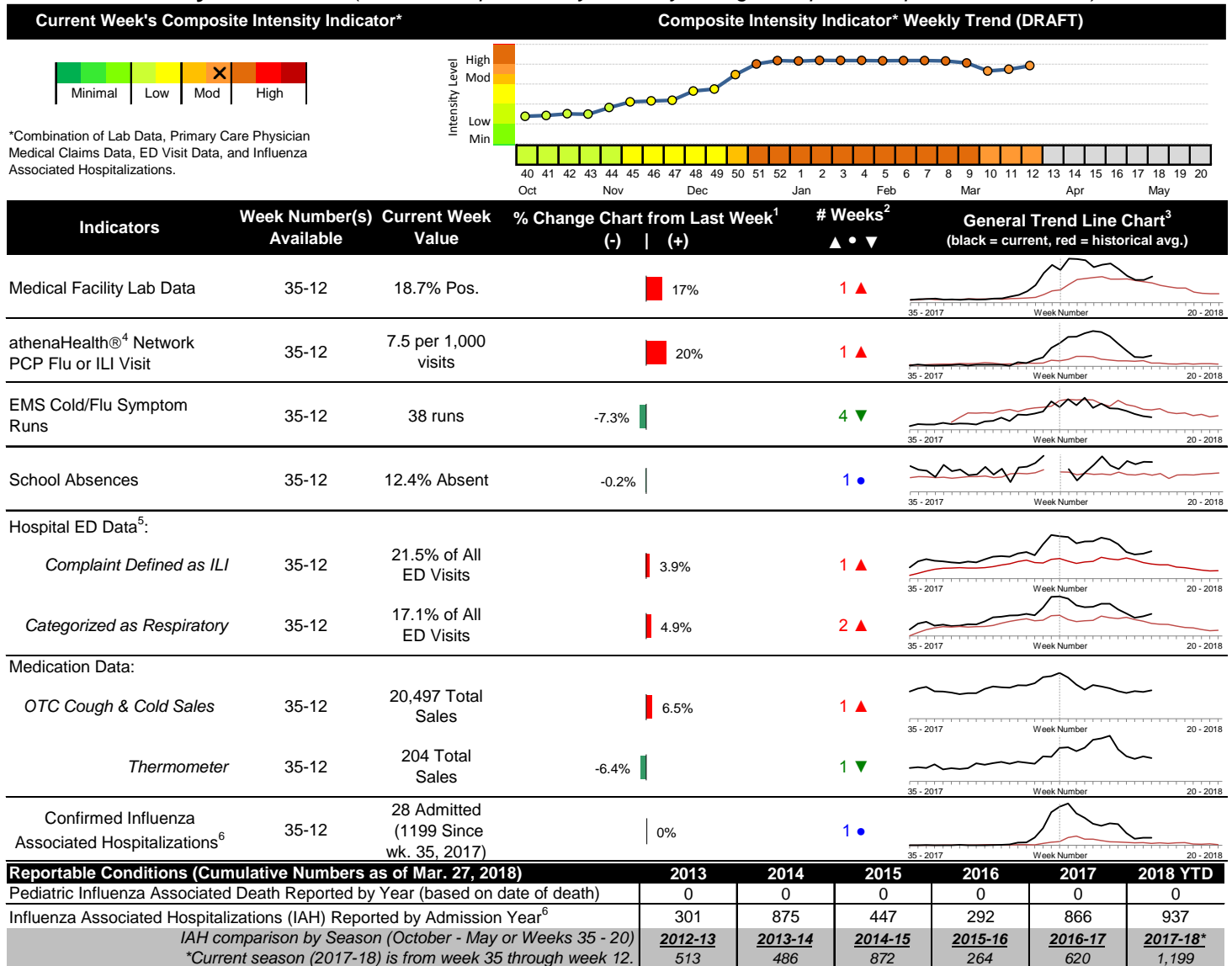


## 2017-2018 Columbus & Franklin County Seasonal Influenza Activity Weekly Summary (Week 12, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018– Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018)

### Highlights

- In week 12 of 2018, trends for individual preliminary local flu activity indicators were mixed with increases in some key indicators. As a whole, flu intensity (composite indicator) increased and remains at moderate, but is bordering high.
- Geographic spread and local intensity designation (Click [here](#) for definitions) = WIDESPREAD, MODERATE
- Local medical facility labs reported 1,691 tests run with 316 (18.7%) positive results for week 12 of 2018.
- The percentage of ED visits for both influenza-like-illness (ILI) and respiratory symptoms increased slightly compared to last week. The percentage of ED visits for ILI is above while respiratory symptom visits are above their respective baseline averages for the week.
- In week 12 of 2018, trends for local over-the-counter medication category sales tracked generally increased (increase in cough and cold, electrolyte, adult anti-fever, pediatric anti-fever and throat lozenge sales; decrease in thermometer sales; stable chest rub sales) compared to last week.
- Nationally, influenza activity decreased. 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.)*



<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 12, the preliminary local influenza and influenza-like-illness (ILI) visit rate to athenaHealth® providers (7.5 per 1,000 visits) increased compared to the previous week and is above its baseline average for the week (Figure 1). The week 12 percentage of all Emergency Department (ED) visits categorized as ILI increased slightly compared to the previous week (Figure 3) and is above its historic baseline for the week.

Nationally, during week 12 of 2018, 2.5% of patient visits reported through ILINet were due to influenza-like illness (ILI). The percentage is above the national baseline of 2.2% for week 12.

## **Laboratory Surveillance**

During week 12 of 2018, reporting Franklin County sentinel medical facility laboratories tested 1,691 specimens, with 316 (18.7%) positive (Figure 4). The total number of tests done by local reporting labs from week 35 of 2017 through week 12 of 2018 is 56,210 with 11,297 (20.1%) positives (8,296 type A, 2,993 type B, 7 type A and B, 1 type unknown).

Nationally in week 12 of 2018, clinical laboratories reported 24,329 specimens tested for influenza viruses, 3,575 (14.7%) of which were positive (1,509 type A, 2,066 type B). Public health laboratories reported testing 935 specimens, 368 of which were positive (131 type A – of which 34 were A(H1N1)pdm09, 90 were H3N2, and 7 were not subtyped; 237 type B – of which 149 were Yamagata lineage, 11 were Victoria lineage, and 77 where lineage was not performed). Please visit the CDC website for more information, including cumulative data.

In week 12, Ohio clinical labs reported 67,347 specimens tested for influenza this season thus far. Positive results include: (181) A(H1N1)pdm09; (604) A/H3N2; (10,720) Flu A Not Subtyped, and (3,285) Flu B (through 3/24/18). In week 12, ODH Public Health Lab reported 1,138 specimens tested for influenza from various submitters this season thus far. Positive results include: (101) A(H1N1)pdm09; (681) A/H3N2; (141) Influenza B (through 3/24/18). Please visit the ODH website for more information.

## **ED Respiratory Visits**

In the 12<sup>th</sup> week of 2018, the percentage of all ED visits categorized as respiratory increased slightly compared to the percentage seen the previous week and is above its historic baseline for the week (Figure 5).

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

In week 12 of 2018, trends for local over-the-counter medication category sales tracked generally increased (increase in cough and cold, electrolyte, adult anti-fever, pediatric anti-fever and throat lozenge sales; decrease in thermometer sales; stable chest rub sales) compared to last week.

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

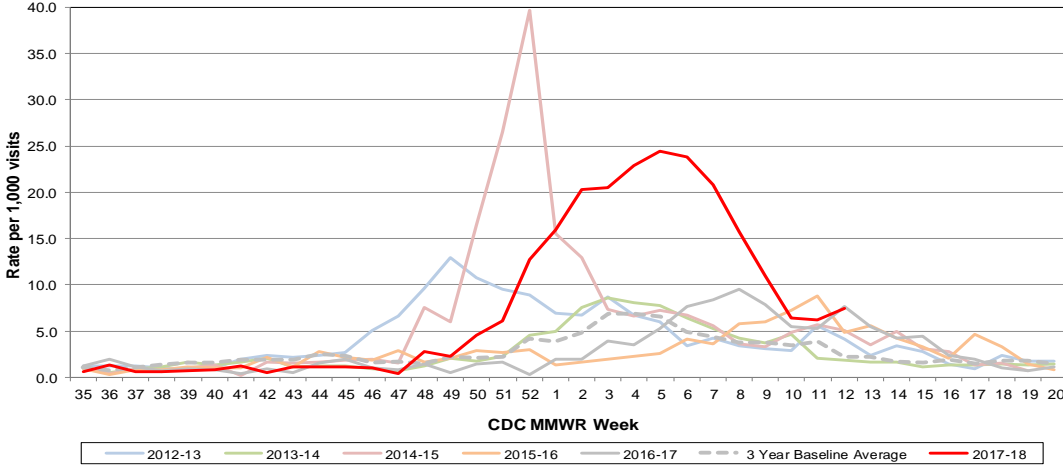
Ohio Seasonal Flu Surveillance: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/seasflu/Ohio%20Flu%20Activity.aspx>

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

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

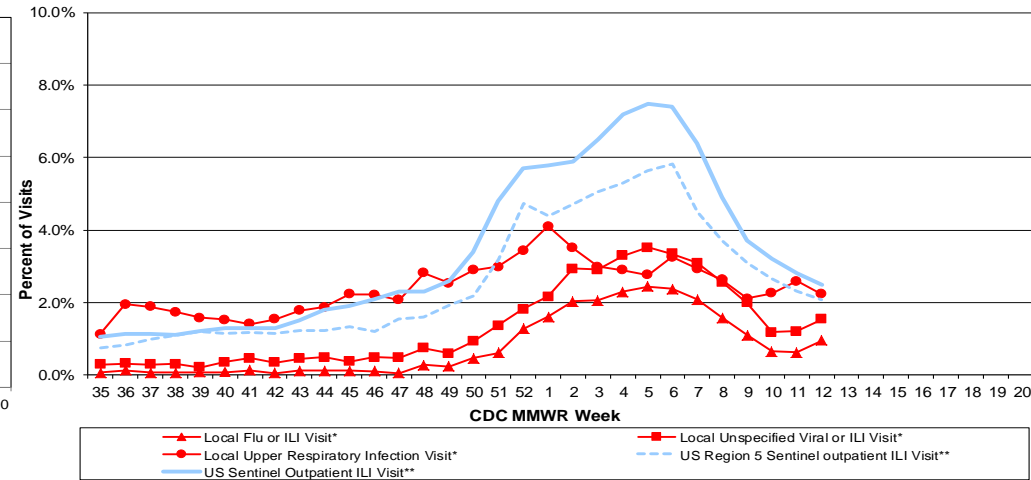
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**Figure 1: Local Participating Outpatient Primary Care Provider Influenza or Influenza-Like Illness Visit Rate\*, Franklin County, OH**



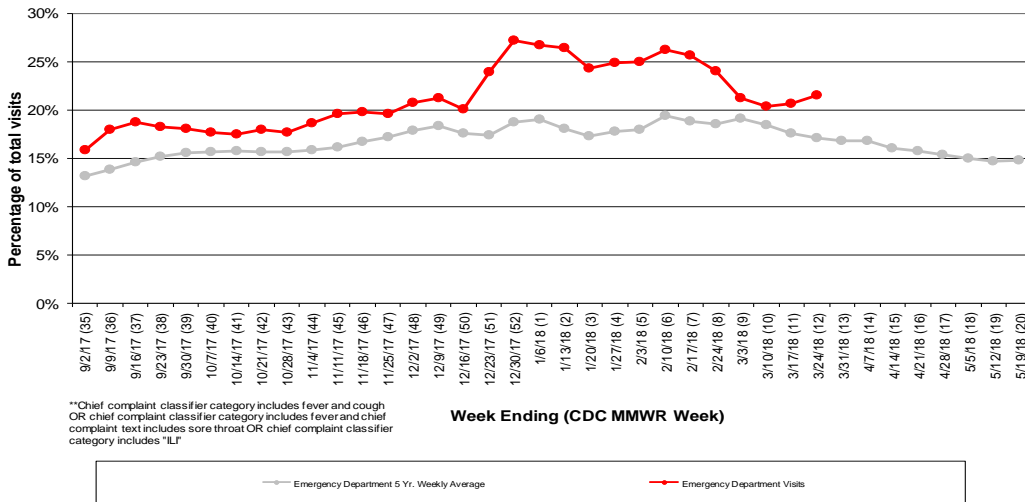
\*Source: Medical Claims data from athenaHealth®  
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**Figure 2: Percentage of Local Outpatient Participating Provider\* visits for ILI and Associated Illnesses, 2017-18**



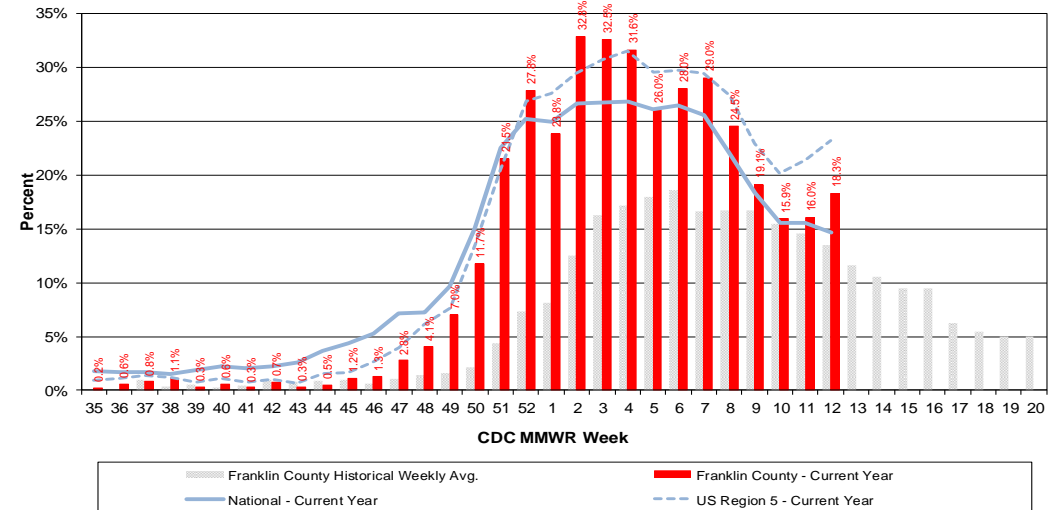
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**Figure 3: Franklin County Resident ILI Defined\*\* ED Visits, 2017-18, Franklin County, OH**



\*\*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 "ILI"

**Figure 4: Percentage of Local Reporting and National Laboratory Positive Influenza Tests by Week, 2017-18**



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Figure 5: Franklin County Resident Respiratory ED Visits, 2017-18, Franklin County, OH

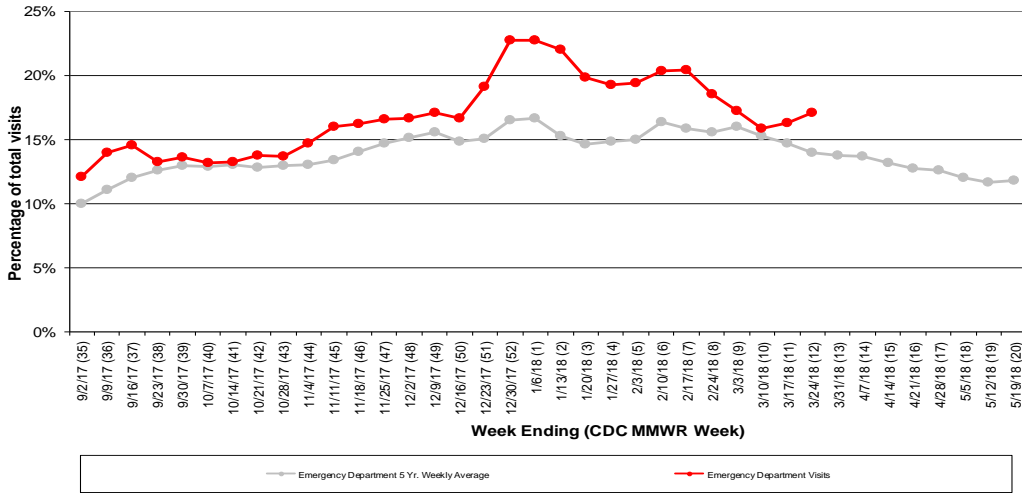


Figure 6: Selected Number of Over-the-Counter Medication Total Sales, 2017-18, Franklin County, OH

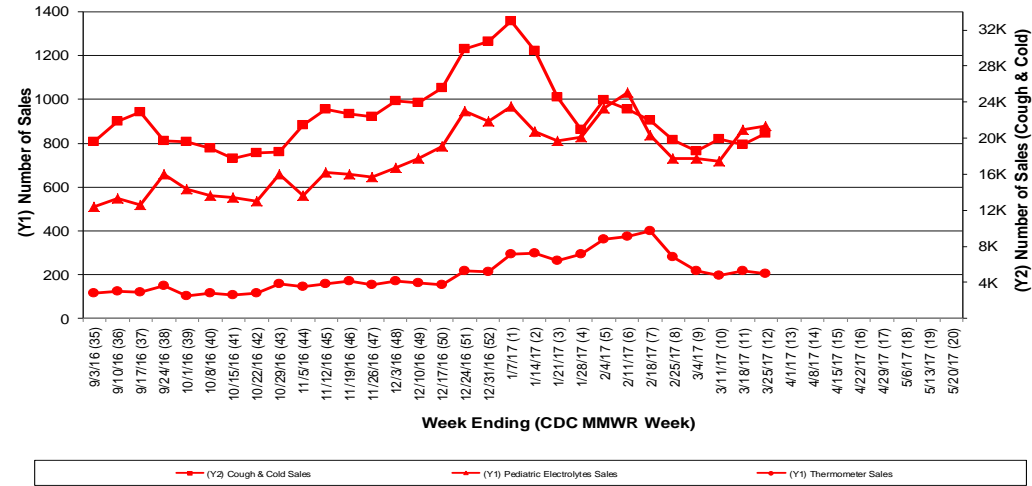
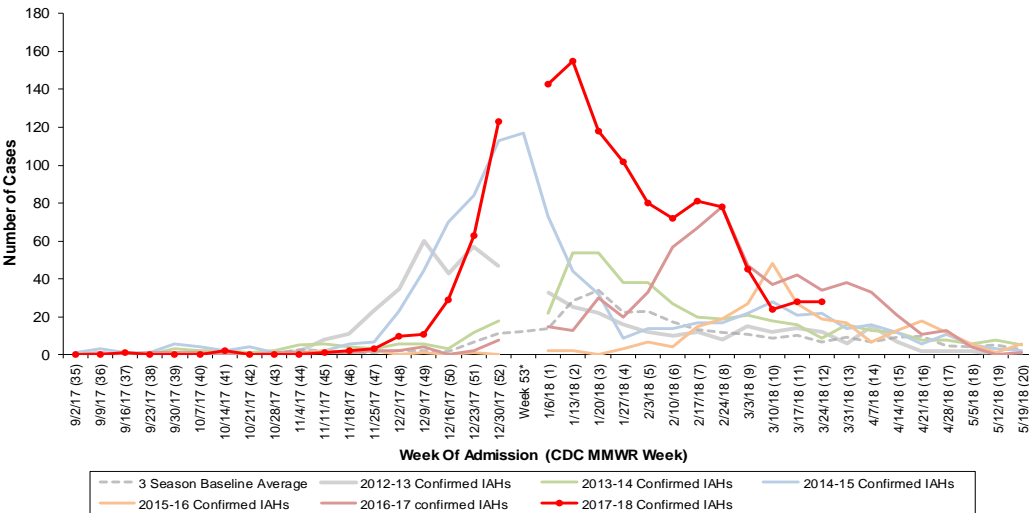


Figure 7: Columbus and Franklin County Jurisdiction Confirmed Influenza Associated Hospitalizations by Hospital Admission Week (As of 3/27/2018)



\*Note: Certain years have a 53rd week (e.g., season 2014-15) based on CDCs MMWR Weeks.

Columbus and Franklin County, OH Jurisdiction Confirmed Influenza Hospitalization Cumulative Rates (per 100,000) by Age-Group and Admission Week, 2017-2018 Season

