



## Week 9 Highlights

The weekly influenza watch summarizes the flu activity in the City of Cleveland. The metrics in this report include the number and percentage of emergency department visits for influenza-like illness, confirmed flu hospitalizations, and deaths each week due to pneumonia or influenza.

- This week, flu activity is classified as “Low”
- 2.30% of emergency department visits were for flu-like illness
- There were 17 confirmed cases of influenza-associated hospitalizations reported this week. There have been 313 influenza associated hospitalizations so far this season
- 3.69% of deaths reported were due to pneumonia. Two influenza deaths were reported this week and there have been 13 influenza deaths so far this season

**Flu Intensity:** Low

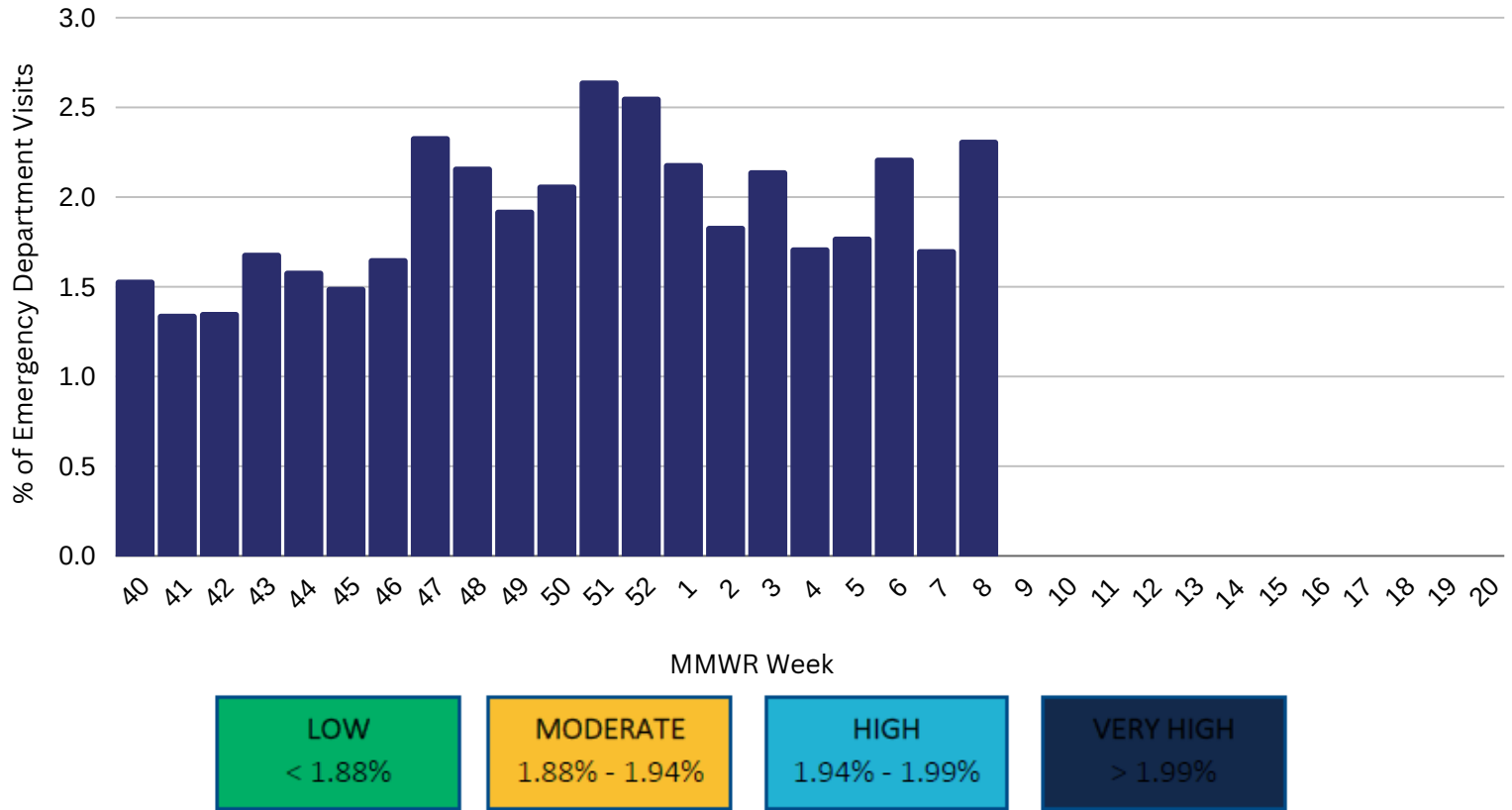
Influenza & COVID-19 Intensity Indicators	This Week n (%)	Activity Compared to Last Week	Season Total n (%)
Emergency Department visits for Influenza-like Illnesses	95 (2.30%)	+0.61%	1,630 (1.92%)
Confirmed Influenza Hospitalizations	20	+1	316
Confirmed COVID-19 Hospitalizations	11	+6	177
Pneumonia- & Influenza-related Deaths	11 (3.69%)	-2.39%	363 (5.42%)

*\*Deaths represent all deaths for Cuyahoga County. All other data presented are City of Cleveland-specific. Data are preliminary and subject to change as more information is gained. The three indicators for calculating the intensity thresholds are based on 2017 methodology from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*



## Influenza-like Illnesses (ILI)

Percentage of Emergency Department visits for ILI by Week, 2023-2024



The proportion of Emergency Room visits for influenza-like illnesses is above the very high threshold and comparable to the 5-years average. This week, 52% of the visits were among males. Regarding race and ethnicity, 36% of visits were Black or African American individuals; 21% were among White individuals; and 43% of visits were among other racial groups. A little over than third (39%) of visits were among Hispanic or Latin individuals. The median age this week is 6 years.

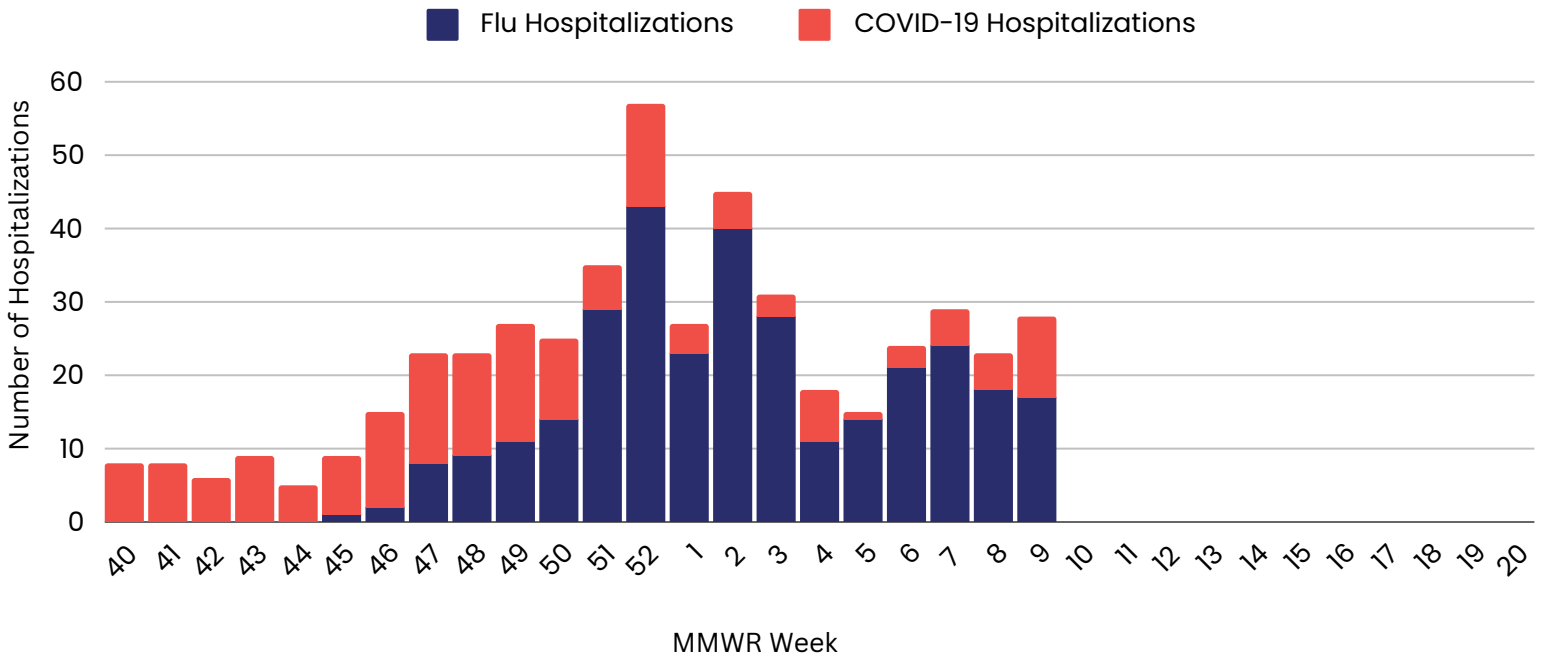
\*Data Source: Health Monitoring Systems: EpiCenter 3.5.18. Data extracted on 3/6/2024.

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## Influenza and COVID-19 Hospitalizations

### Number of Flu and COVID-19 Hospitalizations by Week, 2023-2024



There have been 20 influenza-associated Hospitalizations (IAH) reported this week among individuals aged 6 months to 75 years. More than half of these hospitalizations were among residents above the age of 40. This is comparable to the previous week and lower than expected at this point in the year based on the 5-year average. This brings the total influenza-associated hospitalizations for the season to 316. Influenza has accounted for more hospitalizations than COVID-19 this fall. The number of COVID-19 hospitalizations has increase from the previous week, with 11 hospitalizations reported during the current week.

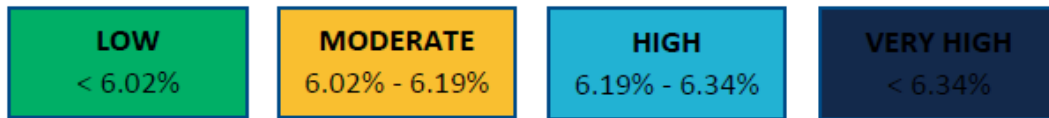
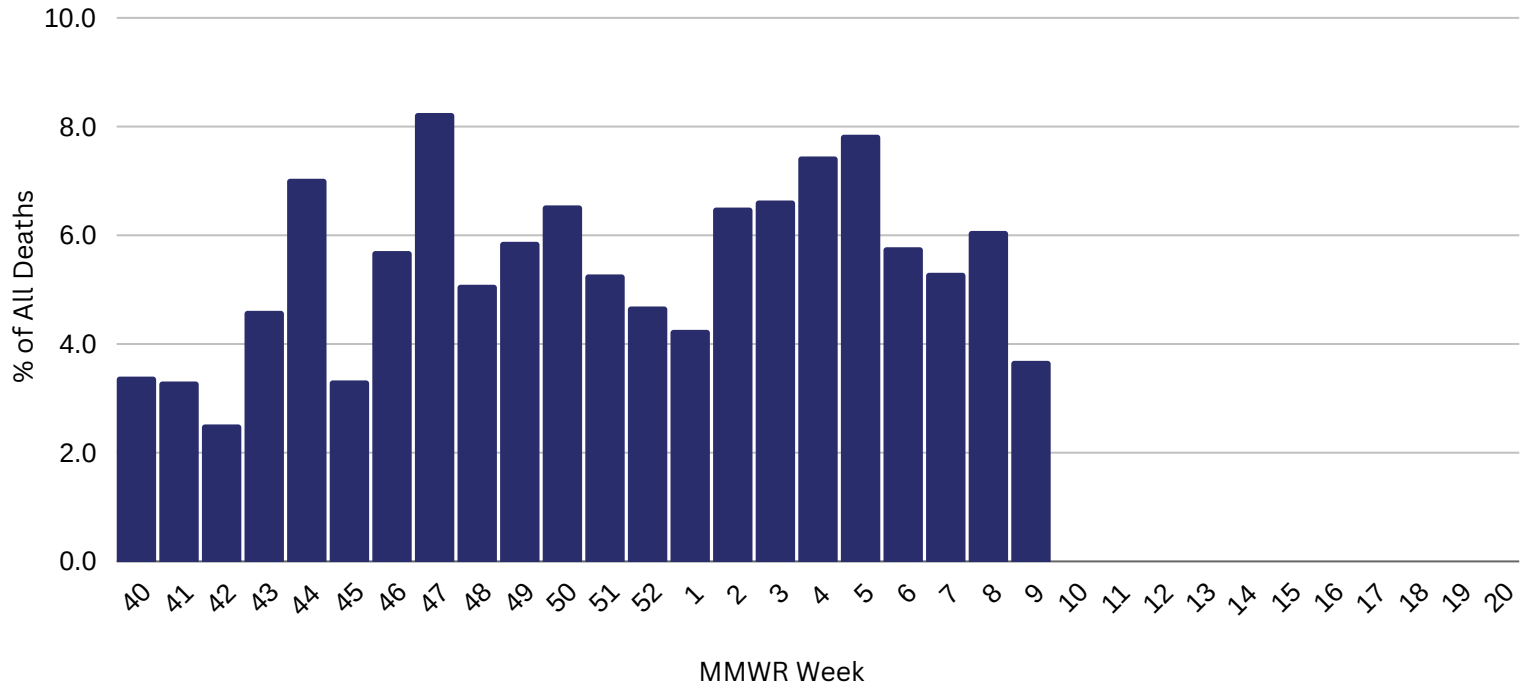
*\*Data Source: Ohio Department of Health: Ohio Disease Reporting System. Data extracted on 3/7/2024. Data are preliminary and subject to change as more information is gained.*

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## Pneumonia- & Influenza -Associated Deaths\*

Percentage of Deaths due to Pneumonia or Influenza by Week, 2023-2024



There have been 111 deaths this reporting week due to pneumonia or influenza-related illnesses (P&I). The proportion of P&I deaths is in the low threshold this week. This week, the data shows there were two influenza-associated deaths, which brings the season total to 13. Also, there have been 11 COVID-19 associated deaths thus far in the same period. The majority P&I deaths that occurred this week were among individuals aged 25 years and older.

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