

Marion County Influenza Situation Report

2021-2022 Seasonal Influenza Week 47

(November 21 – November 27, 2021)



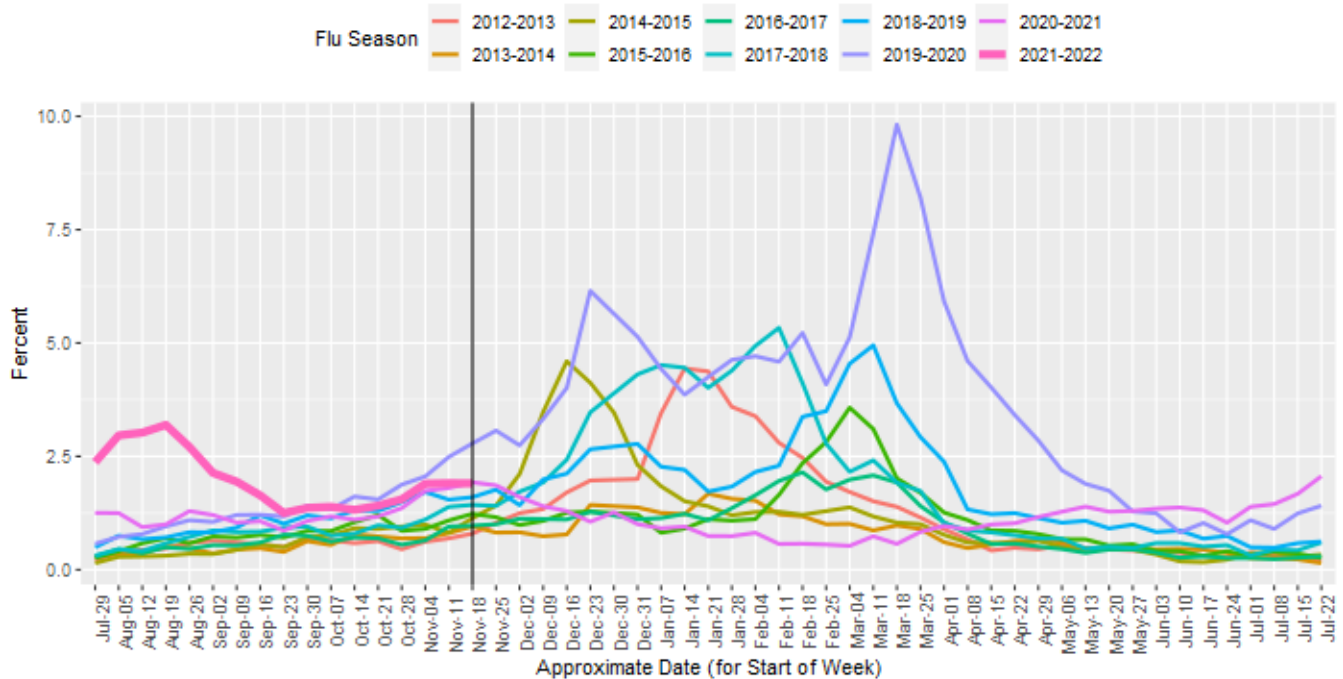
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Influenza-like Illness ED visits in Marion County remain higher than expected during week 47

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 7 of the 9 past flu seasons.
- During Week 47 (Nov. 21 to Nov. 27), **1.91% of Marion County ED visits had ILI symptoms**. The median for week 47 in the last 5 years has been 1.8%.
- In Marion County hospitals' ED population, **ILI was most common in the 0 – 4 age group** (11.49%). It is higher than usual but lower than last week (12.09%). The median for week 47 in the last 5 years has been 5.52.
- 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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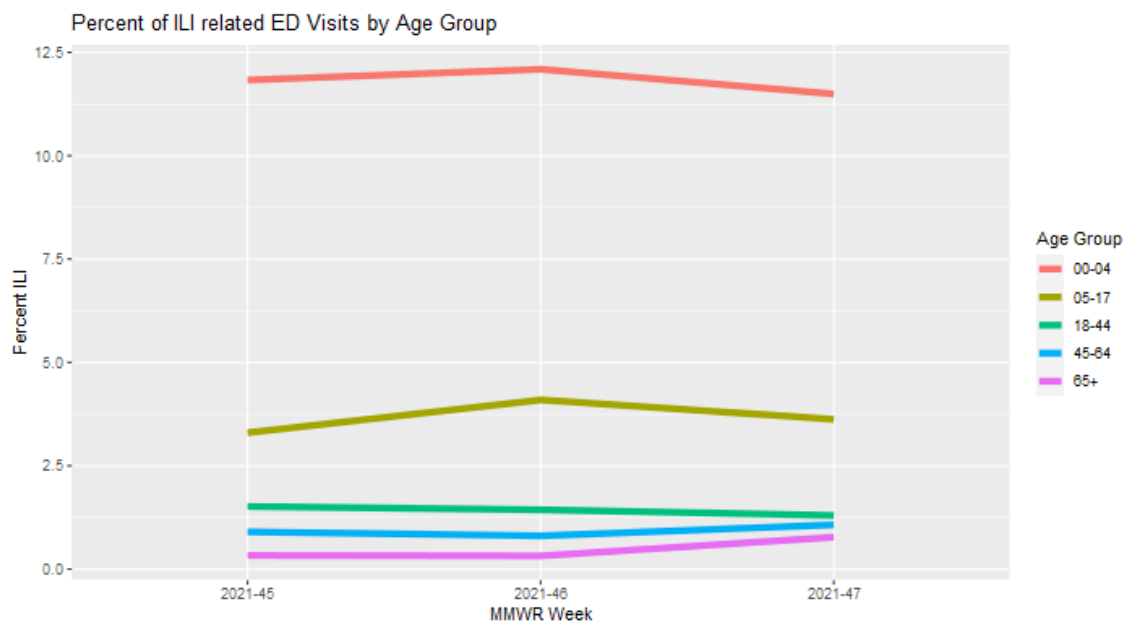
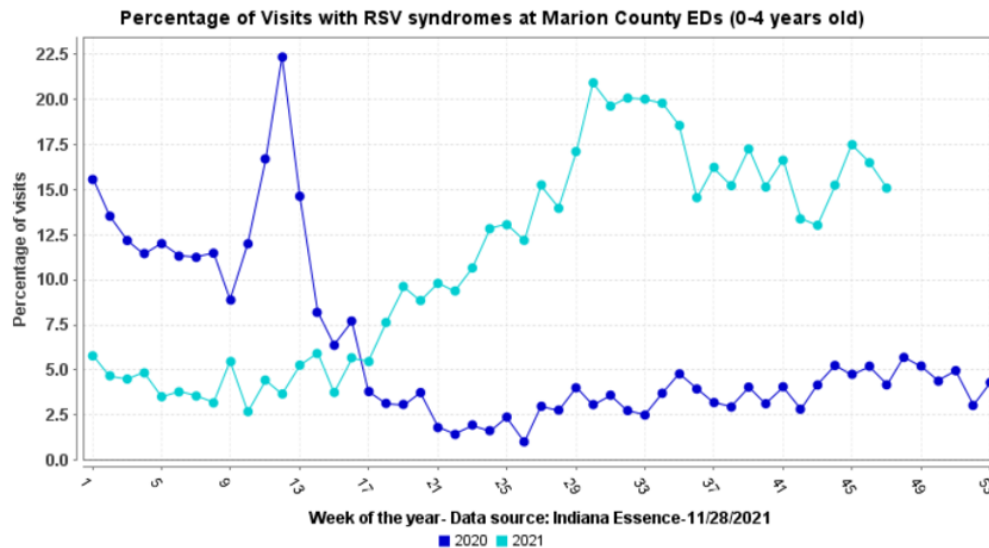
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Marion County (Week 46)

- The percentage of ILI related ED visits was 1.9%.
- Infants and toddlers aged 0-4 had the highest age-specific percent ILI (12.09%).

Indiana (Week 46)

<https://www.in.gov/health/erc/files/Weekly-Flu-Report-Week-46-2021-2022.pdf>

- Indiana is experiencing minimal ILI activity. For Week 46, ISDH reported 1.79% ILI at sentinel provider sites and 1.74% ILI ED and urgent care visits.

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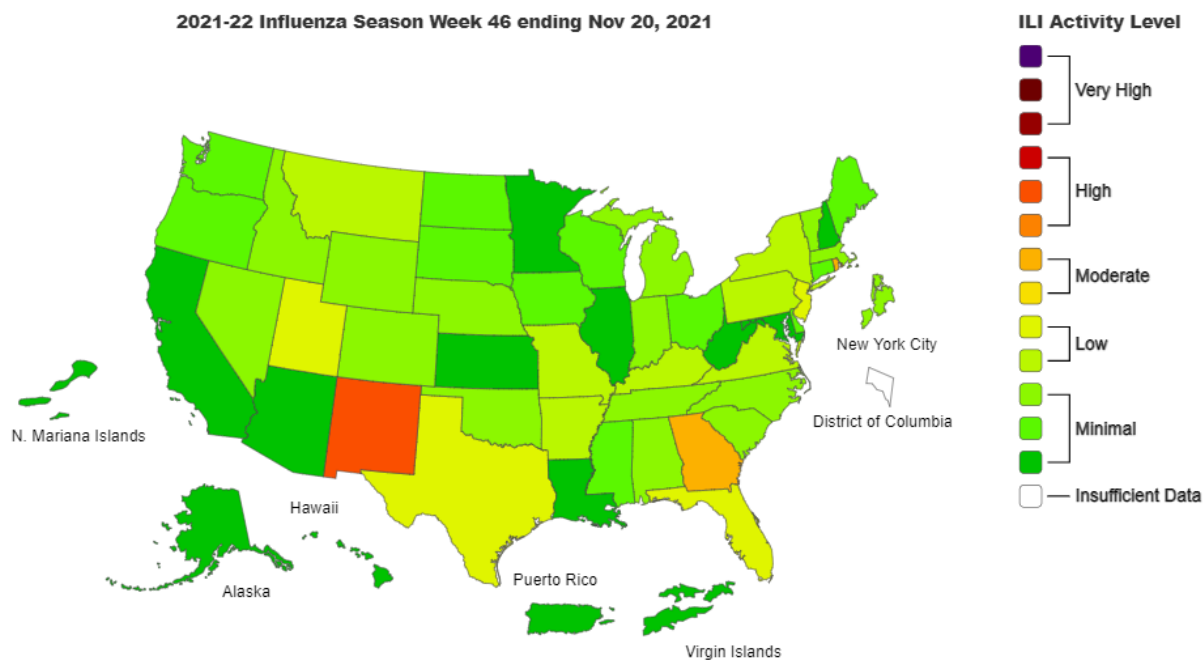
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- There has been **1 influenza-associated death** this season. This death occurred at week 38 which was out of regular flu reporting season (week 40-20).
- Five (5) specimens were tested at the IDOH Laboratory during Week 46. All were detected as Influenza negative.

National (Week 46)

<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 minimal or low influenza activity.
- **Outpatient visits due to ILI was at 2.2%**, 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 46, **positive influenza tests were higher** than week 45 in clinical laboratories at 1.0%. Clinical labs found 0.7% of tests positive for the week 45.
- During Week 46, **125 (1.2%) of specimens were positive at public health laboratories**. The number is increasing from the last week (0.7%).

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