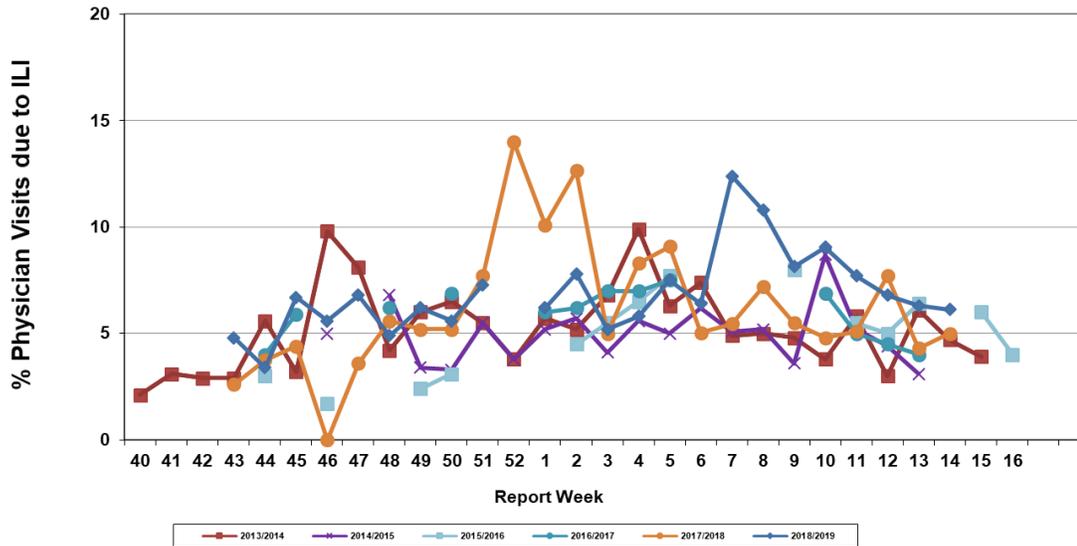


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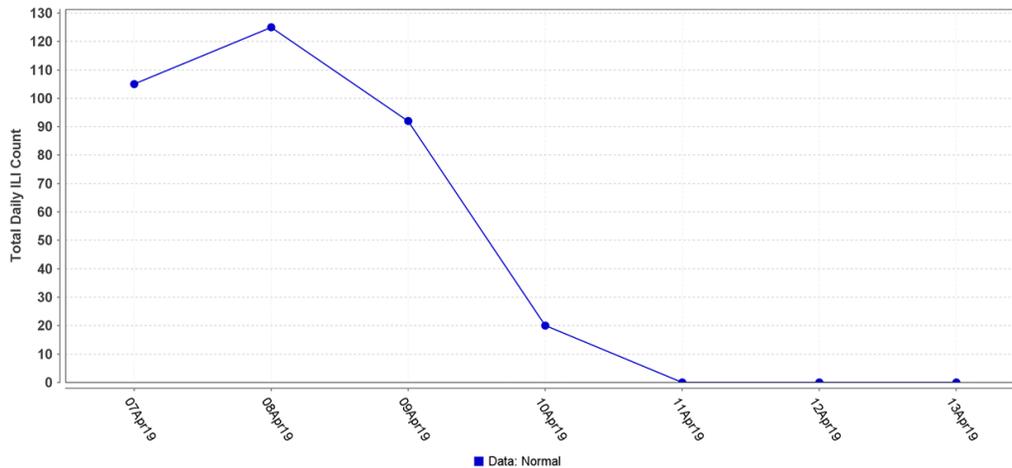
Week ending April 13, 2019

**Percent of Total Visits at Physician Sentinel Sites
due to Influenza-like Illness (ILI),
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During week 14*, 6.1% of visits to physician sentinel sites were related to influenza-like illnesses. Compared to historical data, this is above normal limits.

Total Healthcare Provider Visits Due to ILI (Week 15)



Hospital surveillance system triggers alerts due to unusually high influenza-like illness visits. During week 15, visits were within normal limits, with a single spike on 4/8/2019.

Deaths due to Pneumonia and Influenza: During week 15, zero deaths were due, in part, to pneumonia or influenza. Compared to historical data, this is below normal limits.

School Absenteeism: During week 14*, 8.1% of students at sentinel school sites were absent due to illness. Compared to historical data, this is within normal limits.

State Influenza Activity: During week 13**, overall influenza activity was “Widespread” in California. Based on available data from 89 enrolled sentinel providers, the percentage of visits for ILI in week 13** (3.1%) is above expected baseline levels for this time of year. Four hundred and fifty three laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated deaths (since Sept. 30, 2018) in adults less than 65 years of age were reported during Week 13*. One hundred and fifty four laboratory-confirmed influenza outbreaks were reported.

National Influenza Activity: During week 13**, influenza activity decreased but remains elevated in the United States. The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 3.2%, which is above the national baseline of 2.2%. All 10 regions reported ILI at or above their region specific baseline level. Six states experienced high ILI activity; 19 states experienced moderate ILI activity; New York, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 13 states experienced low ILI activity; 12 states experienced minimal activity; and the U.S. Virgin Islands had insufficient data. The geographic spread of influenza in 33 states reported as widespread; 15 states reported regional activity; the District of Columbia and one state reported local activity; the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam did not report. During week 12**, 7.2% of all deaths reported through the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) were due to P&I. This percentage is at the epidemic threshold of 7.2% for week 12**. Six influenza associated pediatric death were reported.

*Reporting delayed one week

** Reporting delayed several weeks

Additional Resources

Riverside County Influenza Information:

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

State of California Influenza Information:

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

United States Influenza Information:

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



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