Missouri Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report
2022-2023 Influenza Season[1]

Week 50: December 11, 2022 – December 17, 2022

All data are preliminary and may change as more reports are received.

Summary:

- Influenza activity remains high across Missouri. The estimated influenza activity for Week 50 is widespread[2], and the overall Influenza-like illness (ILI) activity remains at Level 11 in the very high category.[3]

- During Week 50, a total of 13,359 laboratory-positive[4] influenza cases (12,994 influenza A, 332 influenza B and 33 untyped) were reported. The influenza type for reported season-to-date cases includes 95.7% influenza A, 3.9% influenza B and 0.4% untyped. The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza in Missouri laboratories reporting to the National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) was 21.8% for Week 50. The number of Missouri facilities reporting to NREVSS for Week 50 was limited at the time of this report.

- Influenza-like illness activity for the hospital emergency room visit chief complaint data reported through ESSENCE decreased to 5.43 % for Week 50 (Figure 6).[5]

- Eighteen influenza-associated deaths have been reported in Missouri as of Week 48 (week ending December 3, 2022).[6]

- Eight influenza outbreaks and two influenza-associated school closures have been reported as of Week 50.

- Seasonal influenza activity continues to be high nationwide. National influenza surveillance information is prepared by CDC and is included in the weekly FluView report, which is available online at http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm.

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[1] The 2022- 2023 influenza season begins CDC Week 40 (week ending October 8, 2022) and ends CDC Week 39 (week ending September 30, 2023).

[2] Widespread is defined as: Outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI cases and recent laboratory-confirmed influenza in at least half the regions of the state with recent laboratory evidence of influenza in the state.

[3] ILI Activity indicates levels of activity on a scale of 1-13 ranging from minimal to very high. For more information see https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/main.html

[4] Laboratory-positive influenza includes the following test methods: rapid influenza diagnostic tests (antigen), reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) and other molecular assays, immunofluorescence antibody staining (Direct (DFA) or Indirect (IFA)), or viral culture.

[5] ILI is defined by ESSENCE as Emergency Department chief complaints for Influenza or (FeverPlus and (Cough or SoreThroat) and not NonILIFevers).

[6] Influenza deaths are collected from Missouri's death certificate data. Decedents with influenza listed as a cause or contributor to death are classified as an influenza-associated death. Death certificate data are generally available two weeks following the current CDC week.

Surveillance Data:

Interactive Maps

The jurisdiction-specific influenza data are provided though interactive maps available at https://arcg.is/DKTSe0. *Click on the jurisdiction to view the influenza data specific to that jurisdiction.*

- **Reported Laboratory-positive Influenza Cases by Influenza Type by Jurisdiction, CDC Week 50**
- **Reported Week-specific Rate per 100,000 Population, CDC Week 50**
- **Reported Laboratory-positive Influenza Cases by Influenza Type by Jurisdiction, Season-to-Date**
- **Reported Rate per 100,000 Population, Season-to-Date**

Data Figures

Figure 1. Number of Laboratory-positive[†] Influenza Cases by Influenza Type, Missouri, CDC Weeks 48-50 (November 27, 2022 – December 17, 2022)[*]

Influenza Type	Week 48	Week 49	Week 50	2022-2023[*] Season-to-Date
Influenza A	15,409	16,228	12,994	70,994
Influenza B	448	469	332	2,874
Influenza Unknown Or Untyped	54	29	33	296
Total	15,911	16,726	13,359	74,164

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[*]Influenza season begins with the week ending October 8, 2022 (CDC Week 40)   Data Source: Missouri Health Information Surveillance System (WebSurv).

Figure 2. Number of Laboratory-positive[†] Influenza Cases and Case Rates by Age Group, Missouri, CDC Week 50 (December 11, 2022 – December 17, 2022)[*‡]

Age Group	Week 50 Cases	Week 50 Rate[‡]	2022-23[*] Season-to-Date	2022-2023[*] Season-to-Date Rate[‡]
00-04	2,054	558.03	10,890	2,958.60
05-24	6,038	386.06	33,762	2,158.68
25-49	2,605	134.06	15,238	784.21
50-64	1,356	112.98	7,373	614.31
65+	1,306	122.97	6,901	649.79
Total	13,359	217.66	74,164	1,208.39

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[‡]Incidence Rate per 100,000 population

Figure 3. Number of Laboratory-positive[†] Influenza Cases and Case Rates by Region, Missouri, CDC Week 50 (December 11, 2022 – December 17, 2022)[*‡]
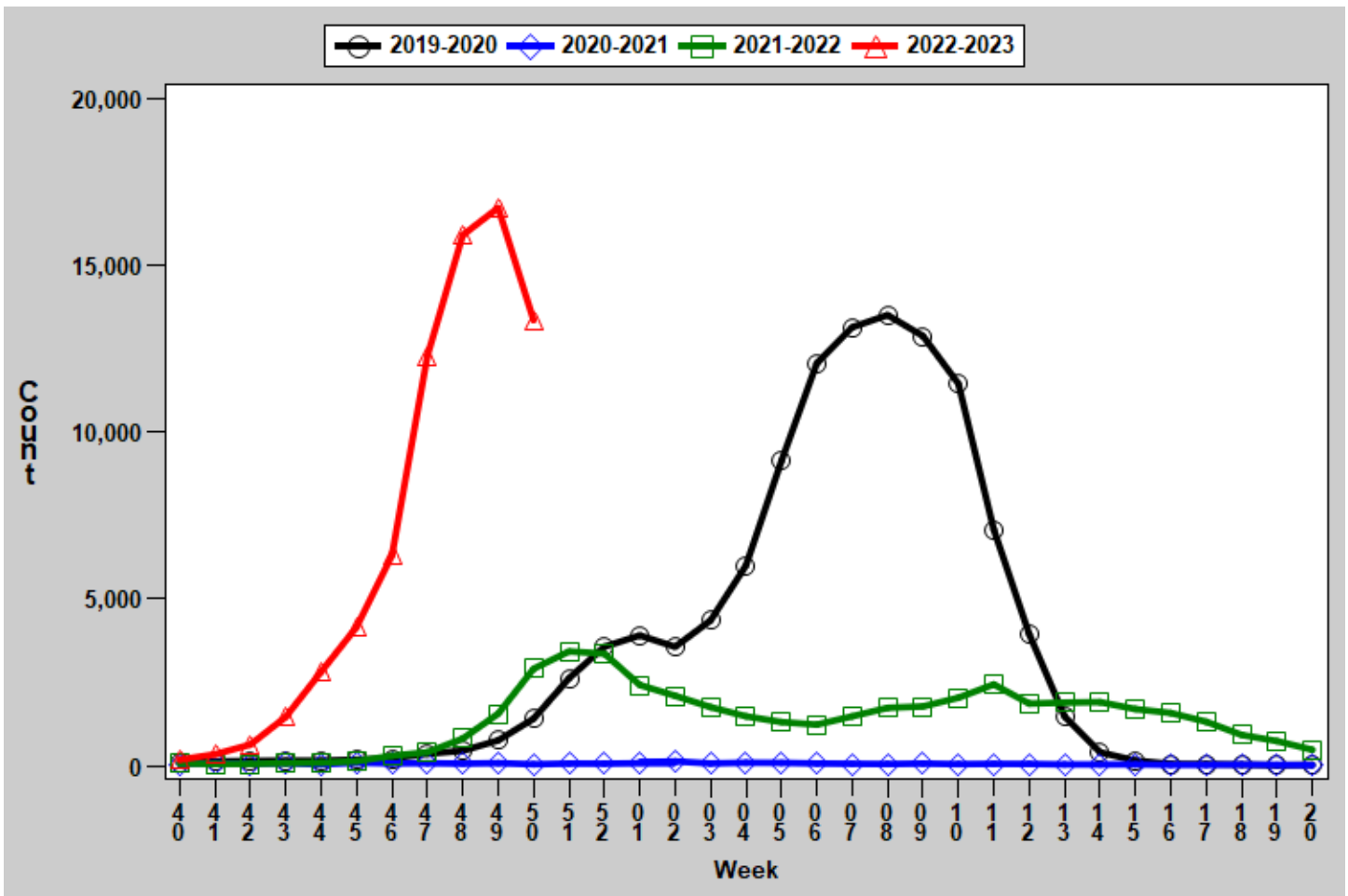
Region	Week 50 Cases	Week 50 Rate[‡]	2022-23* Season-to-Date	2022-23* Season-to-Date Rate[‡]
Central	1,561	231.32	6,145	910.61
Eastern	4,070	179.47	21,545	950.04
Northwest	2,748	167.89	24,108	1,472.93
Southeast	1,382	319.58	8,736	2,020.17
Southwest	3,598	342.46	13,630	1,297.32
Total	13,359	217.66	74,164	1,208.39

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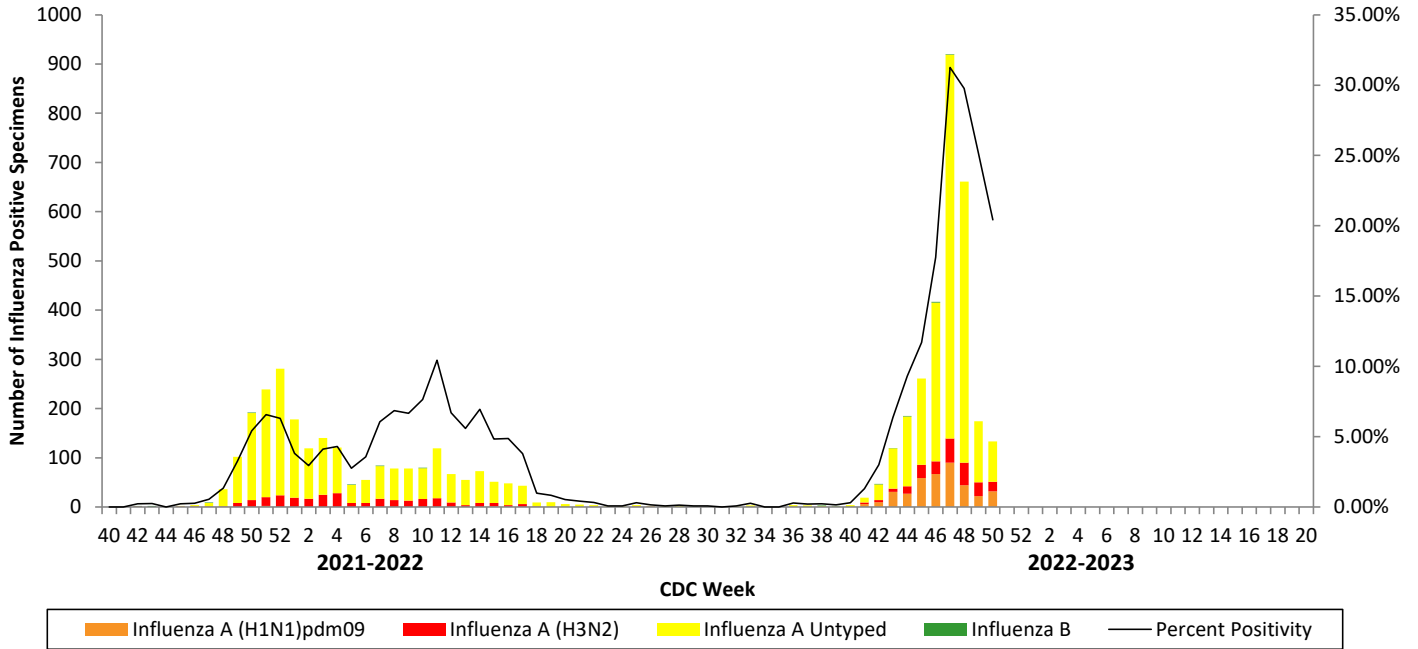[‡]Incidence Rate per 100,000 population

Figure 4. Number of Laboratory-positive[†] Influenza Cases by CDC Week, Missouri, 2019-2023[*]

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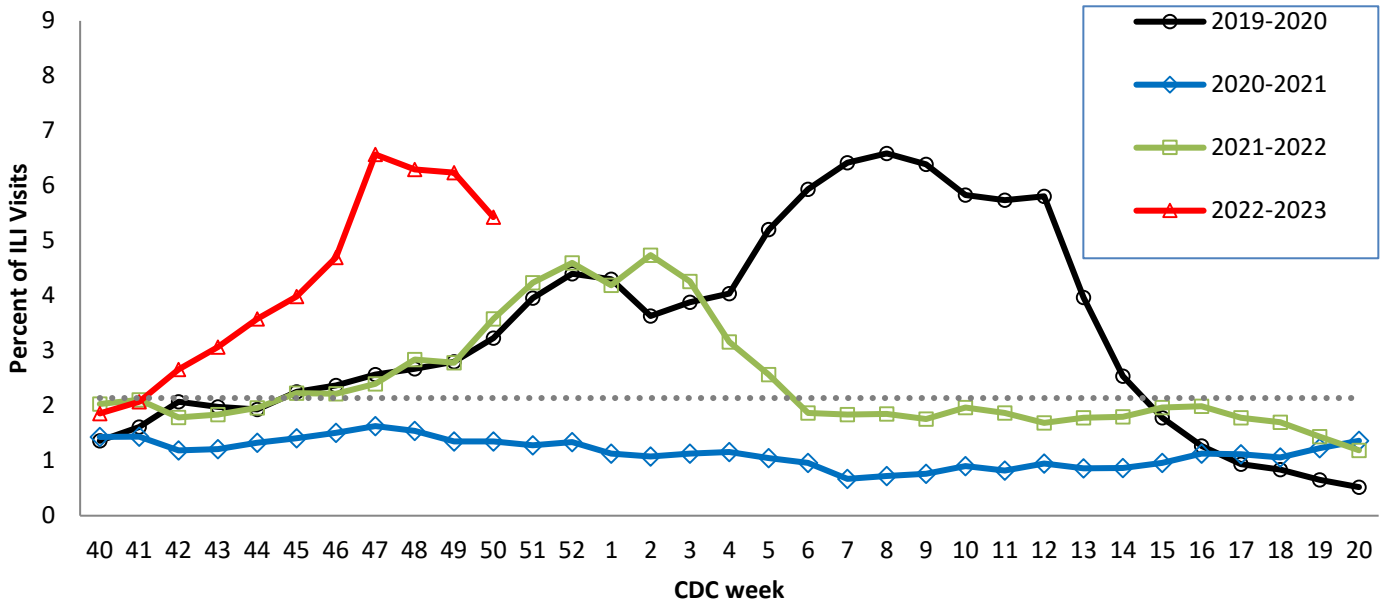
[*]2022-2023 season-to-date through the week ending December 17, 2022 (Week 50).Data Source: Missouri Health Information Surveillance System (WebSurv)

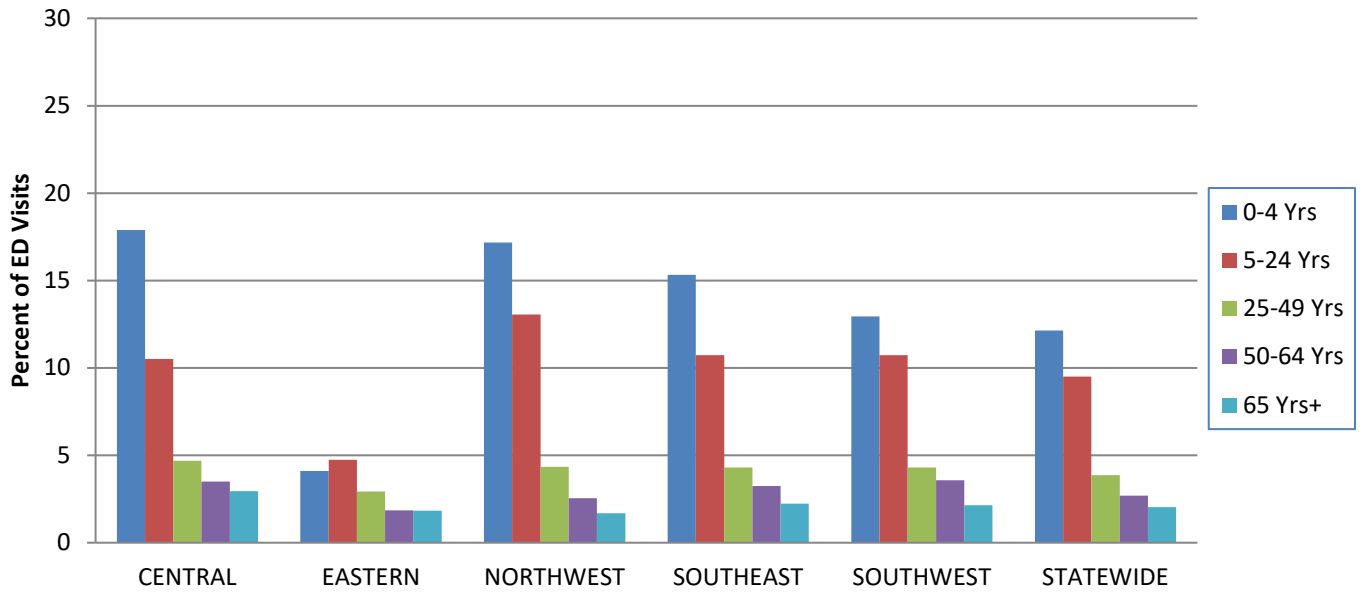**Figure 5. Season-to-Date PCR (+) Tests for Influenza in Missouri**

Data Source: National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
2022-2023 season-to-date through the week ending December 17, 2022 (Week 50).

Figure 6. Percentage of Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) in ESSENCE Participating Hospitals, 2019-2023 Influenza Seasons[*‡]
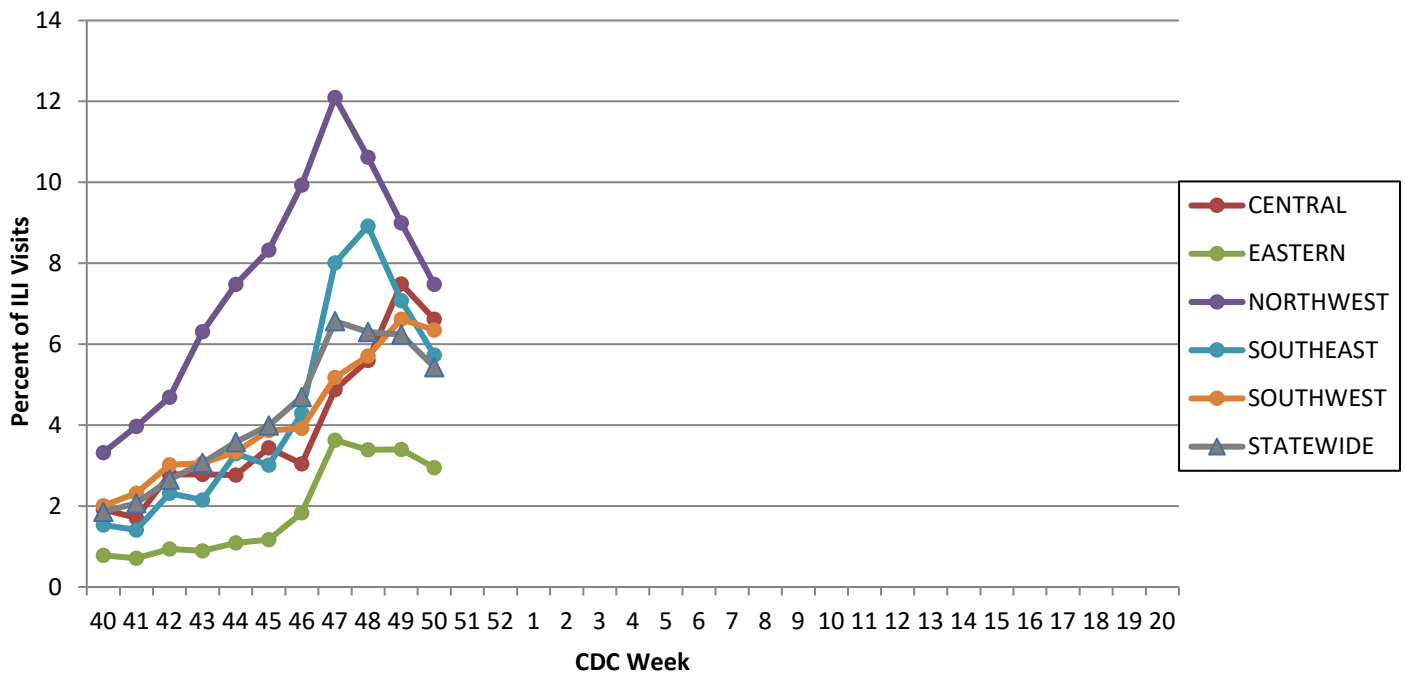

[*]The ESSENCE ILI Baseline is the mean percent of ILI visits for each week during the previous three flu seasons when percentage of ILI visits were less than 2% of total visits, plus two standard deviations. Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics, ESSENCE version 1.20.

Figure 7. Percentage of Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) in ESSENCE Participating Hospitals, by Age Group, Region and Statewide, Week 50, 2022[*]
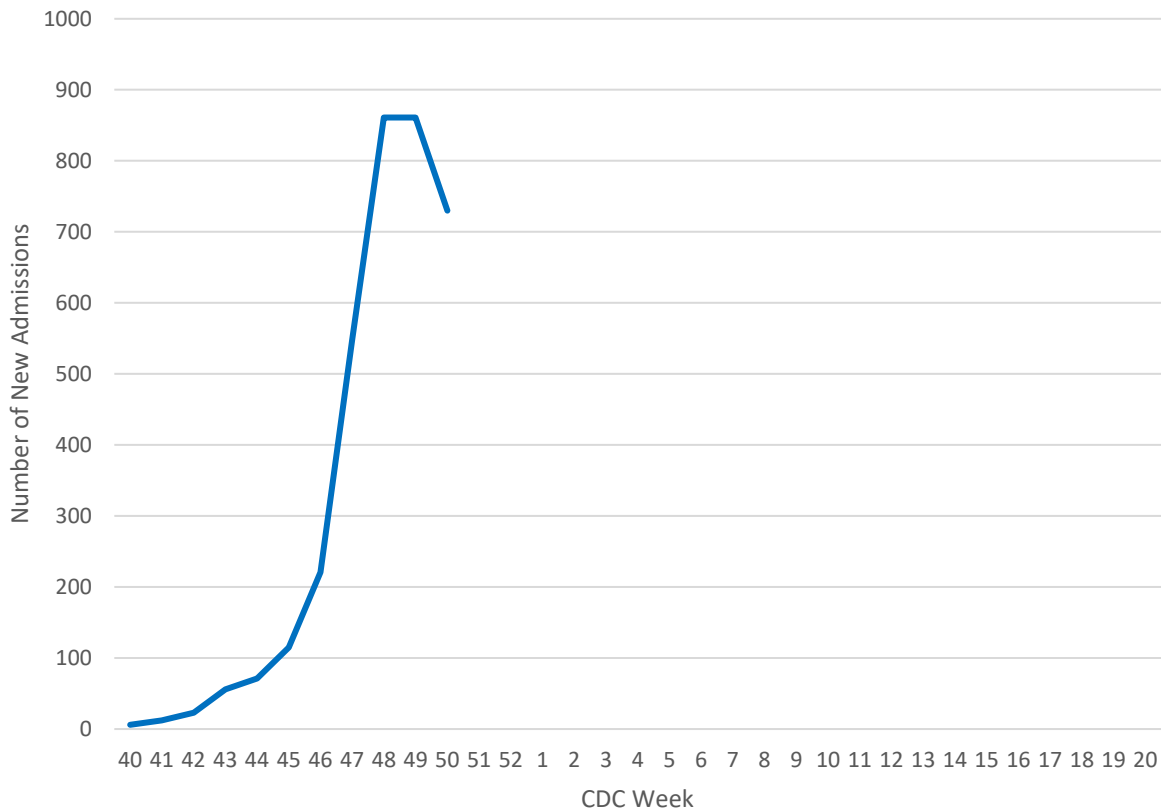

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Figure 8. Percentage of Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) in ESSENCE Participating Hospitals, by Region and Statewide, 2022-2023 Influenza Season[*]
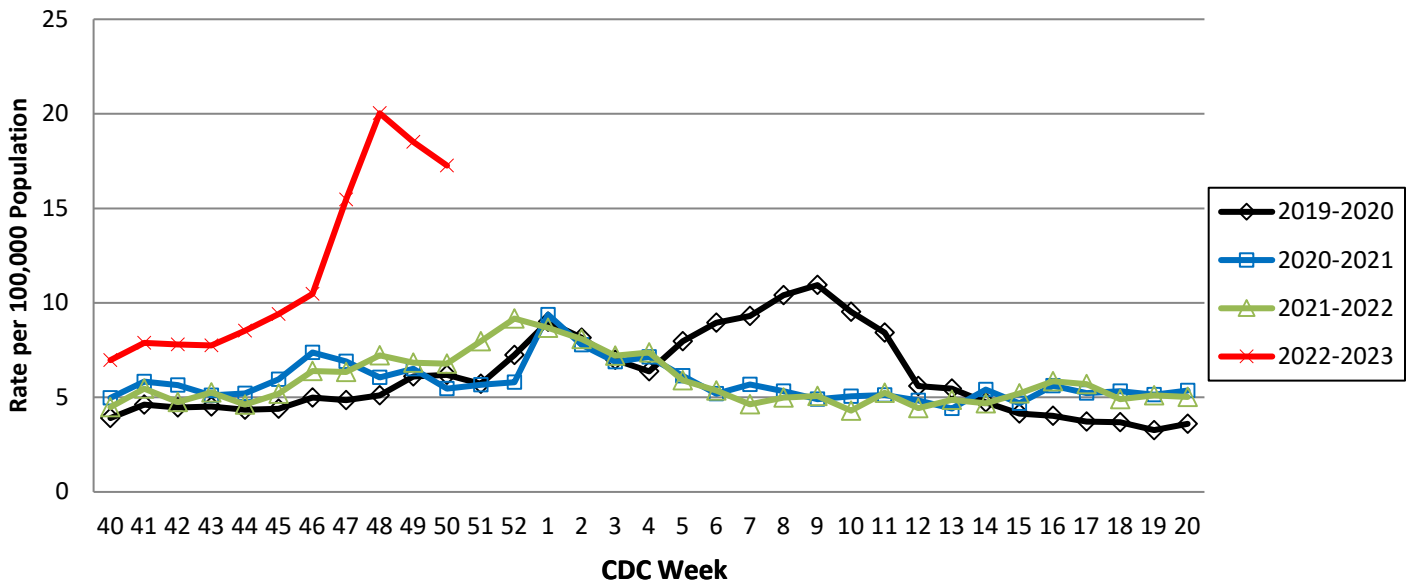

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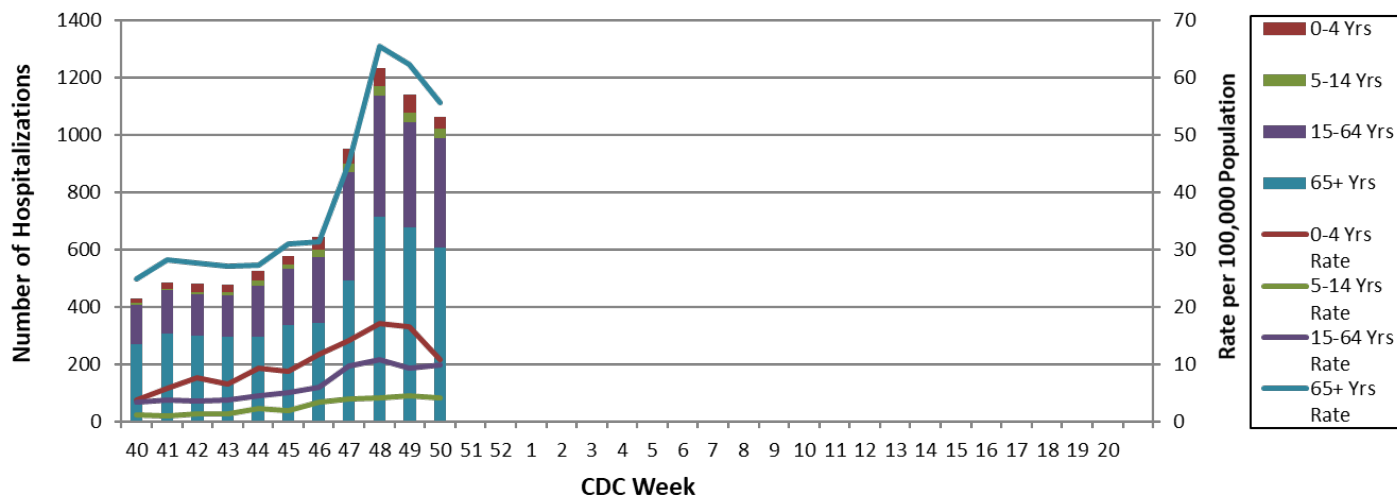**Figure 9. New Influenza Hospital Admissions Reported to HHS Protect, Missouri Hospitals, 2022-2023 Season**

Data Source: https://healthdata.gov/Hospital/COVID-19 Reported Patient Impact and Hospital Capacity by State Timeseries | HealthData.gov.
2022-2023 season-to-date through the week ending December 17, 2022 (Week 50).

Figure 10. Weekly Rate of Patients Hospitalized with Influenza and/or Pneumonia Syndromes in Missouri Hospitals, 2019-2023 Influenza Seasons

Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics, HL7 Messaging Portal.
Population data from Missouri Census Data Center 2017 (https://census.missouri.edu).

Figure 11. Number of Patients Hospitalized with Influenza and/or Pneumonia Syndromes in Participating Missouri Hospitals by Age Group, Week 50, 2022-2023 Influenza Season

Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics, HL7 Messaging Portal

Additional Influenza Data Sources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: National Influenza Surveillance (FluView):
http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm

The National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS):
https://www.cdc.gov/surveillance/nrevss/

World Health Organization: International Influenza Surveillance:
http://www.who.int/influenza/surveillance_monitoring/en/