Influenza-like Illness ED visits in Marion County remained the same during week 03 but are higher when compared to the previous nine flu seasons

- During week 03 (January 14 to January 20), 4.76% of Marion County ED visits had ILI symptoms. The current rate is the same as last week (4.75%). The median percentage of ILI-related ED visits for week 03 over the last five years is 2.31%.
- In Marion County hospitals, 0-4 years old had the highest rate (7.86%) of ILI related ED Visits, followed by 5-17 years old (7.79%). Last week, 0-4 years old had the highest rate of ILI related ED visits (9.98%). The median percentage of 0-4 years old ILI-related ED visits for week 03 over the last five years is 7.63%.
- **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 9.80% out of all 0-4 years old ED visits during week 03. This rate is lower than last week (13.30%)
  - 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 02, January 07, 2024 – January 13, 2024)
- The percentage of ILI-related ED visits was 4.75% out of all ED visits.
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Indiana (Week 02, January 07, 2024 – January 13, 2024)
https://www.in.gov/health/idepd/influenza/influenza-dashboard/
- Indiana is experiencing MODERATE ILI activity for week 02.
- IDOH reported 3.33% ILI at sentinel provider sites and 3.17% ILI at ED and urgent care visits. Both rates have decreased during the last week.
- Thirteen influenza-associated deaths have been reported during week 02. Sixty deaths have been reported since the beginning of the season.
- Ten specimens were tested at the IDOH Laboratory during Week 02:
  - Four specimens (40.0%) were detected with the following influenza viruses:
    - Two detected as “Influenza A/H3”
    - Two detected as “Influenza B”
  - Four specimens (40.0%) were detected as “Negative”
  - Two specimens (20.0%) were considered “Unsatisfactory”

National (Week 02, January 07, 2024 – January 13, 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), 4.7% of outpatient visits to healthcare providers were related to ILI (influenza-like illness). This rate is lower than last week (5.7%) and is above the baseline of 2.9%.
• Seven pediatric deaths have been reported to CDC during week 02:
  o These deaths occurred between weeks 48 of 2023 and Week 01 of 2024
    ▪ Two were associated with influenza A viruses, no subtyping performed
    ▪ Five were associated with influenza B viruses, no lineage determined
  o Forty-seven influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported to CDC since the beginning of the 2023-2024 season.
• During Week 02, 13.7% of clinical laboratory specimens were positive for influenza. This rate is lower than last week (14.0%).
• During Week 02, 727 (26.2%) of specimens were positive at public health laboratories. This rate is lower than last week (34.2%).

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