



## Ohio Department of Health Seasonal Influenza Activity Summary

### MMWR Week 40

### October 4th – October 10th, 2015

#### Current Influenza Activity:

- Ohio Data**

**Current Ohio Activity Level - *Sporadic*:** Small numbers of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases or a single laboratory-confirmed influenza outbreak has been reported, but there is no increase in cases of ILI.

During MMWR Week 40, public health surveillance data sources indicate minimal intensity for influenza-like illness (ILI) in outpatient settings reported by Ohio's sentinel providers. The percentage of emergency department visits with patients exhibiting constitutional symptoms are above baseline levels statewide; fever and ILI specified ED visits are below baseline levels. There were 11 influenza-associated hospitalizations reported.

#### Ohio Weekly Influenza-associated Hospitalizations by Ohio Public Health Region

Central	2
East Central	0
Northeast	2
Northwest	2
Southeast	2
Southwest	0
West Central	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>

- HHS Regional Data:** During week 39 (September 27- October 3, 2015), the proportion of outpatient visits for ILI in Region 5 (Ohio is in Region 5) was 0.8%, which is below the regional baseline of 1.7%. Additional regional influenza data is not available at this time; CDC will publish comprehensive regional data (starting with week 40) at the end of MMWR Week 41.
- National Data:** During week 40 (October 4th – October 10th, 2015), most U.S. states reported minimal influenza activity. The proportion of outpatient visits for ILI was 1.1%, which is below the national baseline of 2.0%. Additional national influenza data is not available at this time; CDC will publish comprehensive national data (starting with week 40) at the end of MMWR Week 41.

#### Ohio Influenza Activity Summary Dashboard:

Data Source	Current week value	Percent Change from last week <sup>1</sup>	# of weeks <sup>2</sup>	Trend Chart <sup>3</sup>
Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Outpatient Data (ILINet Sentinel Provider Visits) <sup>5</sup>	0.46%	6.98%	↑ 1	
Thermometer Sales (National Retail Data Monitor)	1145	8.74%	↑ 1	
Fever and ILI Specified ED Visits (EpiCenter)	1.56%	9.09%	↑ 1	
Constitutional ED Visits (EpiCenter)	7.73%	3.34%	↑ 1	
Confirmed Influenza-associated Hospitalizations (Ohio Disease Reporting System)	11	120.00%	↑ 1	
Outpatient Medical Claims Data <sup>4</sup>	0.43%	2.38%	↑ 1	

<sup>1</sup>Interpret percent changes with caution. Large variability may be exhibited in data sources with low weekly values.

<sup>2</sup>Number of weeks that the % change is increasing or decreasing.

<sup>3</sup>Black lines represent current week's data; red lines represent baseline averages.

<sup>4</sup>Medical Claims Data provided by athenahealth®

<sup>5</sup>ILINet values show here represent data reported from two MMWR Weeks prior.

## **State Surveillance Data:**

- ODH lab reports results for those cases that are PCR positive for seasonal influenza.  
2015-2016 influenza season positive results: **(1) A/pdmH1N1; (0) A/H3N2; (0) Influenza B** (through 10/10/15).
- The National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) has reported **461** influenza tests performed at participating facilities.  
2015-2016 influenza season positive results: **(1) H1N1, (1) A/H3N2, (0) Flu A Not Subtyped, and (0) Flu B** (through 10/10/15).
- No **pediatric influenza-associated mortalities** have been reported during the 2015-2016 season (through 10/10/15).
- No **novel influenza A virus infections** have been reported during the 2015-2016 season (through 10/10/15).
- Incidence of confirmed **influenza-associated hospitalizations** in 2015-2016 season = **11** (through 10/10/15).

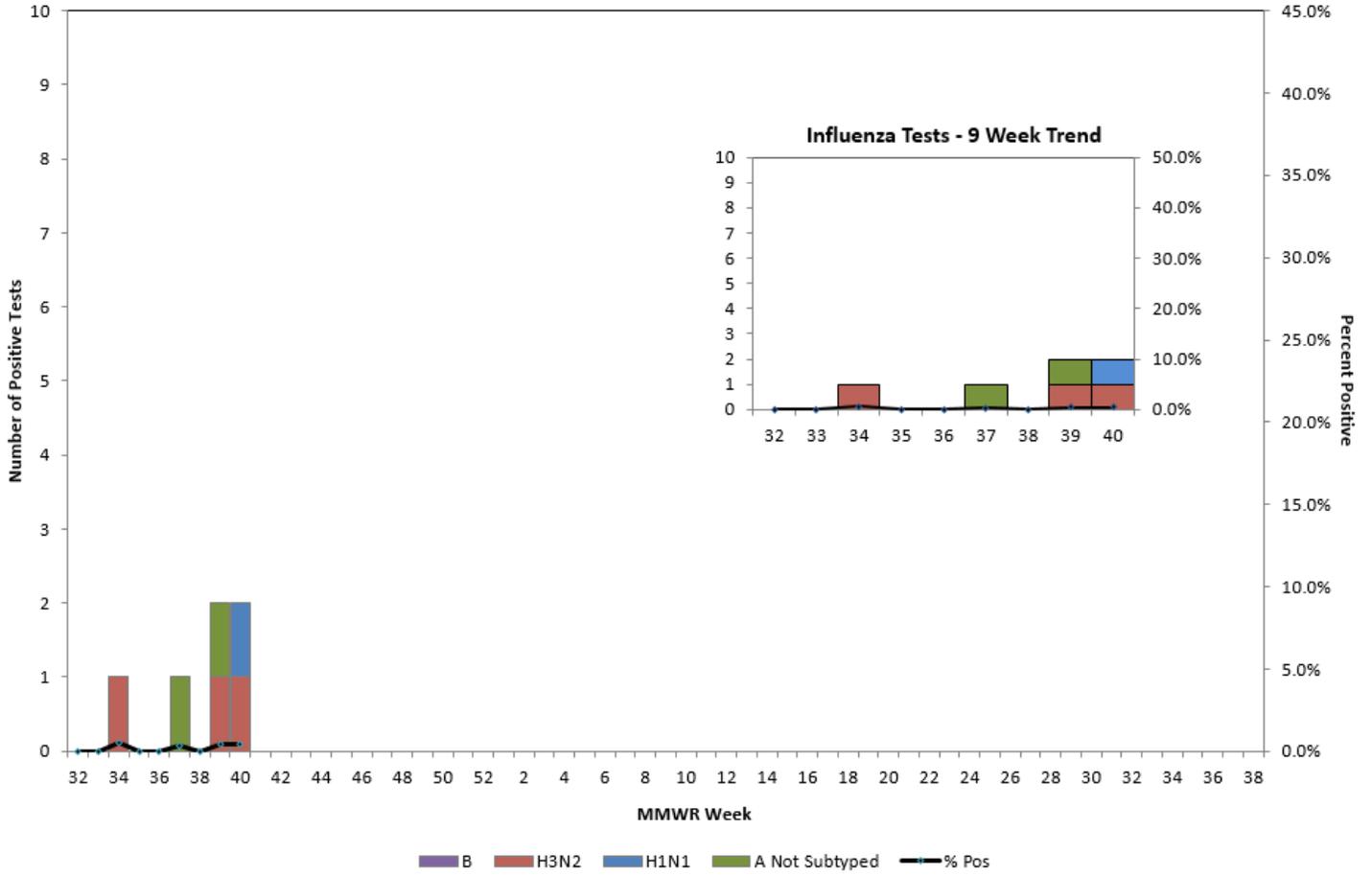
National activity levels and more information can be found at the following CDC pages:

- <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/usmap.htm>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

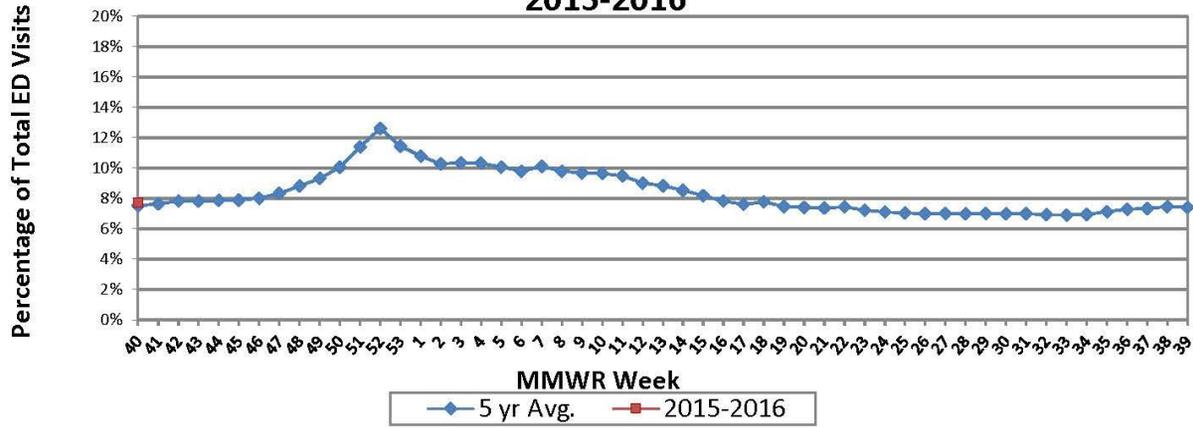
If you have any further questions or comments about surveillance for seasonal influenza for the State of Ohio, please contact the Public Health Informatics and Vaccine Preventable Disease Epidemiology Unit at [SMED@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:SMED@odh.ohio.gov) or call (614) 995-5599.

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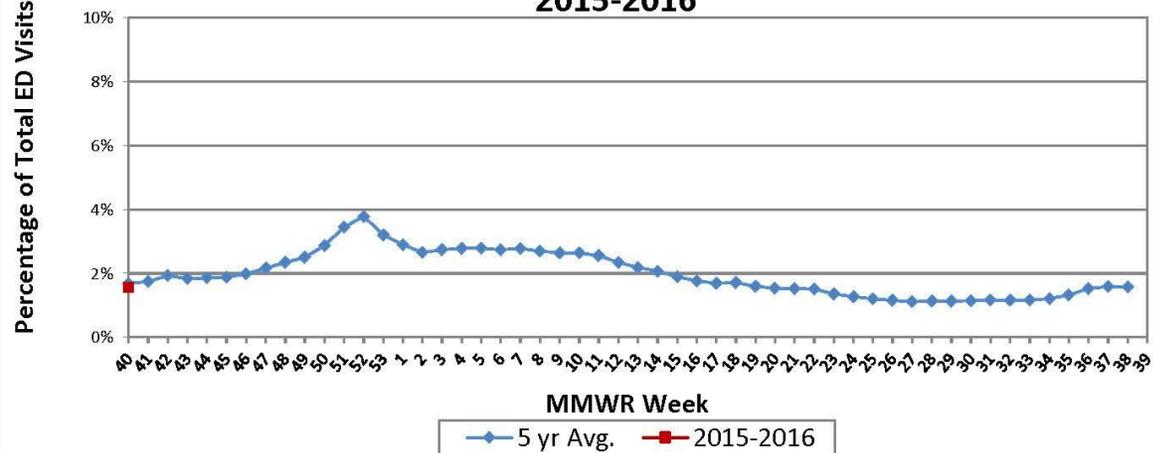
### Positive Influenza Tests (PCR), National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS), 2015-2016 Influenza Season, Ohio



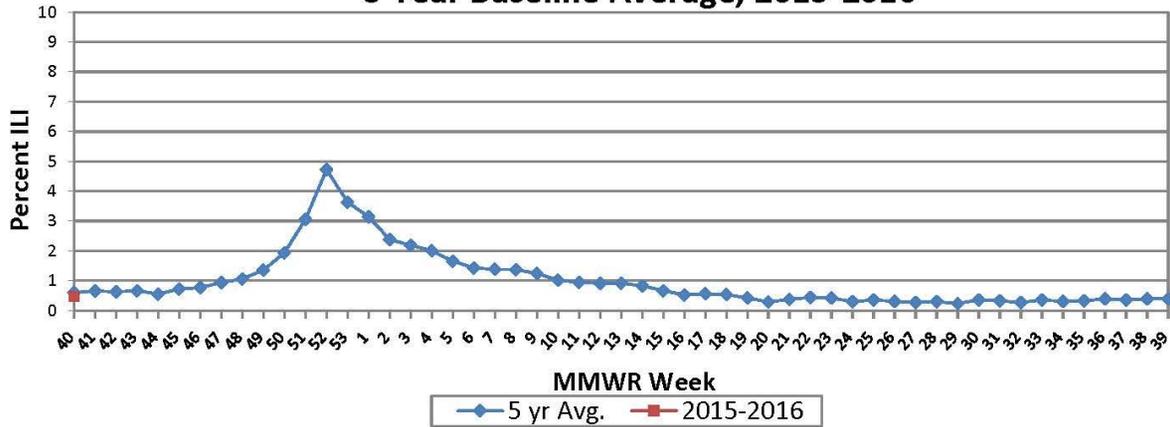
**Ohio Constitutional ED Visits with 5 Year Baseline Average;  
2015-2016**



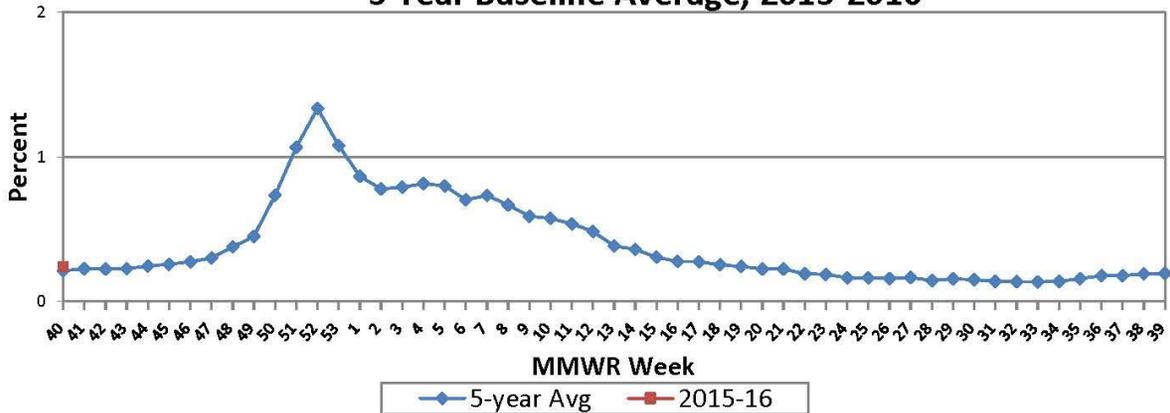
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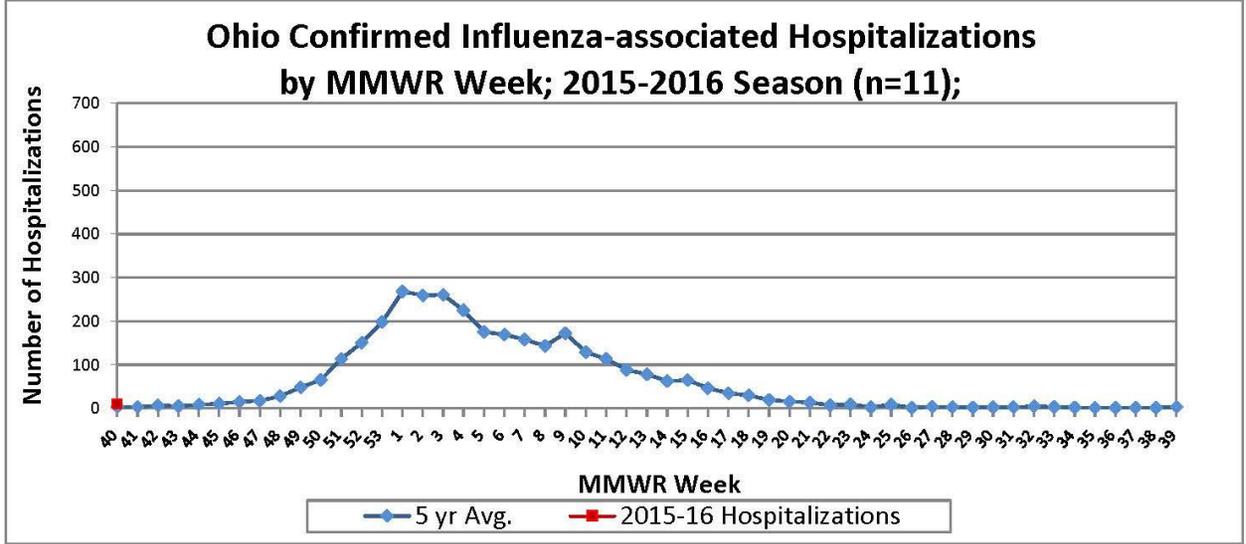
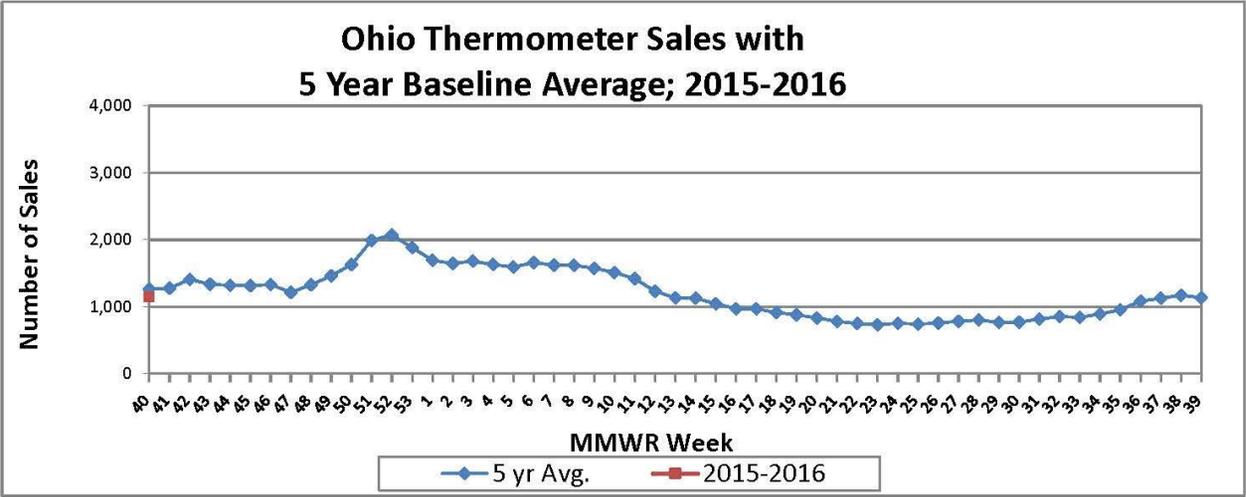


**Ohio Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Network (ILINet) with 5 Year Baseline Average; 2015-2016**



**AthenaHealth: Ohio Influenza Related Outpatient Medical Claims 5 Year Baseline Average; 2015-2016**





## Sources of Influenza Surveillance Data

- **National Retail Data Monitor (NRDM)-OTC Drug Purchases:** The NRDM collects over-the-counter (OTC) drug sales information from approximately 1,420 Ohio chain drug stores and grocery stores. For influenza surveillance, thermometer and adult cold relief sales are monitored on a weekly basis.
- **Emergency Department Visits (EpiCenter):** EpiCenter collects emergency department chief complaint data from 180 hospitals and urgent care facilities across Ohio in real time and classifies them into symptom and syndrome categories. Chief complaints from the constitutional syndrome category and the fever + ILI symptoms classifier are analyzed for influenza surveillance.
- **Sentinel Providers (ILINet):** Sentinel providers, through the US Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), collect outpatient influenza-like illness (ILI) data. ILI is defined as a fever ( $\geq 100$  F), **and** cough and/or sore throat without another known cause. Providers report the total number of patients seen and the number of patients with ILI by age group on a weekly basis. Sentinel providers also submit specimens for influenza testing to the ODH laboratory throughout the influenza season. There are 88 sentinel providers enrolled in Ohio for the 2013-2014 season.
- **ODH Laboratory Surveillance:** The Ohio Department of Health Laboratory reports the number of specimens that test positive for influenza each week. Generally, specimens are submitted by sentinel provider participants. A subset of the positive specimens is sent to CDC for further testing during the season.
- **Influenza-associated Hospitalizations (ODRS):** Influenza-associated hospitalizations are reported to ODH from local health departments and hospitals by direct entry into the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS). Hospitalizations can be used as an indicator of the severity of illness during a particular influenza season. This condition became reportable in 2009.
- **122 Cities Mortality Reporting System (Vital Statistics):** Ohio's eight largest cities participate in this reporting on a weekly basis. Vital statistics offices from across the country report the number of death certificates received, along with how many of those have pneumonia or influenza listed as an underlying or contributing cause of death.
- **Influenza-associated Pediatric Mortality (ODRS):** Influenza-associated pediatric mortalities are reported into ODRS by local health department and hospital staff. Pediatric deaths can be an indicator of the severity of illness during the influenza season. This condition became reportable in 2005.
- **National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS):** The National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) is a laboratory-based system that monitors temporal and geographic patterns associated with the detection of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), human parainfluenza viruses (HPIV), respiratory and enteric adenoviruses and rotavirus. There are 19 facilities in Ohio that submit data to this system.
- **athenahealth®:** athenahealth is a technology and services company for medical billing and electronic health records. Diagnosis and procedure data from primary care visits are automatically queried to produce influenza related statistics.