

## Week 7 Highlights

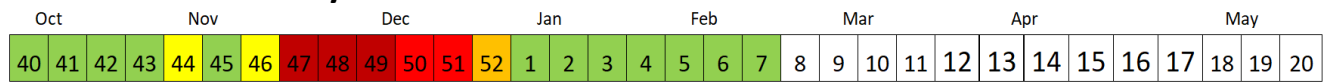
*The weekly Influenza Watch summarizes the flu surveillance in the City of Cleveland. The metrics in this report include the number and percentage of emergency department visits for influenza-like illness, confirmed hospitalizations for the flu, and the deaths each week due to pneumonia and influenza.*

- This week, flu activity is “Low”.
- 1.74% of emergency department visits were for flu-like illness.
- There was not a confirmed case of influenza-associated hospitalizations (IAH) that were reported this week. 472 hospitalizations due to the influenza have occurred so far this season.
- 3.83% of the deaths reported this week were due to pneumonia. There was not an influenza death reported this week and 15 influenza deaths so far this season.
- Influenza A is the predominant strain. This year’s vaccine is a good match for the circulating strain of Influenza A.

### Flu Intensity



### Seasonal Flu Intensity

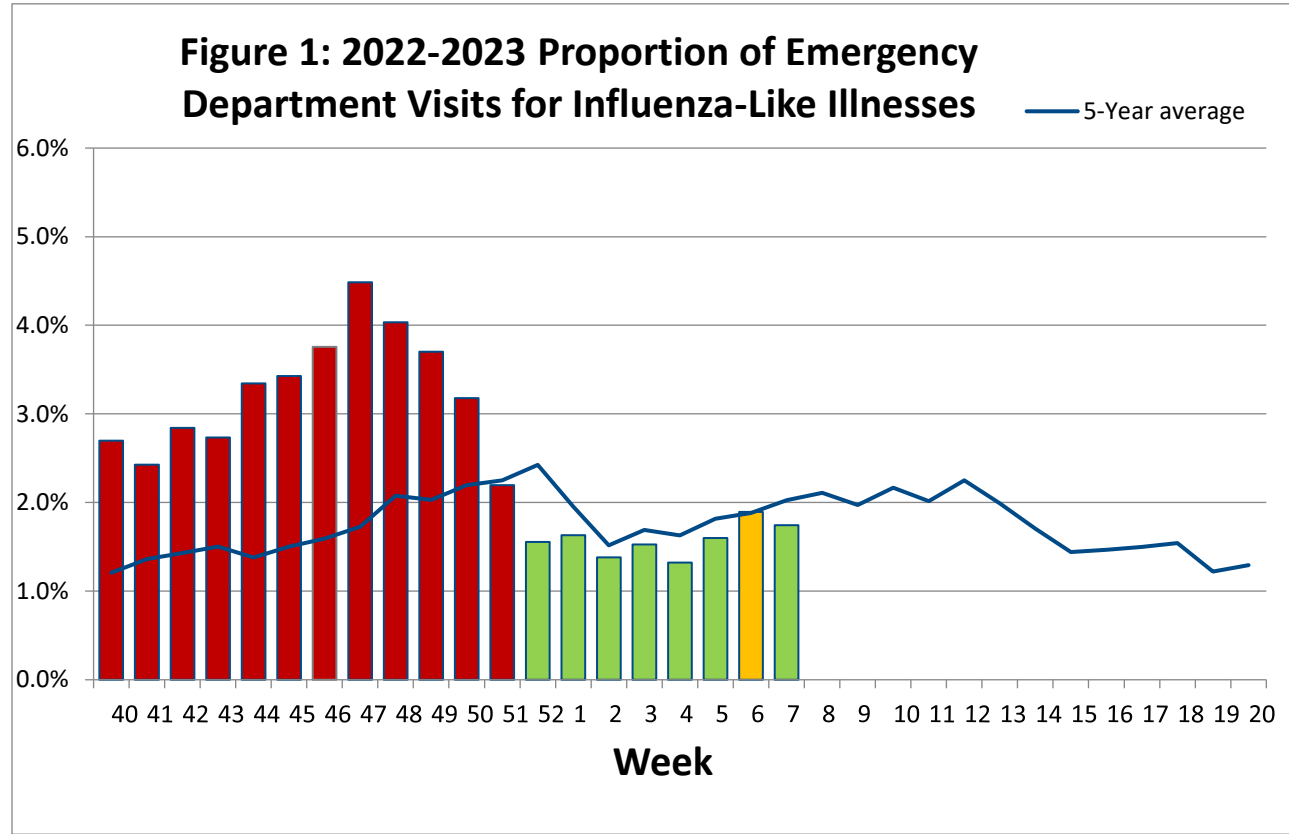


Influenza (Flu) Intensity Indicators	This Week n (%)	Activity Compared to Last Week	Season Total n (%)
Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-Like Illnesses	91 (1.74%)	-0.15%	2,755 (2.63%)
Confirmed Influenza Hospitalizations <sup>‡</sup>	0	-1	472
Pneumonia- & Influenza-Related Deaths	13 (3.83%)	-5	331 (5.46%)

\*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**



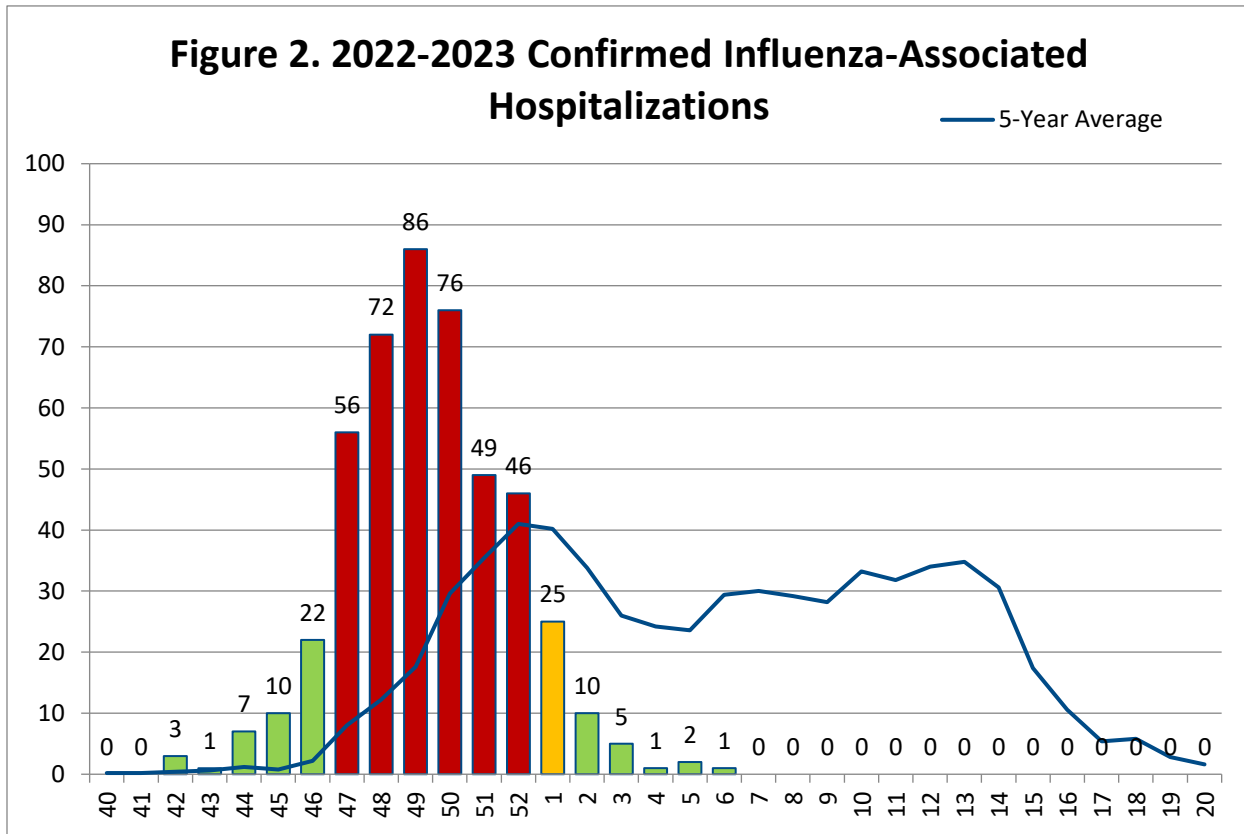
<b>LOW</b> < 1.88%	<b>MODERATE</b> 1.88% - 1.94%	<b>HIGH</b> 1.94% - 1.99%	<b>VERY HIGH</b> 1.99% <
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The proportion of emergency department visits this week for influenza-like illnesses is below the low threshold and lower than the 5-year average. This week 51% of visits were among males. Among those who made an emergency department visits for flu-like illness; 35% of visits were Black or African American individuals, 27% were among White individuals and 37% of visits were among other racial groups. 20% of visits were among Hispanic or Latin individuals. The median age this week is 8 years.

Data Source: Health Monitoring Systems: EpiCenter 3.5.18. Data extracted on 2/23/2023.  
Low, Moderate, and High intensity thresholds are defined as the 50%, 90%, and 99% Confidence Intervals, respectively, based on the 5-Year Average of previous seasons

## Influenza-associated Hospitalizations

**Figure 2. 2022-2023 Confirmed Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations**

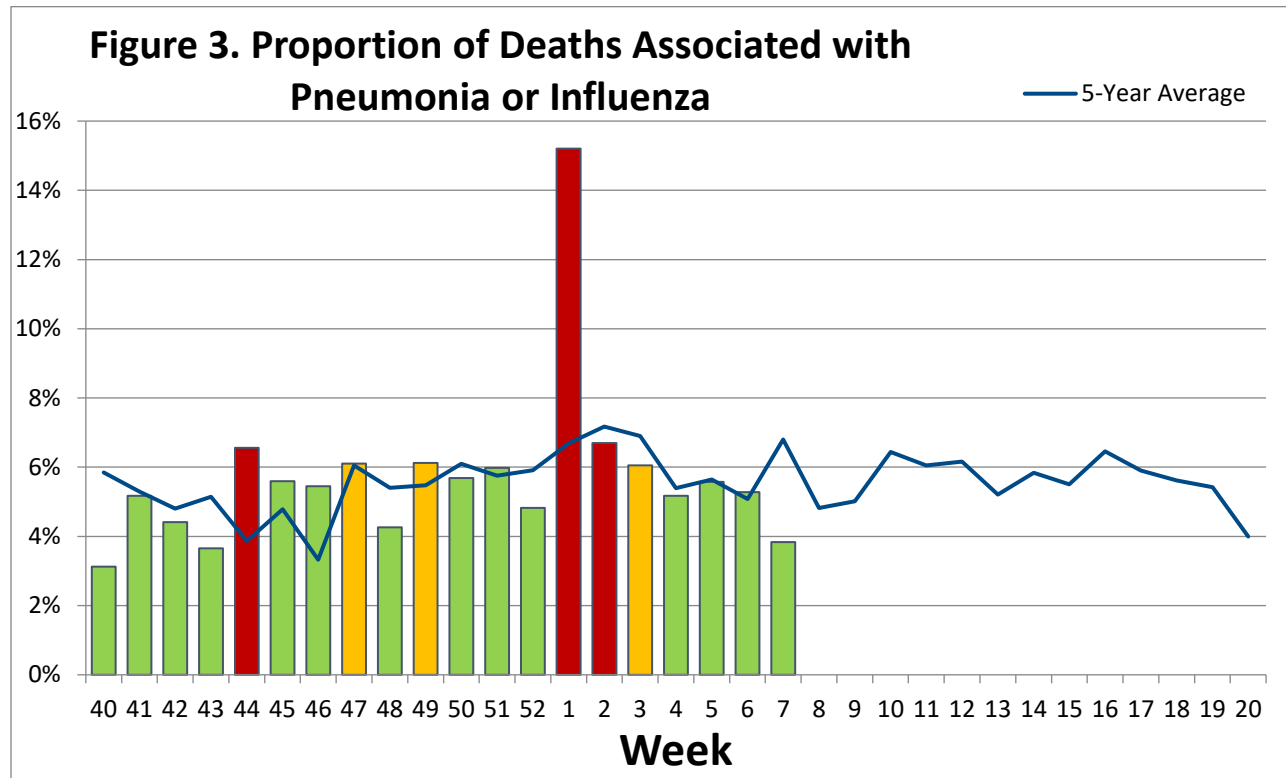


There was not an influenza-associated hospitalization (IAH) this reporting week. This is an anomaly compared to the previous 5 years where during the 7<sup>th</sup> week of the year there was a second spike in weekly flu hospitalization. This year there has still been 3-times more flu hospitalizations compared to the 2021-2022 season. There have been 472 influenza-associated hospitalizations so far this season compared to 152 during all of the previous flu season.

Data Source: Ohio Department of Health: Ohio Disease Reporting System. Data extracted on 2/23/2023. Data are preliminary and subject to change as more information is gained.

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**Pneumonia- & Influenza-Associated Deaths\***



<b>LOW</b> < 6.02%	<b>MODERATE</b> 6.02% - 6.19%	<b>HIGH</b> 6.19% - 6.34%	<b>VERY HIGH</b> 6.34% <
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There have been 13 deaths this week due to pneumonia or influenza-related illnesses (P&I), which was 3.83% of all deaths during that week. This is a low percentage of deaths due to pneumonia or influenza and comparable to what we would expect this week during the flu season. This week, the data shows there was not an influenza specific-related death keeping the season total at 15. The proportion of P&I deaths is at the low threshold this week. All of the P&I deaths this reporting week were among residents 45 years and older.

Data Source: Cleveland Department of Public Health Department of Vital Statistics. Data compiled on 2/21/2023. Data are preliminary and subject to change as more information is gained.

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