

# Stark County's Influenza Weekly Report

Week 43 (10/21/18-10/27/18)



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## During Week 43:

- During week 43 Stark County had 1 influenza-associated hospitalization.
- Nationally, 3 influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported, though only 1 occurred this season.
- There were no human infections with a novel Influenza A virus reported during Week 43.
- During week 43, 41 influenza A specimens were collected nationally from public health laboratories, 21 subtyped as the 2009 H1N1 virus, 6 subtyped as the H3 virus, and the remainder not subtyped.

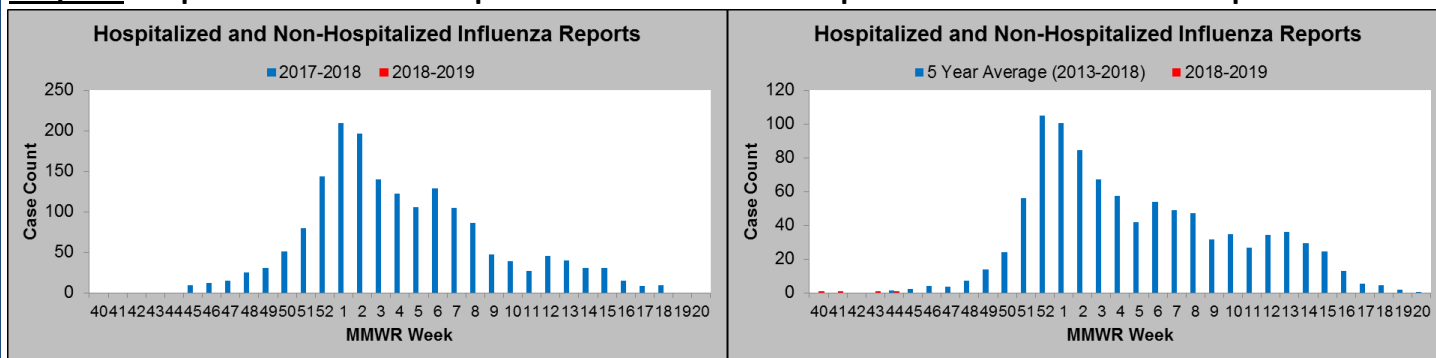
## So Far this Season:

- There have been 2 influenza-associated hospitalizations so far this season in Stark County
- The national cumulative rate for laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated hospitalizations per 100,000 is not available yet this season.
- Through Week 43, 284 specimens were collected nationally from public health laboratories. 228 were typed as Influenza A, comprising 80.3% of all specimens collected. Of these 74.7% were subtyped as the 2009 H1N1 virus while 25.3% were subtyped as the H3 virus.
- Nationally, 2 influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported this season. Last year at the same time there was 1 death reported.

## Viruses Circulating vs. Viruses in this Year's Vaccine

- Nationally through Week 43, 177 Influenza A specimens were genetically or antigenically characterized.
  - There were 76 Influenza A (H3N2) viruses collected, a sample showing significant genetic diversity. 93.5% of those characterized matched the Influenza A (H3N2) component in this year's vaccine. There were 101 Influenza A (H1N1) viruses collected; all of those characterized matched the Influenza A (H1N1) component of this year's vaccine
- Nationally through Week 43, 54 influenza B specimens were genetically or antigenically characterized.
  - Of these, 44 were antigenically characterized from the Yamagata Lineage and 10 characterized from the Victorian Lineage. Of these specimens, 100% of the Yamagata Lineage matched the Influenza B component of the 2017-2018 vaccine and 90% of specimens from the Victorian Lineage matched.

## Graph 1: Hospitalized and Non-Hospitalized Influenza Cases Reported to the Local Health Department.



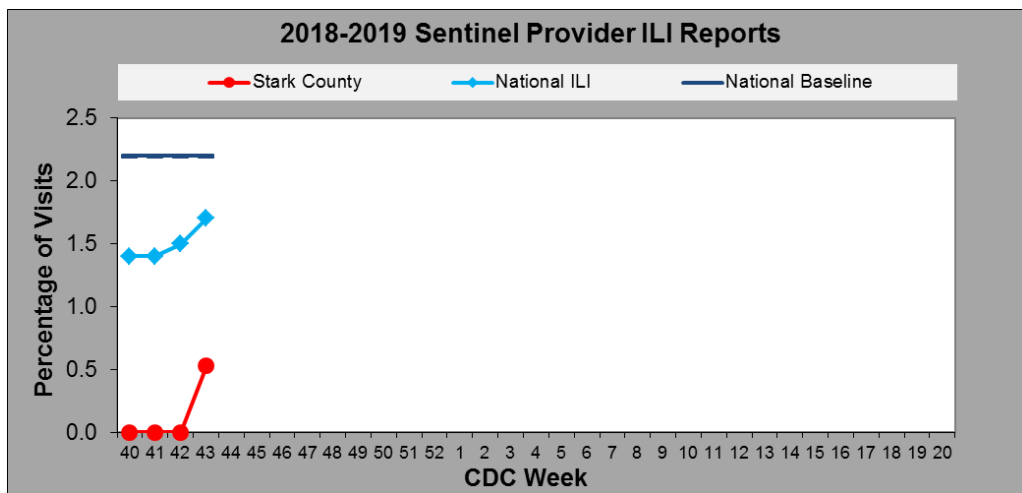
- ◆ There was one case of hospitalized or non-hospitalized influenza to report for Week 43 in Stark County. Last year at the same time there was one case.

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

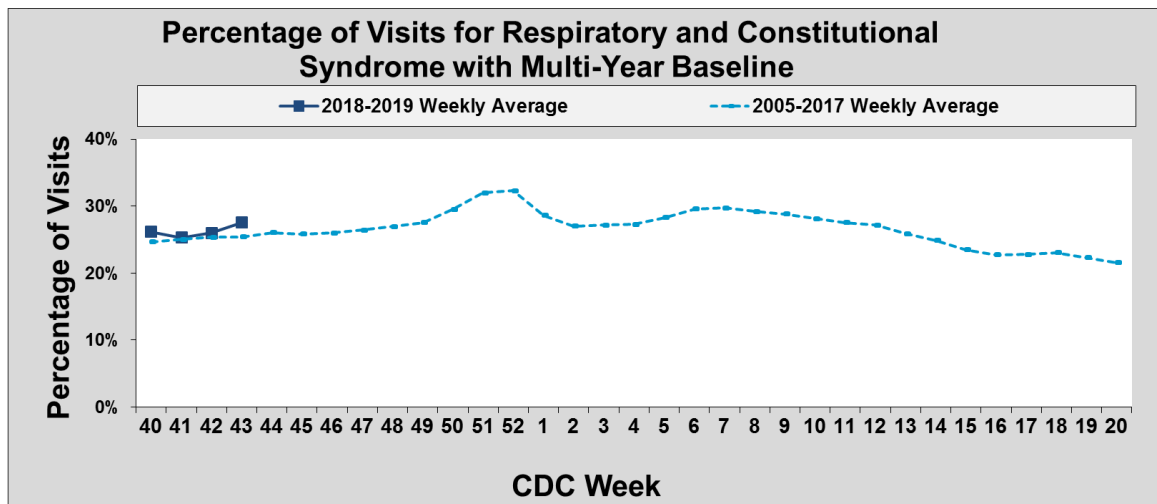
- ◆ During week 43 the Stark County Sentinel Providers reported 0.53% of visits for ILI. Nationally 1.7% of visits were for ILI. The national baseline is 2.2% of visits.



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

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

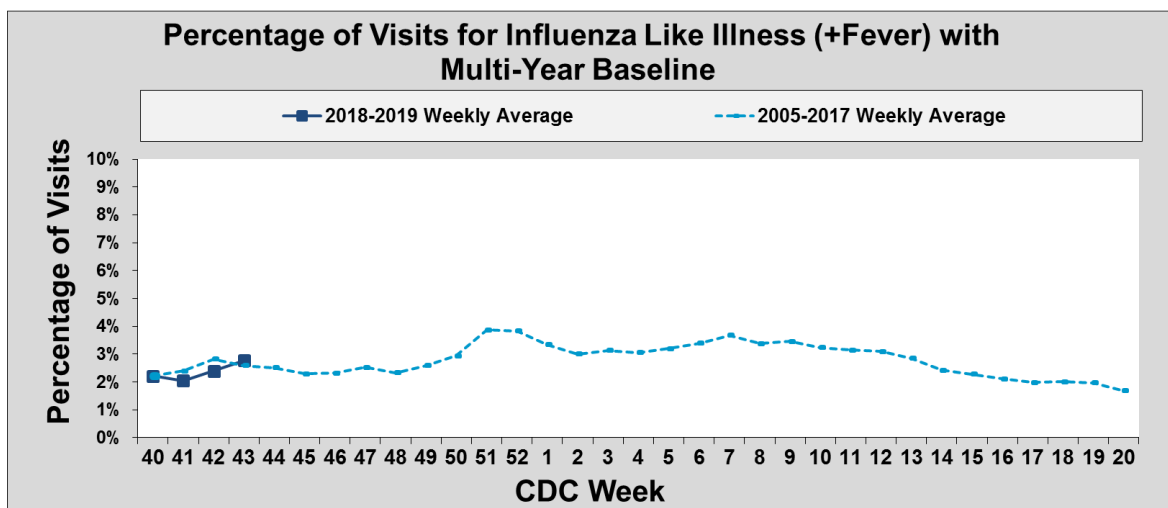
- ◆ ED and Stat Care visits for respiratory and constitutional syndrome were greater than the multi-year average.



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

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- ◆ ED and Stat Care visits for ILI + Fever for MMWR week 43 rose above the multi-year average.

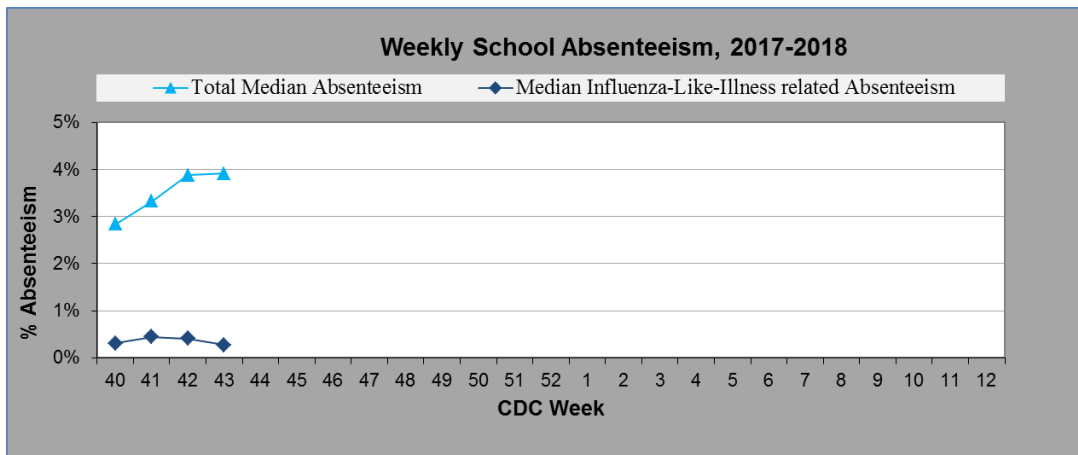


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**Graph 5: Stark County School Absenteeism.**

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

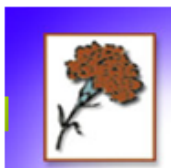
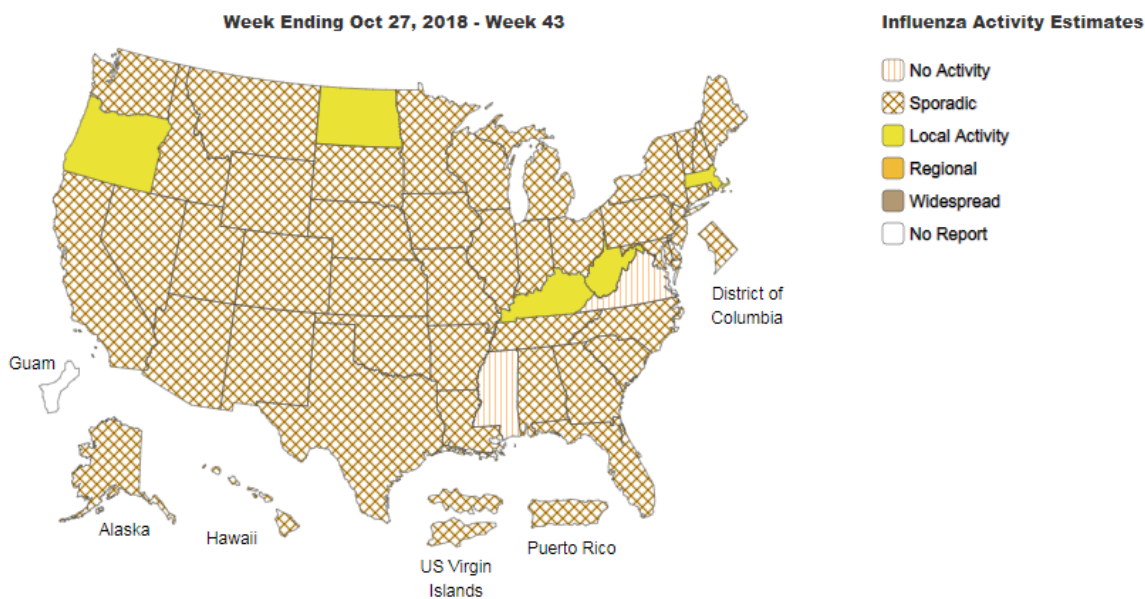
- ◆ During week 43, there were 44 schools reporting absenteeism. Of those, a median of 3.91% of students were absent and a median of 0.27% absent due to ILI.



**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 43, Ohio had sporadic influenza activity. No state had higher than local activity reported.



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