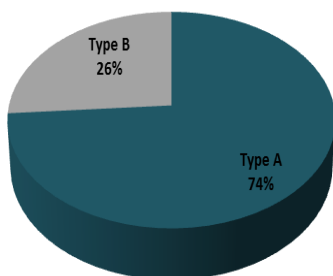


# Stark County's Weekly Influenza Report

Week 19 (5/10/15-5/16/2015)

The Percentage of Influenza Types for the 2014-1015 Season in Stark County



- The predominate strain identified locally has been influenza A (74%). Nationally, influenza A stands at 85% of the specimens tested.

## 1 Week Left of the Reporting Season

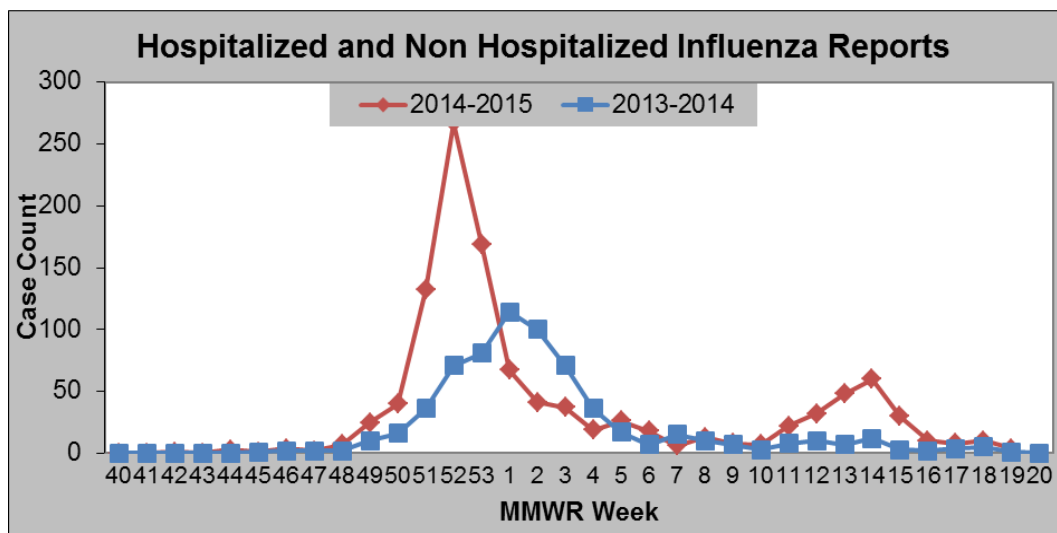
- During MMWR week 19, there was 3 influenza-associated hospitalizations in Stark County. The total for the season thus far is 577.
- In Stark County, 69% of the season's influenza-associated hospitalizations were age 65 or older.
- Nationally the cumulative rate for the season thus far is 65.5 laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated hospitalizations per 100,000 population.
- Of the 104,678 influenza A specimens collected nationally, 0.2% subtyped as the 2009 H1N1 virus, 49.8% subtyped as the H3 virus, and the rest were not subtyped.
- Nationally, 1,272 of the influenza A (H3N2) viruses collected were antigenetically characterized since October 1, 2014. Of those characterized, 80.8% were drifted (significantly different) that this year's influenza vaccine.
- Of the 752 specimens characterized nationally as

Influenza B, 524 subtyped from the Yamagata Lineage and 228 subtyped from the Victorian Lineage.

- During week 19, 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 6.0%. This is below the 6.6% epidemic threshold for this week.
- Nationally, a total of 139 influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported. Out of those deaths, three were reported during week 19. Stark County remains having no pediatric deaths associated with influenza.

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

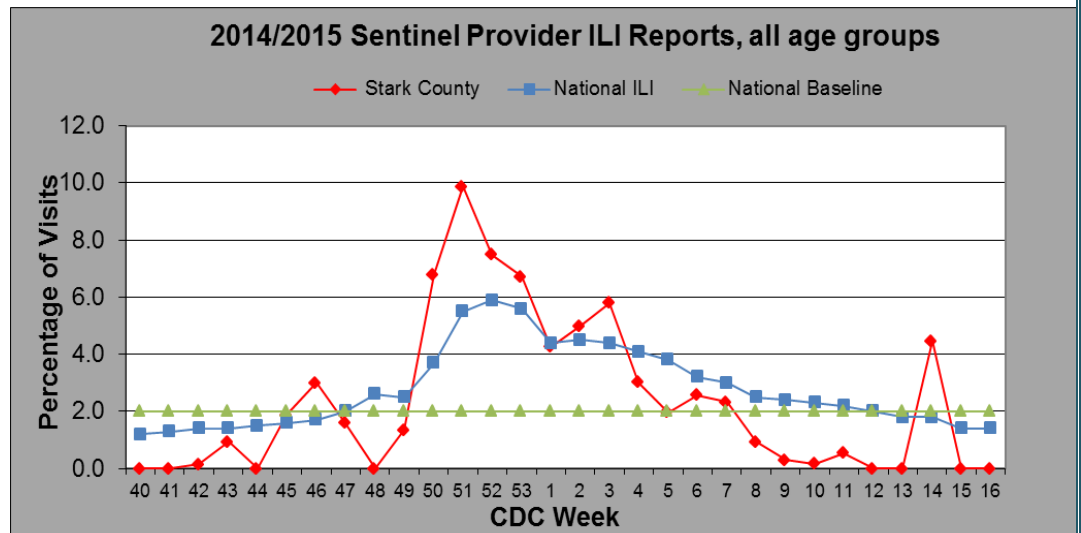
- ◆ During week 19 there was a total of 4 report of hospitalized and non-hospitalized influenza. This week last year had 1 case.
- ◆ This year's reports total at 1,117. The total number of reports for last year by this week was 653.



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

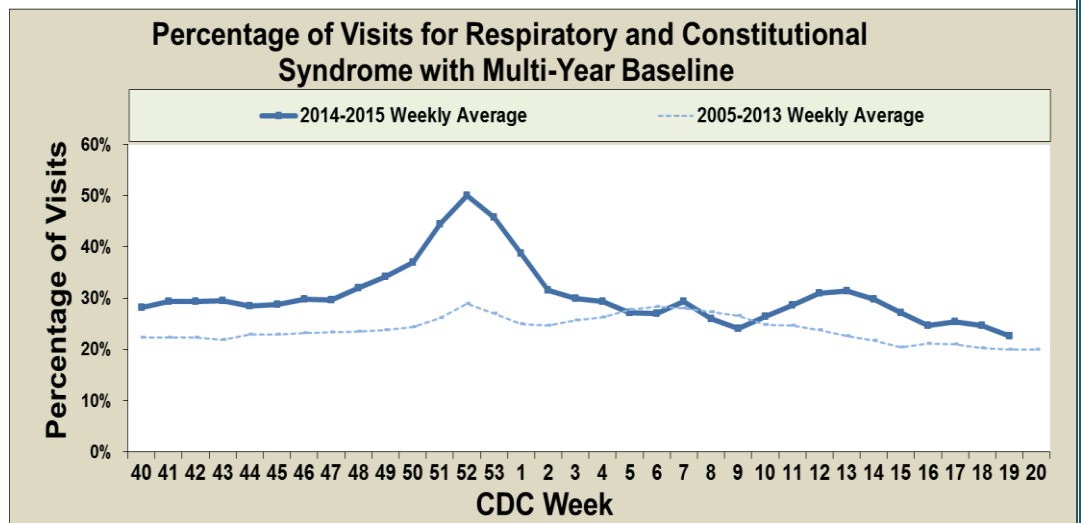
◆ Due to Ohio only having local influenza activity rather than regional or widespread this report has been discontinued for the rest of this reporting season per the state health department. The graph to the left is the same.



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

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

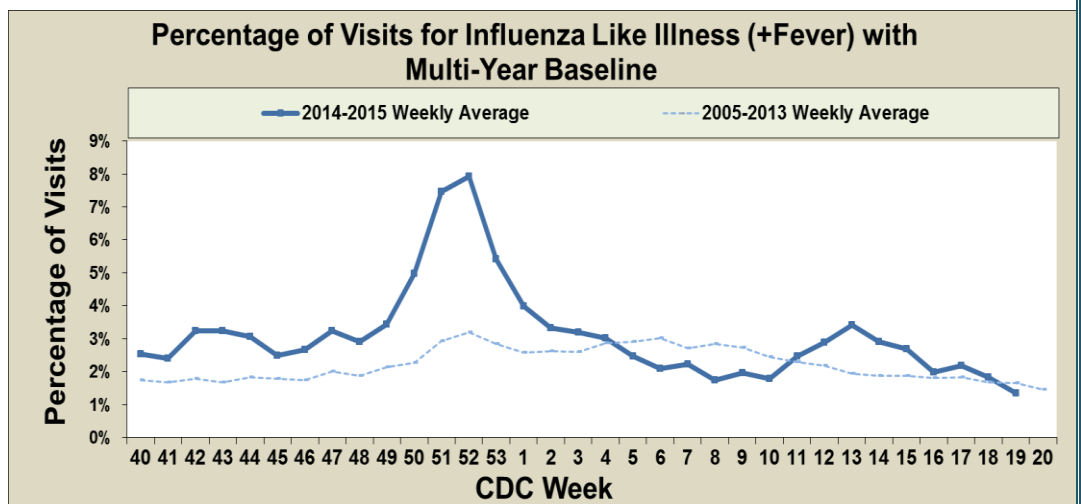
◆ During week 19, ED and Stat Care visits for respiratory and constitutional syndrome decreased, but remained above the multi-year baseline.



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

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

◆ During week 19, ED and Stat Care visits for influenza like illness (+fever) decreased below the multi-year baseline.



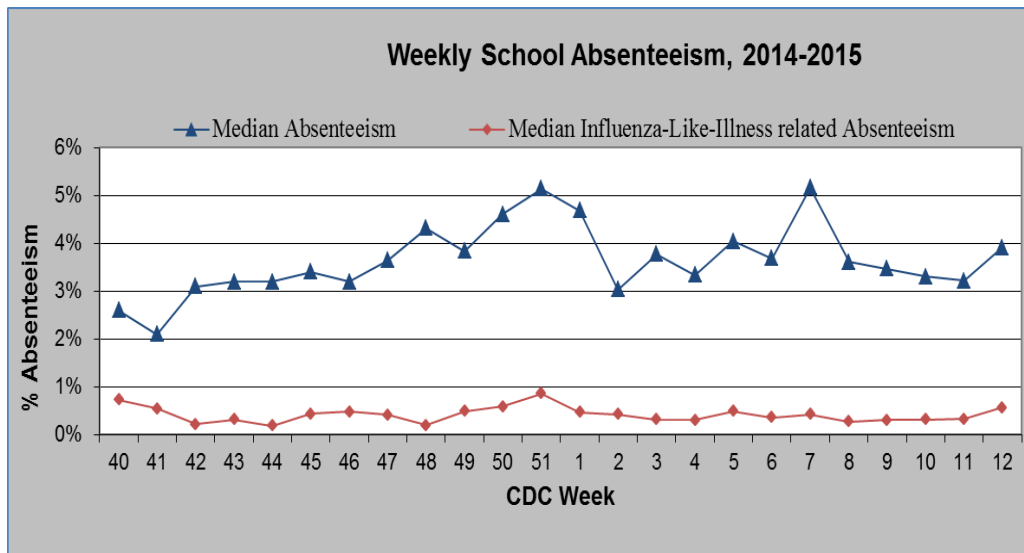
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**Graph 5: Stark County School Absenteeism.**

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

◆ School absenteeism reporting ended 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)

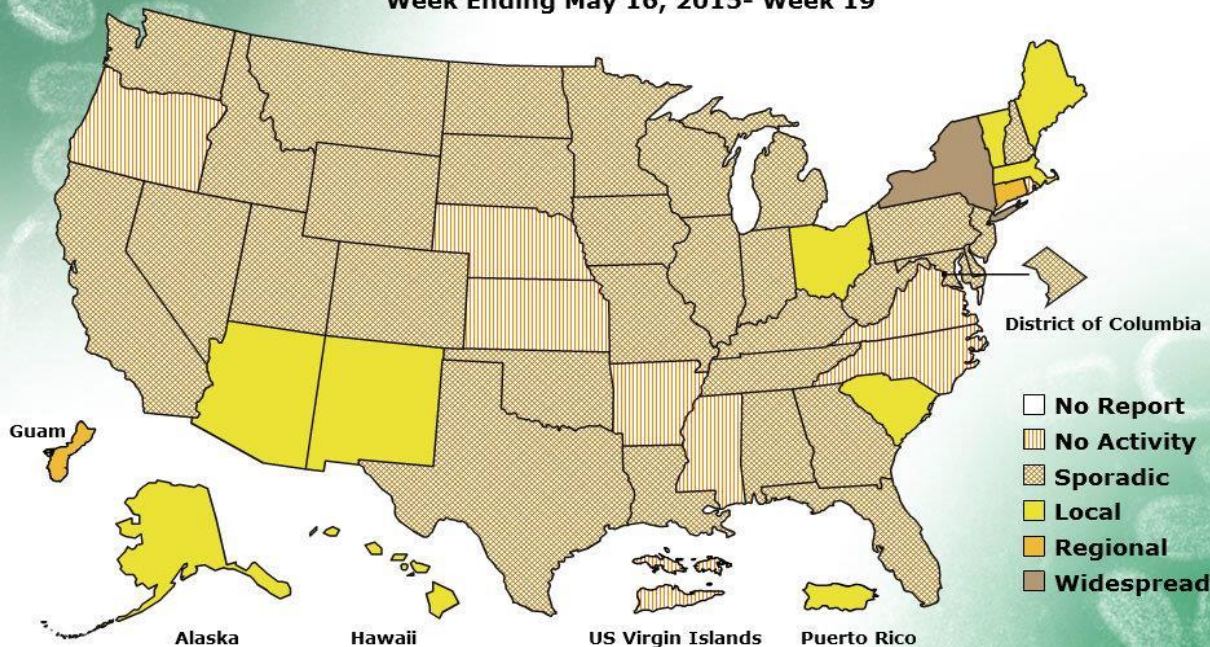
◆ During week 19, Ohio remained at local influenza activity. Across the nation one state continued to report widespread influenza activity and eight states reported no influenza activity.

# FLUVIEW



A Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report Prepared by the Influenza Division  
Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates Reported by State and Territorial Epidemiologists\*

Week Ending May 16, 2015- Week 19



\*This map indicates geographic spread and does not measure the severity of influenza activity.

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