Marion County Influenza Situation Report
2023-2024 Seasonal Influenza Week 02
(January 07, 2024 – January 13, 2024)
Marion County Public Health Department, IN 2024-01-16
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Influenza-like Illness ED visits in Marion County decreased during week 02 but remains higher when compared to the previous nine flu seasons

- During week 02 (January 07 to January 13), **4.75% of Marion County ED visits had ILI symptoms**. The current rate is lower than last week (5.37%). The median percentage of ILI-related ED visits for week 02 over the last five years is 3.03%.
- In Marion County hospitals, 0-4 years old had the highest rate (9.98%) of ILI related ED Visits, followed by 5-17 years old (6.68%). Last week, 0-4 years old had the highest rate of ILI related ED visits (13.65%). The median percentage of 0-4 years old ILI-related ED visits for week 02 over the last five years is 8.71%.
- **ED visits for Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and other respiratory illnesses for 0-4 years old have increased during the last week.** The percentage of RSV-related ED visits was 13.30% out of all 0-4 years old ED visits during week 02. This rate is lower than last week (19.06%)
  - 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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Marion County (Week 01, December 31, 2023 – January 06, 2024)
- The percentage of ILI-related ED visits was 5.37% out of all ED visits.
- In Marion County hospitals, 0-4 years old had the highest rate (13.65%) of ILI related ED Visits.

Indiana (Week 01, December 31, 2023 – January 06, 2024)
https://www.in.gov/health/idepd/influenza/influenza-dashboard/
- Indiana is experiencing HIGH ILI activity for week 01.
- IDOH reported 3.96% ILI at sentinel provider sites and 3.87% ILI at ED and urgent care visits.
  Both rates have decreased during the last week.
- Thirteen influenza-associated deaths have been reported during week 01. Forty-five deaths have been reported since the beginning of the season.
- Fifteen specimens were tested at the IDOH Laboratory during Week 01:
  o All fifteen specimens (100%) were detected as “Negative”

National (Week 01, December 31, 2023 – January 06, 2024)
https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm

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Seasonal influenza remains elevated in most parts of the country.

According to the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), 5.7% of outpatient visits to healthcare providers were related to ILI (influenza-like illness). This rate is lower than last week (6.9%) and is above the baseline of 2.9%.

13 pediatric deaths have been reported to CDC during week 01:
   - Six were associated with influenza A viruses
   - Two had subtyping performed
     - One was an A(H1N1) virus
     - One was an A(H3N2) virus
   - Seven were associated with influenza B viruses
     - Three had lineage determined and all were B/Victoria viruses
       - Forty influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported to CDC since the beginning of the 2023-2024 season.

During Week 01, 14.0% of clinical laboratory specimens were positive for influenza. This rate is lower than last week (17.5%).

During Week 01, 1,036 (34.2%) of specimens were positive at public health laboratories. This rate is higher than last week (28.3%).