

Influenza Situation Report

2017-2018 Seasonal Influenza Week 49

(Dec 03 2017 – Dec 09 2017)

Marion County Public Health Department, IN 2017-12-18

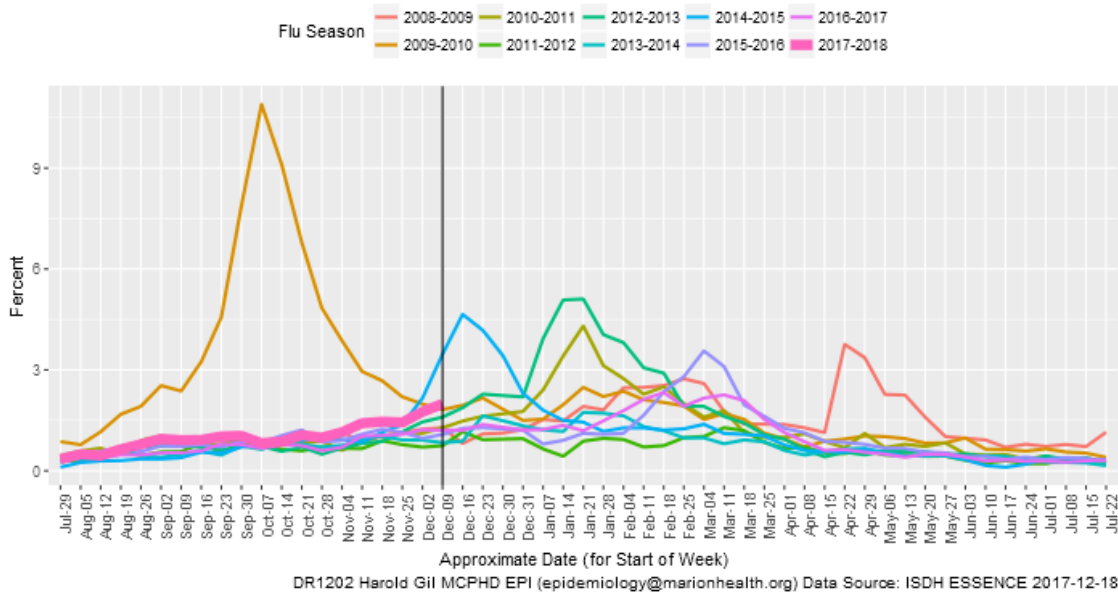
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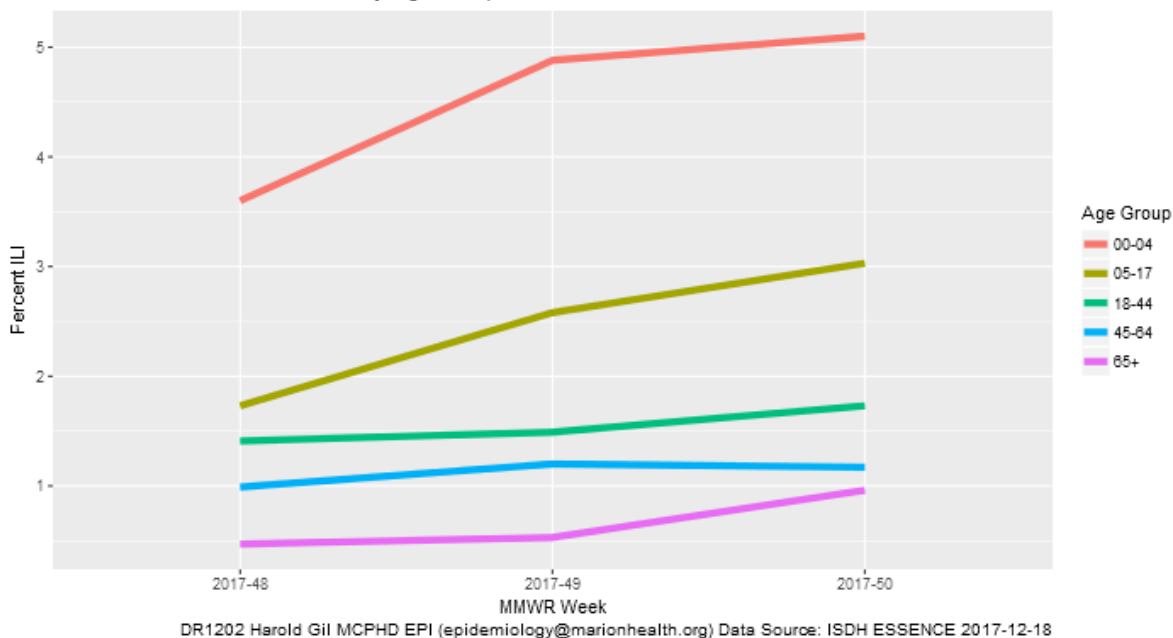
Updates on Most Recent Local Activity: Week 50 (Dec 10 – Dec 16)

- The percentage of ED visits last week (Week 50) that were related to ILI was 1.99%. This is "moderate" and is elevated for this time of year.
- In Marion County hospitals' ED population, ILI was most common in the 0-4 age group. Among ED visits by 0-4 year olds, 5.10% were for ILI. ILI among ED visits by 5-17 year olds was next highest, at 3.02%.

Percent of ILI related ED Visits



Percent of ILI related ED Visits by Age Group



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Local (Week 49)

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- Children age 0-4 had the highest age-specific percent ILI (4.88%).

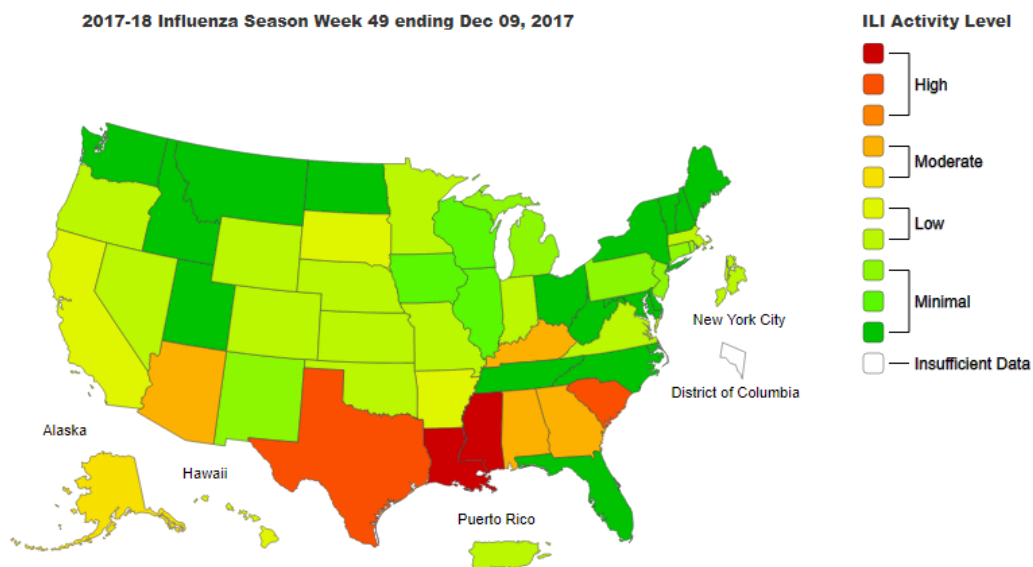
Indiana (Week 49)

<https://www.in.gov/isdh/files/Weekly%20Influenza%20Report-Week%2049-2017-2018.pdf>

- Indiana is experiencing local and low influenza activity. For Week 49, ISDH reports 2.58% ILI at sentinel provider sites and 1.55% ILI ED visits. This is an increase in sentinel sites and an increase in EDs.
- The total number of mortalities in Indiana this flu season is 1.
- For Week 49 and among samples tested at the state lab: 20 specimens tested positive for Influenza A/H3 seasonal virus and 1 specimen tested positive for Influenza B seasonal virus.

National (Week 49)

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



- During Week 49, influenza activity increased in the United States, but the majority states were reporting minimal to low and local or regional influenza activity. In addition, during Week 49, 2.7% of outpatient visits reported through the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) were due to ILI. This is higher than Week 48 (2.3%).
- Eight influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported to CDC this flu season.
- The most frequently identified influenza virus type reported by public health laboratories during Week 49 was Influenza A. The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza in clinical laboratories is increasing. The positive specimens by type were Influenza A (82.2%) and Influenza B (17.8%).

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