



## Ohio Department of Health Seasonal Influenza Activity Summary

### MMWR Week 20

May 15th– May 21st, 2016

**\*\* THIS WILL BE THE LAST INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE WEEKLY REPORT OF THE 2015-2016 \*\***  
**INFLUENZA SEASON. ODH WILL CONTINUE PERFORMING WEEKLY SURVEILLANCE BUT WILL**  
**DISCONTINUE POSTING THE REPORT UNTIL THE START OF THE 2016-2017 INFLUENZA SEASON**

### Current Influenza Activity:

#### Current Ohio Activity Level (Geographic Spread) – *Local*

*Definition: Increased ILI in 1 region; ILI activity in other regions is not increased AND recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab evidence of influenza in region with increased ILI, OR 2 or more institutional outbreaks (ILI or lab confirmed) in 1 region; ILI activity in other regions is not increased AND recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab evidence of influenza in region with the outbreaks; virus activity is no greater than sporadic in other regions.*

During MMWR Week 20, public health surveillance data sources indicate minimal intensity for influenza-like illness (ILI) in outpatient settings reported by Ohio's sentinel ILINet providers. Data from other outpatient ILI indicators (athenahealth®) are nearing baseline levels. The percentage of emergency department (ED) visits with patients exhibiting constitutional symptoms **decreased and is slightly above** baseline levels statewide; the percentage of fever and ILI specified ED visits **decrease and is below** baseline levels. There were 59 influenza-associated hospitalizations reported.

#### Ohio Weekly Influenza-associated Hospitalizations by Ohio Public Health Region

Central	8
East Central	18
Northeast	11
Northwest	15
Southeast	1
Southwest	2
West Central	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>

### Ohio Influenza Activity Summary Dashboard:

Data Source	Current week value	Percent Change from last week <sup>1</sup>	# of weeks <sup>2</sup>	Trend Chart <sup>3</sup>
Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Outpatient Data (ILINet Sentinel Provider Visits)	0.38%	-55.29%	↓ 9	
Thermometer Sales (National Retail Data Monitor)	947	4.18%	↑ 2	
Fever and ILI Specified ED Visits (EpiCenter)	1.43%	-11.18%	↓ 1	
Constitutional ED Visits (EpiCenter)	8.24%	0.73%	↓ 1	
Confirmed Influenza-associated Hospitalizations (Ohio Disease Reporting System)	59	-20.27%	↓ 4	
Outpatient Medical Claims Data <sup>4</sup>	0.30%	-21.05%	↓ 4	

<sup>1</sup>Interpret percent changes with caution. Large variability may be exhibited in data sources with low weekly values.

<sup>2</sup>Number of weeks that the % change is increasing or decreasing.

<sup>3</sup>Black lines represent current week's data; red lines represent baseline averages.

<sup>4</sup>Medical Claims Data provided by athenahealth®

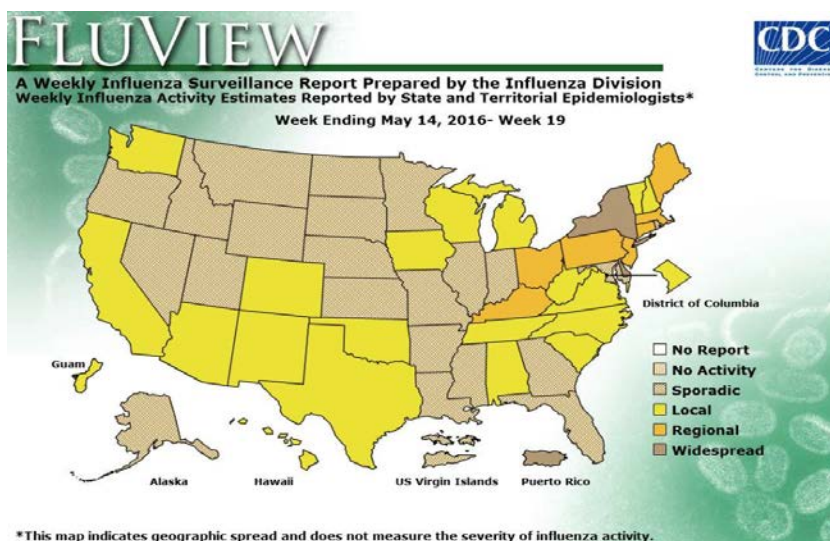
### Ohio Surveillance Data:

- HHS Regional Surveillance Data**<sup>\*</sup>: During week 19 (May 8th –14th, 2016), the proportion of outpatient visits for ILI in Region 5 (Ohio is in Region 5) was 1.1%, which is below the regional baseline of 1.9%. Indiana reported Sporadic Activity; West Virginia and Michigan reported Local Activity; Ohio (Ohio was at Local as of Week 20), Pennsylvania, and Kentucky reported Regional Activity.

### Influenza Virus Characterization:

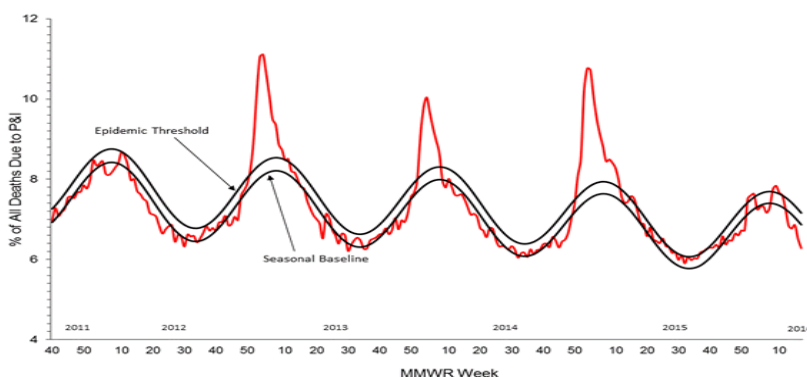
CDC has characterized 2,292 influenza viruses [901 A (H1N1)pdm09, 562 A (H3N2), and 829 influenza B viruses] collected by U.S. laboratories since October 1, 2015.

All of the influenza A and influenza B viruses that have been genetically characterized since October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 have been found to be genetically similar to the viruses included in the 2015-2016 influenza vaccine.



\*This map indicates geographic spread and does not measure the severity of influenza activity.

Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality from  
the National Center for Health Statistics Mortality Surveillance System  
Data through the week ending April 30, 2016, as of May 19, 2016

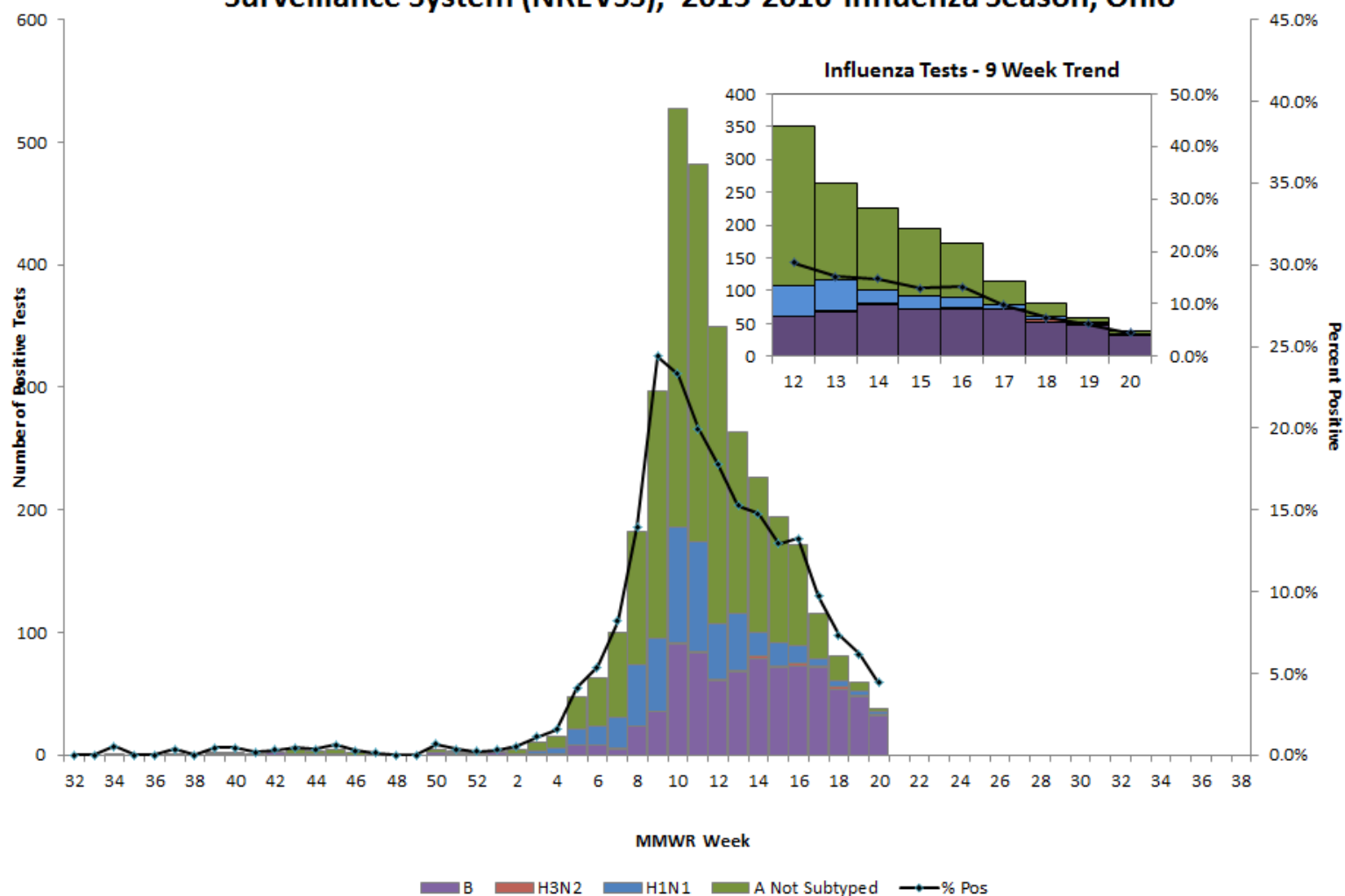


National activity levels and more information can be found at the following CDC pages:

- <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/usmap.htm>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

\*National-level and regional-level data are reported one week later than Ohio state-level data

# Positive Influenza Tests (PCR), National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS), 2015-2016 Influenza Season, Ohio



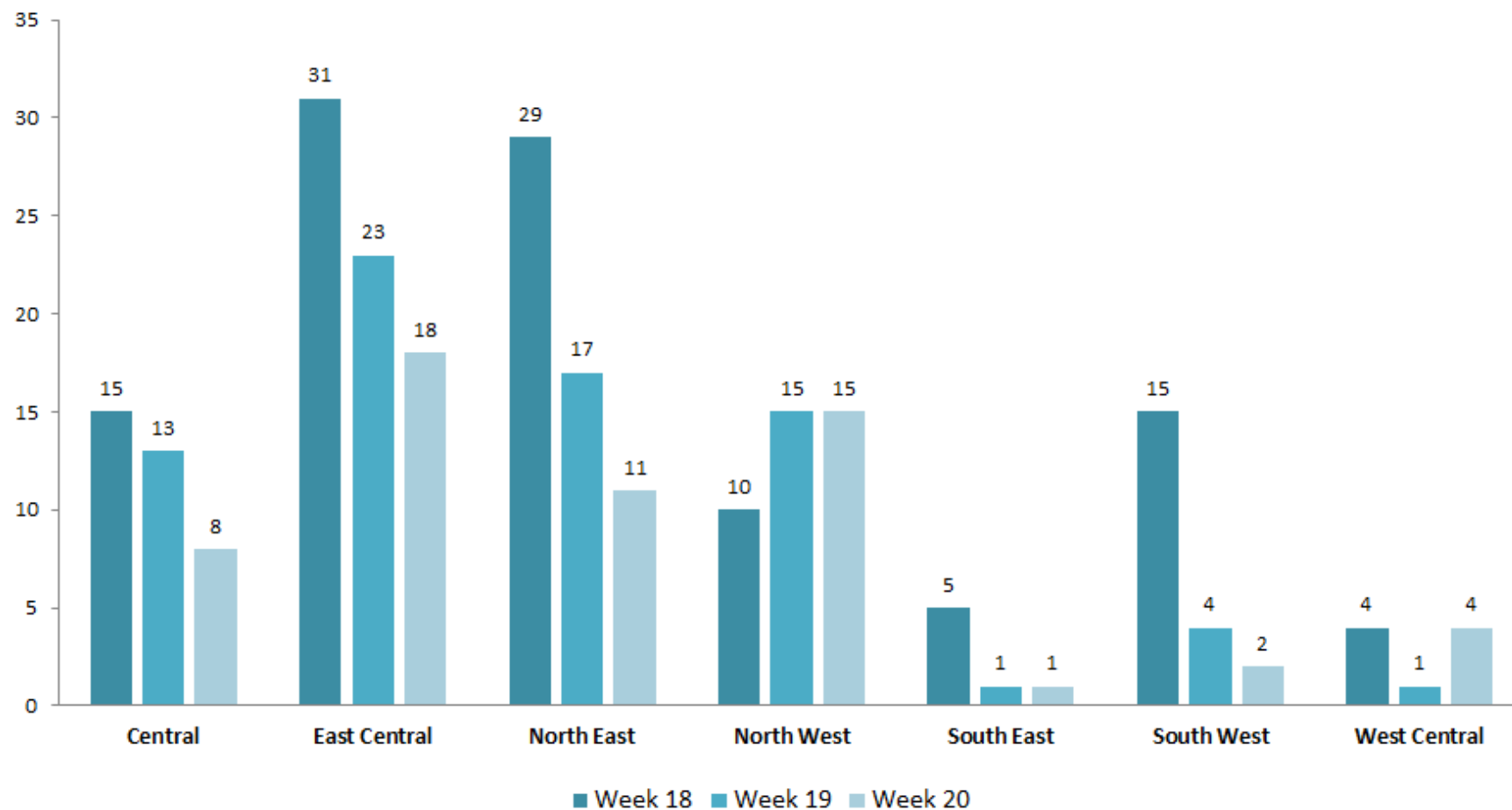
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations, Ohio 2015-2016 Season*								
County	Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations	Percent of All Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations	Rate per 100,000 Population†		County	Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations	Percent of All Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations	Rate per 100,000 Population†
ADAMS	3	0.1%	10.51		LOGAN	5	0.1%	10.90
ALLEN	98	2.7%	92.17		LORAIN	53	1.4%	17.59
ASHLAND	18	0.5%	33.87		LUCAS	233	6.3%	52.74
ASHTABULA	26	0.7%	25.62		MADISON	6	0.2%	13.81
ATHENS	8	0.2%	12.35		MAHONING	198	5.4%	82.91
AUGLAIZE	19	0.5%	41.35		MARION	12	0.3%	18.04
BELMONT	5	0.1%	7.10		MEDINA	46	1.2%	26.69
BROWN	0	0.0%	0.00		MEIGS	4	0.1%	16.83
BUTLER	94	2.5%	25.53		MERCER	13	0.4%	31.85
CARROLL	9	0.2%	31.21		MIAMI	16	0.4%	15.61
CHAMPAIGN	9	0.2%	22.45		MONROE	3	0.1%	20.49
CLARK	61	1.7%	44.10		MONTGOMERY	215	5.8%	40.18
CLERMONT	50	1.4%	25.33		MORGAN	10	0.3%	66.43
CLINTON	1	0.0%	2.38		MORROW	7	0.2%	20.10
COLUMBIANA	26	0.7%	24.11		MUSKINGUM	33	0.9%	38.34
COSHOCTON	8	0.2%	21.68		NOBLE	2	0.1%	13.66
CRAWFORD	4	0.1%	9.14		OTTAWA	9	0.2%	21.72
CUYAHOGA	625	16.9%	48.82		PAULDING	5	0.1%	25.49
DARKE	16	0.4%	30.21		PERRY	1	0.0%	2.77
DEFIANCE	19	0.5%	48.67		PICKAWAY	19	0.5%	34.11
DELAWARE	17	0.5%	9.76		PIKE	7	0.2%	24.38
ERIE	17	0.5%	22.06		PORTAGE	46	1.2%	28.50
FAIRFIELD	26	0.7%	17.79		PREBLE	12	0.3%	28.39
FAYETTE	7	0.2%	24.11		PUTNAM	16	0.4%	46.38
FRANKLIN	304	8.2%	26.13		RICHLAND	35	0.9%	28.12
FULTON	19	0.5%	44.50		ROSS	20	0.5%	25.62
GALLIA	7	0.2%	22.63		SANDUSKY	19	0.5%	31.18
GEAUGA	30	0.8%	32.12		SCIOTO	4	0.1%	5.03
GREENE	35	0.9%	21.66		SENECA	9	0.2%	15.86
GUERNSEY	12	0.3%	29.93		SHELBY	4	0.1%	8.09
HAMILTON	197	5.3%	24.55		STARK	155	4.2%	41.27
HANCOCK	8	0.2%	10.70		SUMMIT	195	5.3%	35.99
HARDIN	9	0.2%	28.07		TRUMBULL	81	2.2%	38.51
HARRISON	2	0.1%	12.61		TUSCARAWAS	25	0.7%	27.00
HENRY	7	0.2%	24.81		UNION	11	0.3%	21.03
HIGHLAND	6	0.2%	13.76		VAN WERT	9	0.2%	31.31
HOCKING	8	0.2%	27.23		VINTON	3	0.1%	22.33
HOLMES	14	0.4%	33.05		WARREN	47	1.3%	22.10
HURON	19	0.5%	31.87		WASHINGTON	27	0.7%	43.70
JACKSON	8	0.2%	24.08		WAYNE	29	0.8%	25.32
JEFFERSON	37	1.0%	53.08		WILLIAMS	6	0.2%	15.94
KNOX	2	0.1%	3.28		WOOD	32	0.9%	25.50
LAKE	55	1.5%	23.91		WYANDOT	3	0.1%	13.27
LAWRENCE	24	0.7%	38.43		UNKNOWN	0	0.0%	*
LICKING	37	1.0%	22.22		TOTAL	3691	100%	31.99

\*2015-2016 Season 10/4/2015 thru 5/21/2016

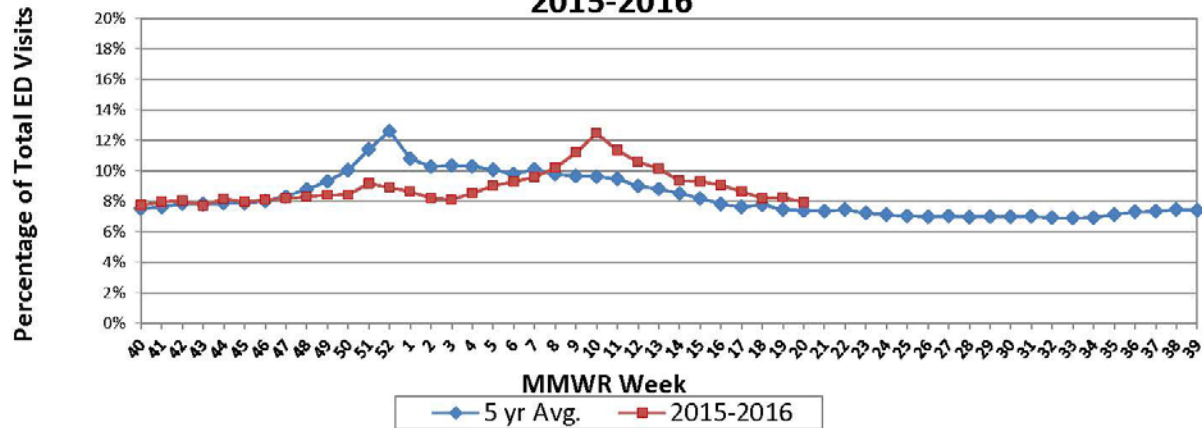
† Disease rates were calculated by number of cases per 100,000 residents using 2010 census data.

Source: Ohio Disease Reporting System

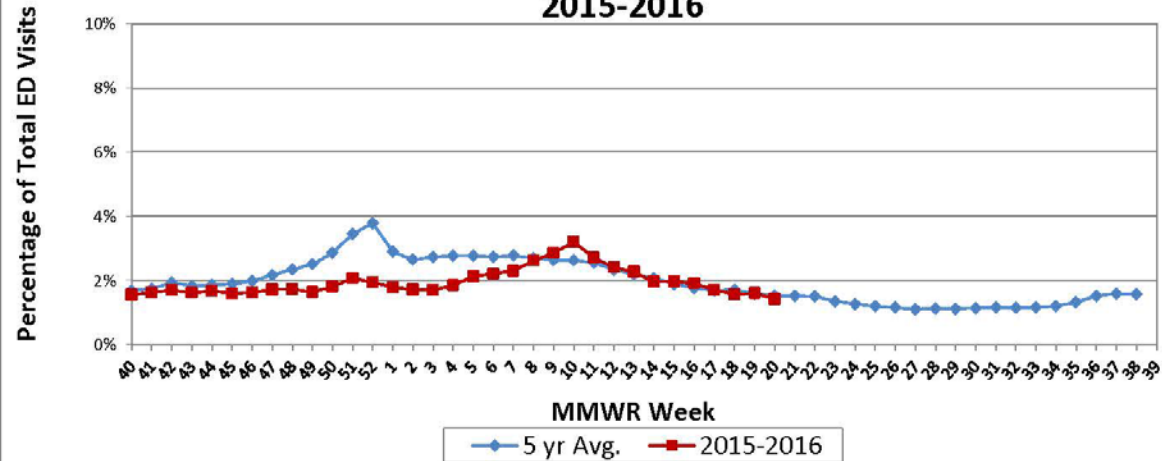
## Influenza-associated Hospitalizations by Public Health Region and MMWR Week, Ohio, 2015-2016 Influenza Season



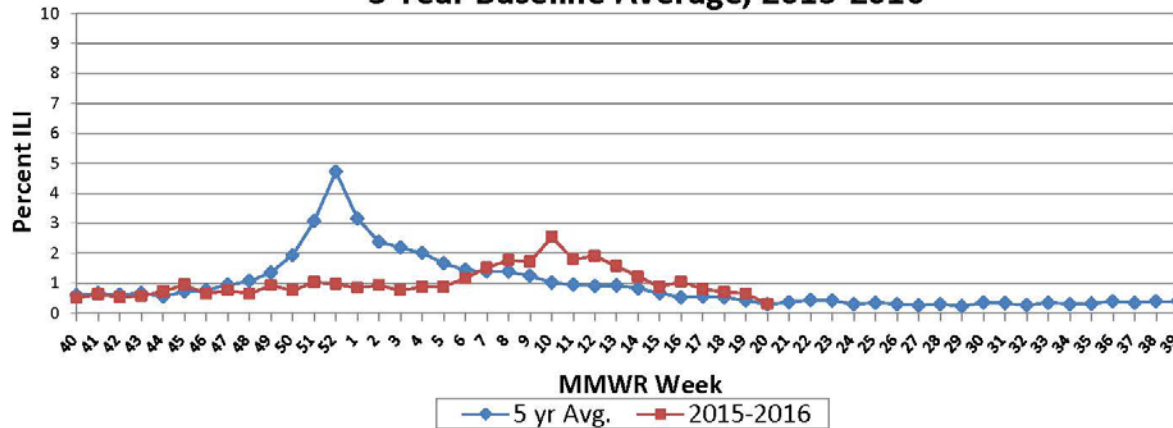
**Ohio Constitutional ED Visits with 5 Year Baseline Average;  
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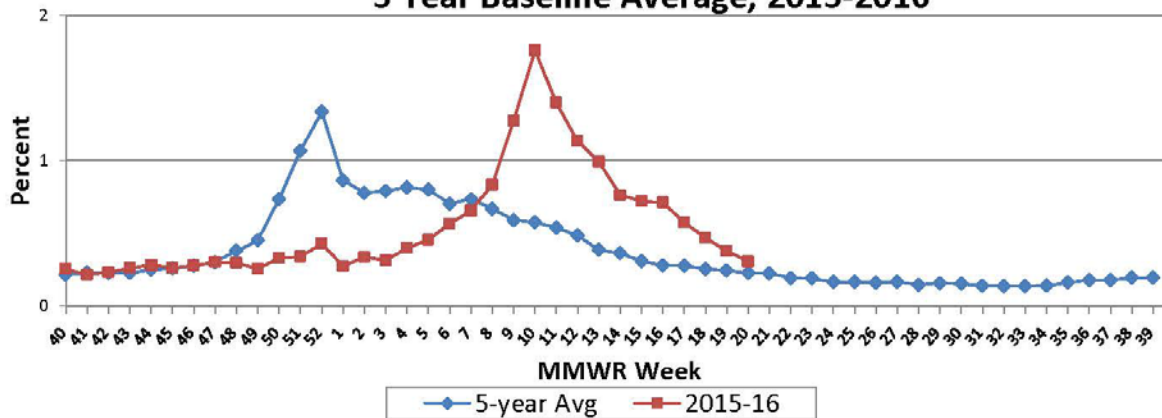
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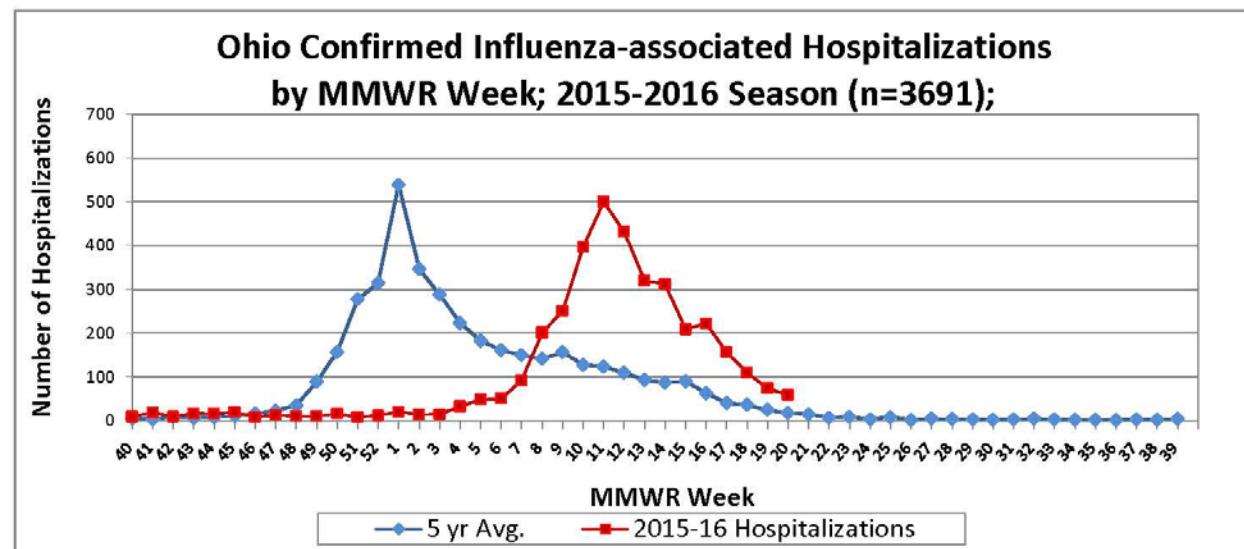
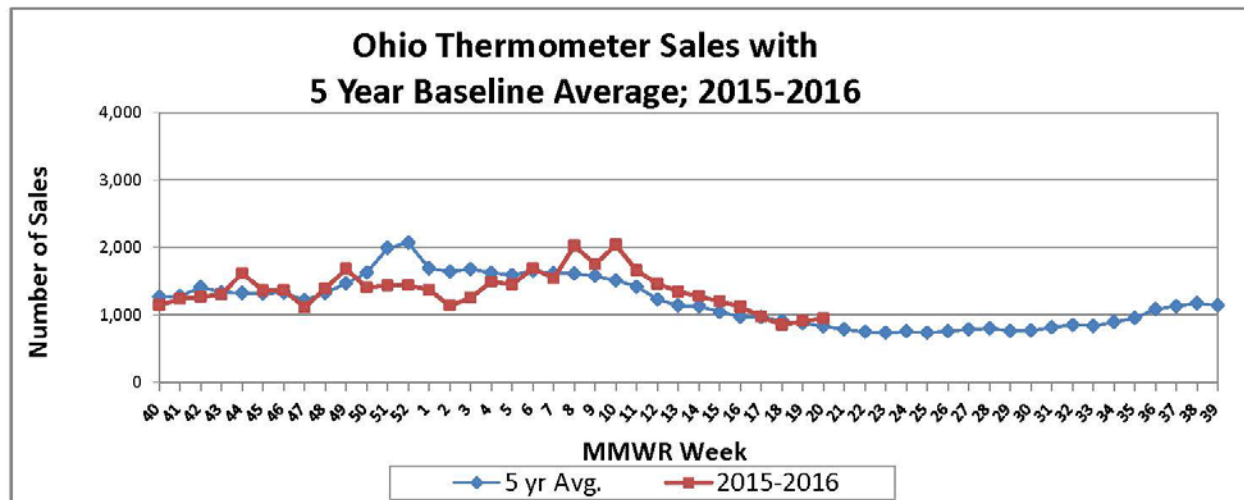
**Ohio Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Network (ILINet) with  
3 Year Baseline Average; 2015-2016**



**AthenaHealth: Ohio Influenza Related Outpatient Medical Claims  
5 Year Baseline Average; 2015-2016**









## Sources of Influenza Surveillance Data

- **National Retail Data Monitor (NRDM)-OTC Drug Purchases:** The NRDM collects over-the-counter (OTC) drug sales information from approximately 1,420 Ohio chain drug stores and grocery stores. For influenza surveillance, thermometer and adult cold relief sales are monitored on a weekly basis.
- **Emergency Department Visits (EpiCenter):** EpiCenter collects emergency department chief complaint data from 180 hospitals and urgent care facilities across Ohio in real time and classifies them into symptom and syndrome categories. Chief complaints from the constitutional syndrome category and the fever + ILI symptoms classifier are analyzed for influenza surveillance.
- **Sentinel Providers (ILINet):** Sentinel providers, through the US Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), collect outpatient influenza-like illness (ILI) data. ILI is defined as a fever ( $\geq 100$  F), **and** cough and/or sore throat without another known cause. Providers report the total number of patients seen and the number of patients with ILI by age group on a weekly basis. Sentinel providers also submit specimens for influenza testing to the ODH laboratory throughout the influenza season. There are 81 sentinel providers enrolled in Ohio for the 2015-2016 season.
- **ODH Laboratory Surveillance:** The Ohio Department of Health Laboratory reports the number of specimens that test positive for influenza each week. Generally, specimens are submitted by sentinel provider participants. A subset of the positive specimens is sent to CDC for further testing during the season.
- **Influenza-associated Hospitalizations (ODRS):** Influenza-associated hospitalizations are reported to ODH from local health departments and hospitals by direct entry into the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS). Hospitalizations can be used as an indicator of the severity of illness during a particular influenza season. This condition became reportable in 2009.
- **122 Cities Mortality Reporting System (Vital Statistics):** Ohio's eight largest cities participate in this reporting on a weekly basis. Vital statistics offices from across the country report the number of death certificates received, along with how many of those have pneumonia or influenza listed as an underlying or contributing cause of death.
- **Influenza-associated Pediatric Mortality (ODRS):** Influenza-associated pediatric mortalities are reported into ODRS by local health department and hospital staff. Pediatric deaths can be an indicator of the severity of illness during the influenza season. This condition became reportable in 2005.
- **National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS):** The National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) is a laboratory-based system that monitors temporal and geographic patterns associated with the detection of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), human parainfluenza viruses (HPIV), respiratory and enteric adenoviruses and rotavirus. There are 19 facilities in Ohio that submit data to this system.
- **athenahealth®:** athenahealth is a technology and services company for medical billing and electronic health records. Diagnosis and procedure data from primary care visits are automatically queried to produce influenza related statistics.

If you have any further questions or comments about surveillance for seasonal influenza for the State of Ohio, please contact the Public Health Informatics and Vaccine Preventable Disease Epidemiology Unit at [SMED@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:SMED@odh.ohio.gov) or call (614) 995-5599.