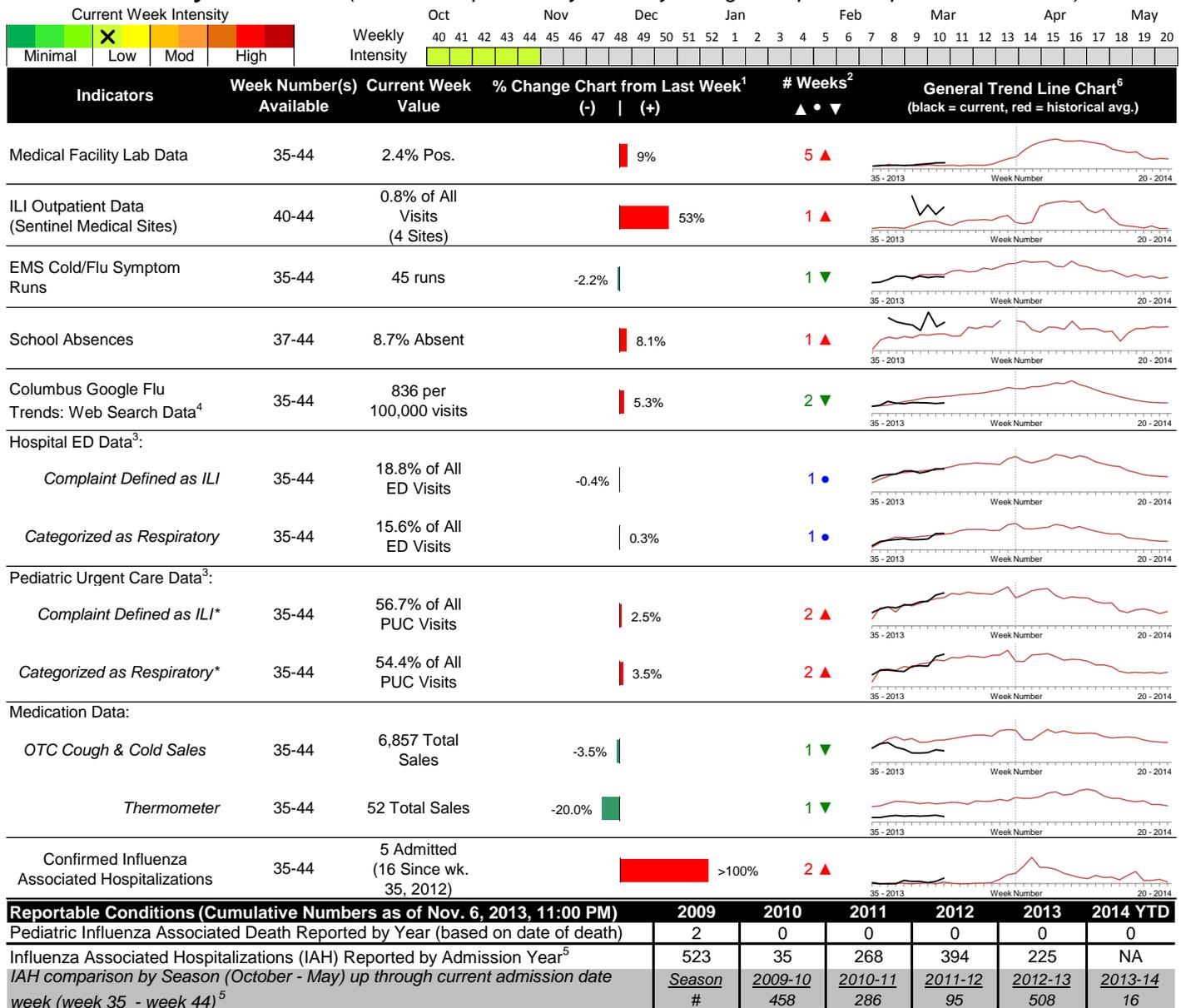


Highlights

- In week 44 of 2013, trends for local influenza activity indicators were mixed compared to last week, with some indicators above their baseline averages for this time of year.
- Geographic activity and local intensity designation (Click [here](#) for definitions) = SPORADIC, LOW
- Local medical facility labs reported 542 tests run with 13 (2.4%) positive results for week 44 of 2013.
- The percentage of ED visits for influenza-like-illness (ILI) and respiratory symptoms were stable compared to the previous week. The percentage of ED visits for ILI and respiratory symptoms are similar their weekly historical baseline averages.
- The trends for the majority of local over-the-counter medication sales being tracked decreased (decrease in cough and cold, thermometer, chest rub, pediatric anti-fever, adult anti-fever, and throat lozenge sales; increase in electrolyte sales) compared to last week.
- During week 44, influenza activity remained low in the United States. Please [visit the CDC website for specific information](#) (National data is usually updated on Friday of each week).

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.

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

³Franklin County, OH residents only (based on zipcode).

⁴Data Source: Google Flu Trends (<http://www.google.org/flutrends>), City = Columbus, OH (Experimental). See website for additional details.

⁵Confirmed cases only. Based on jurisdiction equal to Franklin County or City of Columbus and admission date available in ODRS.

⁶Black line is current years data. Based on data availability, red line is historical average (excluding pandemic year).

CDC 122-Cities Mortality Reporting System: Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Mortality

In week 44 of 2013, 4.0% of all Columbus deaths were attributed to pneumonia and influenza (Figure 1). Nationally, 5.3% of deaths reported were attributed to pneumonia and influenza in week 44. This national percentage is below the national epidemic threshold of 6.3% for week 44.

Influenza Morbidity and Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Reports

The preliminary week 44 percentage of local outpatient visits for ILI at sentinel medical practice reporting sites was <1.0% (4 reporting facilities). The week 44 percentage of Emergency Department (ED) visits for ILI symptoms was stable compared to the previous week (Figure 3) and is similar to the historic baseline for this week. Pediatric urgent care visits for ILI symptoms increased slightly compared to the previous week and is higher than its historic baseline for the week.

Nationally, during week 44 of 2013, 1.4% of patient visits reported through the US Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), were due to influenza-like illness (ILI). The percentage is below the national baseline of 2.0%.

Laboratory Surveillance

During week 44 of 2013, reporting Franklin County sentinel medical facility laboratories tested 542 specimens, with 13 (2.4%) positive (Figure 4). The total number of tests done by local reporting labs from week 35 of 2012 through week 44 of 2013 is 3,682 with 45 (1.2%) positives (13 type A, 32 type B). Nationally in week 44 of 2013, WHO and NREVSS laboratories reported 4,118 specimens tested for influenza viruses, 201 (4.9%) of which were positive ([visit the CDC website for more info](#)). The last 3 weeks national breakdown by type and subtype from CDC is shown in Table 1 below:

Table 1: U.S. Virologic Surveillance (WHO and NREVSS participating labs)

Week	A Total	A (H1)	A 2009 H1N1	A (H3)	A (H3N2v)	A (unable to sub-type)	A (Subtyping not performed)	B Total	Total # Tested	% Positive
42	147 (85.5%)	0 (0%)	31 (21.1%)	11 (7.5%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	105 (71.4%)	25 (14.5%)	5235	3.29
43	170 (93.4%)	0 (0%)	54 (31.8%)	14 (8.2%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	102 (60%)	12 (6.6%)	4725	3.85
44	167 (83.1%)	0 (0%)	43 (25.7%)	19 (11.4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	105 (62.9%)	34 (16.9%)	4118	4.88

ODH lab reported results for Ohio cases that are PCR positive for seasonal influenza. Positive results: (0) (through 11/2/13).

ED and Pediatric Urgent Care Respiratory Visits

In the 44th week of 2013, the percentage of all ED visits categorized as *respiratory* was stable compared to the percentage seen the previous week and is similar to its historic baseline for this week (Figure 5). Pediatric urgent care visits for respiratory symptom visits increased compared to the previous week and is above its historic baseline for the week.

Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medication Sales and Antiviral Prescriptions

In week 44 of 2013, trends for the majority of local over-the-counter medication sales being tracked decreased (decrease in cough and cold, thermometer, chest rub, pediatric anti-fever, adult anti-fever, and throat lozenge sales; increase in electrolyte sales) compared to last week.

Additional Influenza Activity Web Links:

Ohio Seasonal Flu Surveillance: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/features/odhfeatures/seasflu/ohfluactivity.aspx>

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

CDC International Flu Activity Map: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/international/activity.htm>

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

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Figure 1: Percentage of Deaths attributed to Pneumonia and Influenza Columbus, Ohio 2013-14

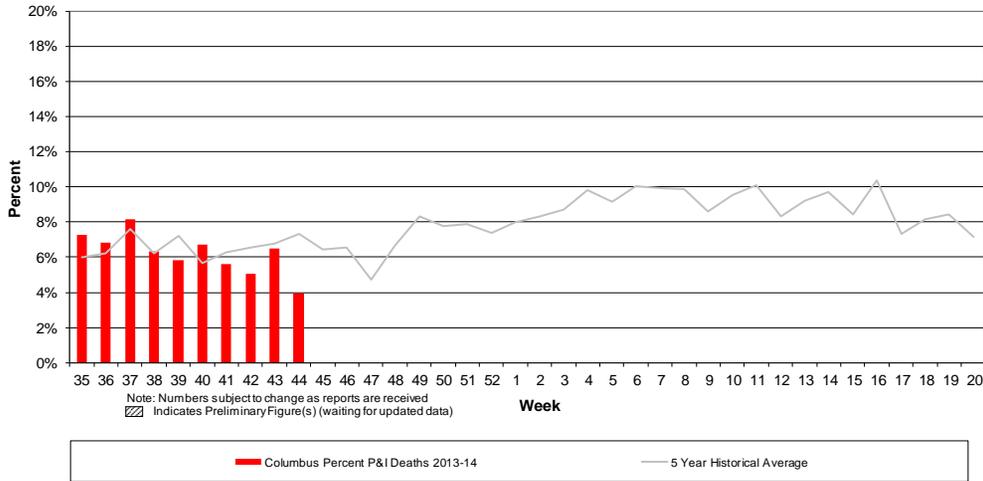


Figure 2: Percentage of Local and National ILI Outpatient Sentinel Health Care Provider Site visits, 2013-14

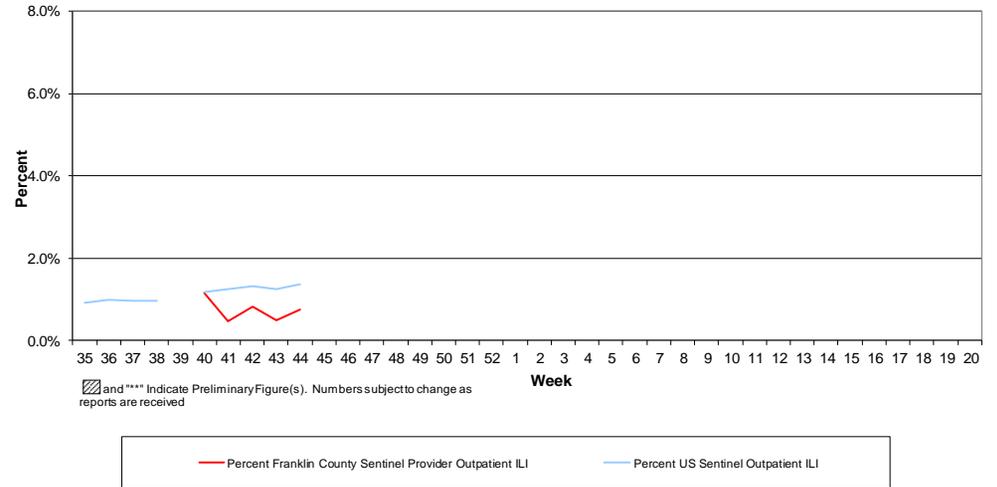


Figure 3: Franklin County Resident ILI Defined* ED and Pediatric Urgent Care Visits, 2013-14, Franklin County, OH

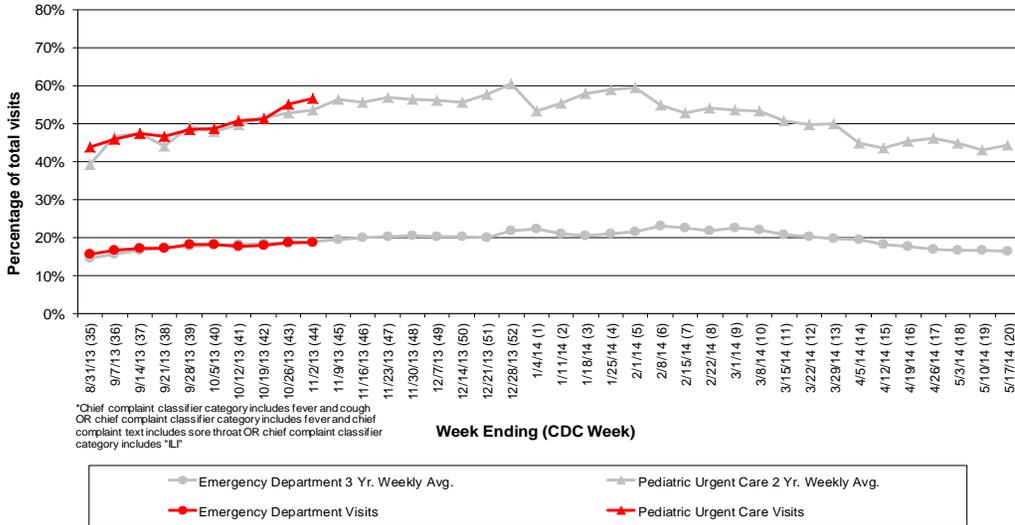
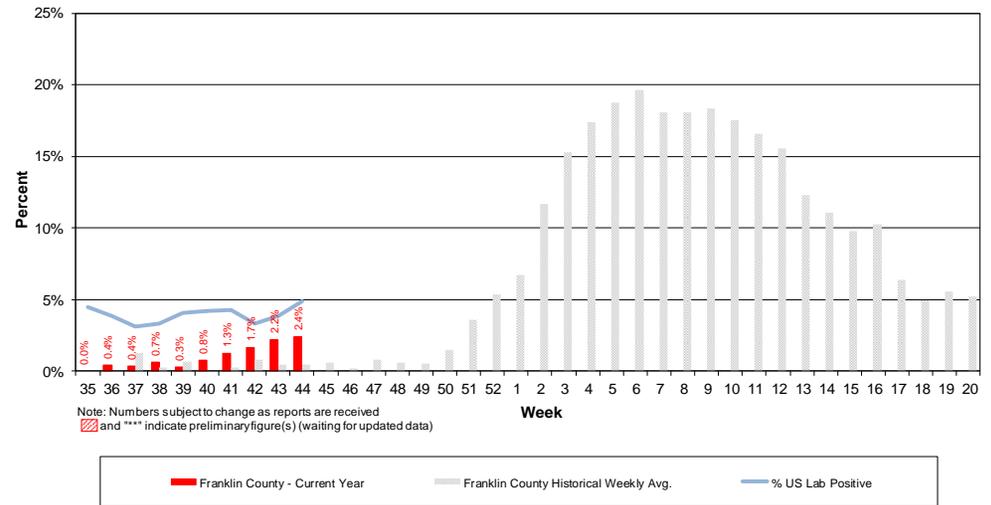


Figure 4: Percentage of Local Reporting and National Laboratory Positive Influenza Tests by Week, 2013-14



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Figure 5: Franklin County Resident Respiratory ED and Pediatric Urgent Care Visits, 2013-14, Franklin County, OH

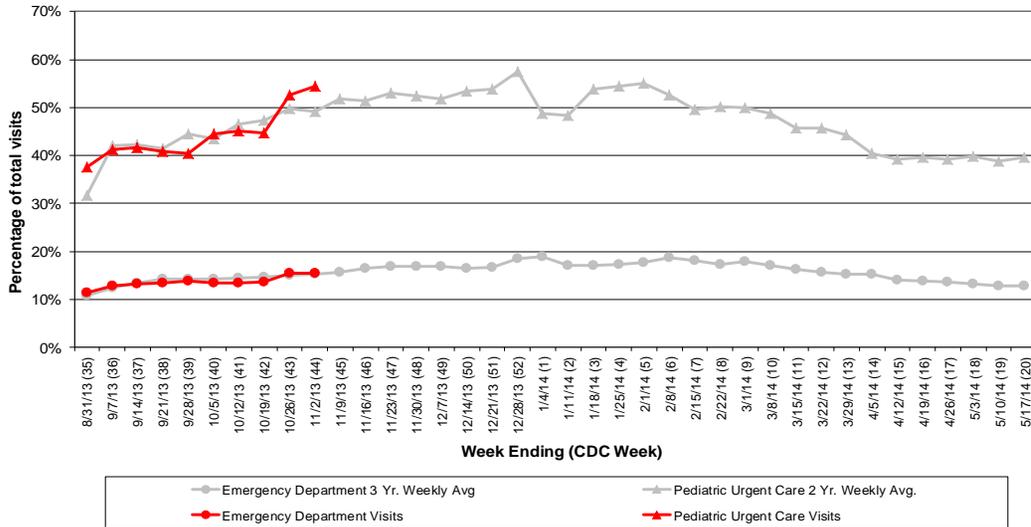


Figure 6: Selected Number of Over-the-Counter Medication Sales, 2013-14, Franklin County, OH

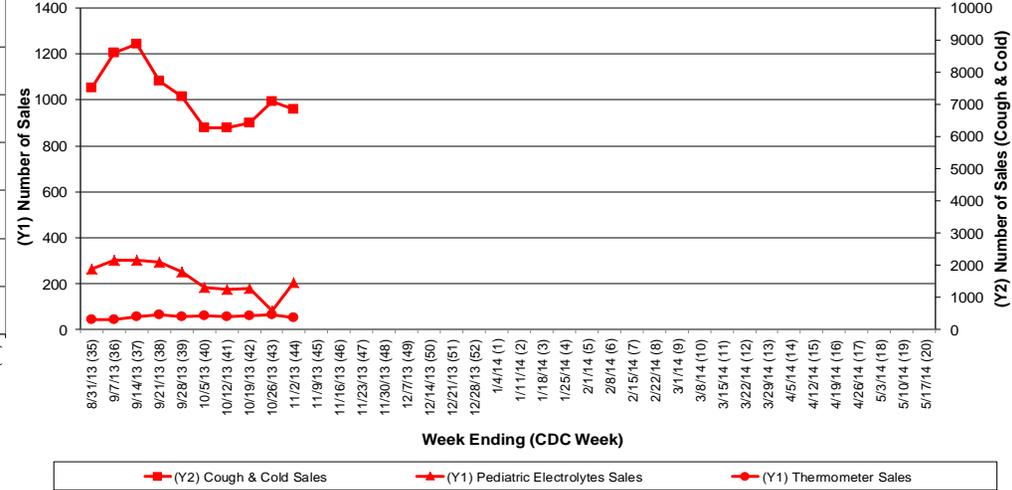
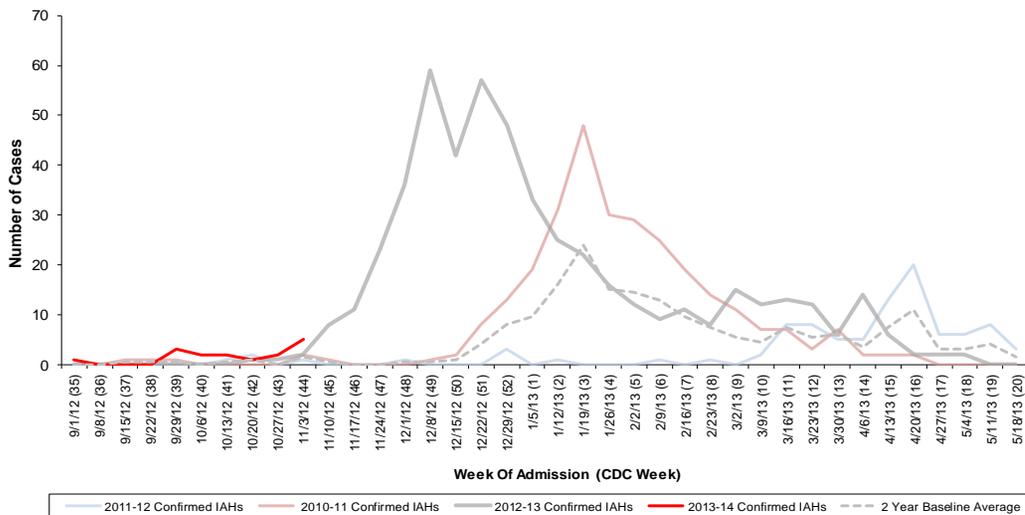


Figure 7: Franklin County Confirmed Influenza Associated Hospitalizations by Hospital Admission Week (As of 11:00 AM, 11/6/2013)



Franklin County, OH, Confirmed Influenza Hospitalization Cumulative Rates (per 100,000 population) by Age-Group and Week, 2013-2014 Season

