

## 2016-2017 Columbus & Franklin County Seasonal Influenza Activity Weekly Summary (Week 43, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016– Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016)

### Highlights

- In week 43 of 2016, the individual local flu activity indicator trends were mixed. As a whole, flu intensity was low and increased slightly compared to last week.
- Geographic spread and local intensity designation (Click [here](#) for definitions) = SPORADIC, LOW
- Local medical facility labs reported 785 tests run with 6 (0.8%) positive results for week 43 of 2016. This is lower than last week's 1.1% and is similar to the weekly baseline.
- The percentage of ED visits for both influenza-like-illness (ILI) and respiratory symptoms increased slightly compared to week 42. The percentage of ED visits for both ILI and respiratory symptoms are higher than their respective baseline averages for the week.
- In week 43 of 2016, the trends for categories of local over-the-counter medication sales tracked either decreased or remained stable (decrease in cough and cold, thermometer, pediatric anti-fever, and adult anti-fever sales; stable electrolyte, chest rub, and throat lozenge sales) compared to last week.
- In week 43, influenza activity was low in the U.S. Please [visit the CDC website for specific information](#) (National data is usually updated on Friday of each week).

### Local Flu Activity Dashboard *(All data are preliminary and may change as updated reports are received.)*



Reportable Conditions (Cumulative Numbers as of Nov. 4, 2016)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 YTD
Pediatric Influenza Associated Death Reported by Year (based on date of death)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Influenza Associated Hospitalizations (IAH) Reported by Admission Year <sup>6</sup>	266	394	301	929	511	273
<i>IAH comparison by Season (October - May or Weeks 35 - 20)</i>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
<i>Current season (2016-17) is from week 35 through 43.</i>	95	512	486	989	263	7

<sup>1</sup>Interpret with caution. Indicators with small numbers subject to large weekly percentage fluctuations.  
<sup>2</sup>Number of weeks "▲" = Increase (>2%), "▼" = Decrease (>2%), "●" = Stable (-2% to +2%).  
<sup>3</sup>Black line is current years data. Based on data availability, red line is historical average (excluding pandemic year).  
<sup>4</sup>Data Source: Medical claims data from athenaHealth® (www.athenahealth.com). Rate of Flu or ILI visits to Franklin County, OH athenaHealth® network primary care practices/physicians. Claims data are subject to filing and processing time lags. Historical data are updated when they are received.  
<sup>5</sup>Franklin County, OH residents only (based on zipcode). NOTE: Excludes one hospital system included in the past due to technical changes affecting visit classification assignment and numbers.  
<sup>6</sup>Confirmed cases only. Based on jurisdiction equal to Franklin County or City of Columbus and admission date available in ODRS.

## **Influenza Morbidity and Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Reports**

In week 43, the preliminary local influenza and influenza-like-illness (ILI) visit rate to athenaHealth® providers (0.4 per 1,000 visits) decreased compared to the previous week and is below its baseline average for the week (Figure 1). The week 43 percentage of all Emergency Department (ED) visits categorized as ILI increased slightly compared to the previous week (Figure 3) and is higher than its historic baseline for the week.

Nationally, during week 43 of 2016, 1.3% of patient visits reported through ILINet were due to influenza-like illness (ILI). The percentage is below the national baseline of 2.2% for week 43.

## **Laboratory Surveillance**

During week 43 of 2016, reporting Franklin County sentinel medical facility laboratories tested 785 specimens, with 6 (0.8%) positive (Figure 4). The total number of tests done by local reporting labs from week 35 of 2016 through week 43 of 2016 is 5,093 with 39 (0.8%) positives (12 type A, 27 type B, 0 type A and B, 0 type unknown).

Nationally in week 43 of 2016, clinical laboratories reported 10,890 specimens tested for influenza viruses, 177 (1.6%) of which were positive (116 type A, 61 type B). Public health laboratories reported testing 493 specimens, 33 of which were positive (28 type A – of which 6 were A(H1N1)pdm09, 21 were A/H3, and 1 were not subtyped; 5 type B – of which 1 were Yamagata lineage, 0 were Victoria lineage, and 4 where lineage was not performed). Please visit the CDC website for more information, including cumulative data since week 40.

In week 43 of 2016, participating Ohio clinical labs reported 3,603 specimens tested for influenza this season thus far. Positive results include: (0) A(H1N1)pdm09; (2) A/H3N2; (10) Flu A Not Subtyped, and (15) Flu B (through 10/29/16). ODH Public Health Lab reported 41 specimens tested for influenza from various submitters this season thus far. Positive results include: (0) A(H1N1)pdm09; (1) A/H3N2; (0) Influenza B (through 10/29/16). Please visit the ODH website for more information.

## **ED Respiratory Visits**

In the 43<sup>rd</sup> week of 2016, the percentage of all ED visits categorized as respiratory increased slightly compared to the percentage seen the previous week and is higher than its historic baseline for the week (Figure 5).

## **Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medication Sales**

In week 43 of 2016, the trends for categories of local over-the-counter medication sales tracked either decreased or remained stable (decrease in cough and cold, thermometer, pediatric anti-fever, and adult anti-fever sales; stable electrolyte, chest rub, and throat lozenge sales) compared to last week.

## **Additional Influenza Activity Web Links:**

Ohio Seasonal Flu Surveillance: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/features/odhfeatures/seasflu/ohfluactivity.aspx>

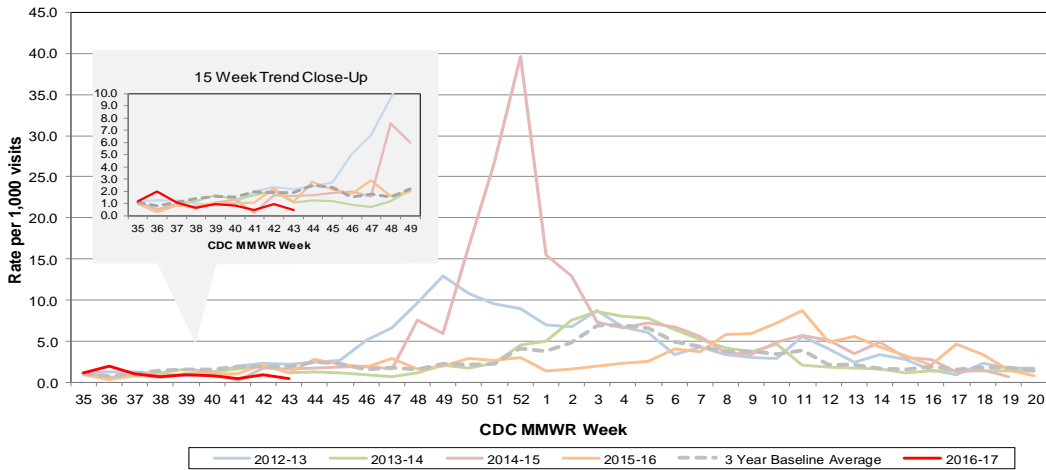
CDC National Seasonal Flu Surveillance Reports: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>

CDC International Flu Activity Map: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/international/activity.htm>

World Health Organization Situation Updates: [http://www.who.int/influenza/surveillance\\_monitoring/en/](http://www.who.int/influenza/surveillance_monitoring/en/)

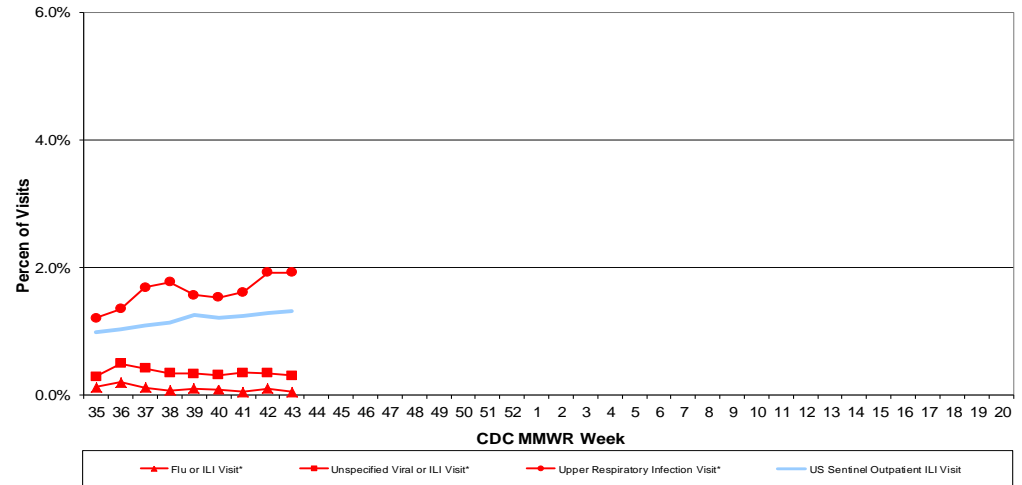
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**Figure 1: Local Participating Outpatient Primary Care Provider Influenza or Influenza-Like Illness Visit Rate\*, Franklin County, OH**



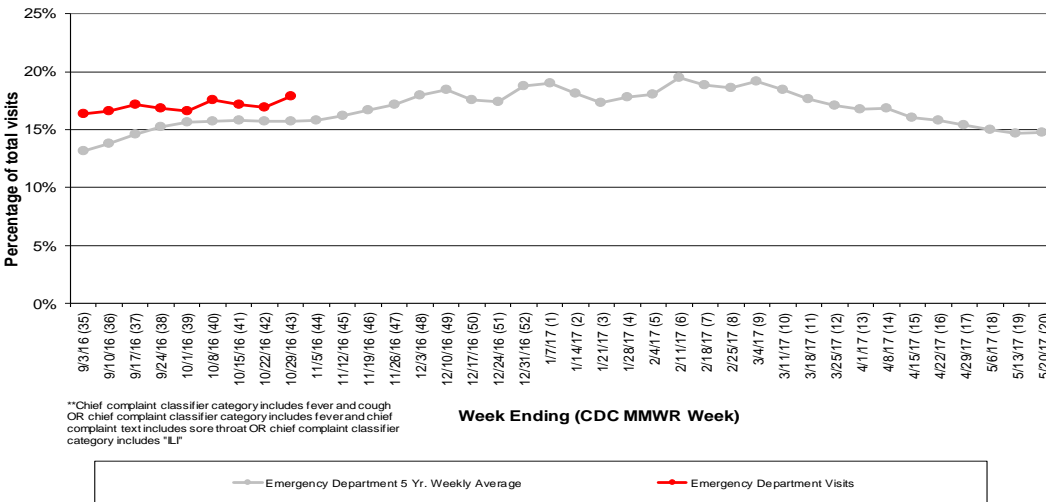
\*Source: Medical Claims data from athenaHealth®  
 Note: athenaHealth® claims data are subject to filing and processing time lags. Historical data are updated when they are received.

**Figure 2: Percentage of Local Outpatient Participating Provider\* and CDC National Outpatient Sentinel Health Care Provider Site visits for ILI and Associated Illnesses, 2016-17**



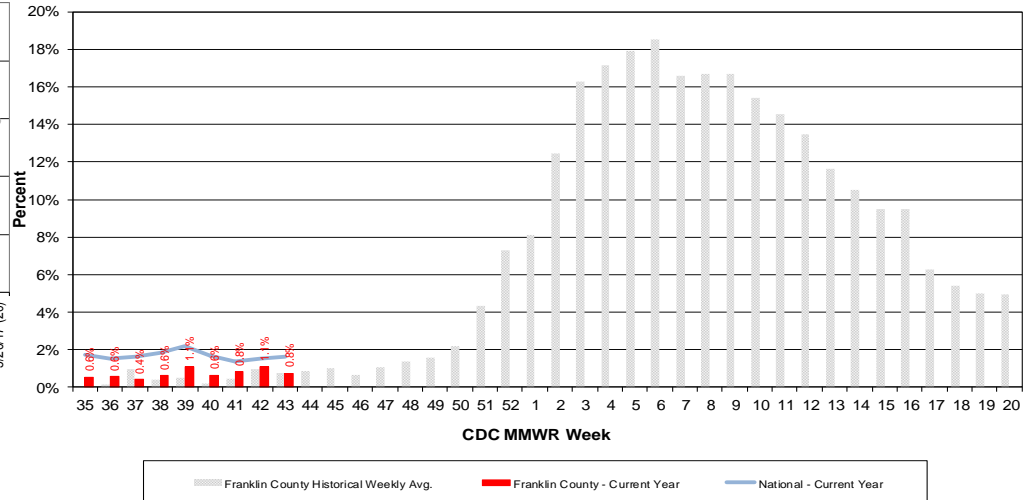
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**Figure 3: Franklin County Resident ILI Defined\*\* ED Visits, 2015-16, Franklin County, OH**



\*\*Chief complaint classifier category includes fever and cough OR chief complaint classifier category includes fever and chief complaint text includes sore throat OR chief complaint classifier category includes \*LF

**Figure 4: Percentage of Local Reporting and National Laboratory Positive Influenza Tests by Week, 2016-17**



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Figure 5: Franklin County Resident Respiratory ED Visits, 2015-16, Franklin County, OH

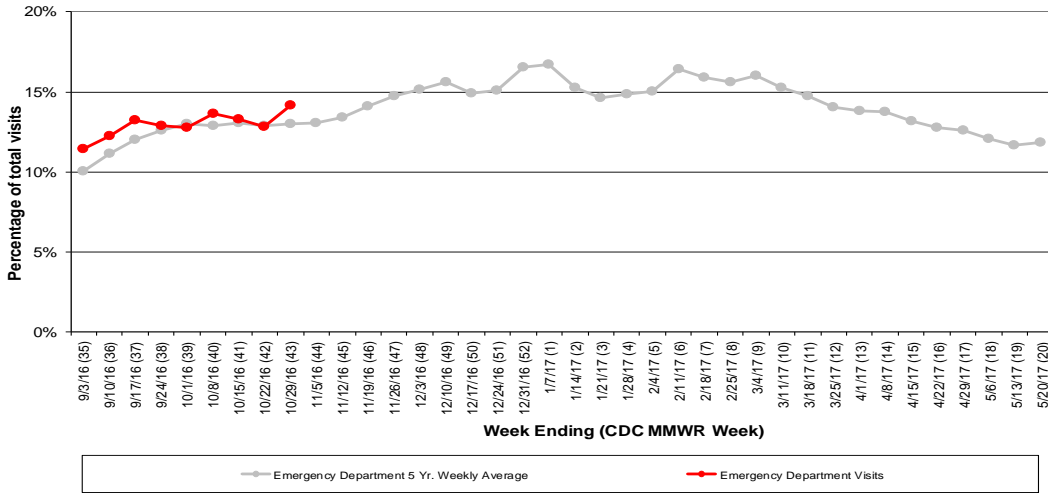


Figure 6: Selected Number of Over-the-Counter Medication Sales, 2015-16, Franklin County, OH

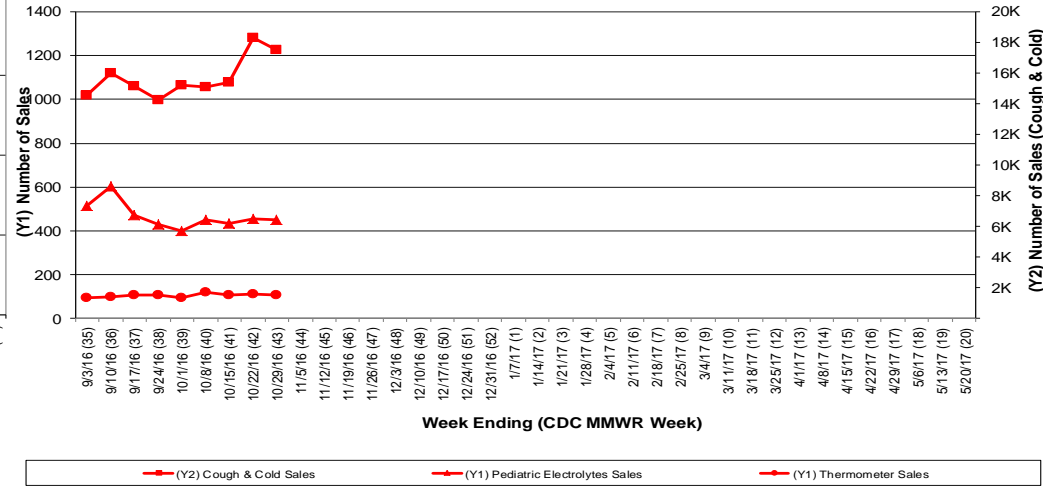
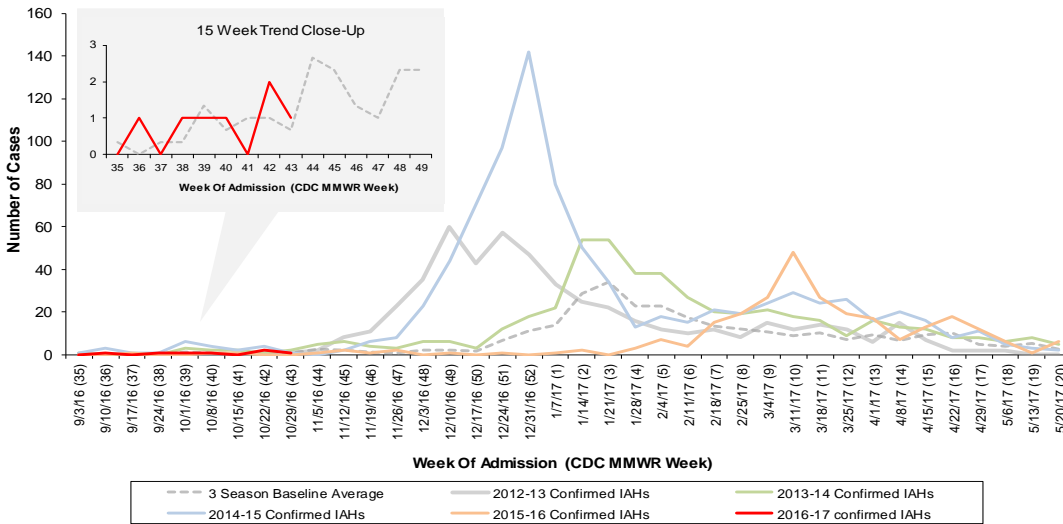


Figure 7: Franklin County Confirmed Influenza Associated Hospitalizations by Hospital Admission Week (As of 11/4/2016)



Franklin County, OH, Confirmed Influenza Hospitalization Cumulative Rates (per 100,000) by Age-Group and Admission Week, 2016-2017 Season

