



## Week 15 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 reported each week due to pneumonia or influenza.*

- This week, flu activity is classified as “Low.”
- 1.3% of emergency department visits were for flu-like illness.
- There were 3 confirmed cases of influenza-associated hospitalizations reported this week, with 809 influenza-associated hospitalizations this flu season (Oct 2024 – Apr 2025).

### Flu Intensity: Low

| Influenza Intensity Indicators                           | This Week n (%) | Activity Compared to Last Week | Season Total n (%) |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Emergency Department visits for Influenza-like Illnesses | 84 (1.3%)       | +5%                            | 3,206 (1.95%)      |
| Confirmed Influenza Hospitalizations                     | 3               | -3                             | 809                |
| Pneumonia- & Influenza-related Deaths*                   | **              | **                             | **                 |

*\*Deaths represent all deaths for Cuyahoga County. All other data presented are City of Cleveland-specific.*

*\*\*Pneumonia- & influenza-related death data temporarily unavailable.*

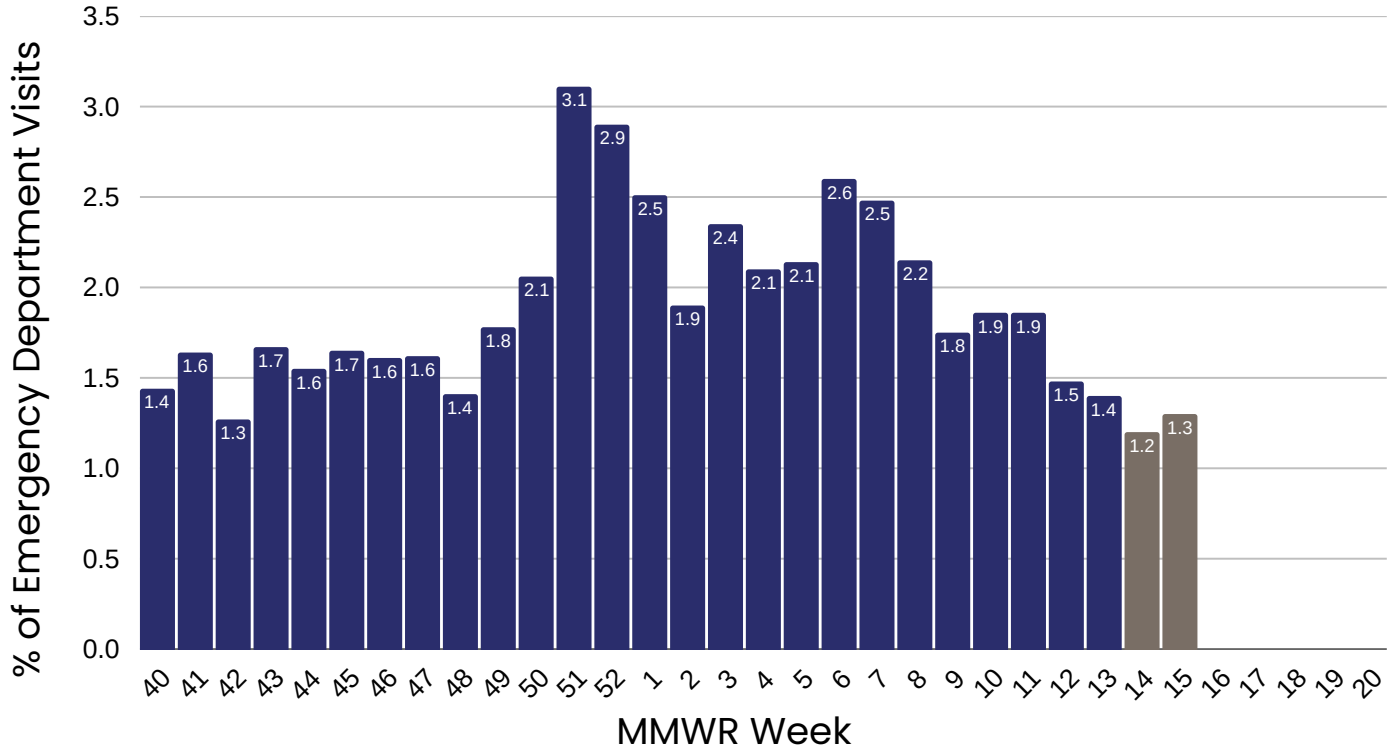
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## Influenza-like Illnesses (ILI)

Percentage of Emergency Department visits for ILI by Week, 2024-2025



The proportion of emergency department visits for influenza-like illnesses is below the “Low” threshold and lower than the 5-year average. This week, the mean age was 21 years and median 8.5 years.

67% of the visits were among females.

49% of visits were among Black or African American individuals; 25% among white individuals, and 1% among Asian individuals. No individuals identifying as Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (NHPI) and American Indian or Alaskan Native (AIAN) were reported.

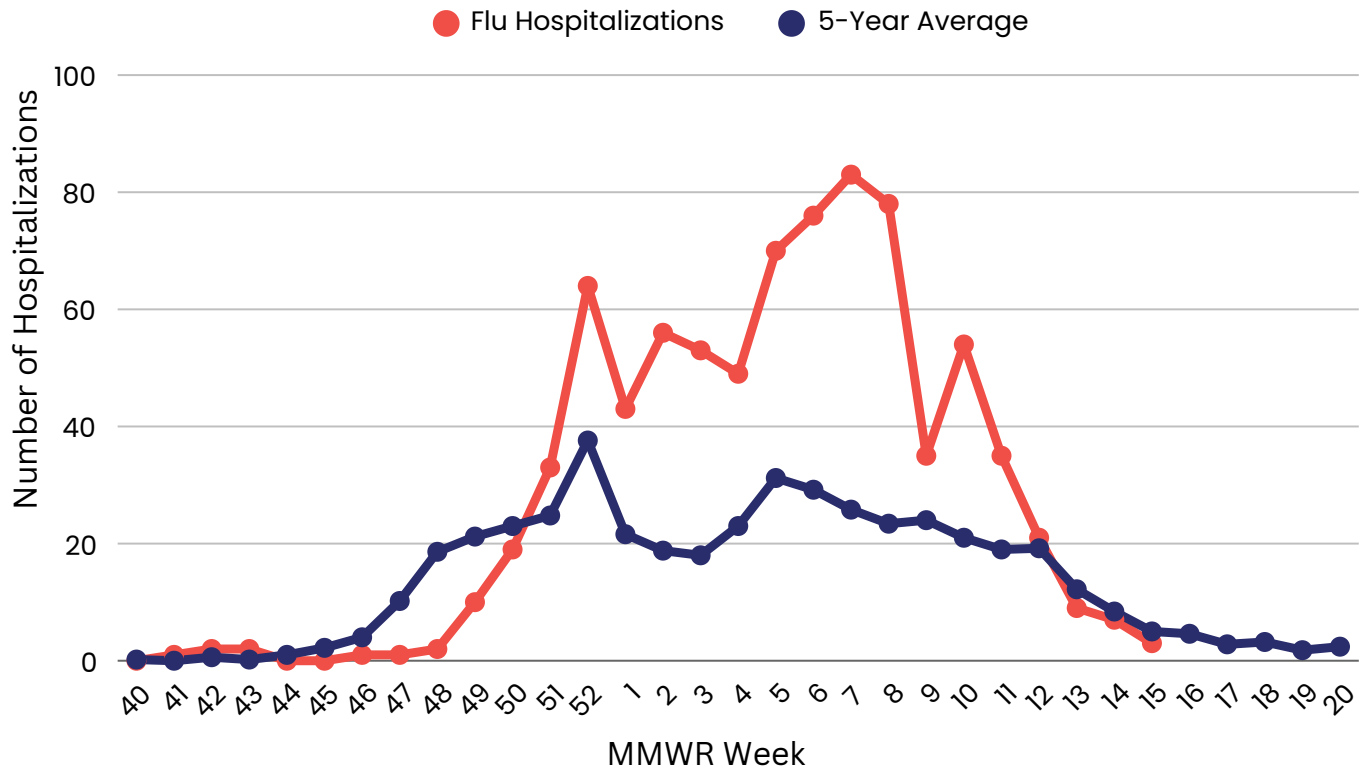
27% of all visits were among Hispanic or Latino individuals.

*Data Source: Health Monitoring Systems: EpiCenter 3.5.18. Data extracted on 4/17/2025.  
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## Influenza Hospitalizations

Number of Flu Hospitalizations by Week, 2024-2025



There were 3 influenza-associated hospitalizations (IAH) this reporting week, bringing the total for the season to 809 since the beginning of October. Flu hospitalizations were low this reporting week and comparable to the 5-year average. Influenza A is currently the predominant strain that is circulating this season. The median age for flu-associated hospitalization this week is 60 years old.

*\*Data Source: Ohio Department of Health: Ohio Disease Reporting System. Data extracted on 4/17/2025. Data are preliminary and subject to change as more data is reported.*