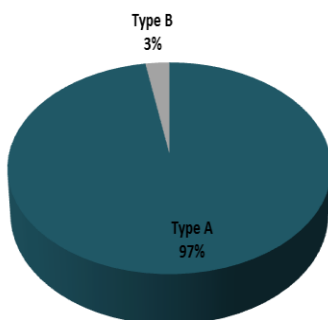


# Stark County's Weekly Influenza Report

## Week 7 (2/15/15-2/21/15)

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



- The predominate strain identified locally has been influenza A (97%). Nationally, influenza A stands at 93% of the specimens tested.

### Five Months into the Season

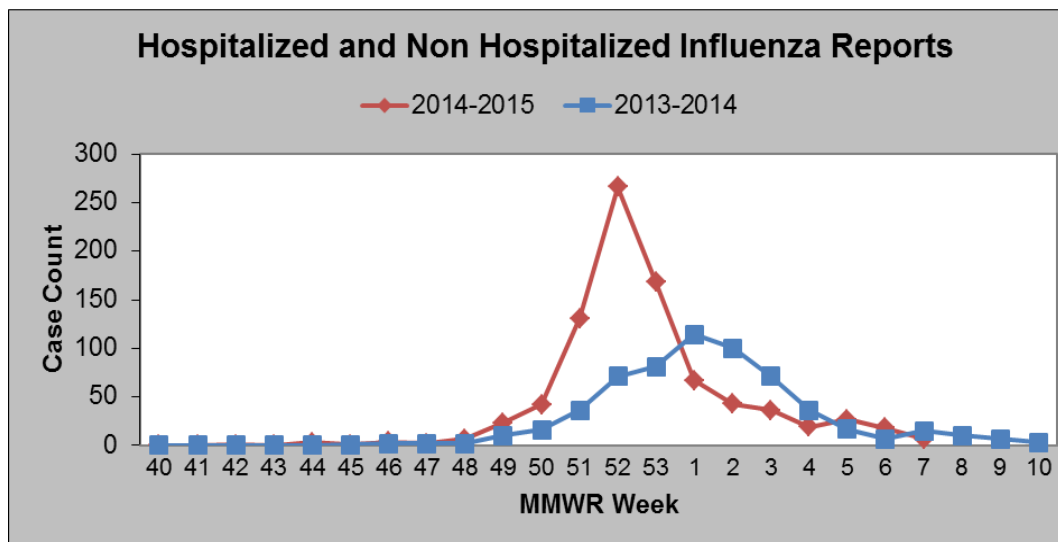
- During MMWR week 7 there were 5 influenza-associated hospitalizations in Stark County. This increased the total to 488 hospitalizations for the season.
- In Stark County, 71% of the season's influenza-associated hospitalizations were age 65 or older.
- Nationally the cumulative rate for the season thus far is 51.7 laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated hospitalizations per 100,000 population.
- Of the 91,837 influenza A specimens collected nationally, 0.2% subtyped as the 2009 H1N1 virus, 47% subtyped as the H3 virus, and the rest were not subtyped.
- Nationally, 752 of the influenza A (H3N2) viruses collected were antigenetically characterized since October 1, 2014. Of those characterized, 70% were drifted (significantly different) that this year's influenza vaccine.
- Of the 154 specimens characterized nationally as

Influenza B, 107 subtyped from the Yamagata Lineage and 47 subtyped from the Victorian Lineage. This remained unchanged from weeks 5 and 6.

- During week 7, National Pneumonia and Influenza (I&P) Mortality Surveillance of all deaths reported through the 122 Cities Mortality Reporting System as due to I&P was at 7.4%. This is above the 7.2% epidemic threshold.
- Nationally, a total of 92 influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported. Out of those deaths, 6 were reported during week 7. Stark County remains having no pediatric deaths associated with influenza.

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

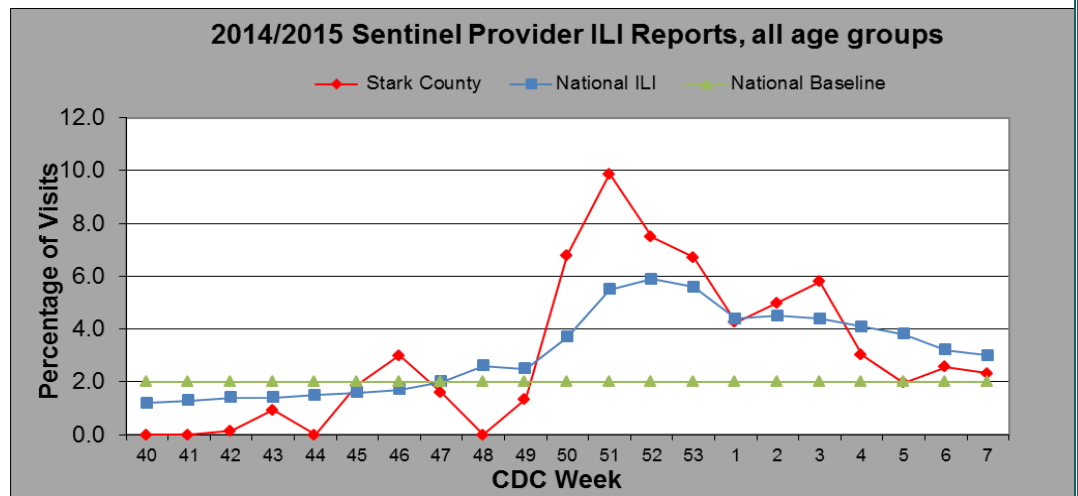
- ◆ During week 7 there was a total of 7 reports of hospitalized and non-hospitalized influenza. This week last year had 15 cases.
- ◆ This year's reports total at 865. The total number of reports for last year by this week was 581.



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

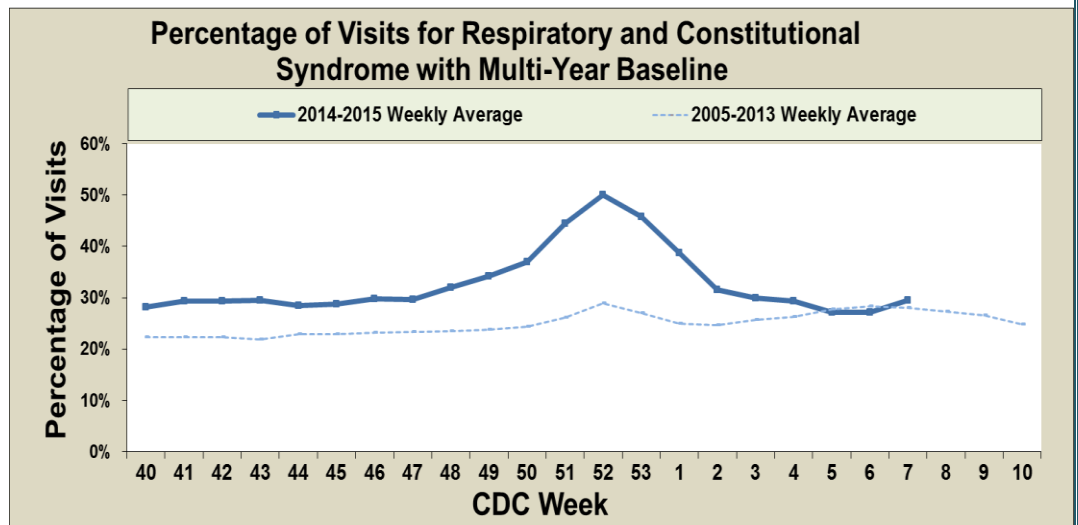
◆ During week 7, the Stark County Sentinel Providers ILI reports remained between the national percentage of reported visits for that week and the national baseline.



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

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

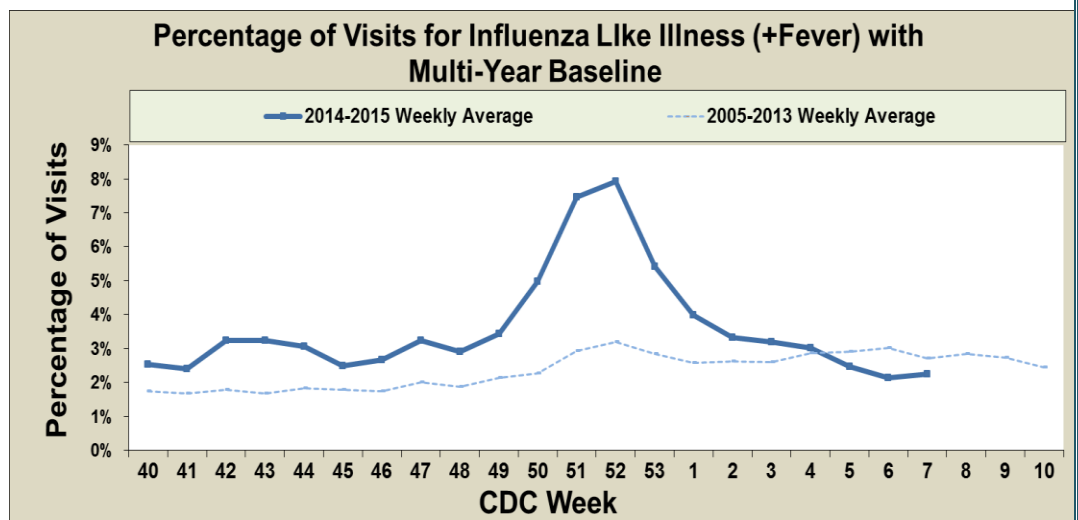
◆ During week 7, ED and Stat Care visits for respiratory and constitutional syndrome increased from week 6 and was above the multi-year baseline.



**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 7, ED and Stat Care visits for respiratory and constitutional syndrome increased slightly and remained below the multi-year baseline.



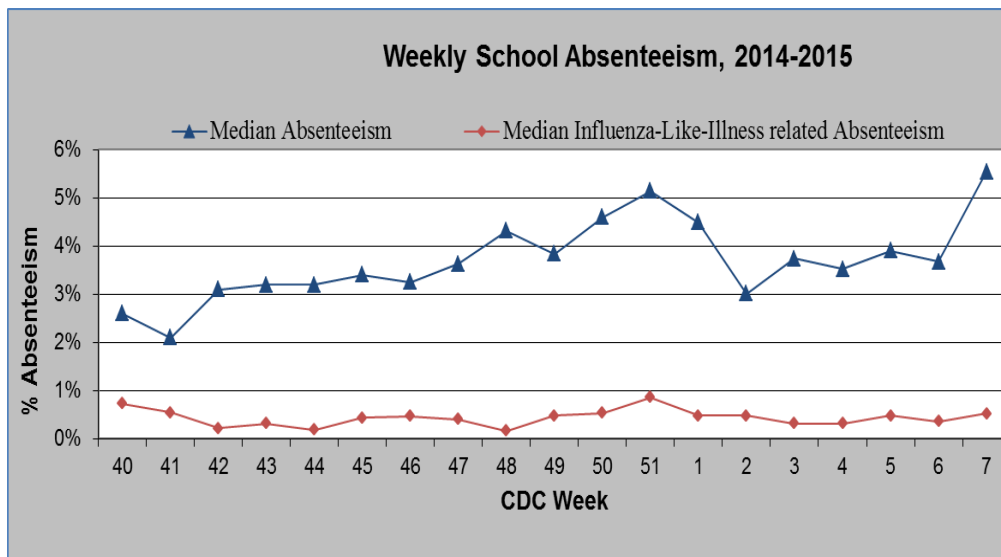
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**Graph 5: Stark County School Absenteeism.**

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

◆ No school absenteeism reports were given during week 52 and week 53 due to the holidays. Median absenteeism spiked during week 7. This may be due largely to the winter weather which closed the majority of schools 3 out of the 5 days of the school week.



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

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

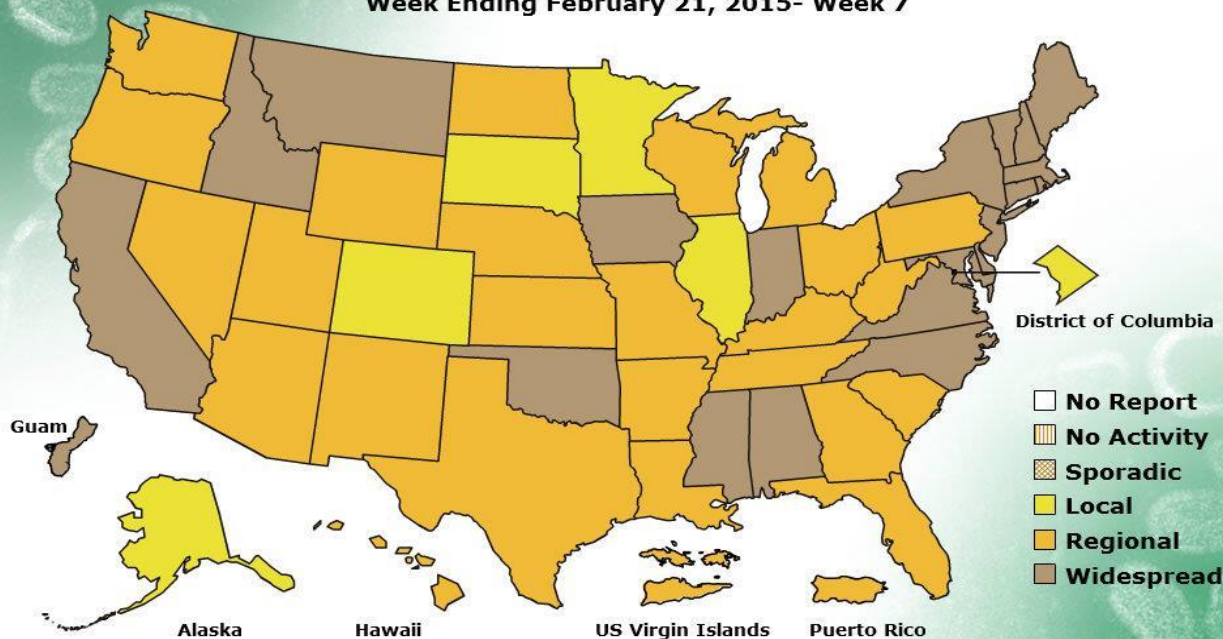
◆ During week 7, Ohio decreased influenza activity from widespread to regional. Across the nation only 20 states reported widespread influenza activity.

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

Week Ending February 21, 2015- Week 7



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