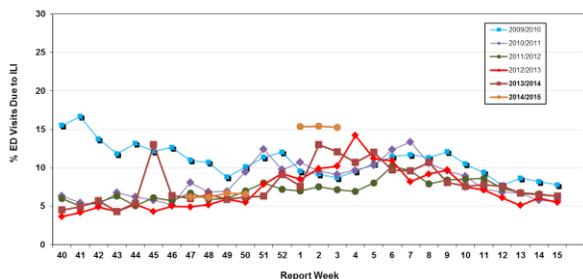


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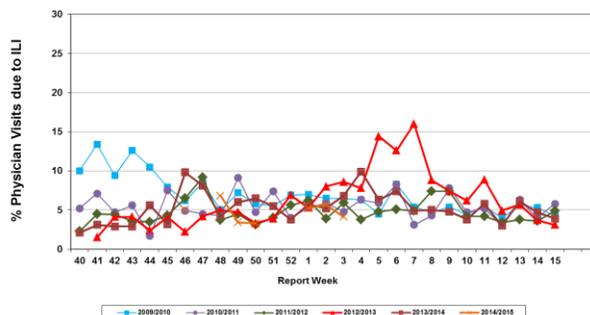
Week ending January 24, 2015

Percent of Emergency Department (ED) Visits due to Influenza-Like Illness (ILI), Riverside County: 2014/2015 Influenza Season



During week 3, 15.3% of visits to Riverside County emergency departments were related to influenza-like illnesses. Compared to historical data, this is above normal limits.

Percent of Total Visits at Physician Sentinel Sites due to Influenza-like Illness (ILI), Riverside County: 2014/2015 Influenza Season



During week 3, 4.1% of visits to physician sentinel sites were related to influenza-like illnesses. Compared to historical data, this is within normal limits.

Deaths due to Pneumonia and Influenza: During week 3, 6.6 % of deaths were due, in part, to pneumonia or influenza. Compared to historical data, this is within normal limits.

School Absenteeism: During week 3, 15.9% of students at sentinel school sites were absent due to illness. Compared to historical data, this is significantly above limits.

State Influenza Activity: During week 2*, overall influenza activity was “widespread” in California. Based on available data from 80 enrolled sentinel providers, the percentage of visits for ILI in week 2* (3.8%) exceeds the epidemic threshold (3.7%) for this time of year. Three influenza-associated deaths in adults less than 65 years of age were reported during Week 2*. Fifteen laboratory-confirmed influenza outbreaks were reported.

National Influenza Activity: During week 2*, influenza activity continued at elevated levels in the United States. The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 4.5%, which is above the national baseline of 2.0%. All 10 regions reported ILI at or above region-specific baseline levels. Puerto Rico and 23 states experienced high ILI activity; New York City and 10 states experienced moderate ILI activity; 10 states experienced low ILI activity; seven states experienced minimal ILI activity; and the District of Columbia and one state had insufficient data. The geographic spread of influenza in 44 states was reported as widespread; Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and five states reported regional activity; and the District of Columbia and one state reported local activity. During week 2*, 9.3 % of all deaths reported through the 122-Cities Mortality Reporting System were due to P&I. This percentage was above the epidemic threshold of 7.1% for week 2*. Eleven influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported.

* Data reporting delayed one week

Additional Resources

Riverside County Influenza Information:
 State of California Influenza Information:
 United States Influenza Information:

<http://www.rivco-diseasecontrol.org/Services/InfluenzaInformation.aspx>
[http://www.cdph.ca.gov/healthinfo/discond/Pages/Influenza\(Flu\).aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/healthinfo/discond/Pages/Influenza(Flu).aspx)
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/flu/weekly.htm>

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