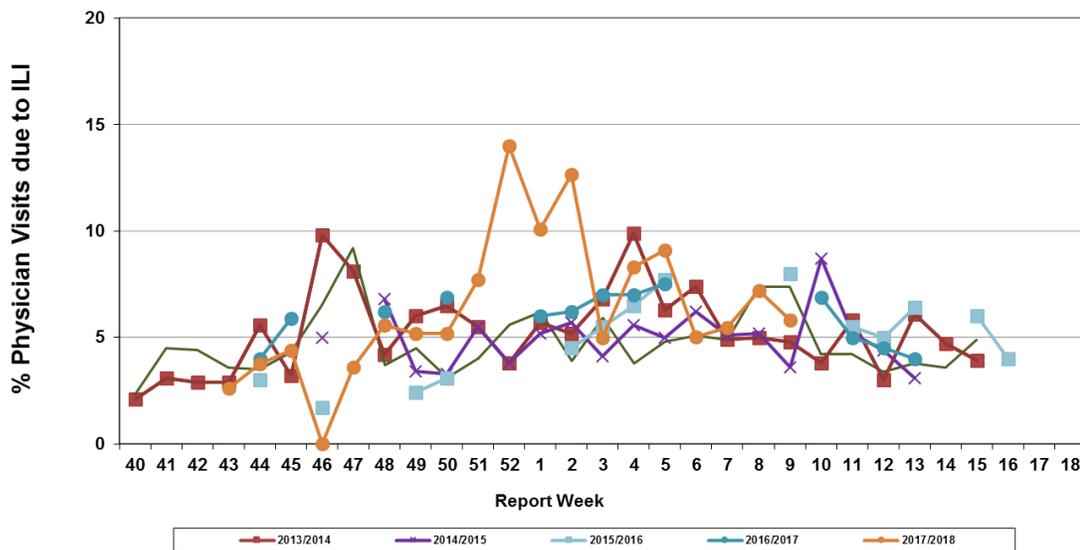


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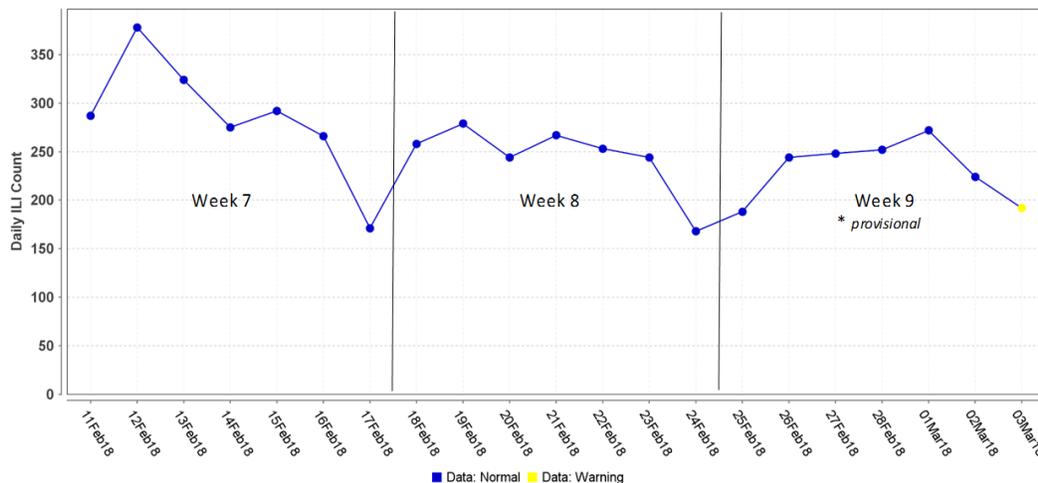
Week ending March 10, 2018

**Percent of Total Visits at Physician Sentinel Sites
due to Influenza-like Illness (ILI),
Riverside County: 2017/2018 Influenza Season**



During week 9*, 5.5% of visits to physician sentinel sites were related to influenza-like illnesses. Compared to historical data, this is within normal limits.

Total Emergency Dept Visits Due to ILI (Feb 11 - Mar 3, 2018)



Hospital surveillance system triggers alerts due to unusually high influenza-like illness visits. During week 9* ED visits were within normal limits.

Deaths due to Pneumonia and Influenza: During week 9*, 11.0% of deaths were due, in part, to pneumonia or influenza. Compared to historical data, this is within normal limits.

School Absenteeism: During week 9*, 14.2% of students at sentinel school sites were absent due to illness. Compared to historical data, this is above normal limits.

State Influenza Activity: During week 9*, overall influenza activity was “Widespread” in California. Based on available data from 77 enrolled sentinel providers, the percentage of visits for ILI in week 9* (3.2%) is within expected baseline levels for this time of year. Four laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated deaths in adults less than 65 years of age were reported during Week 9*. Thirty four laboratory-confirmed influenza outbreaks were reported.

National Influenza Activity: During week 9*, influenza activity decreased in the United States. The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 3.7%, which is above the national baseline of 2.2%. All 10 regions reported ILI at or above region-specific baseline levels. New York City and 21 states experienced high ILI activity; 15 states experienced moderate ILI activity; the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and five states experienced low ILI activity, and nine states reported minimal ILI activity. The geographic spread of influenza in Puerto Rico and 34 states was reported as widespread; Guam and 12 states reported regional activity; the District of Columbia and four states reported local activity; and the U.S. Virgin Islands reported no activity. During week 7**, 8.8% of all deaths reported through the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) were due to P&I. This percentage is above the epidemic threshold of 7.4% for week 4**. Five influenza associated pediatric death was reported.

*Reporting delayed one week

** Reporting delayed several weeks

Additional Resources

Riverside County Influenza Information:

State of California Influenza Information:

United States Influenza Information:

<http://www.rivco-diseasecontrol.org/Services/InfluenzaInformation.aspx>

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/Influenza.aspx>

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/pastreports.htm>



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