

Influenza Situation Report

2019-2020 Seasonal Influenza Week 40

(September 29 – October 05, 2019)

Marion County Public Health Department, IN 2019-10-14

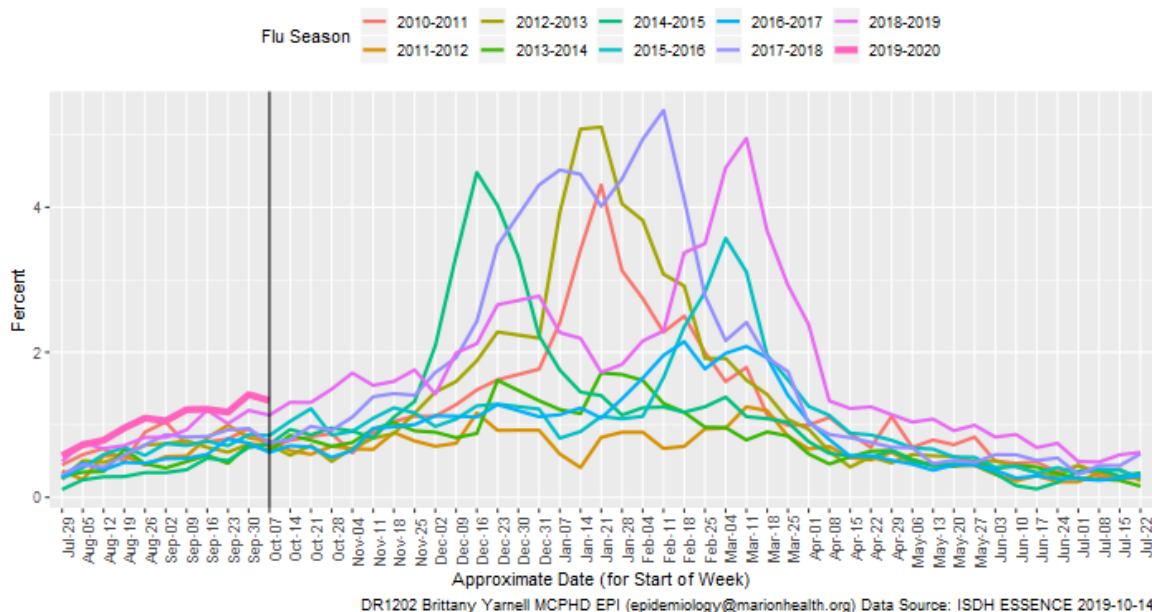
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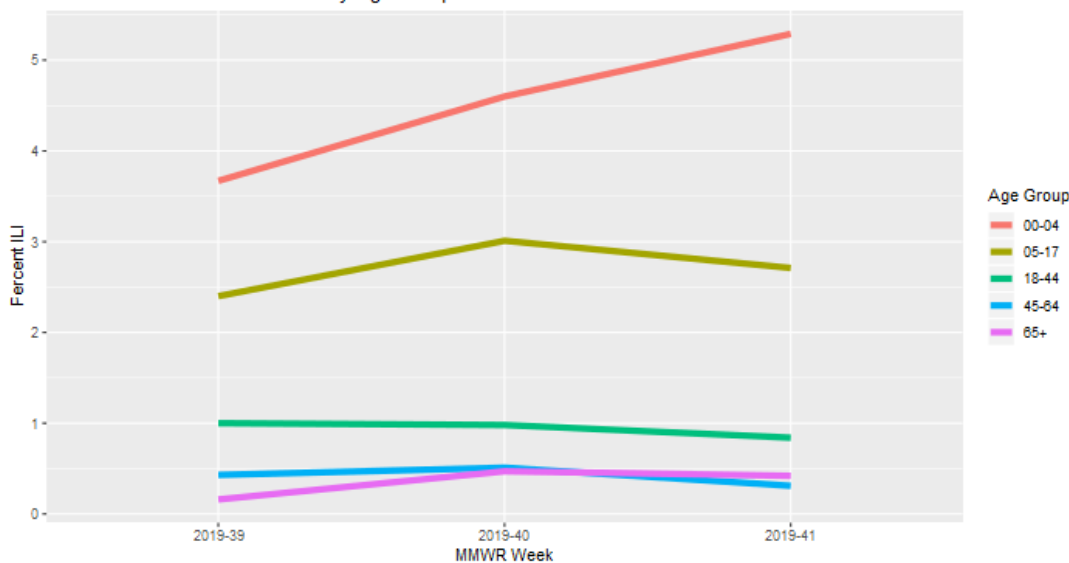
Updates on Most Recent Local Activity: Week 41 (October 06 – 12)

- Marion County emergency department visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) symptoms were higher than we normally see this time of the year, but most visits had a non-influenza diagnoses like acute upper respiratory infections, pharyngitis, or unspecified viral infections.
- During Week 41, ILI symptoms made up 1.33% of Marion County ED visits.
- There have been 0 influenza-associated deaths for Marion County residents this flu season.
- In Marion County hospitals' ED population, ILI was most common in the 0-4 age group. Among ED visits by 0-4 year olds, 5.29% was for ILI. ILI among ED visits by 5-17 year olds was next highest, at 2.71%.

Percent of ILI related ED Visits



Percent of ILI related ED Visits by Age Group



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[Local \(Week 40\)](#)

- The percentage of ILI related ED visits was 1.42%.
- Children age 0-4 had the highest age-specific percent ILI (4.60%).

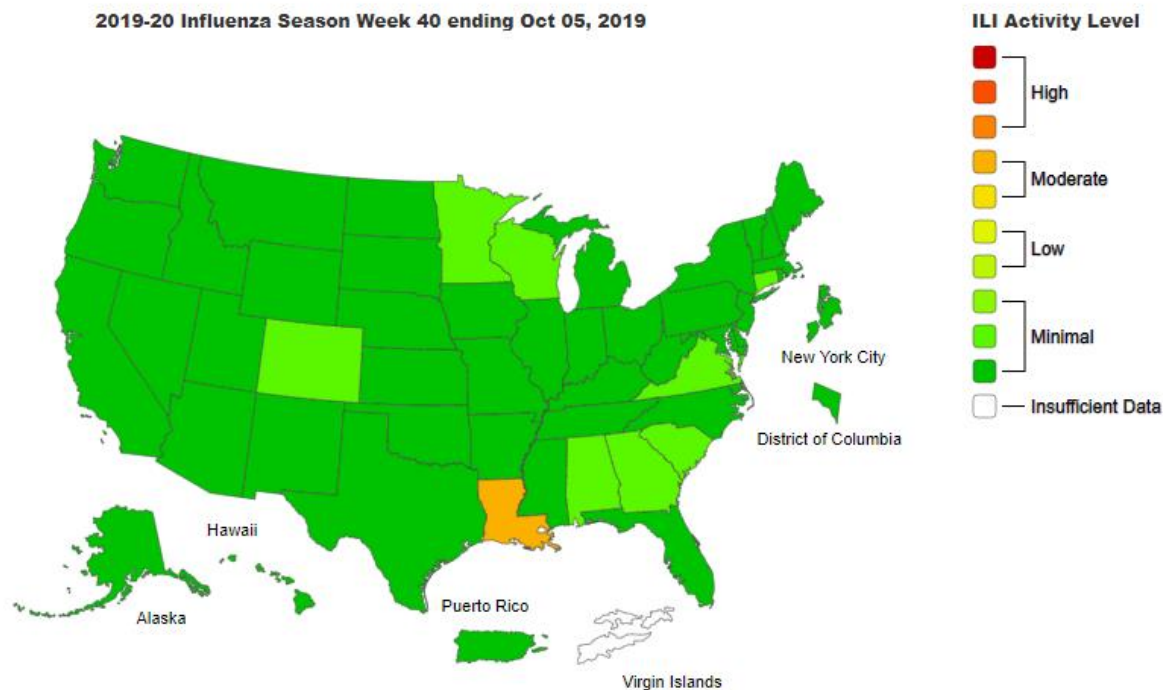
[Indiana \(Week 40\)](#)

https://www.in.gov/isdh/files/Weekly%20Influenza%20Report-Week%2040-%202019-2020_v2.pdf

- Indiana is experiencing sporadic and minimal ILI activity. For Week 40, ISDH reports 1.02% ILI at sentinel provider sites and 1.29% ILI ED visits.
- Week 40 results for samples tested at the state lab: 1 specimen tested positive for Influenza A/H3 seasonal virus.

[National \(Week 40\)](#)

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



- During Week 40, influenza activity remained low in the United States, and the majority states were reporting minimal and sporadic influenza activity. In addition, during Week 40, 1.4% of outpatient visits reported through the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) were due to ILI.
- No influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported to CDC this flu season.
- Only 3.1% of respiratory specimens tested testing positive for influenza in clinical laboratories, which is low. During Week 40, the numbers of positive specimens for influenza A (28.6%) was lower than influenza B (71.6%).

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