



# 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.

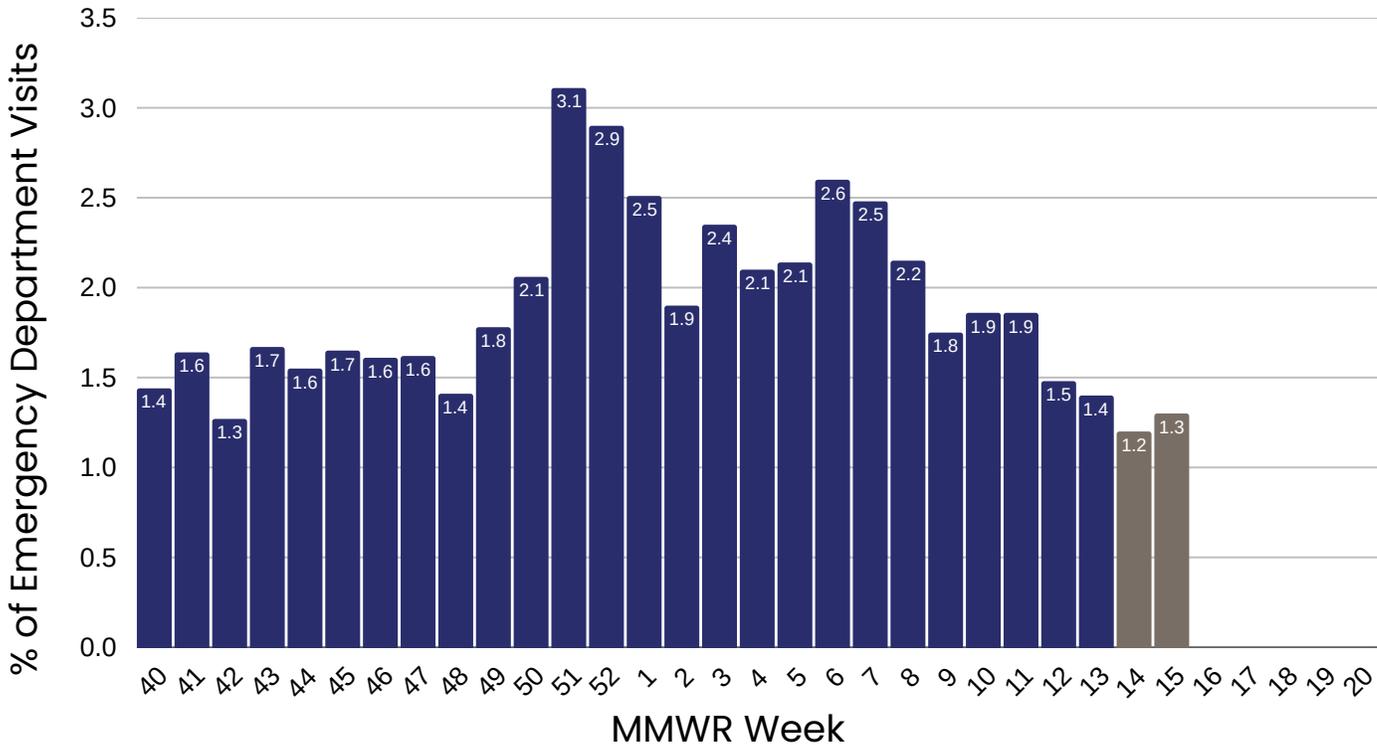
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The Low, Moderate, and High intensity thresholds are based on the 2017 methodology from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



# 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.

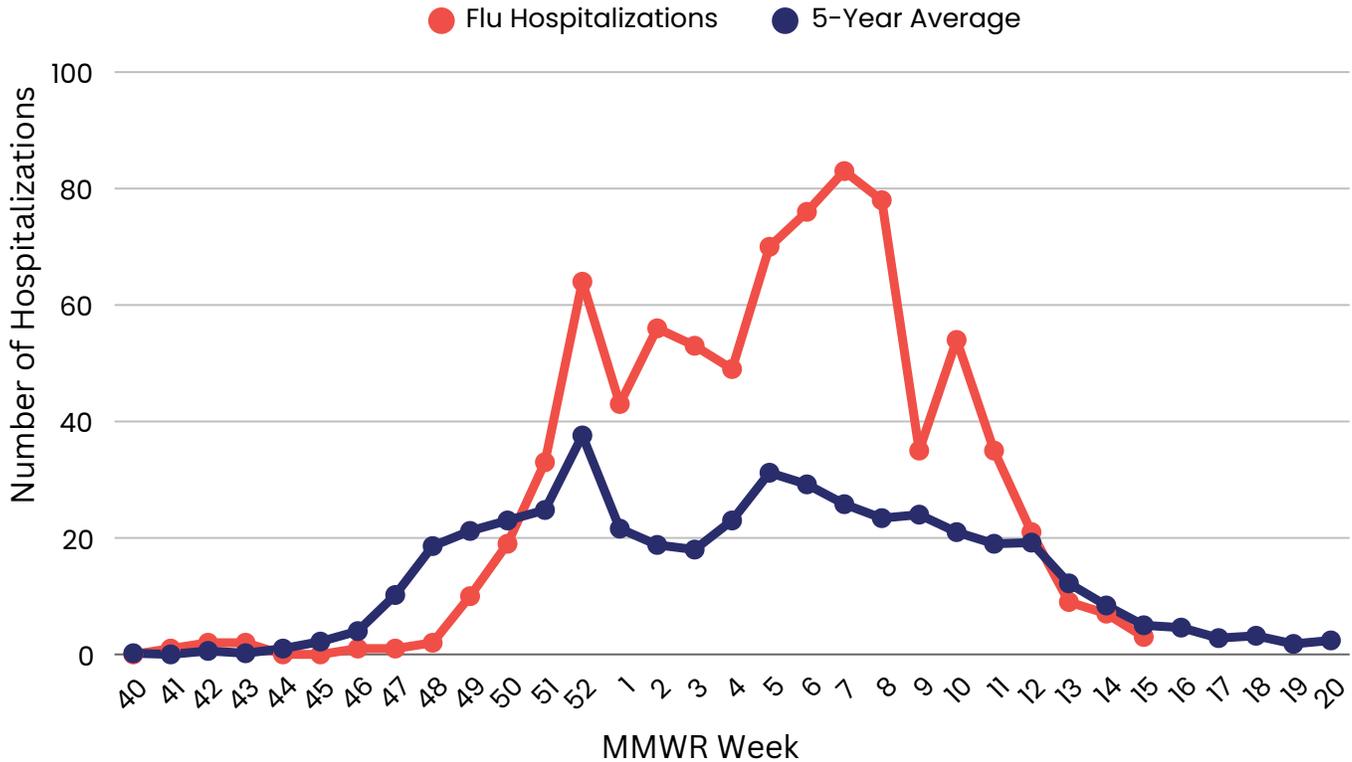
27% of all visits were among Hispanic or Latino individuals.

Data Source: Health Monitoring Systems: EpiCenter 3.5.18. Data extracted on 4/17/2025. The Low, Moderate, and High intensity thresholds are based on the 2017 methodology from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



# 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.*