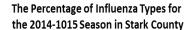
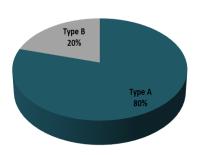
Stark County's Weekly Influenza Report

Week 14 (4/5/15-4/11/2015)





The predominate strain identified locally has been influenza A (80%). Nationally, influenza A stands at 86% of the specimens tested.

6 Weeks Left of the Reporting Season

- During MMWR week 14 there were 19 influenzaassociated hospitalizations in Stark County. This increased the total to 552 hospitalizations for the season.
- In Stark County, 70% of the season's influenzaassociated hospitalizations were age 65 or older.
- Nationally the cumulative rate for the season thus far is 62.4 laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated hospitalizations per 100,000 population.
- Of the 103,052 influenza A specimens collected nationally, 0.2% subtyped as the 2009 H1N1 virus, 49.9%

subtyped as the H3 virus, and the rest were not subtyped.

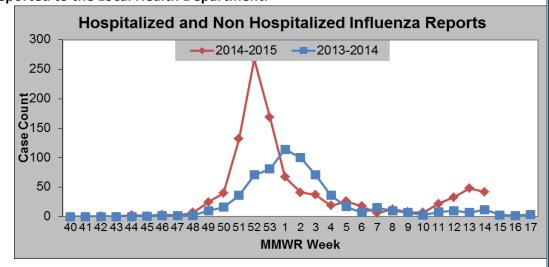
• Nationally, 1,102 of the influenza A (H3N2) viruses

collected were antigenetically characterized since October 1, 2014. Of those characterized, 78% were drifted (significantly different) that this year's influenza vaccine. This remained the same from week 13.

- Of the 459 specimens characterized nationally as Influenza B, 332 subtyped from the Yamagata Lineage and 127 subtyped from the Victorian Lineage.
- During week 14, National Pneumonia and Influenza (I&P) Mortality Surveillance of all deaths reported through the 122 Cities Mortality Reporting System as due to P&I was at 6.1%. This is below the 7.0% epidemic threshold for this week.
- Nationally, a total of 125 influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported. Out of those deaths, zero were reported during week 14. Stark County remains having no pediatric deaths associated with influenza.

Graph 1: Influenza Cases Reported to the Local Health Department.

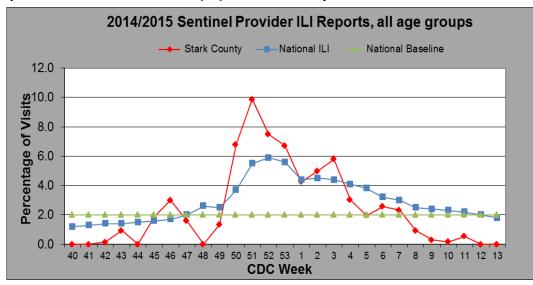
- ◆ During week 14 there was a total of 42 reports of hospitalized and nonhospitalized influenza. This week last year had 12 cases.
- ◆This year's reports total at 1,038. The total number of reports for last year by this week was 638.



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Graph 2: Sentinel Provider Reported Influenza Like Illness (ILI) in Stark County.

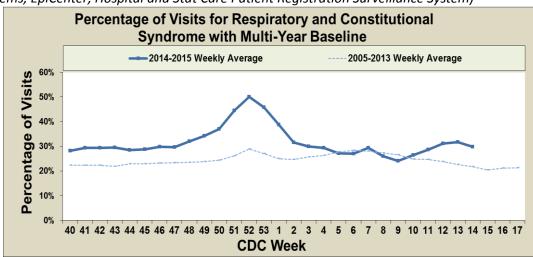
 No new updated reports were given as to whether or not sentinel providers reported ILI visits during week 14. The graph displayed is the same as week 13.



Graph 3: Emergency Department Visits for Respiratory and Constitutional Syndromes.

(Source: Health Monitoring Systems, EpiCenter, Hospital and Stat Care Patient Registration Surveillance System)

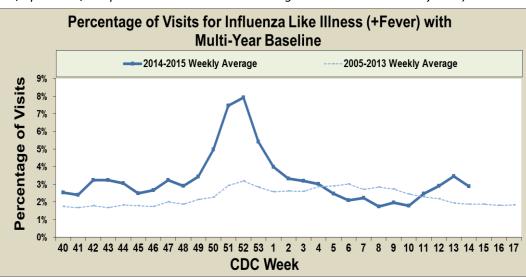
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Graph 4: Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza Like Illness (+Fever).

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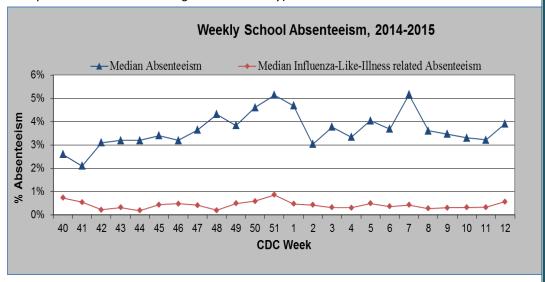


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Graph 5: Stark County School Absenteeism.

(Source: Voluntary reporting by multiple school districts throughout the county)

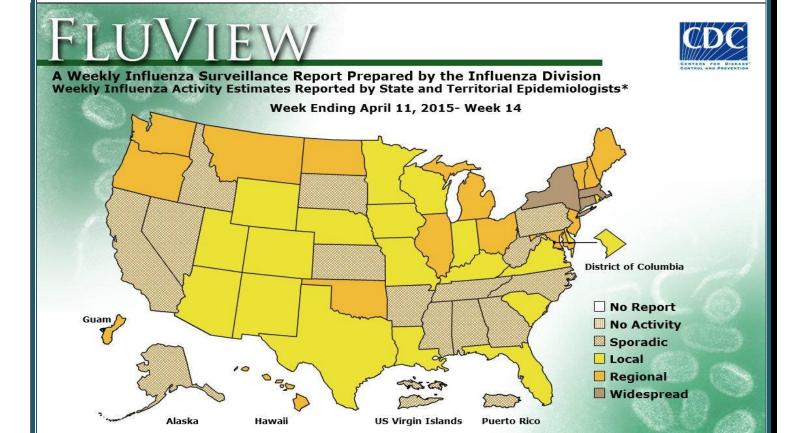
◆ School absenteeism reporting ends on 3/31/2015. No more school reports will be added for the rest of the 2014-2015 influenza season.



Map: Weekly Geographic Influenza Activity Estimates Reported by State and Territorial Epidemiologists Syndromes.

(Source: Health Monitoring Systems, EpiCenter, hospital and stat care patient registration surveillance system)

♦ During week 14, Ohio remained at regional influenza activity. Across the nation only three states reported widespread influenza activity.



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