

# Toledo-Lucas County Health Department Seasonal Influenza Activity Summary

MMWR Week 16 April 16-22, 2017

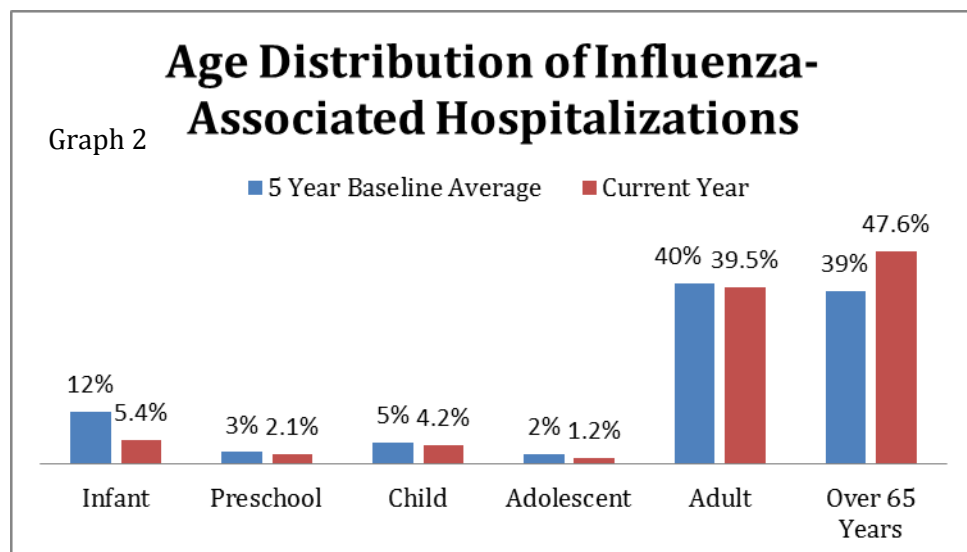
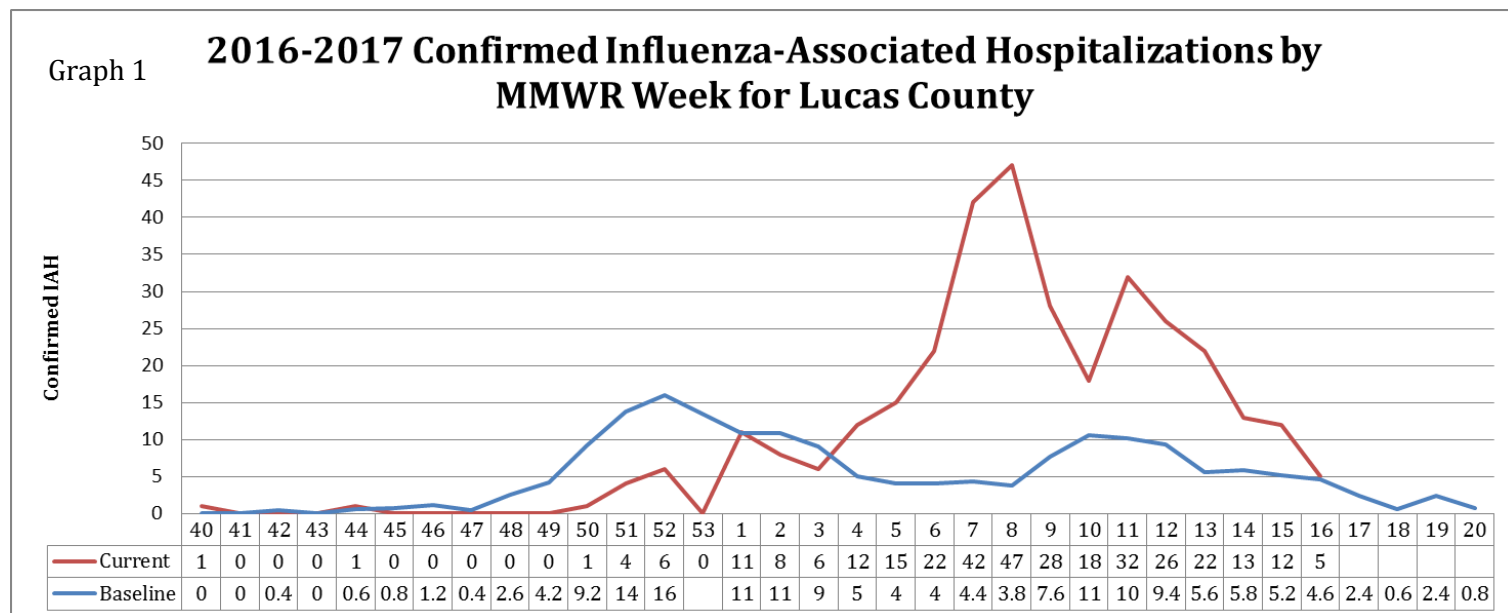
## Local Surveillance:

### Current Influenza Activity Levels:

- Lucas County had 5 confirmed Influenza-associated Hospitalizations (IAH) reported, bringing the total to 332 as of April 22, 2017.
- *Gender Distribution of Cases:* 57% female, 41% male

Lucas County accounts for 3.9% of the IAH reported in Ohio.

Graph 1 illustrates the current confirmed Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations compared to baseline, which is a five year average.



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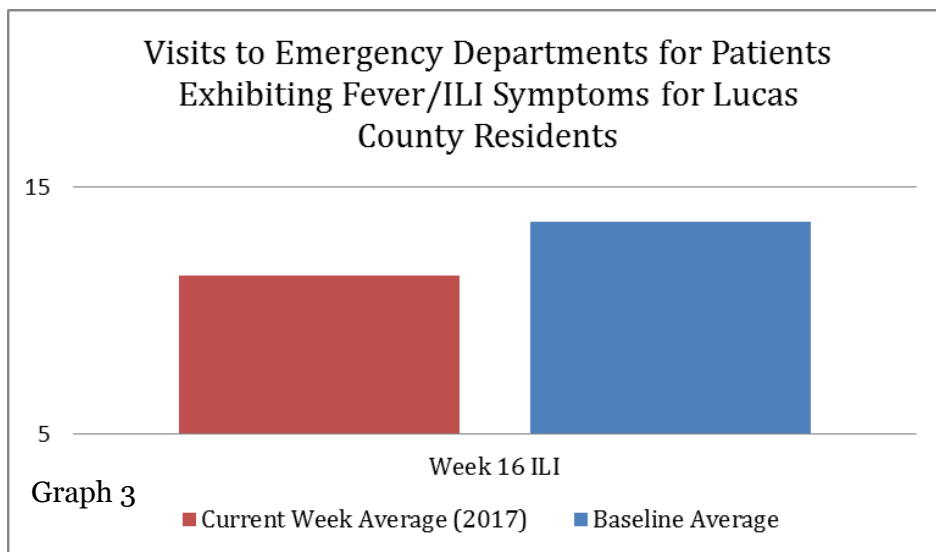
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The number of emergency department visits with patients exhibiting fever/ILI symptoms was below baseline for MMWR 16. ILI (Influenza-Like Illness) is defined as a *fever greater than or equal to 100 degrees F AND a cough or sore throat*. (Graph 3)



## Summary of State Data: Current Ohio Activity Level (Geographic Spread) – Widespread

Definition: Increased ILI in at least half of the regions AND recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza in the state.

During MMWR Week 16, Ohio public health surveillance data sources indicate decreased activity for influenza-like illness (ILI) in outpatient settings reported by Ohio's Sentinel ILINet providers, Athenahealth medical claims data and most other data sources. The percentage of emergency department (ED) visits with patients exhibiting constitutional symptoms and fever and ILI specified ED visits decreased and are below baseline levels. Weekly Influenza-associated hospitalization numbers decreased but are still above the \*seasonal threshold. There were 188 influenza-associated hospitalizations reported during MMWR Week 16.

## State Surveillance:

- ODH lab has reported 1233 influenza tests from specimens sent from various submitters. 2016-2017 influenza season positive results: (5) A/pdmH1N1; (751) A/H3N2; (251) Influenza B; (through 4/22/2017).
- The National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) has reported 56,226 influenza tests performed at participating facilities. 2016-2017 influenza season positive results: (5) H1N1, (646) A/H3N2, (4172) Flu A Not Subtyped, and (3625) Flu B (through 4/22/2017).
- 6 influenza-associated pediatric mortalities have been reported during the 2016-2017 season (through 4/22/2017).
- No novel influenza A virus infections have been reported during the 2016-2017 season (through 4/22/2017).
- Incidence of confirmed influenza-associated hospitalizations in 2016-2017 season = 8440 (through 4/22/2017).

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**Regional Surveillance\*:** During week 15 (April 9th – April 15th, 2017), the proportion of outpatient visits for ILI in Region 5 (Ohio is in Region 5) was 1.6%, which is below the regional baseline of 1.9%. Ohio reported Widespread Activity. Michigan, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania reported Regional Activity. West Virginia reported Local Activity. Indiana reported Sporadic Activity.

**National Surveillance\*:** During week 15 (April 9th – April 15th, 2017), 45 U.S. states reported Minimal influenza activity, 3 states reported Low Activity, and 2 reported moderate activity. The proportion of outpatient visits for ILI was 2.0%, which is below the national baseline of 2.2%. Three HHS regions reported ILI levels at their region-specific baseline level. The most frequently identified influenza virus type reported by public health laboratories was influenza B.

\*Regional and National surveillance data are reported one week later than Ohio state and local data

## **Flu Information:**

### **Influenza Virus Characterization:**

CDC has antigenically characterized 1,444 influenza viruses [253 influenza A (H1N1)pdm09, 631 influenza A (H3N2), and 560 influenza B viruses] collected by U.S. laboratories since October 1, 2016.. 97% of the Influenza B viruses that have been antigenically characterized by CDC were similar to viruses included in either the trivalent or quadrivalent 2016-17 influenza vaccine. 97% of the influenza A viruses characterized matched the viruses included in the 2016-17 influenza vaccine

**State, Regional and National data is provided by the Ohio Department of Health**

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