

Stark County's Influenza Weekly Report

Week 5 (1/27/19-2/2/19)



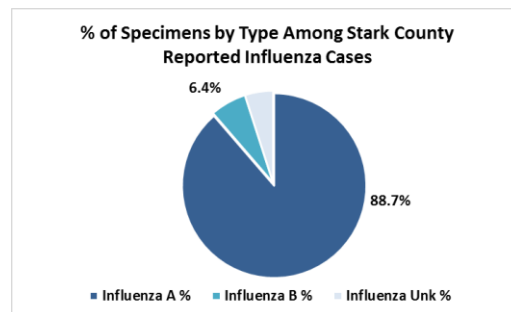
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During Week 5:

- Stark County had 17 influenza-associated hospitalizations.
- Nationally, 4 influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported this week.
- 829 influenza A specimens were collected nationally from public health laboratories, 524 subtyped as the 2009 H1N1 virus, 282 subtyped as the H3 virus, and the remainder not subtyped.

So Far this Season:

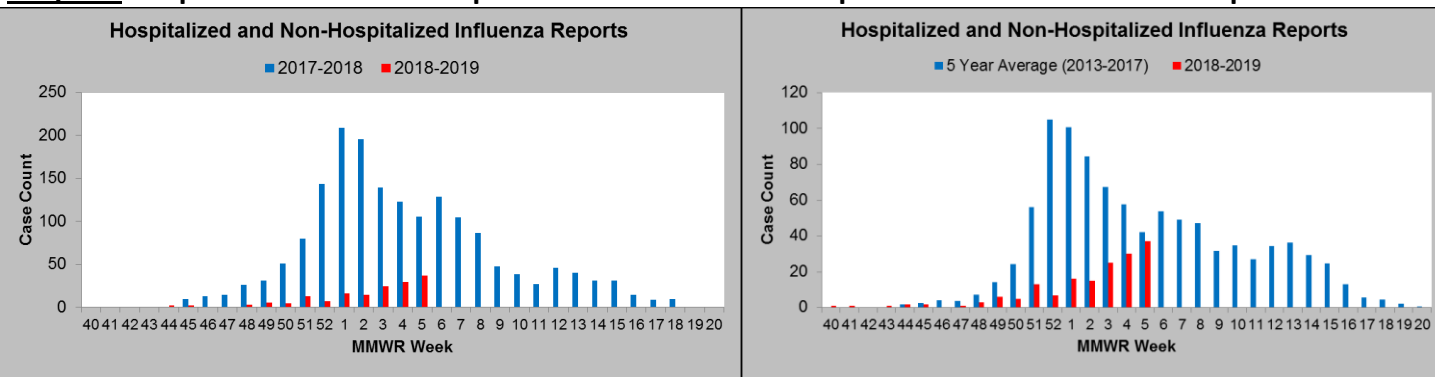
- There have been 64 influenza-associated hospitalizations so far this season in Stark County.
 - Age range of 2 weeks to 85 years; median age 57.
- A national cumulative rate of 20.1 influenza-associated hospitalizations per 100,000 was reported through Week 5.
- 11,863 Influenza A specimens were collected nationally from public health laboratories, comprising 97.2% of all specimens collected. Of these 80.0% were subtyped as the 2009 H1N1 virus while 20.0% were subtyped as the H3 virus.
- Nationally, 28 influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported this season.



Viruses Circulating vs. Viruses in this Year's Vaccine

- Nationally through Week 5, 689 Influenza A specimens were genetically or antigenically characterized.
 - There were 239 Influenza A (H3N2) viruses collected, a sample showing significant genetic diversity. 70.3% of those characterized matched the Influenza A (H3N2) component in this year's vaccine. There were 450 Influenza A (H1N1) viruses collected; 98.5% of those characterized matched the Influenza A (H1N1) component of this year's vaccine
- Nationally through Week 5, 80 influenza B specimens were genetically or antigenically characterized.
 - Of these, 33 were antigenically characterized from the Yamagata Lineage and 32 characterized from the Victorian Lineage. Of these specimens, 100% of the Yamagata Lineage matched the Influenza B component of the 2018-2019 vaccine and 71.4% of the specimens from the Victorian Lineage matched.

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



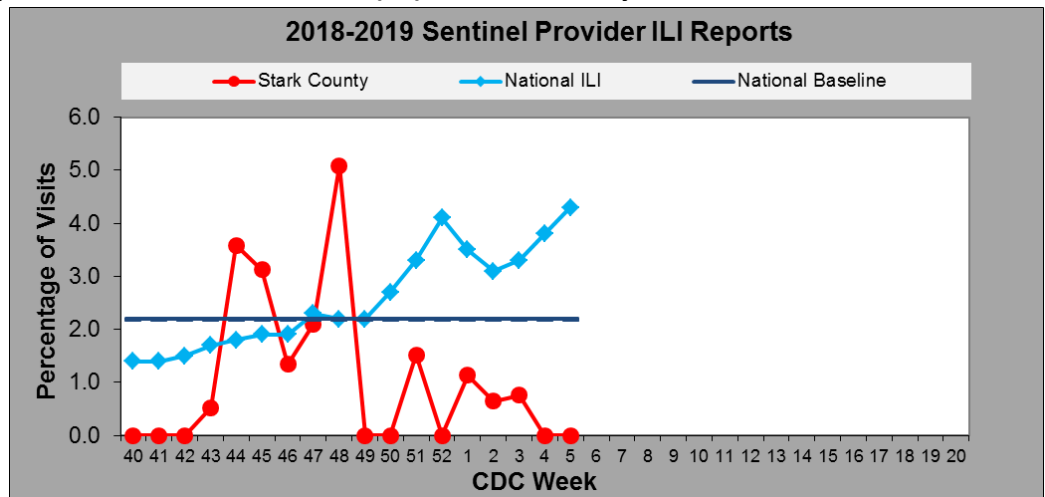
- ◆ There were 37 cases of hospitalized or non-hospitalized influenza reported during Week 5 in Stark County. Last year at the same time there were 106 cases reported.

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

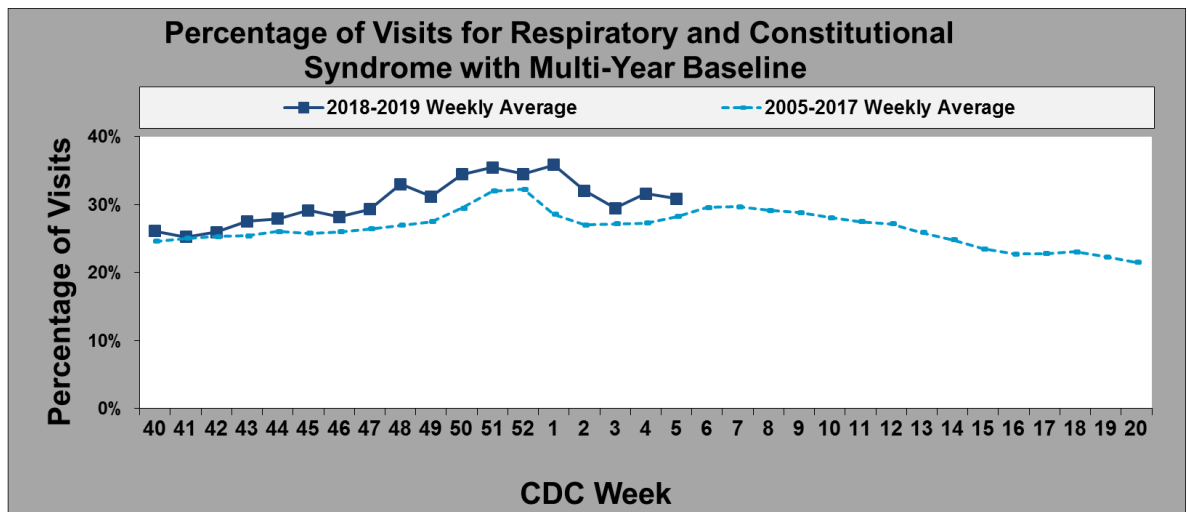
- ◆ During Week 5 the Stark County Sentinel Providers did not report visits for ILI. Nationally 4.3% of visits were for ILI. The national baseline is 2.2% of visits.



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

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

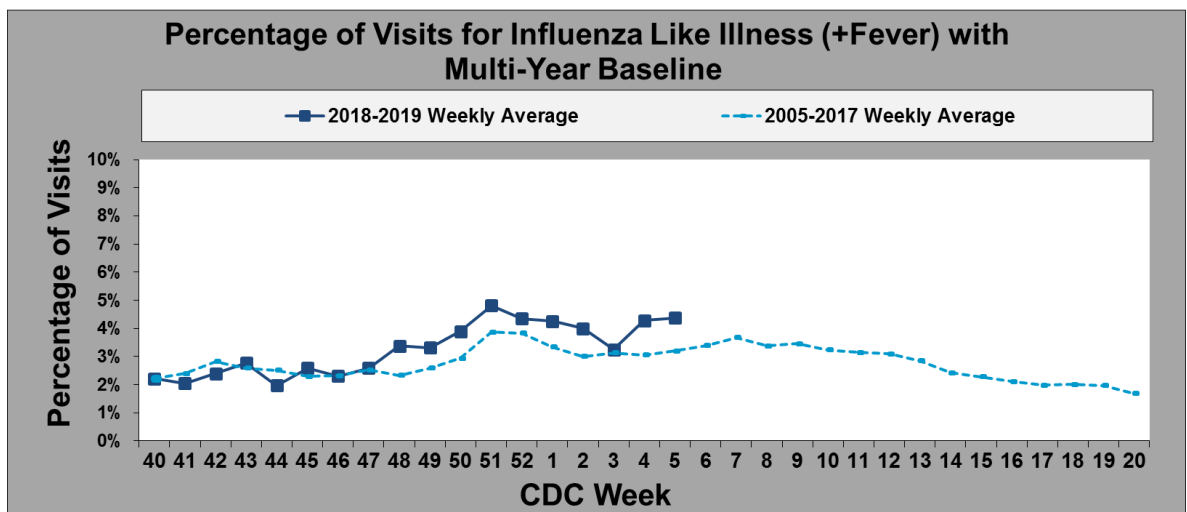
- ◆ ED and Stat Care visits for respiratory and constitutional decreased slightly but remained above the multi-year average.



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 5 slightly increased and remained above the multi-year average.



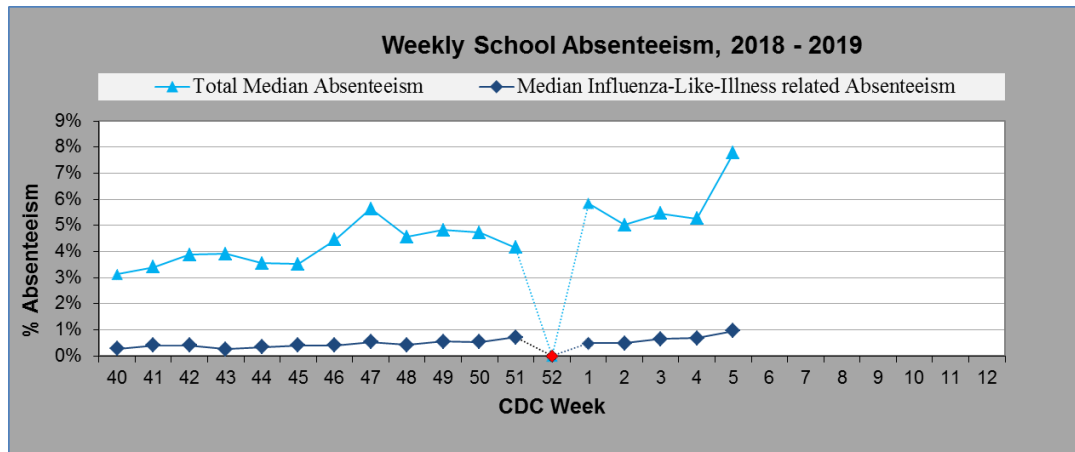
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Graph 5: Stark County School Absenteeism.

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

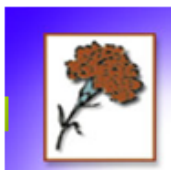
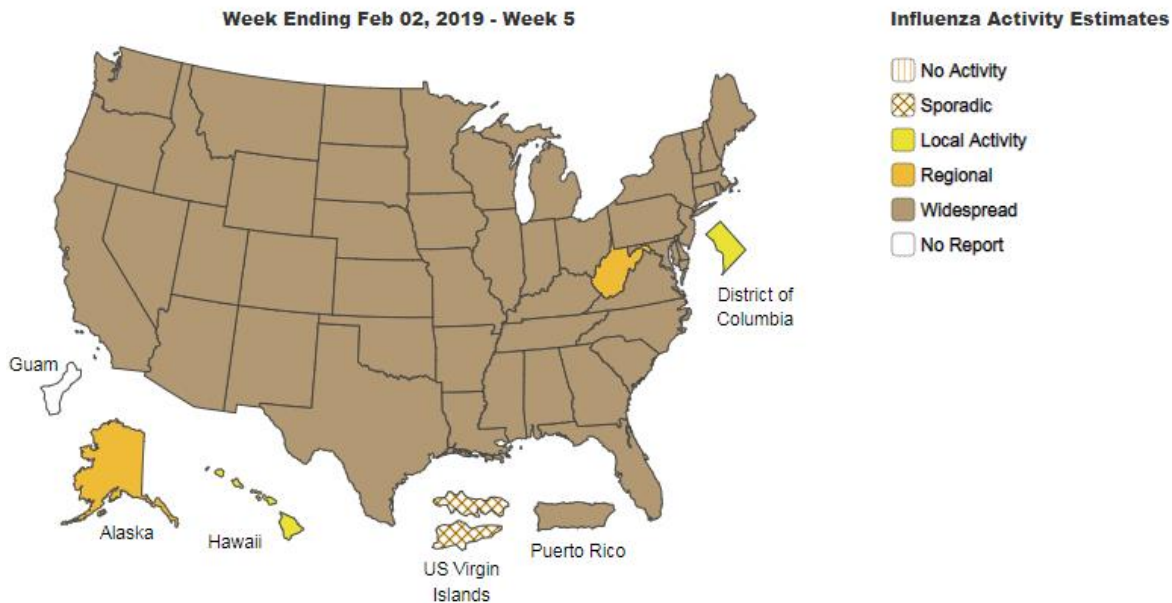
◆ During Week 5, there were 45 schools reporting absenteeism. Of those, a median of 7.78% of students were absent and a median of 0.96% due to ILI; this increase may have been due to weather.



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 5, Ohio reported widespread activity. 46 states also reported widespread influenza activity.



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