

Marion County Influenza Situation Report 2025-2026 Seasonal Influenza Week 8 (February 22, 2026 – February 28, 2026)



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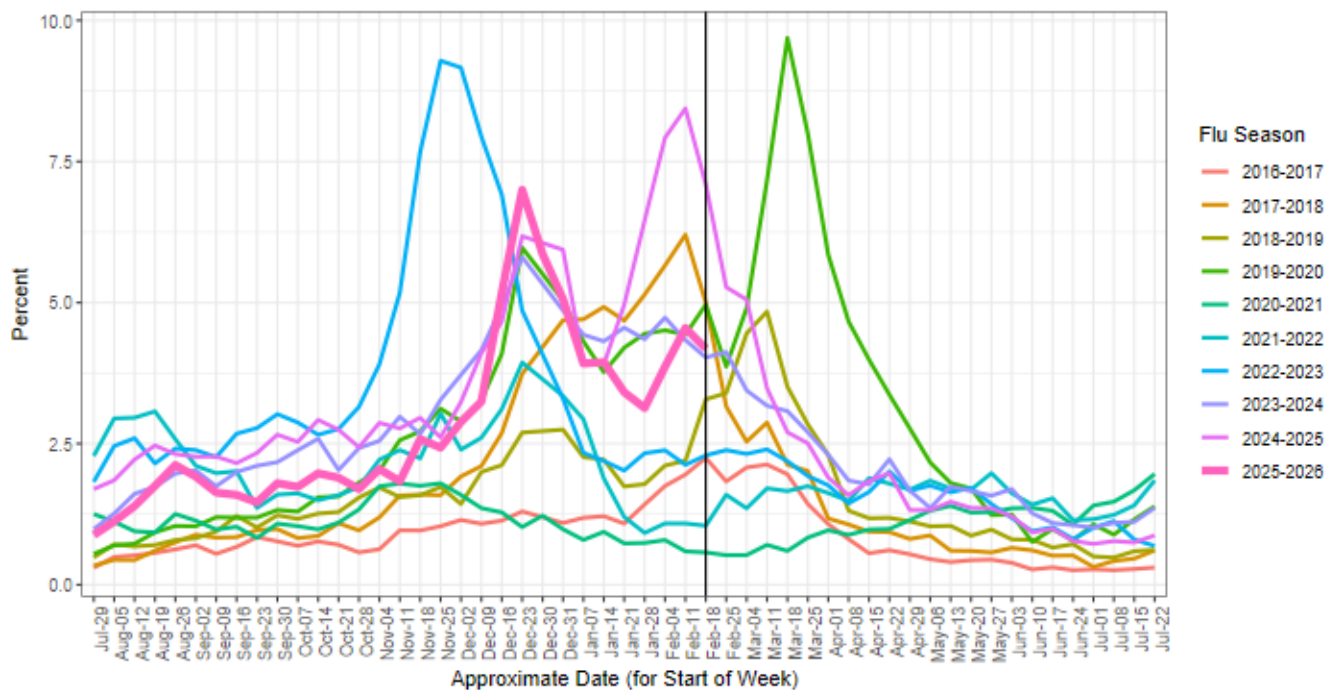
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Overview

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) emergency department (ED) visits **decreased**, and RSV ED visits **increased** during this past week. ILI ED visits in Marion County **decreased** during Week 8, a 7.5% **decrease** compared to Week 7. For children aged 0-4 years old, ILI ED visits **decreased** by 13.5%, while for children aged 5-17 years old, ILI ED visits **decreased** by 15.2%.

Percent of ILI Related ED Visits for the Last 10 Flu Seasons



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Influenza and RSV Surveillance – Week 8, February 22, 2026 – February 28, 2026 Marion County

Influenza

- During Week 8, **4.19% or 517 of Marion County ED visits had ILI symptoms**. The current percentage is lower than last week (4.53% or 607 visits).
- In Marion County hospitals, the age group 5-17 years old had the highest percentage of ILI-related ED visits at 10.38% (160 visits), followed by 0-4 years old at 9.08% (104 visits).
- The median percentage of ILI-related ED visits for Week 8 over the last five years is 4.03%.

RSV

- The percentage of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)-related ED visits for 0-4 years old was **1.92% (22 visits)** during Week 8. This percentage is higher compared to last week (1.41% or 16 visits).
- 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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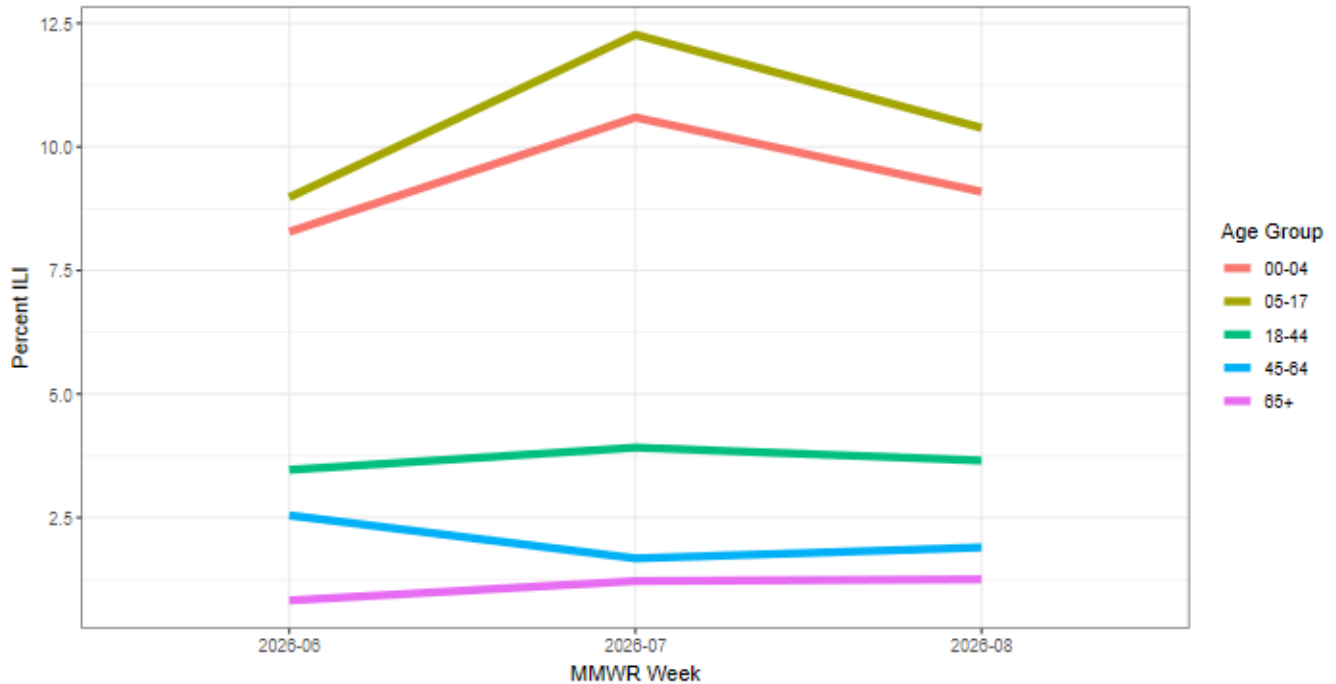


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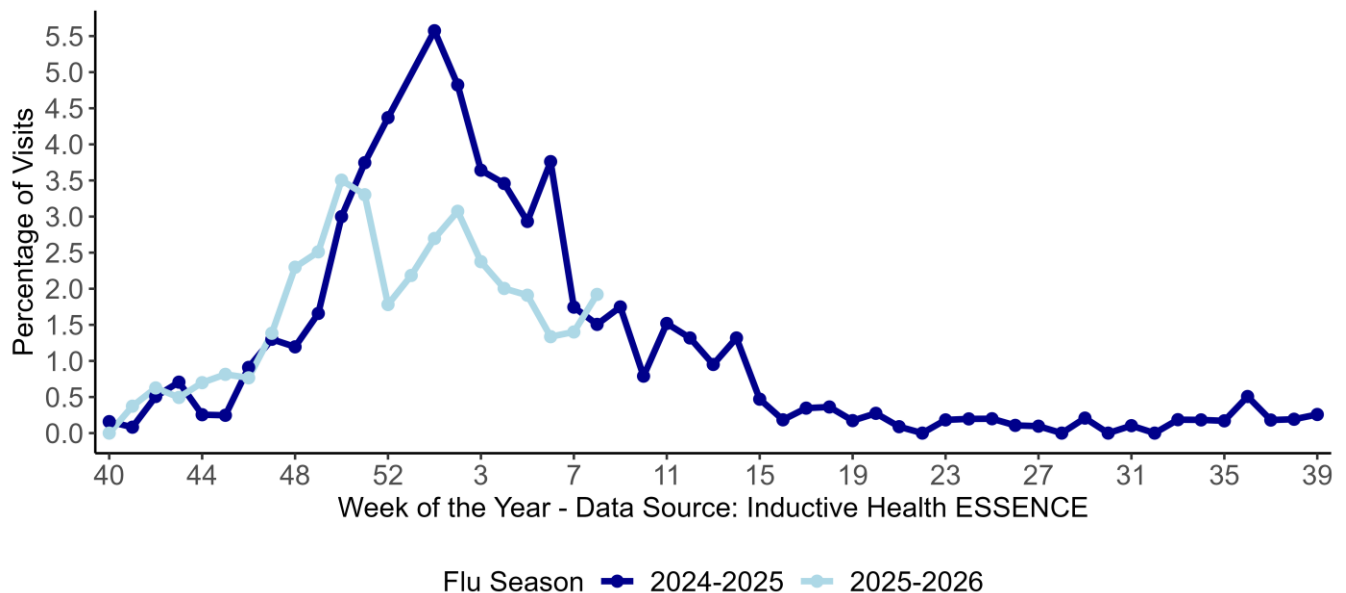
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Percent of ILI related ED Visits by Age Group



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Percentage of Visits with RSV Syndromes at Marion County EDs for 0-4 Years Old



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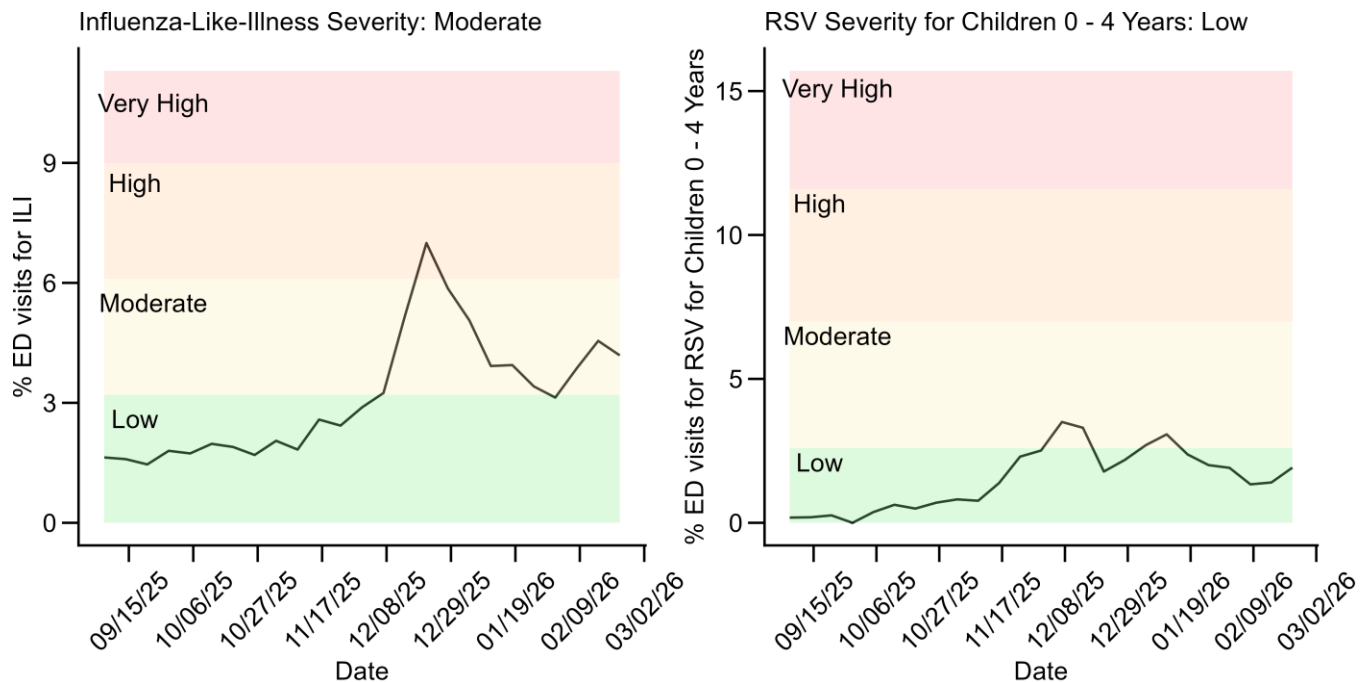
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Thresholds for ILI and RSV Severity – Week 8, February 22, 2026 – February 28, 2026 Marion County

- In Marion County, the severity of ILI is **moderate** and the severity of RSV for children 0 - 4 years old is **low** for Week 8. Severity thresholds were estimated using Marion County data from flu seasons 2017/2018 to 2024/2025.



Influenza Surveillance – Week 7, February 15, 2026 – February 21, 2026

Marion County

- During Week 7, **4.53% or 607 of Marion County ED visits had ILI symptoms.**
- In Marion County hospitals, the age group 5-17 years old had the highest percentage of ILI-related ED visits at 12.24% (204 visits), followed by 0-4 years old at 10.50% (119 visits).

Indiana

<https://www.in.gov/health/idepd/respiratory-disease/influenza/influenza-dashboard/>

- Indiana is experiencing **High** ILI activity.
- IDOH reported 3.98% ILI at ED and urgent care visits and 3.82% ILI at sentinel provider sites.
- Six influenza-associated deaths have been reported** during Week 7. A total of 150 deaths have been reported since the beginning of the season.

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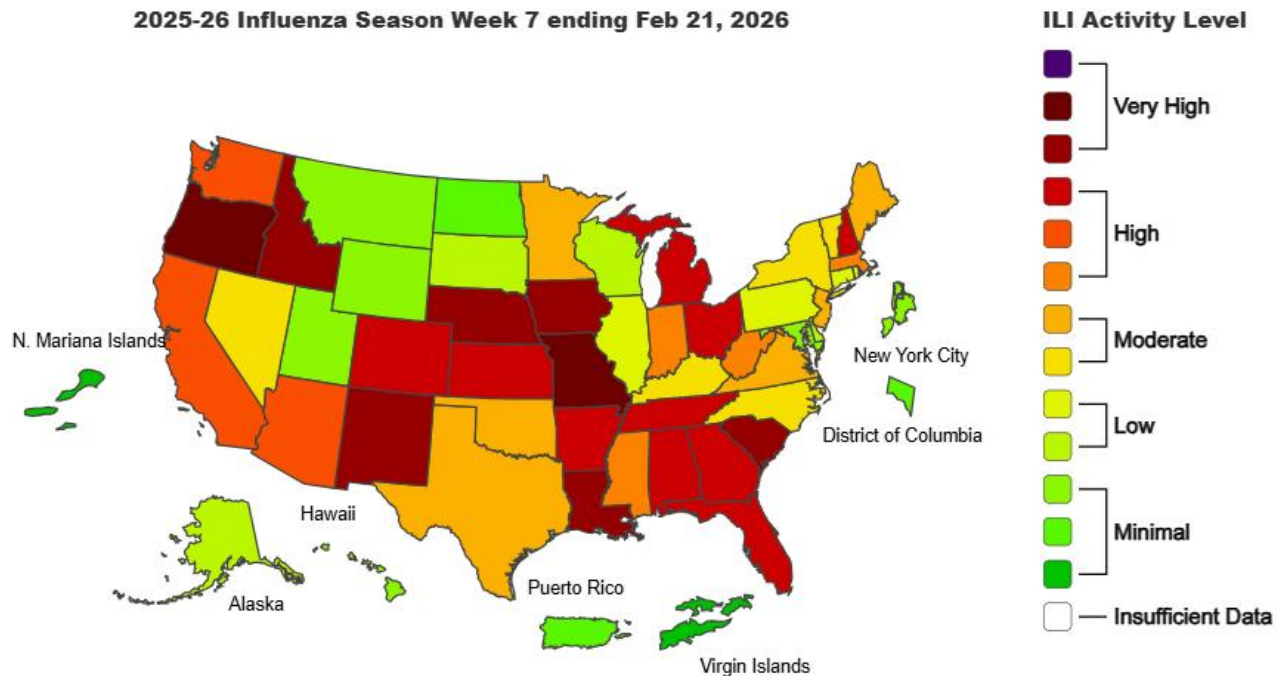
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National

<https://www.cdc.gov/fluview/>



- Seasonal influenza (flu) activity remains elevated across the country.
- 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 percentage is above the baseline of 3.0%.
- During Week 7, 17.9% of **clinical laboratory specimens** were **positive for the influenza virus**.
- During Week 7, 68.2% of specimens were **positive for influenza viruses at public health laboratories**.
- **Eleven influenza-associated pediatric deaths** were reported to CDC during Week 7. Three deaths occurred during the 2024-2025 season. Eight deaths occurred this season between week 50 and week 7.
 - Seven deaths were associated with influenza A viruses. Five of these deaths had subtyping performed and all were A(H3N2) viruses. One death was associated with an influenza B/Victoria virus.
 - A total of 79 influenza-associated pediatric deaths occurring during the 2025-2026 season have been reported to CDC.

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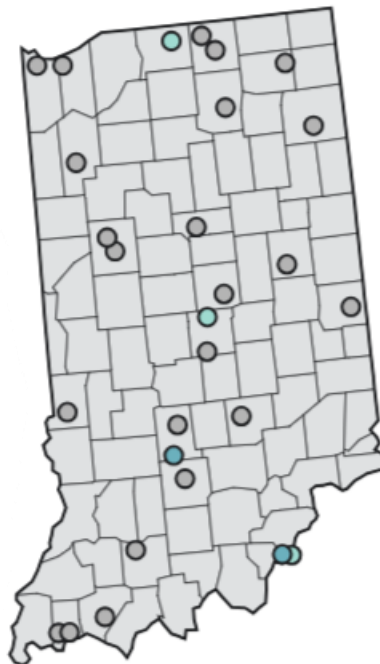
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[Wastewater Viral Activity Levels – Week 7, February 15, 2026 – February 21, 2026](https://www.cdc.gov/nwss/data-methods.html)
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Influenza A Wastewater

- In Indiana, the wastewater viral activity level is currently **Low**.
- In Marion County, there is currently no data on the wastewater viral activity level.



Current Site Levels

Select a level to add or remove from map.

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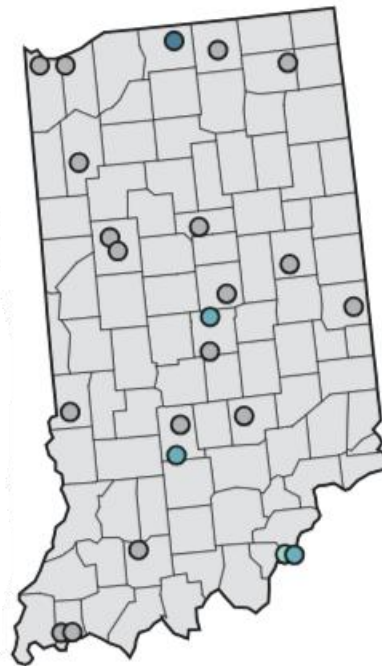
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RSV Wastewater

- In Indiana, the wastewater viral activity level is currently **Moderate**.
- In Marion County, there is currently no data on the wastewater viral activity level.



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