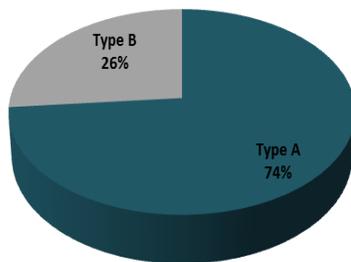


# Stark County's Weekly Influenza Report

Week 15 (4/12/15-4/18/2015)

The Percentage of Influenza Types for the 2014-2015 Season in Stark County



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

## 5 Weeks Left of the Reporting Season

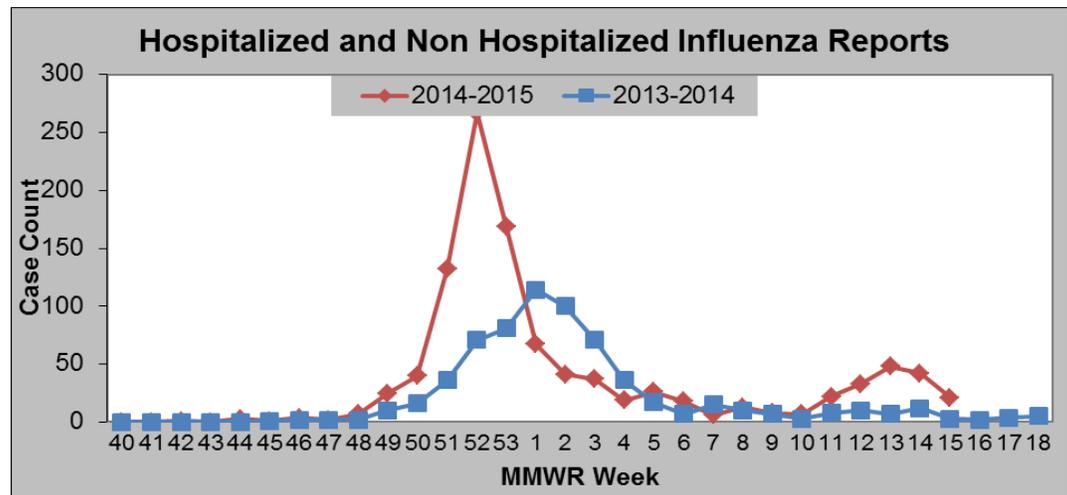
- During MMWR week 15 there were 13 influenza-associated hospitalizations in Stark County. This increased the total to 565 hospitalizations for the season.
- In Stark County, 70% of the season's influenza-associated hospitalizations were age 65 or older.
- Nationally the cumulative rate for the season thus far is 63.6 laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated hospitalizations per 100,000 population.
- Of the 103,458 influenza A specimens collected nationally, 0.2% subtyped as the 2009 H1N1 virus, 50.0% subtyped as the H3 virus, and the rest were not subtyped.
- Nationally, 1,183 of the influenza A (H3N2) viruses collected were antigenetically characterized since

October 1, 2014. Of those characterized, 78.6% were drifted (significantly different) that this year's influenza vaccine.

- Of the 459 specimens characterized nationally as Influenza B, 332 subtyped from the Yamagata Lineage and 127 subtyped from the Victorian Lineage. This remained the same from week 14.
- During week 15, 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 6.7%. This is below the 7.0% epidemic threshold for this week.
- Nationally, a total of 128 influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported. Out of those deaths, three were reported during week 15. Stark County remains having no pediatric deaths associated with influenza.

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

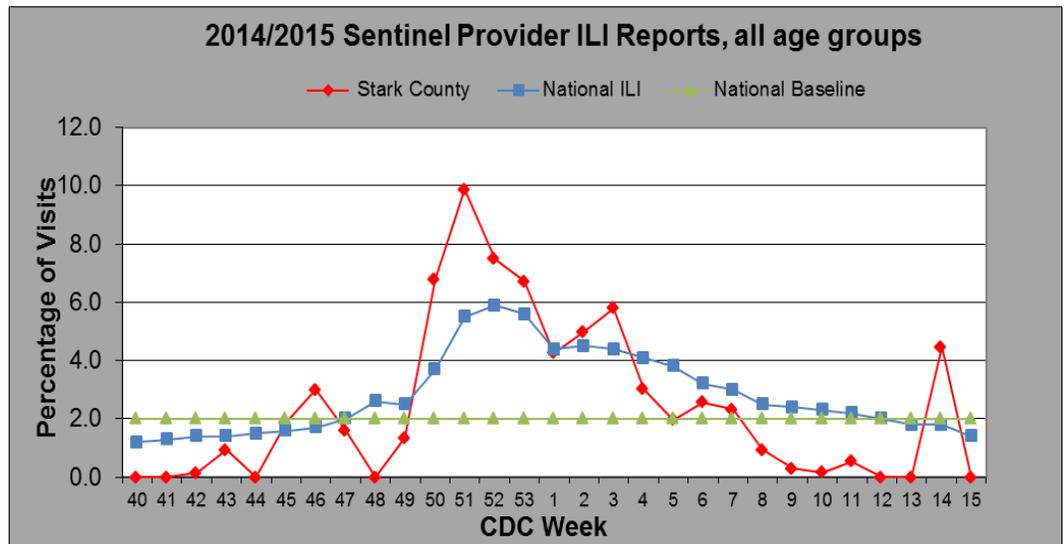
- ◆ During week 15 there was a total of 21 reports of hospitalized and non-hospitalized influenza. This week last year had 3 cases.
- ◆ This year's reports total at 1,059. The total number of reports for last year by this week was 641.



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

- ◆ During week 14 there was a spike in reports given by sentinel providers of ILI in Stark County, but no reports were provided during week 15.

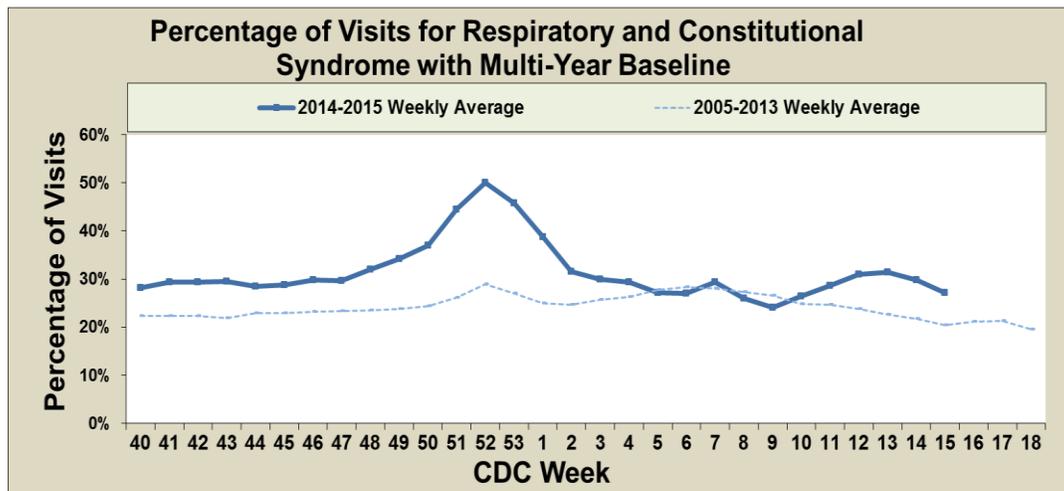


**Graph 3: Emergency**

**Department Visits for Respiratory and Constitutional Syndromes.**

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

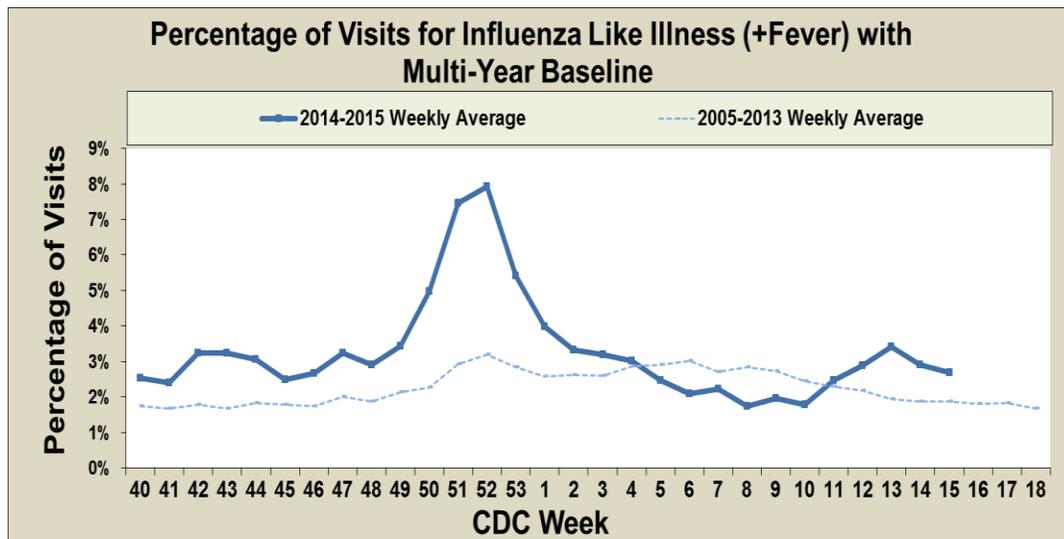
- ◆ During week 15, ED and Stat Care visits for respiratory and constitutional syndrome decreased, but remained above the multi-year baseline.



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

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- ◆ During week 15, ED and Stat Care visits for influenza like illness (+fever) decreased, but remained above the multi-year baseline.



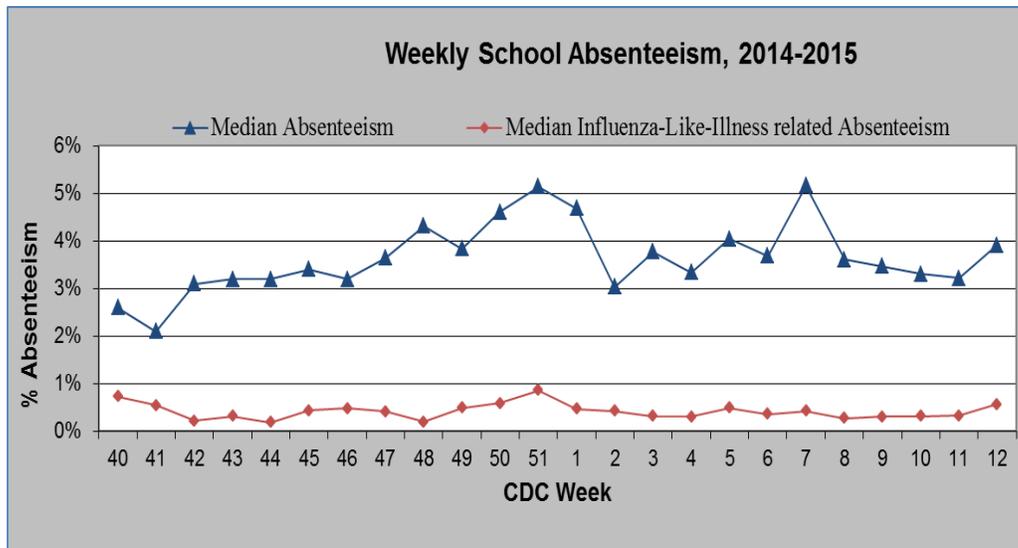
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**Graph 5: Stark County School Absenteeism.**

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

◆ School absenteeism reporting ends 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)

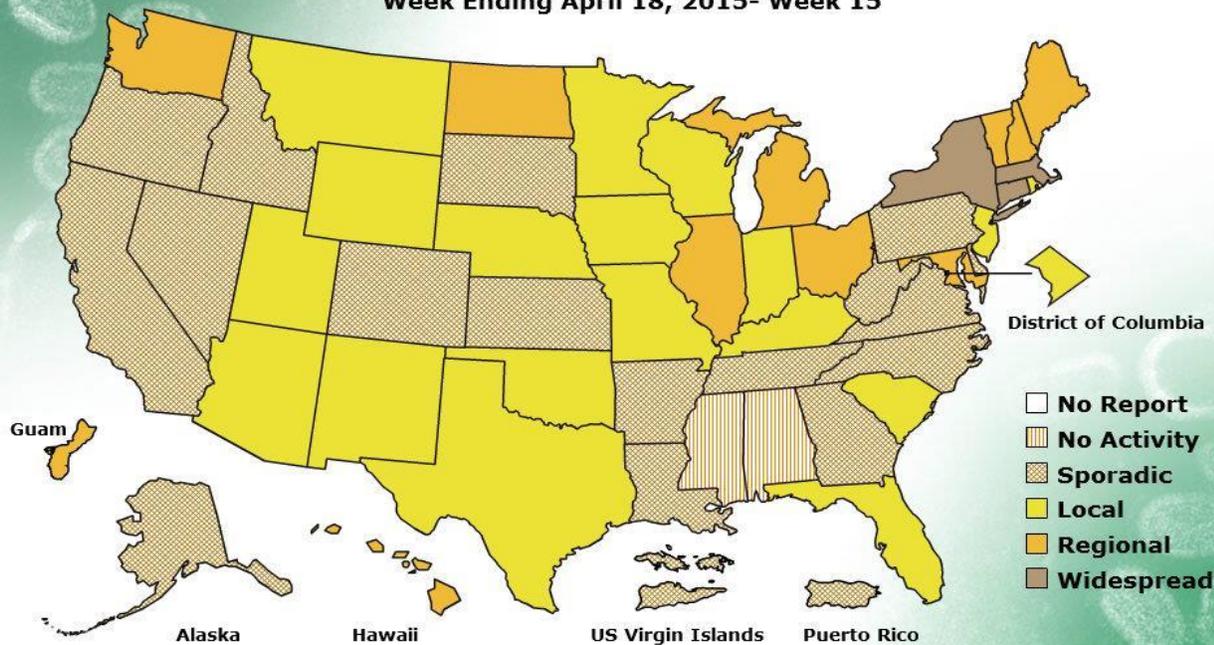
◆ During week 15, Ohio remained at regional influenza activity. Across the nation only three states continued to report widespread influenza activity.

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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 April 18, 2015- Week 15



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