

Marion County Influenza Situation Report 2021-2022 Seasonal Influenza Week 48 (November 28 – December 04, 2021)



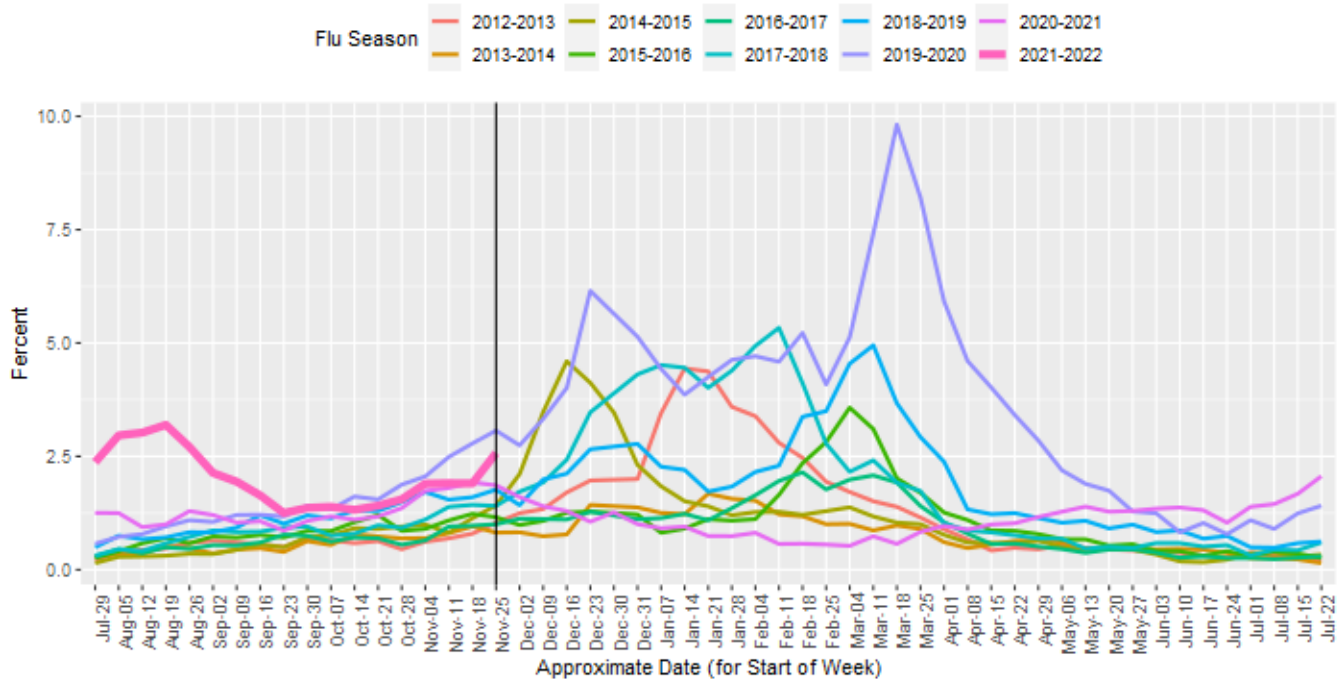
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Influenza-like Illness ED visits in Marion County remain higher than expected during week 48 and are increasing rapidly

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 relative to most seasonal peaks, but for this time of year are higher than 8 of the 9 past flu seasons.
- During Week 48 (Nov. 28 to Dec. 04), **2.58% of Marion County ED visits had ILI symptoms**. ED visits with ILI symptoms have been increasing rapidly since last week. The median for week 48 in the last 5 years has been 1.9%.
- In Marion County hospitals' ED population, **ILI was most common in the 0 – 4 age group** (11.29%). It is nearly double the median for week 48 over the last 5 years, but slightly lower than the last week (11.49%). The median for week 48 in the last 5 years has been 6.18%.
- 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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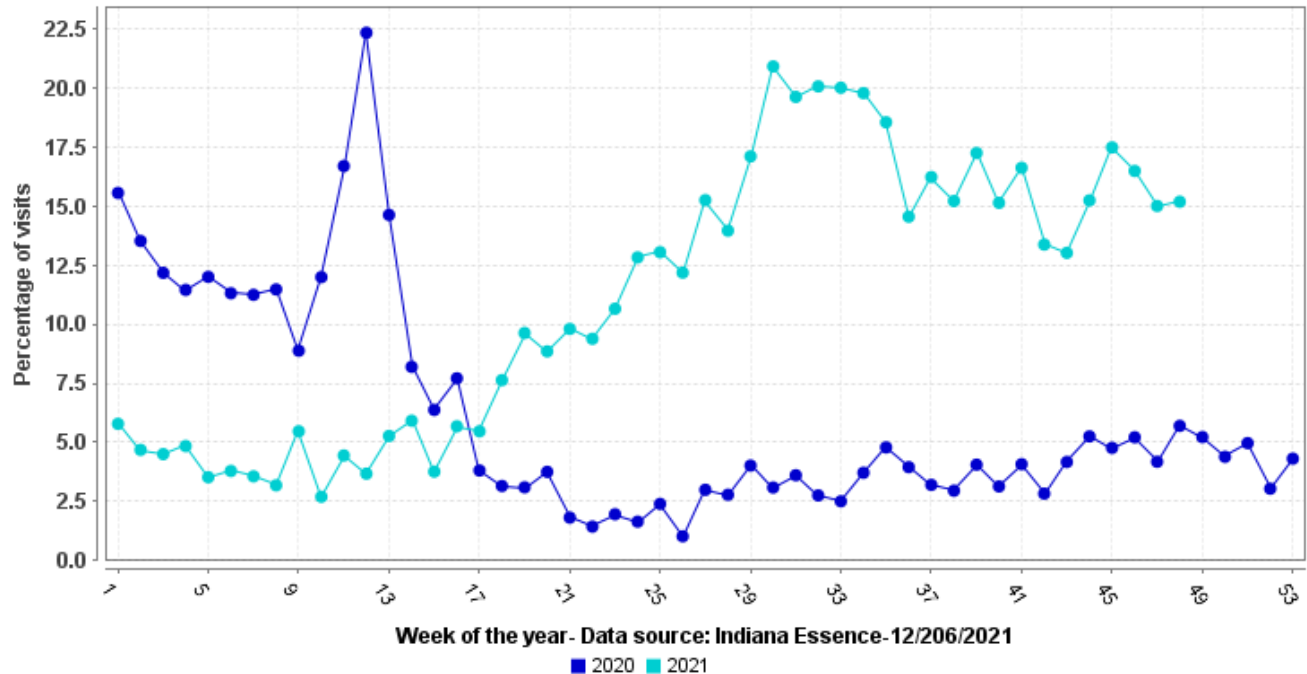


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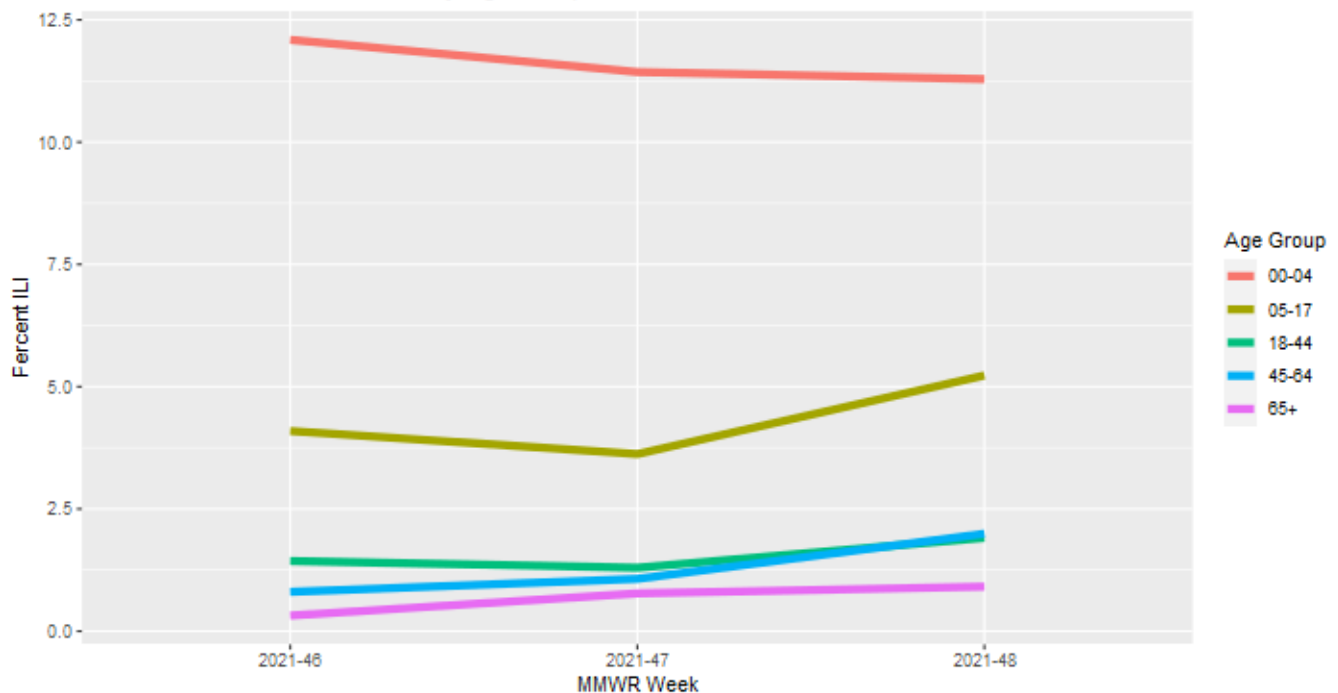
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Percentage of Visits with RSV syndromes at Marion County EDs (0-4 years old)



Percent of ILI related ED Visits by Age Group



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Marion County (Week 47)

- The percentage of ILI related ED visits was 1.9%.
- Infants and toddlers aged 0-4 had the highest age-specific percent ILI (11.49%).

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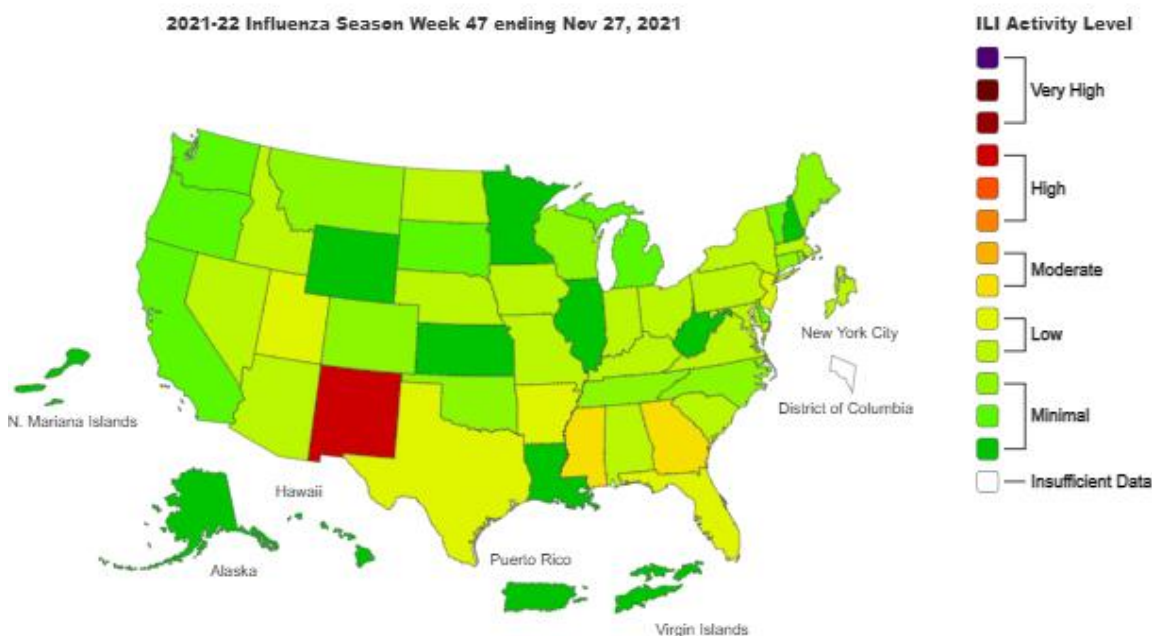
Indiana (Week 47)

<https://www.in.gov/health/erc/files/Weekly-Flu-Report-Week-47-2021-2022.pdf>

- Indiana is experiencing low ILI activity. For Week 47, IDOH reported 2.03% ILI at sentinel provider sites and 1.92% ILI ED and urgent care visits.
- There has been **1 influenza-associated death** this season. This death occurred at week 38 which was out of regular flu reporting season (week 40-20).
- Twelve (12) specimens were tested at the IDOH Laboratory during Week 47. Nine (9) were detected as Influenza negative and three (3) were detected as Influenza A/H3 seasonal virus.

National (Week 47)

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



- **Influenza activity remains low but confirmed positive labs, as reported by clinical and public health laboratories, has increased recently.** The majority of jurisdictions had low influenza activity.
- **Outpatient visits due to ILI was at 2.4%**, 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 47, **positive influenza tests were higher** than week 46 in [clinical laboratories](#) at 1.5%. Clinical labs found 1.0% of tests positive for the week 46.
- During Week 47, **332 (2.3%) of specimens were positive at public health laboratories.** The number is increasing from the last week (1.2%).

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