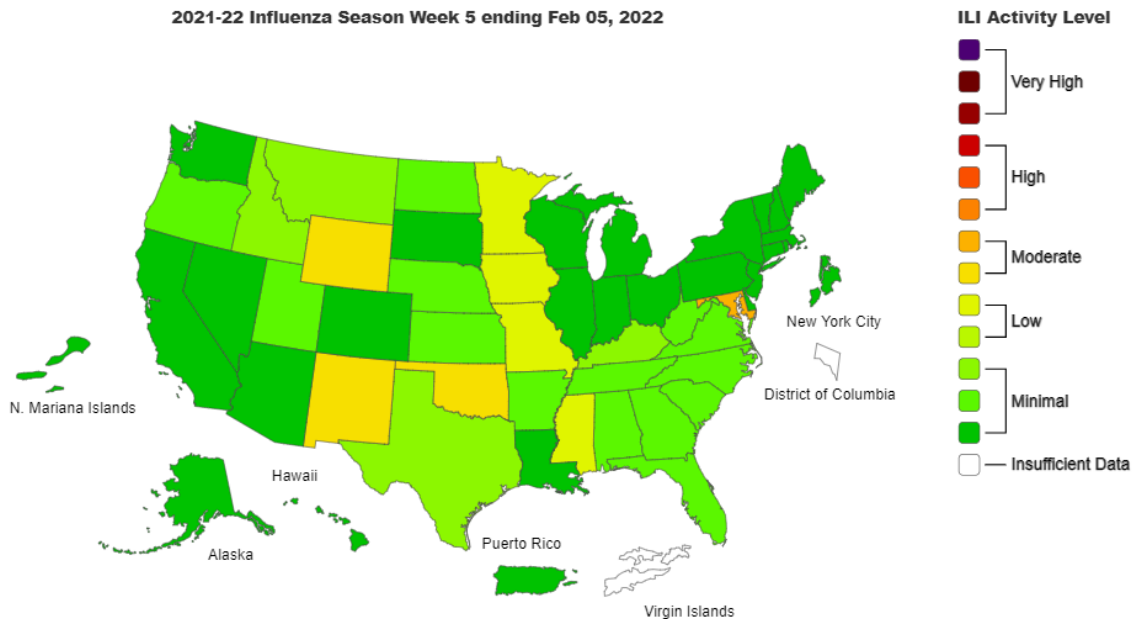
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- Influenza activity in the United States was below the baseline during week 05. The majority of jurisdictions had minimal to low flu activity.
- Of **outpatient visits to a healthcare provider, 1.7% were ILI-related**, as reported through the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet).
- **Five (5) influenza-associated pediatric deaths** have been reported to CDC this flu season. Zero (0) influenza-associated pediatric death were reported for week 05.
- During Week 05, **2.0% of clinical laboratory specimens** were **positive for influenza**. This rate is **slightly higher** than Week 04 (1.7%).
- During Week 05, **503 (1.6%) specimens** were **positive at public health laboratories**. This rate is higher than Week 04 (1.23%).

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