

# Toledo-Lucas County Health Department Seasonal Influenza Activity Summary

MMWR Week 04 January 19-25, 2020

## Local Surveillance:

### Current Influenza Activity Levels:

Lucas County had **26** confirmed Influenza-associated Hospitalizations (IAH) reported in week 04, bringing the total to **204** cases as of January 25, 2020. *70% of cases are flu type B.*

--There were no deaths reported

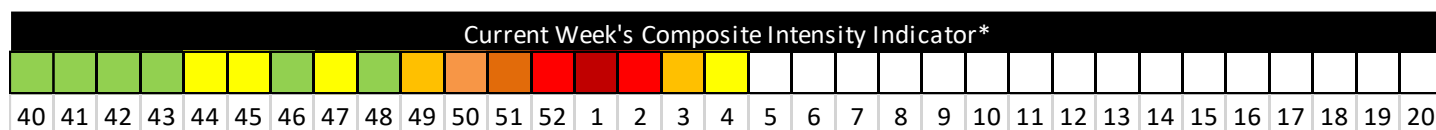
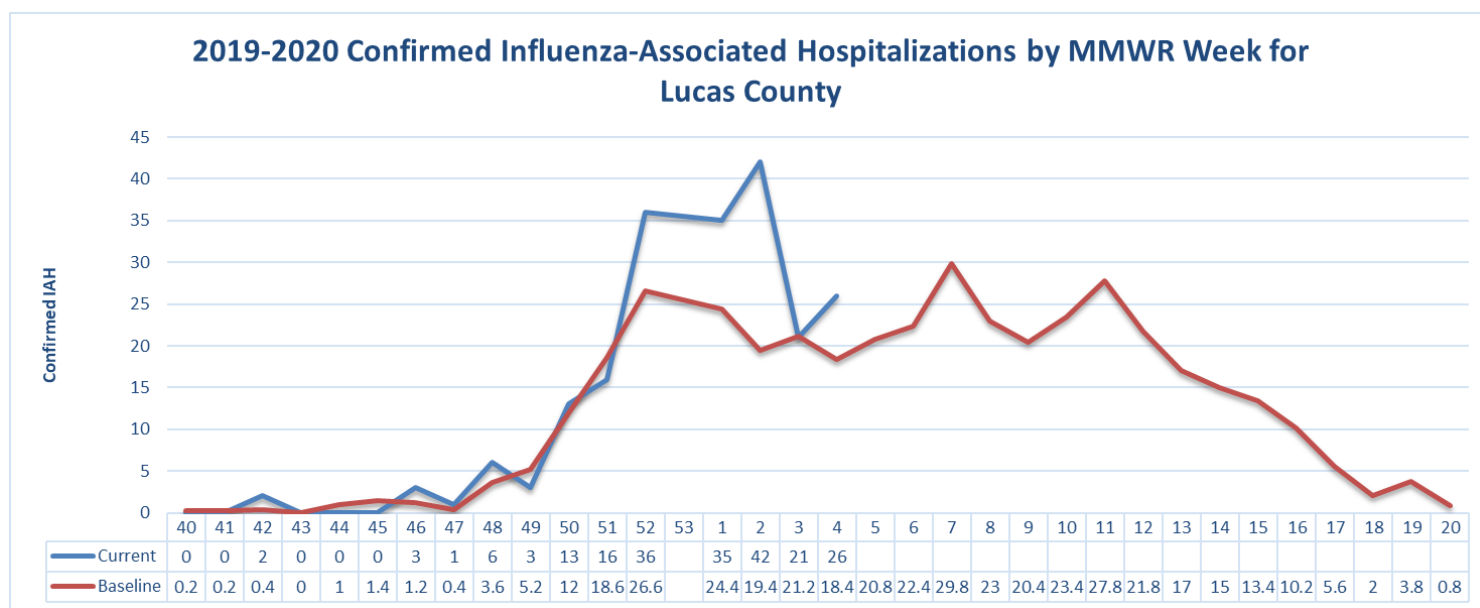
*Gender Distribution of Cases:* 56% female, 44% male

Lucas County accounts for 4.8% of the IAH reported in Ohio. Rate per 100,000 population\*\*: 39.16

\*Stating Influenza as the cause of death OR as 'a consequence of' on the certificate of death. Please note that some individuals may have underlying health conditions and influenza may not be the sole cause of their death.

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

Graph 1 illustrates the current confirmed IAH compared to baseline, which is a five year average.



High	Mod	Low	Minimal	

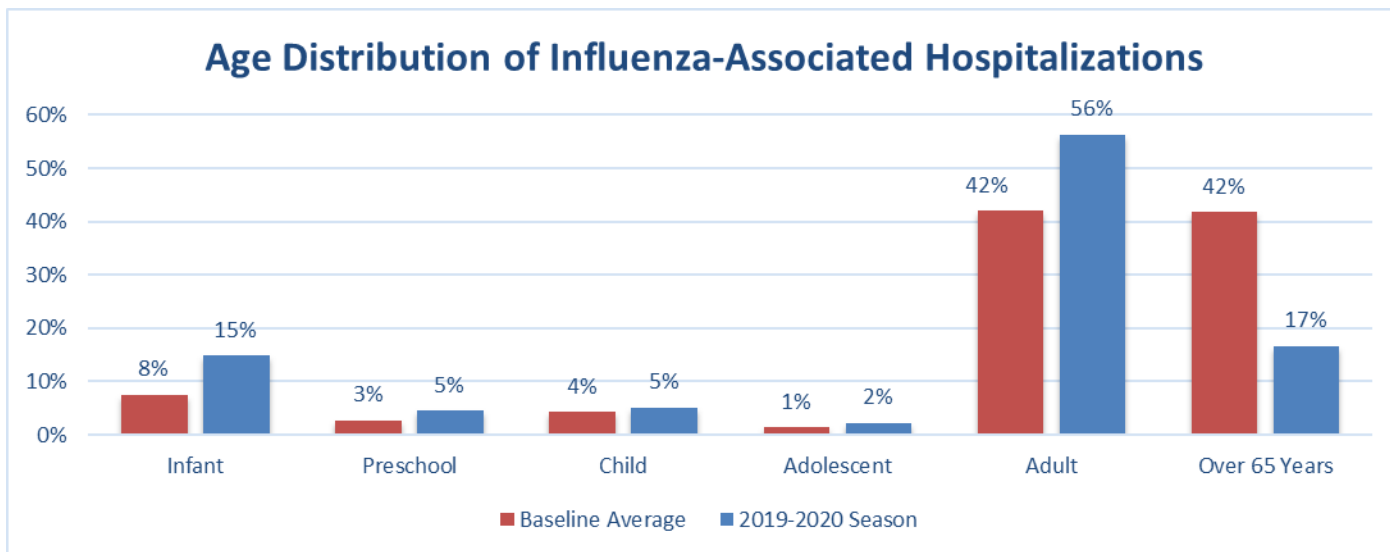
\* Combination of ED visit data and Influenza-associated Hospitalizations.

ED Visits are comprised of Influenza-like illness and respiratory syndrome as **compared to the baseline average**

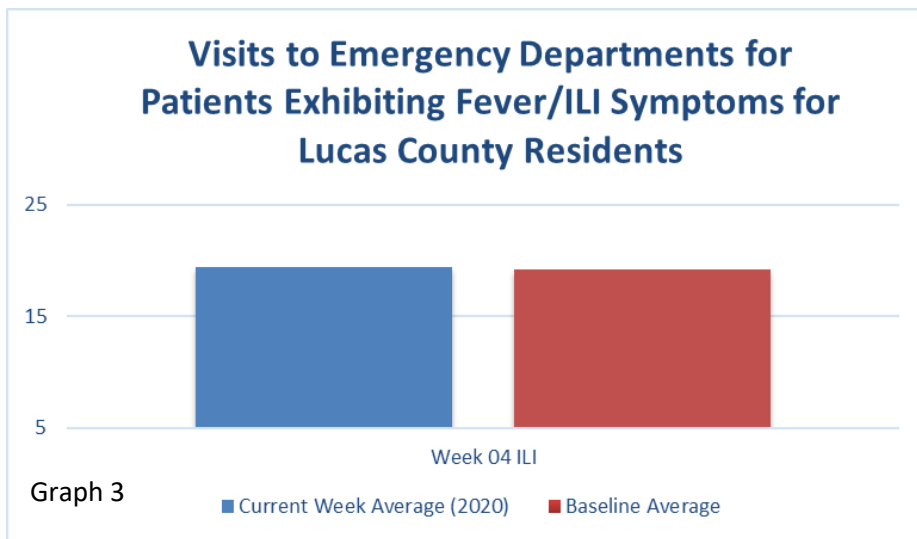


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The number of emergency department visits with patients exhibiting fever/ILI symptoms was right at baseline for MMWR 04. ILI (Influenza-Like Illness) is defined as a fever greater than or equal to 100 degrees F AND a cough or sore throat. (Graph 3)



**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 4, public health surveillance data sources indicate moderate intensity for influenza-like illness (ILI) in outpatient settings reported by Ohio’s sentinel providers. The percentage of emergency department visits with patients exhibiting constitutional symptoms are above baseline levels statewide; fever and ILI specified ED visits are also

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above baseline levels. Reported cases of influenza-associated hospitalizations are above the seasonal threshold\*. There were 611 influenza-associated hospitalizations reported during MMWR Week 4.

### **State Surveillance:**

- ODH lab has reported 332 positive influenza tests from specimens sent from sentinel ILINet providers and hospital clinical labs. 2019-2020 influenza season results: (143) A/pdmH1N1; (14) A/H3N2; (175) Influenza B; (through 01/25/2020).
- The National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) has tested 46,137 influenza specimens by RTPCR at participating facilities. 2019-2020 influenza season positive results: (158) A/pdmH1N1; (2) A/H3N2; (2,351) Flu A Not Subtyped; and (5,227) Flu B; (through 01/25/2020)
- 1 influenza-associated pediatric mortality has been reported during the 2019-2020 season (through 01/25/2020).
- No novel influenza A virus infections have been reported during the 2019-2020 season (through 01/25/2020).
- Incidence of confirmed influenza-associated hospitalizations in 2019-2020 season = 3,642 (through 01/25/2020).

**Regional Surveillance\*:** During week 3 (January 12th – January 18th, 2020), the proportion of outpatient visits for ILI in Region 5 (Ohio is in Region 5) was 3.23%, which is above the regional baseline of 1.9%. Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Indiana reported Widespread Activity.

**National Surveillance\*:** During week 3 (January 12th – January 18th, 2020), the majority of the U.S. reported High or Moderate influenza activity. The proportion of outpatient visits for ILI was 5.0%, which is above the national baseline of 2.4%. All 10 HHS regions reported ILI levels at or above their region-specific baseline level. Nationally influenza B/Victoria viruses have been reported more frequently than other influenza viruses this season. However, during recent weeks, approximately equal numbers of B/Victoria and influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses have been reported nationally. The predominant virus varies by region. The predominant virus also varies by age group. Nationally, influenza B viruses are the most commonly reported influenza viruses among children age 0-4 years (60% of reported viruses) and 5-24 years (75% of reported viruses), while A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses are the most commonly reported influenza viruses among persons 25-64 years (47% of reported viruses) and 65 years of age and older (53% of reported viruses). For this season, 53% of influenza positive specimens reported by public health laboratories were among persons less than 25 years of age and only 12% were from persons age 65 and older.

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

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

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