

Influenza Situation Report

2018-2019 Seasonal Influenza Week 46

(November 11 – November 17)

Marion County Public Health Department, IN 2018-11-27

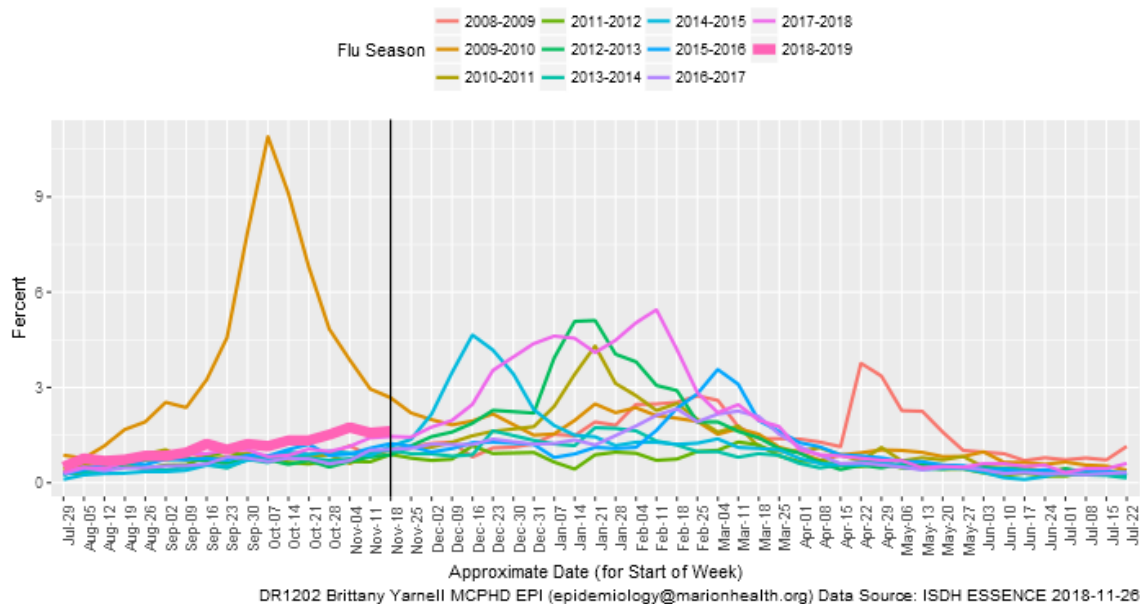
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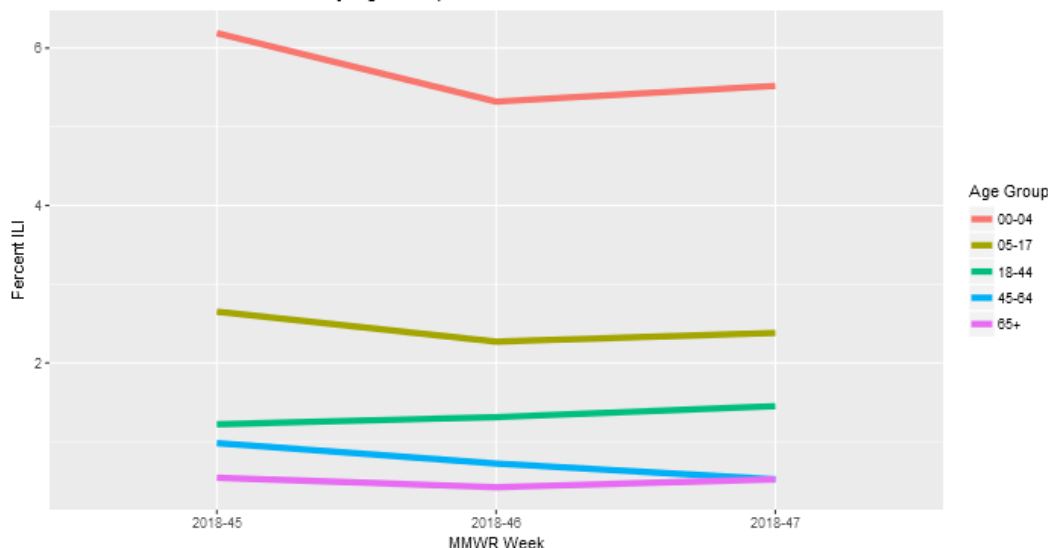
Updates on Most Recent Local Activity: Week 47 (November 18 – 24)

- Visits to a Marion County Emergency Department (ED) with Influenza-like Illness (ILI) symptoms were slightly higher for Week 47 than previous years at this time. However, there are currently not many individuals being diagnosed with influenza.
- During Week 47, ILI symptoms made up 1.63% 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, 5.52% was for ILI. ILI among ED visits by 5-17 year olds was next highest, at 2.38%.

Percent of ILI related ED Visits



Percent of ILI related ED Visits by Age Group



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Local (Week 46)

- The percentage of ILI related ED visits was 1.57%.
- Children age 0-4 had the highest age-specific percent ILI (5.32%).

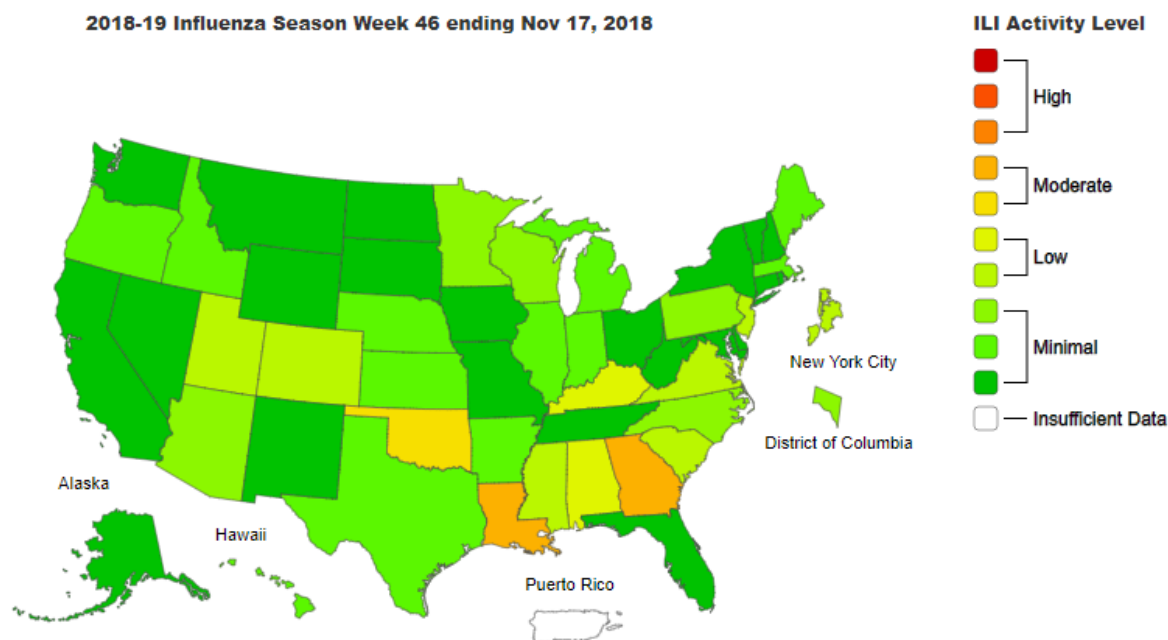
Indiana (Week 46)

<https://www.in.gov/isdh/files/Weekly%20Influenza%20Report-Week%2046-2018-2019.pdf>

- Indiana is experiencing sporadic and minimal ILI activity. For Week 46, ISDH reports 1.50% ILI at sentinel provider sites and 1.54% ILI ED visits. This is an increase for sentinel providers (1.42% Week 45) and ED visits (1.44% Week 45).
- There have been two influenza-associated deaths in Indiana for the 2018/2019 season.
- No samples tested positive at the state lab for Week 46.

National (Week 46)

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



- During Week 46, influenza activity remained low in the United States, and the majority states were reporting minimal and sporadic influenza activity. In addition, during Week 46, 1.9% of outpatient visits reported through the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) were due to ILI. This is the same as Week 45 (1.9%).
- Three influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported to CDC this flu season.
- The percent of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza in clinical laboratories is low. During Week 46, the numbers of positive specimens for influenza A (84.1%) was higher than influenza B (15.9%).

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