Influenza-like Illness ED visits in Marion County increased during week 06 and continue to remain higher when compared to the previous nine flu seasons

- During week 06 (February 04 to February 10), **5.22% of Marion County ED visits had ILI symptoms**. The current rate is higher than last week (4.86%). The median percentage of ILI-related ED visits for week 06 over the last five years is 2.57%.
- In Marion County hospitals, 5-17 years old had the highest rate (12.32%) of ILI-related ED visits, followed by 0-4 years old (10.42%). Last week, 5-17 years old had the highest rate of ILI-related ED visits (11.07%). This is the third consecutive week that 5-17 years old had the highest rate of ILI-related ED visits when compared to other age groups.
- **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 11.12% out of all 0-4 years old ED visits during week 06. This rate is higher than last week (9.57%).
  - 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 05, January 28, 2024 – February 03, 2024)
- The percentage of ILI-related ED visits was 4.86% out of all ED visits.
- In Marion County hospitals, 5-17 years old had the highest rate (11.07%) of ILI related ED Visits.

Indiana (Week 05, January 28, 2024 – February 03, 2024)
https://www.in.gov/health/idepd/influenza/influenza-dashboard/
- Indiana is experiencing HIGH ILI activity for week 05.
- IDOH reported 3.71% ILI at sentinel provider sites and 3.60% ILI at ED and urgent care visits. Both rates have increased during the last week.
- Ten influenza-associated deaths have been reported during week 05. Eighty-nine deaths have been reported since the beginning of the season.
- Sixteen specimens were tested at the IDOH Laboratory during Week 05:
  - Six specimens (37.50%) were detected with the following influenza viruses:
    - Four detected as “Influenza A/H3”
    - Two detected as "Influenza A/H1N1pdm"
  - Nine specimens (56.25%) were detected as “Negative”
  - One specimen (6.25%) was considered “Unsatisfactory”

National (Week 05, January 28, 2024 – February 03, 2024)
https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm

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Seasonal influenza activity remains elevated nationally with increases in some parts of the country, particularly in regions 5 and 7.

According to the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), 4.4% of outpatient visits to healthcare providers were related to ILI (influenza-like illness). This rate is the same as last week (4.3%) but is above the baseline of 2.9%.

Eight pediatric deaths have been reported to CDC during week 05:
  - These deaths occurred between Weeks 51 of 2023 and 05 of 2024
    - Seven were associated with influenza A viruses
      - Four had subtyping performed:
        - Three were A(H1N1) viruses
        - One was an A(H3) virus
      - One was associated with influenza B virus, no lineage determined
  - Seventy-four influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported to CDC since the beginning of the 2023-2024 season.

During Week 05, 15.8% of clinical laboratory specimens were positive for influenza. This rate is lower than last week (16.2%).

During Week 05, 819 (29.4%) of specimens were positive at public health laboratories. This rate is lower than last week (32.3%).

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