Marion County Influenza Situation Report
2023-2024 Seasonal Influenza Week 48
(November 26, 2023 – December 02, 2023)
Marion County Public Health Department, IN 2023-12-04

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**Influenza-like Illness ED visits in Marion County have increased during week 48.**

- During week 48 (November 26 to December 02), **3.36% of Marion County ED visits had ILI symptoms**. The current rate is higher than last week (2.98%). The median percentage of ILI-related ED visits for week 48 over the last five years is 2.58%.

- In Marion County hospitals, 0-4 years old had the highest rate (9.71%) of ILI related ED Visits. This rate is higher than last week (9.17%) and is the median percentage of 0-4 years old ILI-related ED visits for week 48 over the last five years.

- **ED visits for Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and other respiratory illnesses for 0-4 years old have decreased during the last week.** The percentage of RSV-related ED visits was 11.98% out of all 0-4 years old ED visits during week 48. This rate is lower than last week (16.3%)
  - RSV is a common respiratory virus that is the most common cause of bronchiolitis and pneumonia for children under one year of age in the U.S.

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**Percent of ILI related ED Visits by Age Group**

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**Percentage of Visits with RSV syndromes at Marion County EDs (0-4 years old)**

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Marion County (Week 47, November 19 – November 25, 2023)
- The percentage of ILI-related ED visits was 2.98% out of all ED visits.
- In Marion County hospitals, 0-4 years old had the highest rate (9.17%) of ILI related ED Visits.

Indiana (Week 47, November 19 – November 25, 2023)
https://www.in.gov/health/idepd/influenza/influenza-dashboard/
- Indiana is experiencing low ILI activity. For week 47.
- IDOH reported 2.63% ILI at sentinel provider sites and 2.43% ILI at ED and urgent care visits. Both rates have increased during the last week.
- One influenza-associated death has been reported during week 47. Five deaths have been reported since the beginning of the season.
- Eight specimens were tested at the IDOH Laboratory during Week 47. All were detected as influenza negative.

National (Week 47, November 19 – November 25, 2023)
https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm
- Seasonal influenza activity continues to increase in most parts of the country, most notably in the South Central, Southeast, Mountain, and West Coast regions during week 47.
- According to the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), 3.9% of outpatient visits to healthcare providers were related to ILI (influenza-like illness). This rate is higher than last week (3.7%) and is above the baseline of 2.9%.

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• **Five influenza-associated pediatric deaths** occurring during week 47 have been reported to CDC. Two deaths were associated with influenza A(H1N1) viruses and three deaths were associated with influenza B viruses with no lineage determined.

• During Week 47, **6.2% of clinical laboratory specimens** were **positive for influenza**. This rate is higher than last week (4.9%).

• During Week 47, **379 (20%)** of **specimens** were **positive at public health laboratories**. This rate is higher than last week (19%).

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