Marion County Influenza Situation Report
2023-2024 Seasonal Influenza Week 07
(February 11, 2024 – February 17, 2024)
Marion County Public Health Department, IN 2024-02-20
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Influenza-like Illness ED visits in Marion County decreased during week 07

- During week 07 (February 11 to February 17), 4.63% of Marion County ED visits had ILI symptoms. The current rate is lower than last week (5.21%). The median percentage of ILI-related ED visits for week 07 over the last five years is 2.29%.
- In Marion County hospitals, 5-17 years old had the highest rate (10.97%) of ILI-related ED visits, followed by 0-4 years old (8.47%). Last week, 5-17 years old had the highest rate of ILI-related ED visits (12.27%) and continue to have 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 decreased during the last week. The percentage of RSV-related ED visits was 9.90% out of all 0-4 years old ED visits during week 07. This rate is lower than last week (11.16%).
  - 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 06, February 04, 2024 – February 10, 2024)
- The percentage of ILI-related ED visits was 5.21% out of all ED visits.
- In Marion County hospitals, 5-17 years old had the highest rate (12.27%) of ILI related ED Visits.

Indiana (Week 06, February 04, 2024 – February 10, 2024)
https://www.in.gov/health/idepd/influenza/influenza-dashboard/
- Indiana is experiencing HIGH ILI activity for week 06.
- IDOH reported 3.96% ILI at sentinel provider sites and 3.82% ILI at ED and urgent care visits. Both rates have increased during the last week.
- Six influenza-associated deaths have been reported during week 06. Ninety-six deaths have been reported since the beginning of the season.
- Twenty specimens were tested at the IDOH Laboratory during Week 06:
  - Eight specimens (40.00%) were detected with the following influenza viruses:
    - Three detected as “Influenza A/H3”
    - Three detected as "Influenza A/H1N1pdm"
    - Two detected as “Influenza B”
  - Nine specimens (45.00%) were detected as “Negative”
  - Three specimens (15.00%) were considered “Unsatisfactory

National (Week 06, February 04, 2024 – February 10, 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 3, 5, and 7.
- According to the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), **4.5% of outpatient visits to healthcare providers** were related to ILI (influenza-like illness). This rate is the same as last week (4.4%) but is above the baseline of 2.9%.
- **Eight pediatric deaths** have been reported to CDC during week 06:
  - Three were associated with influenza A viruses
  - Two had subtyping performed:
    - One was an A(H1N1) virus
    - One was an A(H3) virus
  - Five were associated with influenza B virus, no lineage determined
  - Eighty-two influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported to CDC since the beginning of the 2023-2024 season.
- During Week 06, **15.7% of clinical laboratory specimens** were positive for influenza. This rate is the same as last week (15.8%).
- During Week 06, **766 (30.1%) of specimens** were positive at public health laboratories. This rate is higher than last week (29.4%).

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