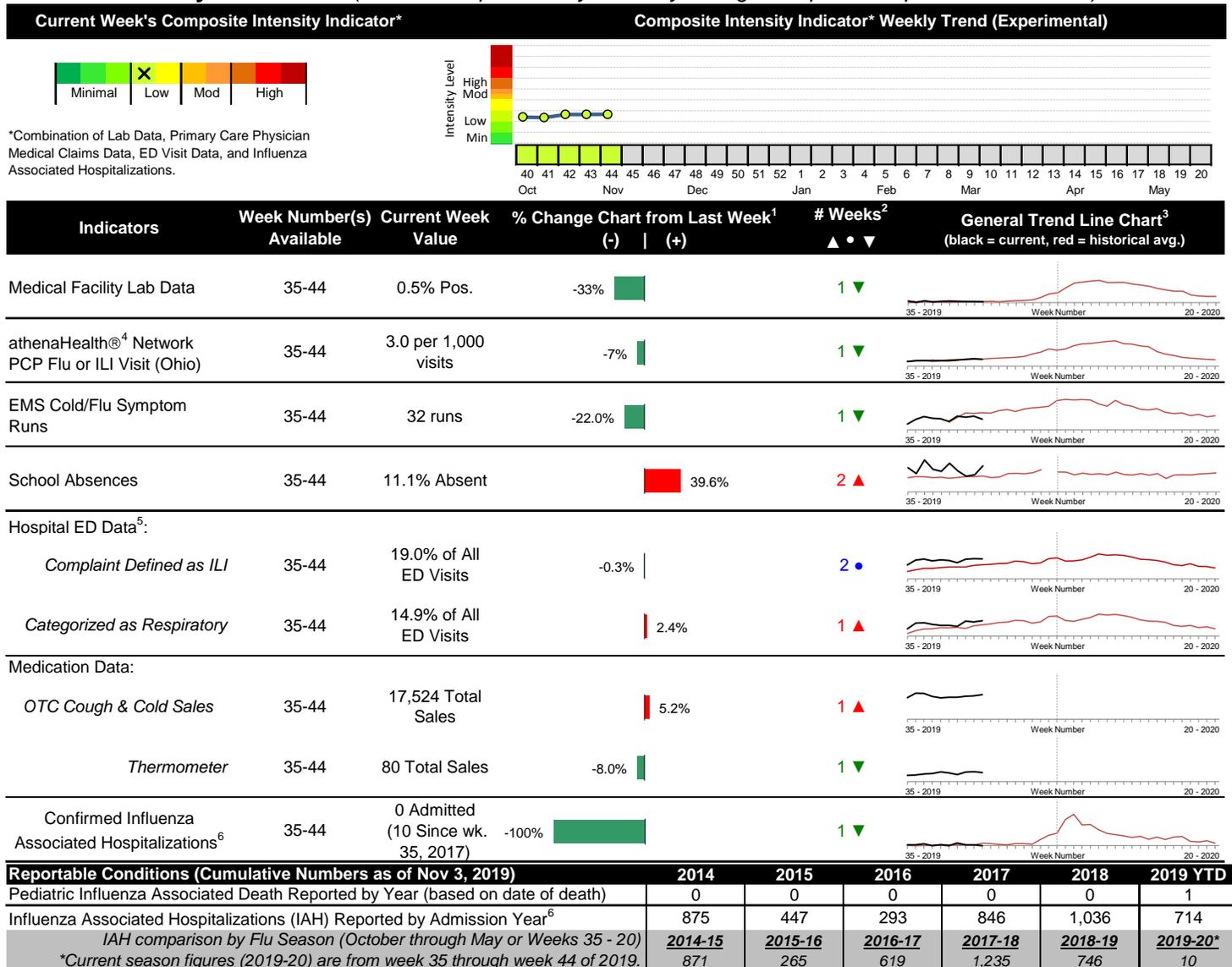


Highlights

- In week 44 of 2019, the individual local flu activity indicator trend values were mixed compared to the previous week. As a whole, flu intensity (composite indicator) is low.
- Geographic spread and local intensity designation (Click [here](#) for definitions) = SPORADIC, LOW
- Local medical facility labs reported 1,126 tests run with 6 (0.5%) positive results for week 44 of 2019.
- The percentage of ED visits for influenza-like-illness (ILI) decreased while respiratory symptom visits increased compared to last week.
- In week 44 of 2019, the trends for the local over-the-counter medication category sales tracked were mixed (decrease in electrolyte and thermometer sales; increase in cough and cold, chest rub, pediatric anti-fever, and throat lozenge sales; stable adult anti-fever sales) compared to last week.
- In week 44, the U.S. seasonal influenza activity remains low but is increasing. Please [visit the CDC website for specific information](#).

Local Flu Activity Dashboard *(All data are preliminary and may change as updated reports are received.)*



¹Interpret with caution. Indicators with small numbers subject to large weekly percentage fluctuations.

²Number of weeks "▲" = Increase (>2%), "▼" = Decrease (>2%), "•" = Stable (-2% to +2%).

³Black line is current years data. Based on data availability, red line is historical average (excluding pandemic year).

⁴Data Source: Medical claims data from athenaHealth® (www.athenahealth.com). Rate of Flu or ILI visits to Ohio (statewide) athenaHealth® network primary care practices/physicians. Claims data are subject to filing and processing time lags. Historical data are updated when they are received.

⁵Franklin County, OH residents only (based on zipcode). NOTE: Excludes one hospital system included in the past due to technical changes affecting visit classification assignment and numbers.

⁶Confirmed cases only. Based on jurisdiction equal to Franklin County or City of Columbus and admission date available in ODRS.

Influenza Morbidity and Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Reports

In week 44, the preliminary Ohio¹ (statewide) influenza and influenza-like-illness (ILI) visit rate to athenaHealth® providers (3.0 per 1,000 visits) decreased compared to the previous week and is similar to its baseline average for the week (Figure 1). The week 44 percentage of all Emergency Department (ED) visits categorized as ILI decreased compared to the previous week (Figure 3) and is above its historic baseline for the week.

Nationally, during week 44 of 2019, 2.1% of patient visits reported through ILINet were due to influenza-like illness (ILI). The percentage is below the national baseline of 2.4% for week 44.

Laboratory Surveillance

During week 44 of 2019, reporting Franklin County sentinel medical facility laboratories tested 1,126 specimens, with 6 (0.5%) positive (Figure 4). The total number of tests done by local reporting labs from week 35 of 2019 through week 44 of 2019 is 6,967 with 56 (0.8%) positives (18 type A, 38 type B, 0 type A and B, 0 type unknown).

Nationally in week 44 of 2019, clinical laboratories reported 18,126 specimens tested for influenza viruses, 582 (3.2%) of which were positive (143 type A, 439 type B). Public health laboratories reported testing 766 specimens, 117 of which were positive (54 type A – of which 22 were A(H1N1)pdm09, 31 were H3N2, and 1 was not subtyped; 63 type B – of which 4 were Yamagata lineage, 38 were Victoria lineage, and 21 where lineage was not performed). Please visit the CDC website for more information, including cumulative data.

In week 44 of 2019, Ohio clinical labs reported 6,141 specimens tested for influenza this season thus far. Positive results include: (1) A(H1N1)pdm09; (0) A/H3N2; (7) Flu A Not Subtyped, and (9) Flu B (through 11/2/2019). In week 44 of 2019, ODH Public Health Lab reported 10 positive influenza tests from various submitters this season so far. Positive results include: (0) A(H1N1)pdm09; (7) A/H3N2; (2) Influenza B (through 11/2/2019). Please visit the ODH website for more information.

ED Respiratory Visits

In the 44th week of 2019, the percentage of all ED visits categorized as respiratory increased compared to the percentage seen the previous week and is above its baseline for the week (Figure 5).

Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medication Sales

In week 44 of 2019, the trends for the local over-the-counter medication category sales tracked were mixed (decrease in electrolyte and thermometer sales; increase in cough and cold, chest rub, pediatric anti-fever, and throat lozenge sales; stable adult anti-fever sales) compared to last week.

Additional Influenza Activity Web Links:

Ohio Seasonal Flu Surveillance: <https://odh.ohio.gov>

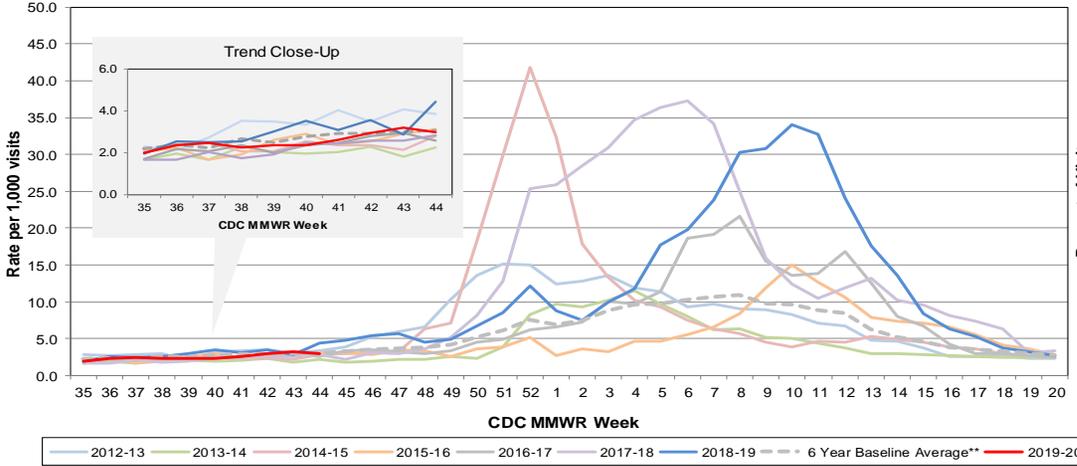
CDC National Seasonal Flu Surveillance Reports: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>

World Health Organization Situation Updates: http://www.who.int/influenza/surveillance_monitoring/en/

¹Note: County level athenaHealth® network primary care medical claims data is no longer available.

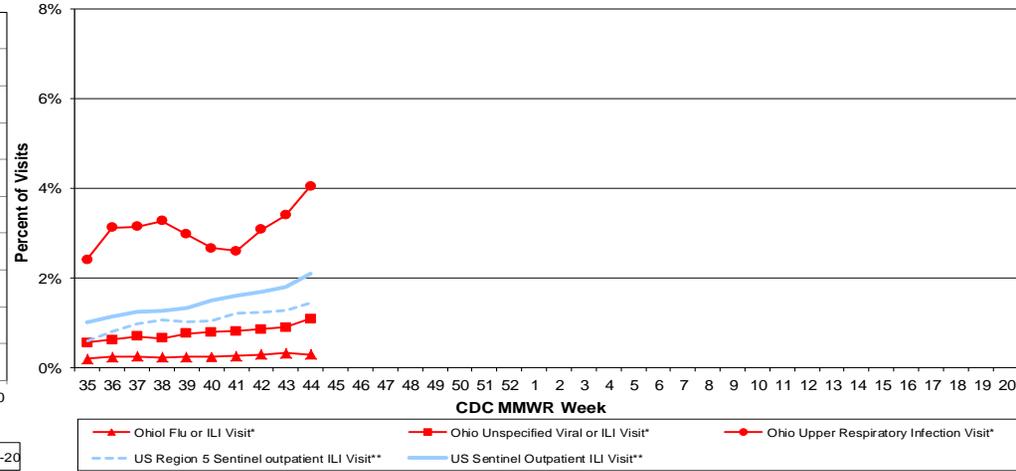
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Figure 1: Ohio Outpatient Primary Care Provider Influenza or Influenza-Like-Illness Visit Rate*



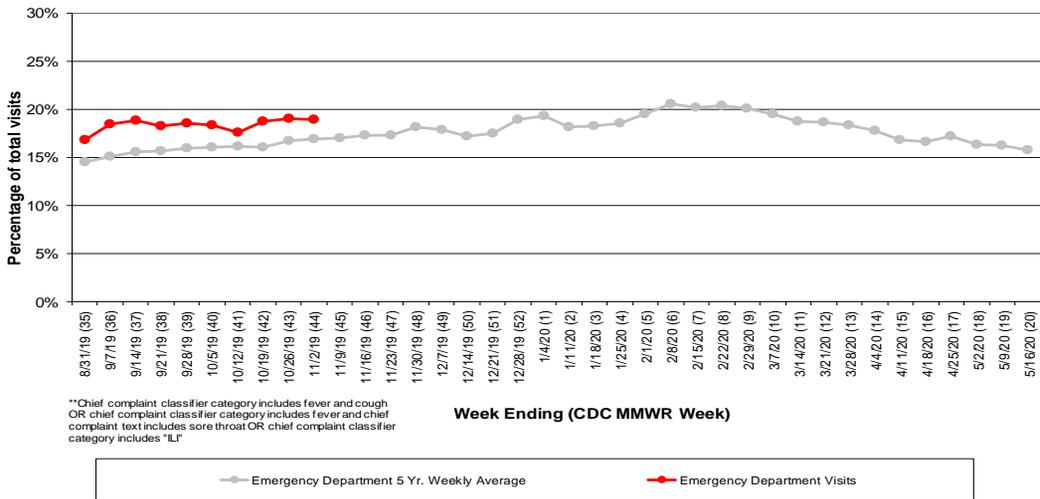
*Source: Ohio (Statewide) medical claims data from athenaHealth®
 **Seasons: 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2015-16, 2016-17
 Note: athenaHealth® claims data are subject to filing and processing time lags. Historical data are updated when they are received.

Figure 2: Percentage of Ohio Outpatient Participating Provider* and CDC National Outpatient Sentinel Health Care Provider** visits for ILI and Associated Illnesses, 2019-20



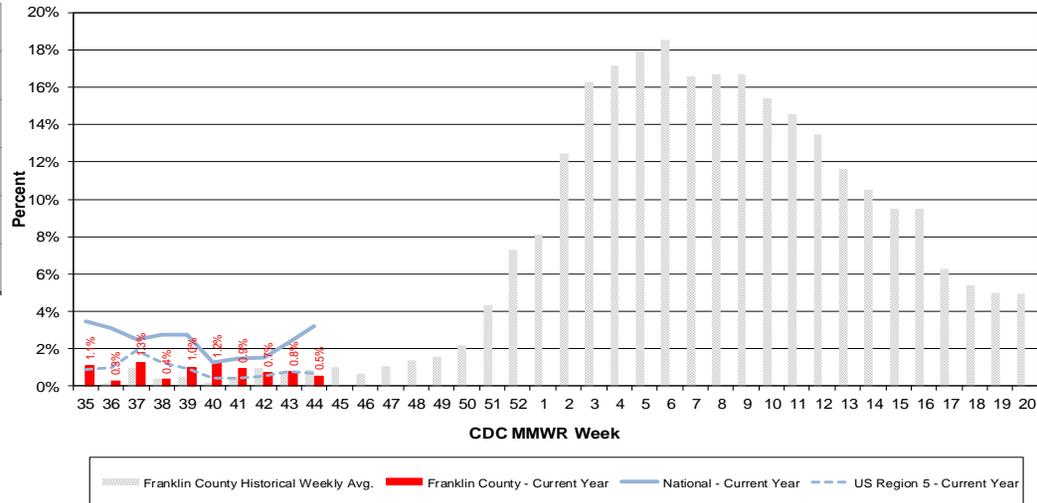
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 **Source: U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) sentinel provider visits.

Figure 3: Franklin County Resident ILI Defined** ED Visits, 2019-20, Franklin County, OH



**Chief complaint classifier category includes fever and cough
 OR chief complaint classifier category includes fever and chief complaint text includes sore throat OR chief complaint classifier category includes "ILI"

Figure 4: Percentage of Local Reporting and National Laboratory Positive Influenza Tests by Week, 2019-20



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Figure 5: Franklin County Resident Respiratory ED Visits, 2019-20, Franklin County, OH

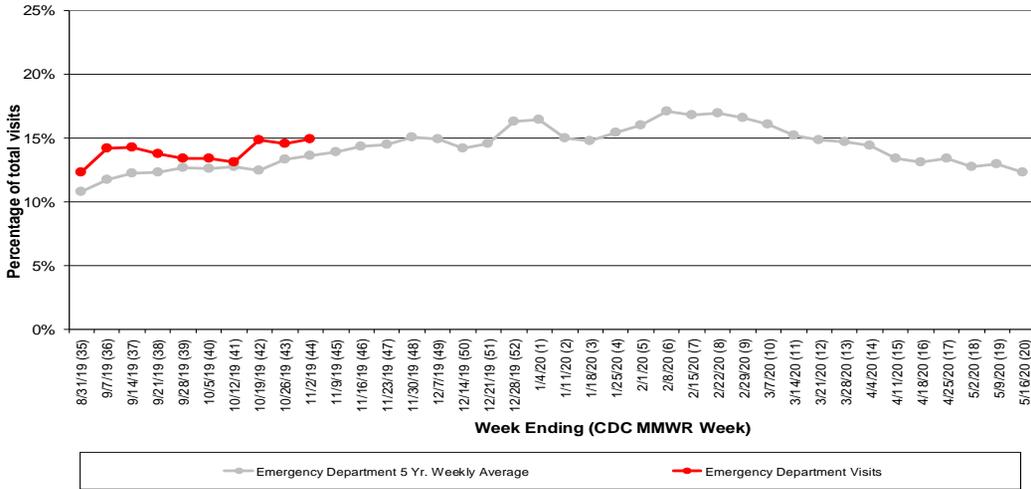


Figure 6: Selected Number of Over-the-Counter Medication Total Sales, 2019-20, Franklin County, OH

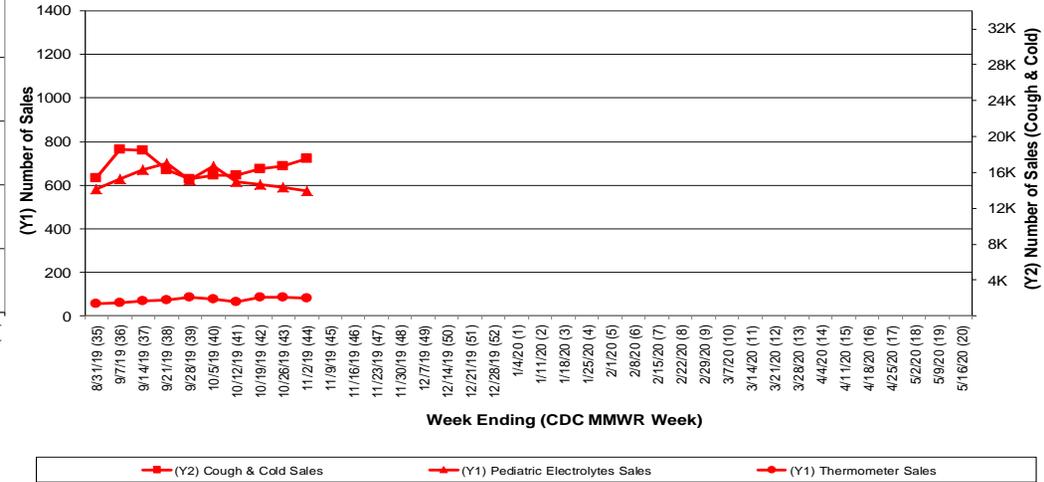
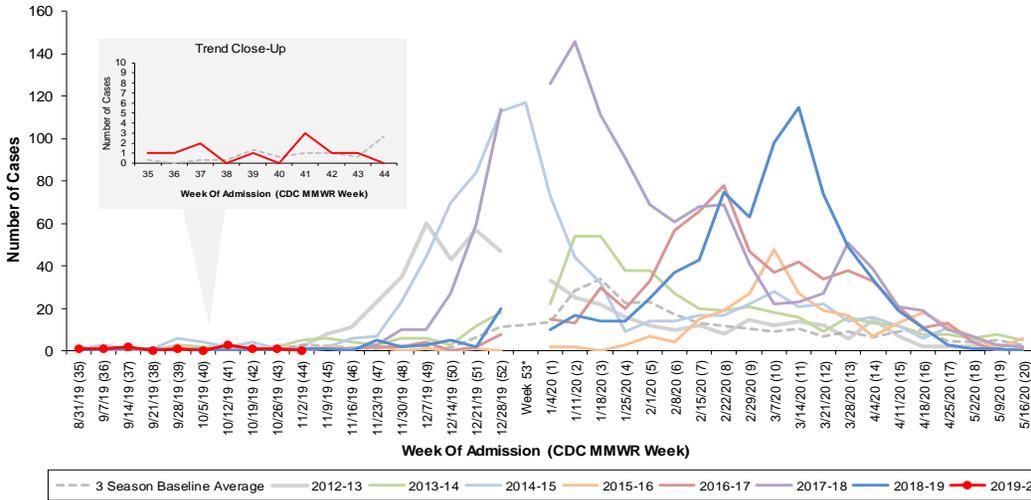


Figure 7: Columbus and Franklin County Jurisdiction Confirmed Influenza Associated Hospitalizations by Hospital Admission Week (As of 11/3/2019)



*Note: Certain years have a 53rd week (e.g., season 2014-15) based on CDCs MMWR Weeks.

Columbus and Franklin County, OH Jurisdiction Confirmed Influenza Hospitalization Cumulative Rates (per 100,000) by Age-Group and Admission Week, 2019-2020 Season

