



Ohio Department of Health Seasonal Influenza Activity Summary

MMWR Week 42

October 16th – October 22nd, 2016

Current Influenza Activity:

Current Ohio Activity Level (Geographic Spread) – Sporadic

Definition: 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 42, Ohio 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 below baseline levels statewide; fever and ILI specified ED visits are also below baseline levels. There were 5 influenza-associated hospitalizations reported.

Ohio Weekly Influenza-associated Hospitalizations by Ohio Public Health Region

Central	2
East Central	0
Northeast	2
Northwest	0
Southeast	0
Southwest	1
West Central	0
Total	5

Ohio Influenza Activity Summary Dashboard:

Data Source	Current week value	Percent Change from last week ¹	# of weeks ²	Trend Chart ³
Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Outpatient Data (ILINet Sentinel Provider Visits)	0.64%	-20.00%	↓ 1	
Thermometer Sales (National Retail Data Monitor)	1312	12.14%	↑ 1	
Fever and ILI Specified ED Visits (EpiCenter)	1.45%	1.40%	↑ 3	
Constitutional ED Visits (EpiCenter)	7.89%	3.14%	↑ 3	
Confirmed Influenza-associated Hospitalizations (Ohio Disease Reporting System)	5	-28.57%	↓ 2	
Outpatient Medical Claims Data ⁴	0.28%	12.00%	↑ 2	

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

²Number of weeks that the % change is increasing or decreasing.

³Black lines represent current week's data; red lines represent baseline averages.

⁴Medical Claims Data provided by athenahealth®

State, Regional, and National Data:

Ohio Surveillance Data:

- **ODH lab** has reported **41** influenza tests from specimens sent from various submitters.
2016-2017 influenza season results: **(0) A/pdmH1N1; (1) A/H3N2; (0) Influenza B; (40) Negative** (through 10/22/16).
- The **National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS)** has reported **2494** influenza tests performed at participating facilities.
2016-2017 influenza season positive results: **(0) H1N1, (1) A/H3N2, (10) Flu A Not Subtyped, and (14) Flu B** (through 10/22/16).
- **0 pediatric influenza-associated mortalities** have been reported during the 2016-2017 season (through 10/22/16).
- No **novel influenza A virus infections** have been reported during the 2016-2017 season (through 10/22/16).
- Incidence of confirmed **influenza-associated hospitalizations** in 2016-2017 season = **15** (through 10/22/16)..

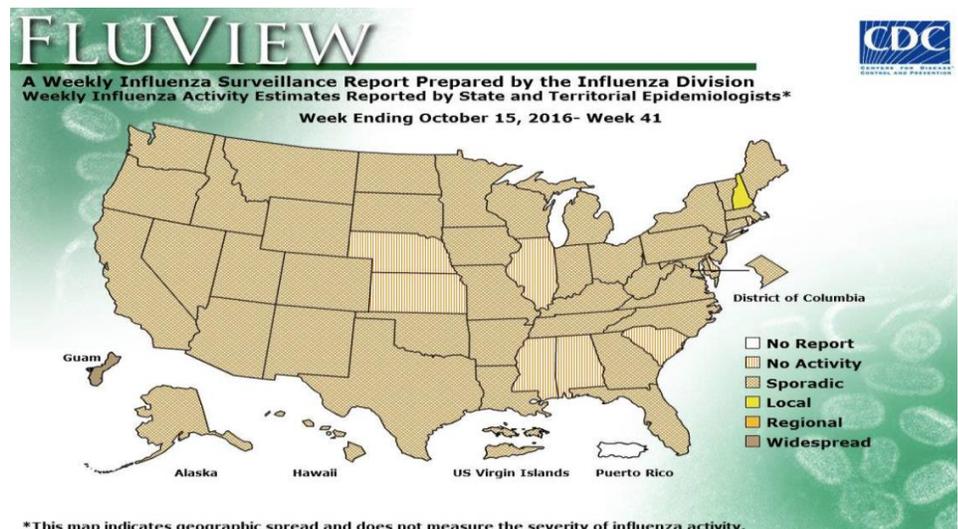
HHS Regional Surveillance Data*: During week 41 (October 9- October 15, 2016), the proportion of outpatient visits for ILI in Region 5 (Ohio is in Region 5) was 1.1%, which is below the regional baseline of 1.8%. Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan and Kentucky reported Sporadic Activity.

National Surveillance Data*: During week 41 (October 9- October 15, 2016), all U.S. states reported Minimal influenza activity. The proportion of outpatient visits for ILI was 1.2%, which is **below** the national baseline of 2.2%. All 10 HHS regions reported ILI levels below their region-specific baseline levels. The most frequently identified influenza virus type reported by public health laboratories was **influenza A (H3N2)**.

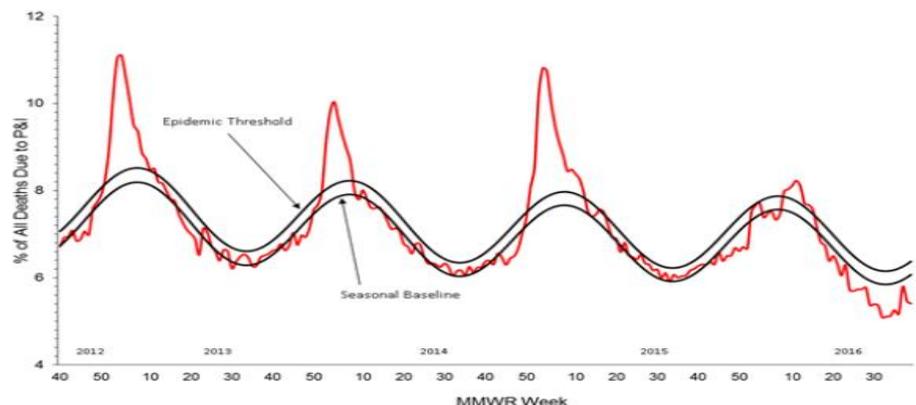
Influenza Virus Characterization:

During May 22 – September 30, 2016, CDC has antigenically characterized 133 influenza viruses [8 influenza A (H1N1)pdm09, 62 influenza A (H3N2), and 63 influenza B viruses] collected by U.S. laboratories.

All of the Influenza B viruses that have been antigenically characterized by CDC were similar to viruses included in either the trivalent or quadrivalent 2016-17 influenza vaccine. All of the influenza A (H1N1)pdm09 and 80% of the influenza A (H3N2) viruses characterized matched the viruses included in the 2016-17 influenza vaccine.



Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality from the National Center for Health Statistics Mortality Surveillance System Data through the week ending October 1, 2016, as of October 19, 2016

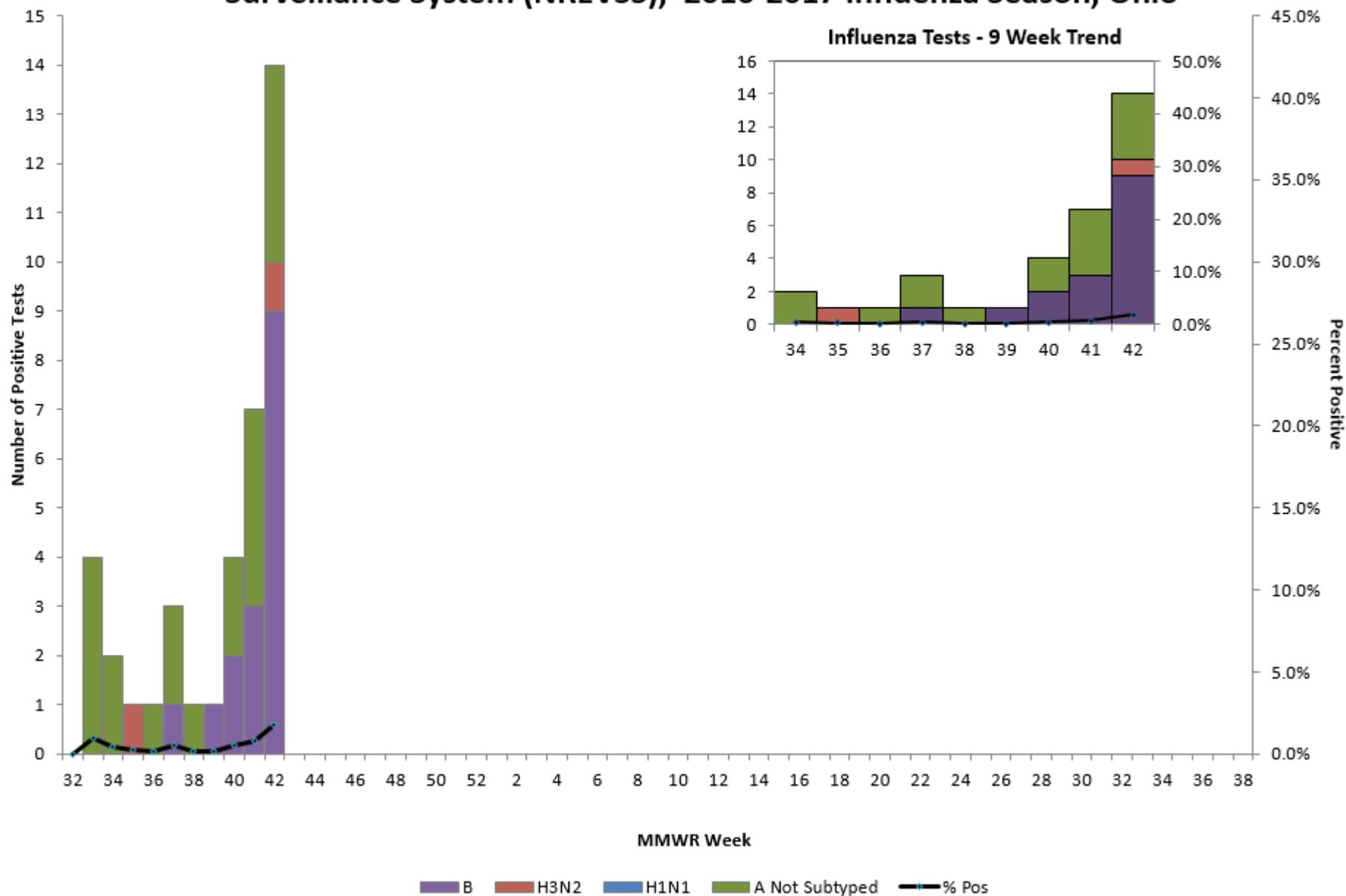


National activity levels and more information can be found at the following CDC pages:

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

*National-level and regional-level data are reported one week later than Ohio state-level data

Positive Influenza Tests (PCR), National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS), 2016-2017 Influenza Season, Ohio



**Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations, Ohio
2016-2017 Season***

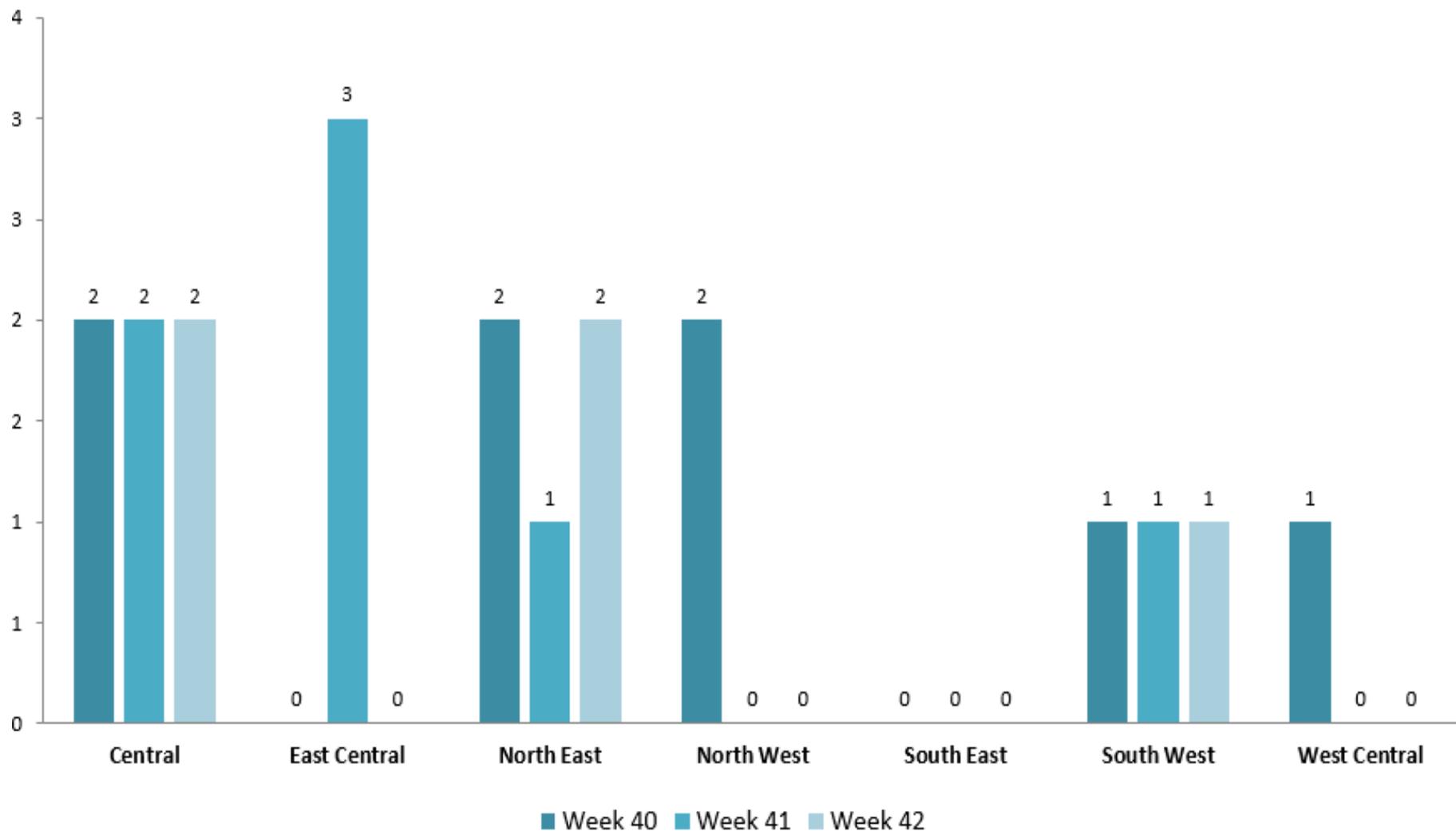
County	Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations	Percent of All Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations	Rate per 100,000 Population†	County	Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations	Percent of All Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations	Rate per 100,000 Population†
ADAMS	0	0.0%	0.00	LOGAN	0	0.0%	0.00
ALLEN	0	0.0%	0.00	LORAIN	0	0.0%	0.00
ASHLAND	0	0.0%	0.00	LUCAS	1	5.0%	0.23
ASHTABULA	0	0.0%	0.00	MADISON	0	0.0%	0.00
ATHENS	0	0.0%	0.00	MAHONING	0	0.0%	0.00
AUGLAIZE	0	0.0%	0.00	MARION	0	0.0%	0.00
BELMONT	0	0.0%	0.00	MEDINA	0	0.0%	0.00
BROWN	0	0.0%	0.00	MEIGS	0	0.0%	0.00
BUTLER	0	0.0%	0.00	MERCER	0	0.0%	0.00
CARROLL	0	0.0%	0.00	MIAMI	0	0.0%	0.00
CHAMPAIGN	0	0.0%	0.00	MONROE	0	0.0%	0.00
CLARK	0	0.0%	0.00	MONTGOMERY	0	0.0%	0.00
CLERMONT	1	5.0%	0.51	MORGAN	0	0.0%	0.00
CLINTON	0	0.0%	0.00	MORROW	0	0.0%	0.00
COLUMBIANA	0	0.0%	0.00	MUSKINGUM	0	0.0%	0.00
COSHOCTON	0	0.0%	0.00	NOBLE	0	0.0%	0.00
CRAWFORD	0	0.0%	0.00	OTTAWA	0	0.0%	0.00
CUYAHOGA	2	10.0%	0.16	PAULDING	0	0.0%	0.00
DARKE	0	0.0%	0.00	PERRY	0	0.0%	0.00
DEFIANCE	0	0.0%	0.00	PICKAWAY	0	0.0%	0.00
DELAWARE	0	0.0%	0.00	PIKE	0	0.0%	0.00
ERIE	0	0.0%	0.00	PORTAGE	0	0.0%	0.00
FAIRFIELD	3	15.0%	2.05	PREBLE	0	0.0%	0.00
FAYETTE	0	0.0%	0.00	PUTNAM	0	0.0%	0.00
FRANKLIN	3	15.0%	0.26	RICHLAND	1	5.0%	0.80
FULTON	1	5.0%	2.34	ROSS	0	0.0%	0.00
GALLIA	0	0.0%	0.00	SANDUSKY	0	0.0%	0.00
GEAUGA	1	5.0%	1.07	SCIOTO	0	0.0%	0.00
GREENE	1	5.0%	0.62	SENECA	0	0.0%	0.00
GUERNSEY	0	0.0%	0.00	SHELBY	0	0.0%	0.00
HAMILTON	1	5.0%	0.12	STARK	0	0.0%	0.00
HANCOCK	0	0.0%	0.00	SUMMIT	1	5.0%	0.18
HARDIN	0	0.0%	0.00	TRUMBULL	1	5.0%	0.48
HARRISON	0	0.0%	0.00	TUSCARAWAS	0	0.0%	0.00
HENRY	0	0.0%	0.00	UNION	0	0.0%	0.00
HIGHLAND	1	5.0%	2.29	VAN WERT	0	0.0%	0.00
HOCKING	0	0.0%	0.00	VINTON	0	0.0%	0.00
HOLMES	0	0.0%	0.00	WARREN	0	0.0%	0.00
HURON	0	0.0%	0.00	WASHINGTON	0	0.0%	0.00
JACKSON	0	0.0%	0.00	WAYNE	0	0.0%	0.00
JEFFERSON	0	0.0%	0.00	WILLIAMS	0	0.0%	0.00
KNOX	0	0.0%	0.00	WOOD	0	0.0%	0.00
LAKE	2	10.0%	0.87	WYANDOT	0	0.0%	0.00
LAWRENCE	0	0.0%	0.00	UNKNOWN	0	0.0%	*
LICKING	0	0.0%	0.00	TOTAL	20	100%	0.17

*2016-2017 Season 10/2/2016 thru 10/22/2016

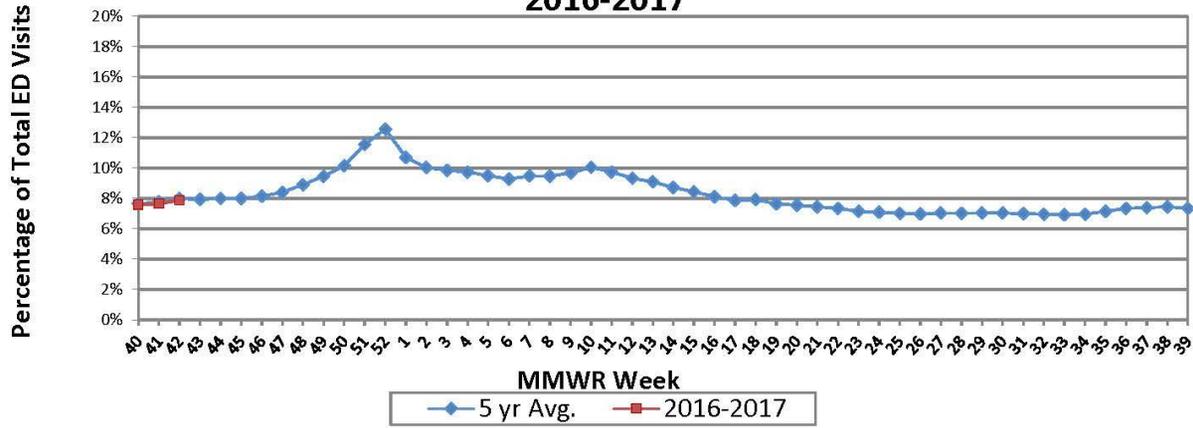
† Disease rates were calculated by number of cases per 100,000 residents using 2010 census data.

Source: Ohio Disease Reporting System

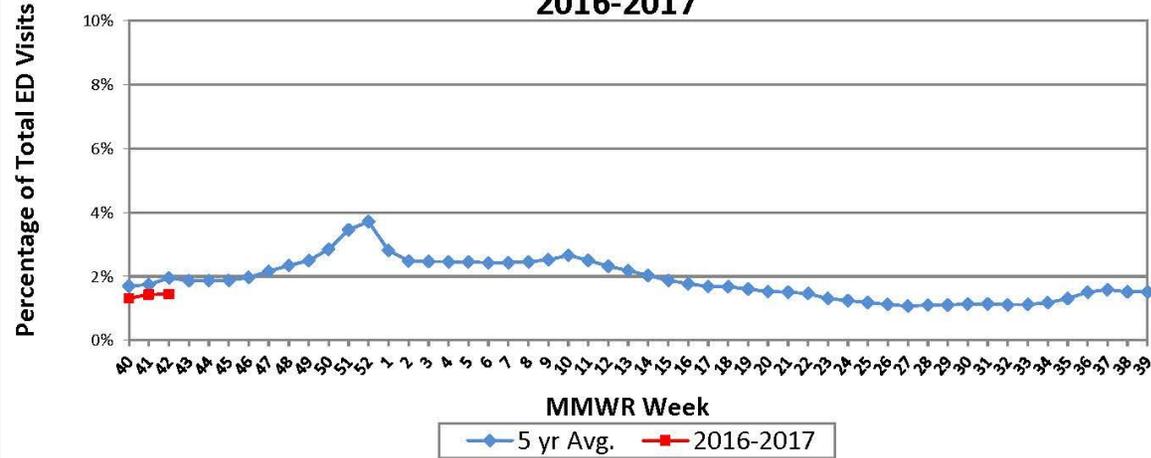
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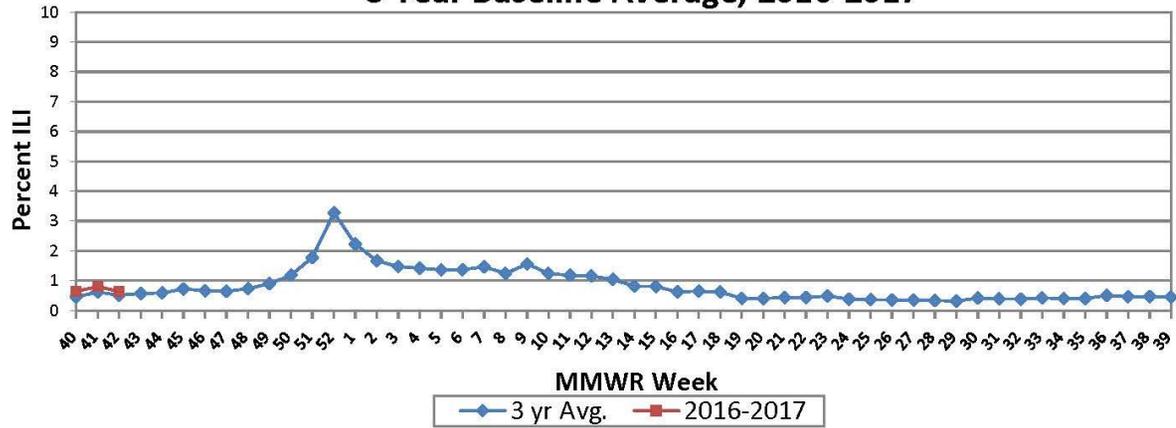
**Ohio Constitutional ED Visits with 5 Year Baseline Average;
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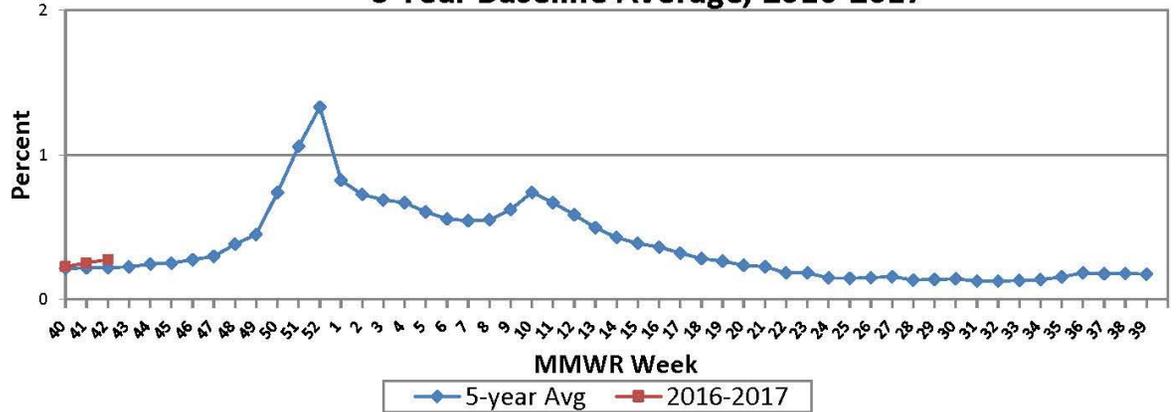
**Ohio Fever & ILI Specified ED Visits with 5 Year Baseline Average;
2016-2017**

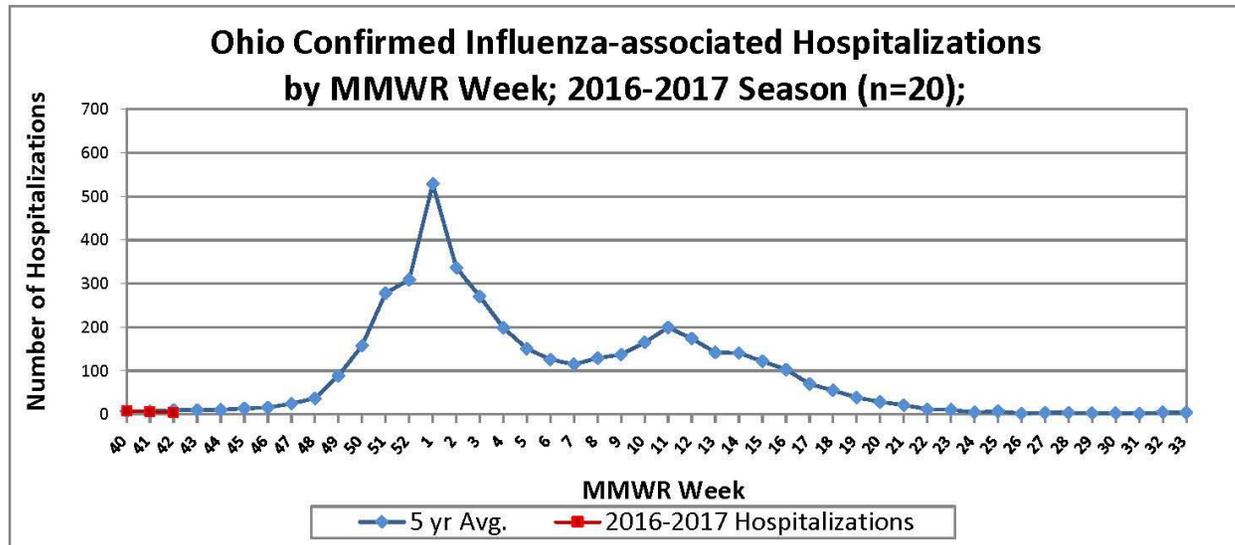
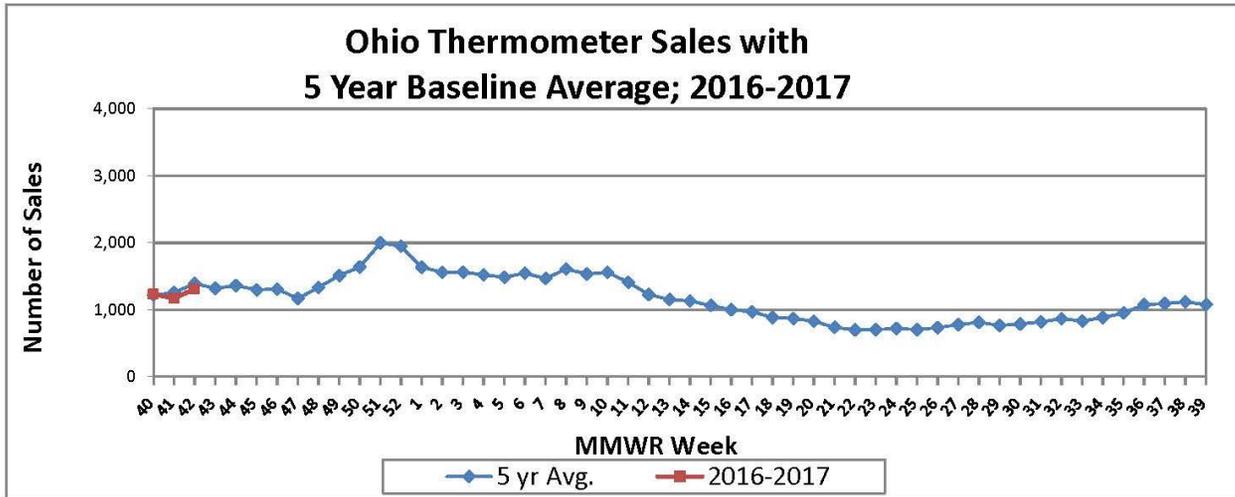


**Ohio Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Network (ILINet) with
3 Year Baseline Average; 2016-2017**



**AthenaHealth: Ohio Influenza Related Outpatient Medical Claims
5 Year Baseline Average; 2016-2017**





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 (≥ 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 83 sentinel providers enrolled in Ohio for the 2016-2017 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.
- **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.

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