Stark County's Influenza Weekly Report

Week 14 (4/3/16-4/9/16)

During this Week of the Flu Season:

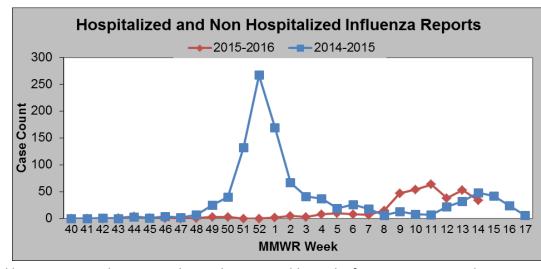
- During week fourteen, Stark County had 21 influenza-associated hospitalizations.
- During week fourteen, National Pneumonia and Influenza (I&P) Mortality Surveillance of all deaths reported through the 122 Cities Mortality Reporting System as due to I&P was at 7.5%. This is above the 7.2% epidemic threshold.
- Nationally, ten influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported during week thirteen.

So Far this Flu Season: 10/4/2015-present

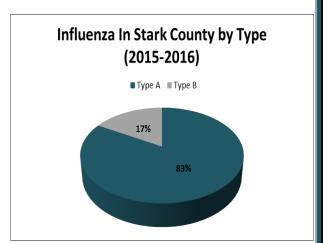
- So far this season in Stark County there has been 132 influenza-associated hospitalizations.
- In Stark County, 48% of influenza-associated hospitalizations were 65 years of age or older.
- There is a national cumulative rate for laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated hospitalizations of 26.6 per 100, 000 population.
- So far this year, 15,824 influenza A specimens were collected and tested by public health laboratories, 81.0% subtyped as the 2009 H1N1 virus, 17.4% subtyped as the H3 virus, and the rest were not subtyped.
- Nationally, 411 of the influenza A (H3N2) viruses collected were antigenetically characterized since October 1, 2015. Of those characterized, none were drifted (significantly different) that this year's influenza vaccine.
- Since October 1, 2015, 513 specimens have been characterized nationally as Influenza B. There were 358 subtyped from the Yamagata Lineage leaving 229 subtyped from the Victorian Lineage.
- There have been 40 pediatric deaths nationally so far this season.

Graph 1: Influenza Cases Reported to the Local Health Departments in Stark County.

- During week fourteen there were 34 reports of hospitalized and nonhospitalized influenza. This week last year had 48 reports.
- This year's reports total at 362 cases. The total number of reports up to this week last year was 995.

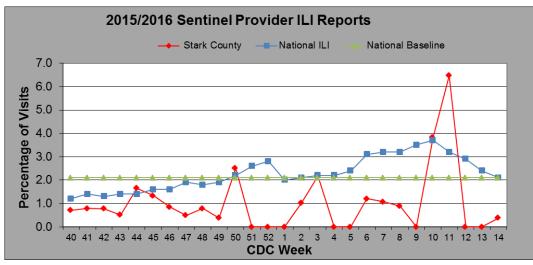


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Graph 2: Sentinel Provider Reported Influenza Like Illness (ILI) in Stark County.

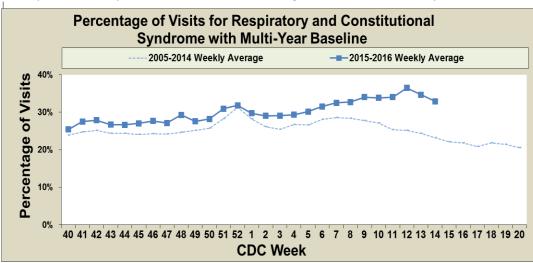
 During week fourteen less than one percent of patient visits were for ILI from the Stark County sentinel providers. The national percentage of reports decreased to baseline.



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

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

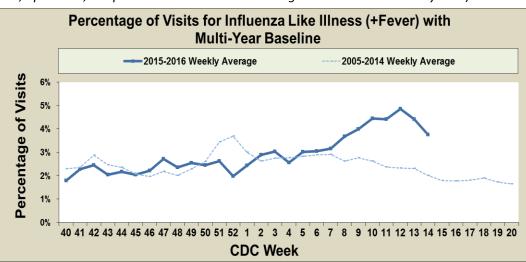
◆ During week fourteen, ED and Stat Care visits for respiratory and constitutional syndrome decreased slightly for the second consecutive week, but remained above the multi-year baseline.



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 fourteen, the ED and Stat Care visits for ILI + Fever decreased for a second consecutive week, but remained above the multi-year baseline.

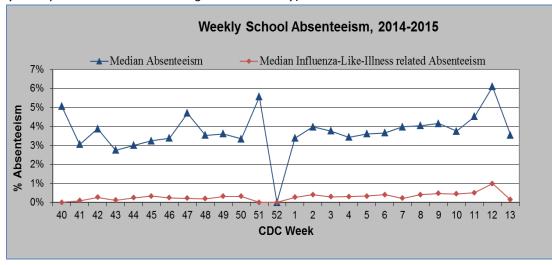


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Graph 5: Stark County School Absenteeism.

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

◆ School absenteeism reporting ended on 4/1/2016. No more school reports will be added for the rest of the 2015-2016 influenza season.



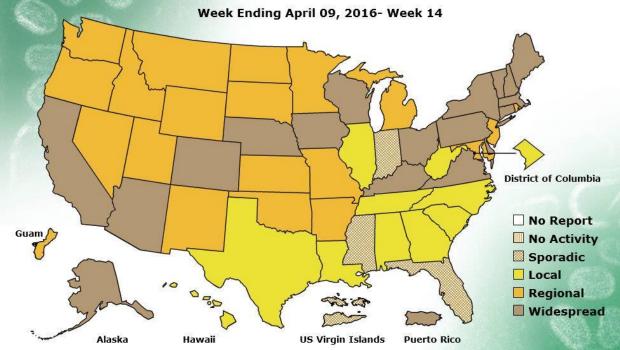
<u>Map:</u> Weekly Geographic Influenza Activity Estimates Reported by State and Territorial Epidemiologists Syndromes. (Source: Health Monitoring Systems, EpiCenter, hospital and stat care patient registration surveillance system)

♦ During week fourteen, Ohio remained at widespread spread of influenza activity. Including Ohio, 18 states reported widespread influenza activity during this week.

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



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