



Missouri Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report 2016-2017 Influenza Season¹

Week 9: February 26 – March 4, 2017

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

Summary:

- The estimated influenza activity in Missouri is Widespread².
- A season-to-date total of 52,141 laboratory-positive³ influenza cases (38,938 influenza A, 12,194 influenza B, and 1,009 untyped) have been reported in Missouri as of Week 9. The influenza type for reported cases season-to-date includes 75% influenza A, 23% influenza B, and 2% untyped. The highest season-to-date rates of reported laboratory-positive influenza cases are among children aged 0-4 years (1,959 cases per 100,000 population) and 5-14 years (1,774 cases per 100,000). Five laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza A (H3) were reported by the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory (MSPHL) during Week 9.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has antigenically characterized seven influenza isolates from Missouri, to date, this influenza season. Five viruses were antigenically similar to the A/Hong Kong/4801/2014-like (H3N2) virus, one virus was antigenically similar to the B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus, and one virus was antigenically similar to the B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus. An A/Hong Kong/4801/2014-like (H3N2) virus and a B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus are included in the 2016-2017 Northern Hemisphere trivalent and quadrivalent vaccine formulations. A B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus is included in the 2016-2017 Northern Hemisphere quadrivalent vaccine formulation.
- Influenza-like illness (ILI) activity is above baseline for both the Missouri Outpatient ILI Surveillance Network (ILINet) and the hospital emergency room visit chief complaint data reported through ESSENCE. The reported percentage of visits for ILI was 3.21% and 3.37% through ILINet and ESSENCE respectively.⁴ The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza in clinical laboratories decreased but remained elevated during Week 9.
- Forty-three influenza-associated deaths have been reported in Missouri as of Week 9. During Week 8, 92 deaths involving Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) were reported to the Bureau of Vital Records, resulting in a season-to-date total of 1,393 P&I associated deaths in Missouri.⁵
- Forty influenza or ILI-associated outbreaks have been reported in Missouri as of Week 9. Eleven influenza or ILI-associated school closures have been reported in Missouri as of Week 9.
- Influenza activity remained elevated in the U.S. during Week 8. 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>.

¹The 2016-2017 influenza season begins CDC Week 40 (week ending October 8, 2016) and ends CDC Week 39 (week ending September 30, 2017).

²Widespread 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.

³Laboratory-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.

⁴Influenza-like illness (ILI) is defined by ILINet as fever (temperature of 100°F [37.8°C] or greater) and a cough and/or a sore throat without a known cause other than influenza. Influenza-like illness (ILI) is defined by ESSENCE as Emergency Department chief complaints that contain keywords such as “flu”, “flulike”, “influenza” or “fever” plus “cough” or “fever” plus “sore throat”.

⁵The P&I data are available one week later. The P&I data for the CDC Week provided is the most current data available.

Surveillance Data:

Interactive Maps

The county specific influenza data are provided through interactive maps available at <http://arcg.is/2neEzLQ>. Click on the county to view the influenza data specific to that county.

- Reported Laboratory-positive Influenza Cases by Influenza Type by County, CDC Week 9
- Reported Laboratory-positive Influenza Cases by Influenza Type by County, Season-to-Date
- Reported Rate per 100,000 Population, CDC Week 9

Data Figures

Figure 1. Number of Laboratory-positive[†] Influenza Cases by Influenza Type, Missouri, CDC Week 9 (February 26 – March 4, 2017)^{*}

Influenza Type	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	2016-2017* Season-to-Date
Influenza A	6,571	4,129	2,169	38,938
Influenza B	2,599	2,582	1,639	12,194
Influenza Unknown Or Untyped	159	119	27	1,009
Total	9,329	6,830	3,835	52,141

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^{*}Influenza season begins week ending October 8, 2016 (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 9 (February 26 – March 4, 2017)^{*,‡}

Age Group	Week 9 Cases	Week 9 Rate [‡]	2016-2017* Season-to-Date	2016-2017* Season-to-Date Rate [‡]
00-04	609	163	7,332	1,959
05-14	1,120	143	13,865	1,774
15-64	1,578	40	23,734	597
65+	528	57	7,208	773
Total	3,835	63	52,141	860

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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 9 (February 26 – March 4, 2017)^{}**

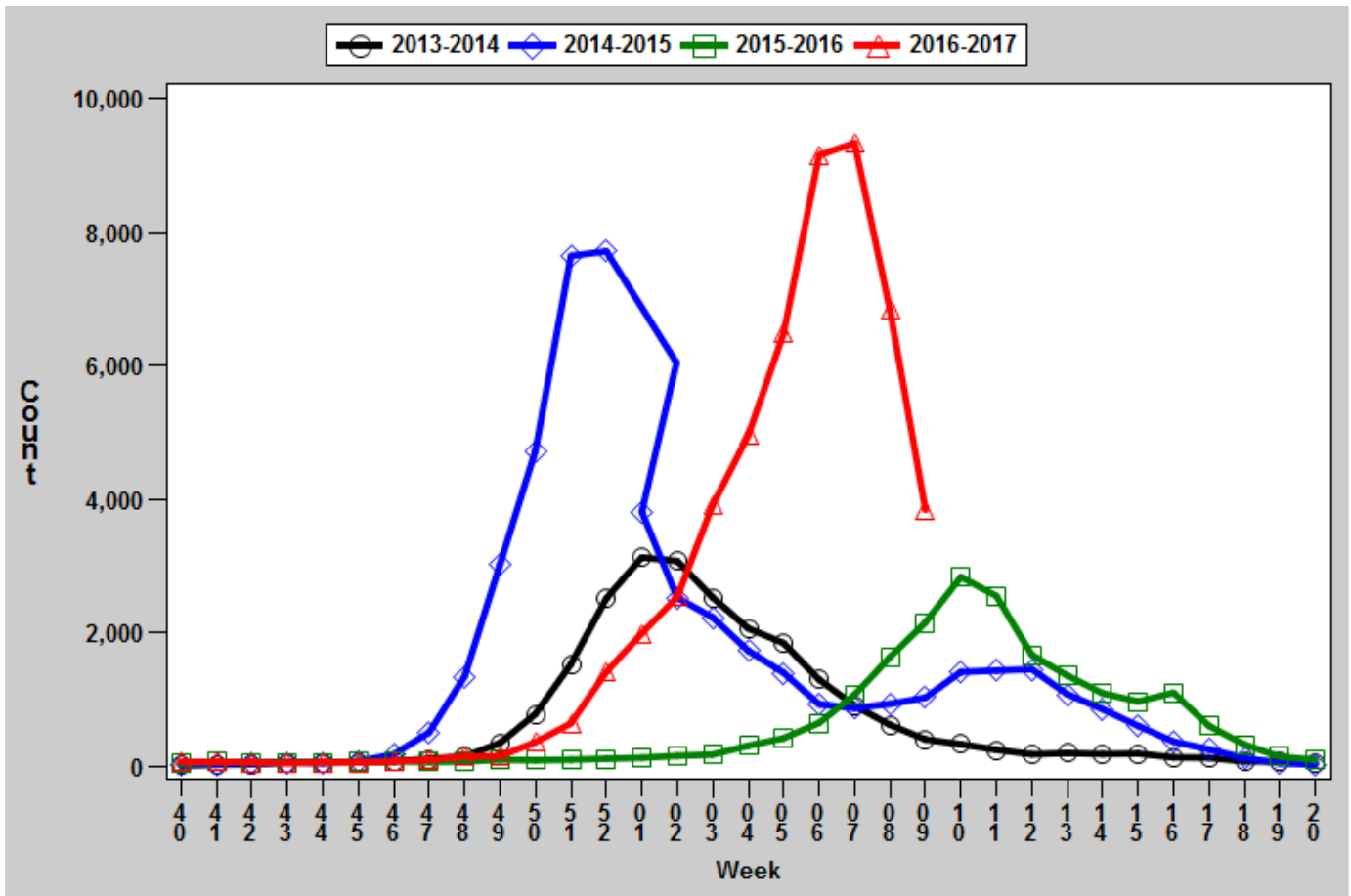
District	Week 9 Cases	Week 9 Rate [‡]	2016-2017* Season-to-Date	2016-2017* Season-to-Date Rate [‡]
CE	192	29	5,257	794
EA	1,768	78	15,311	678
NW	665	42	17,282	1,086
SE	695	146	6,888	1,447
SW	515	48	7,403	688
Total	3,835	63	52,141	860

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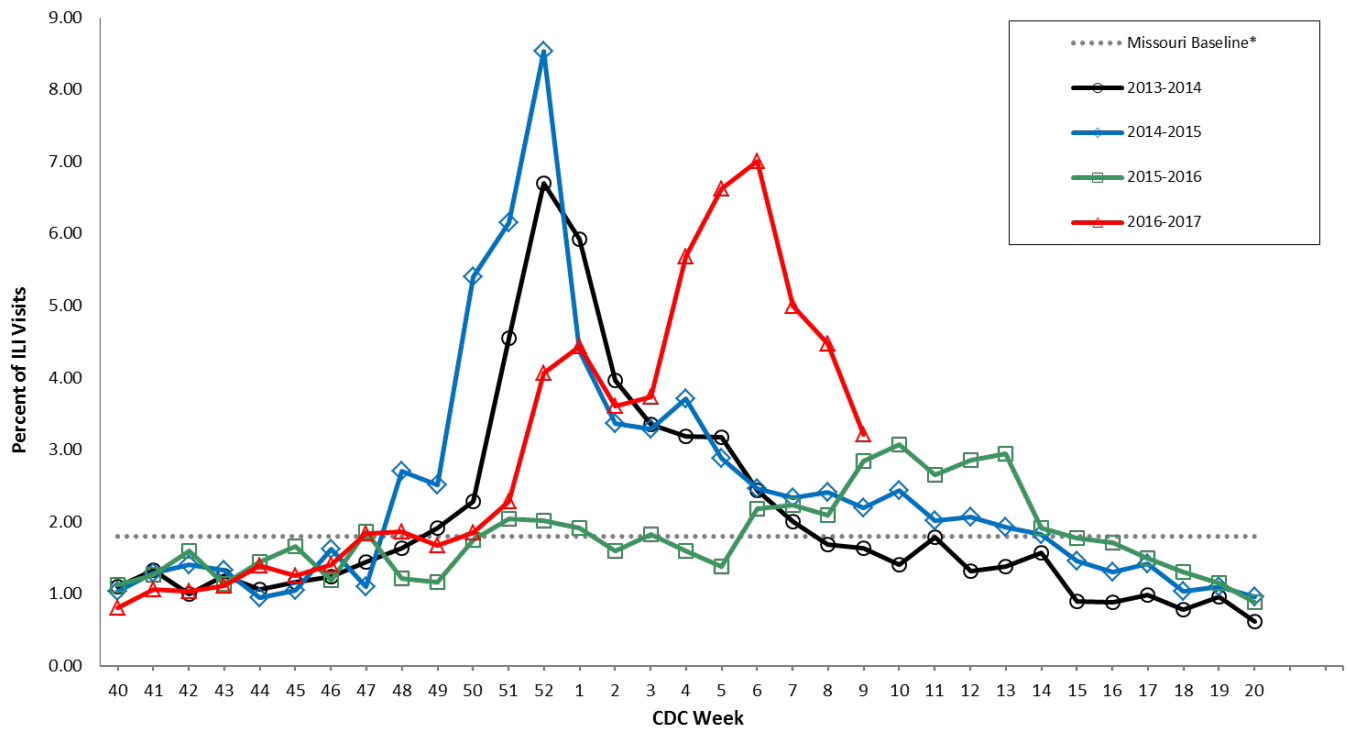
Figure 4. Number of Laboratory-positive[†] Influenza Cases by CDC Week, Missouri, 2013-2017^{*}



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*2016-2017 season-to-date through the week ending May 20, 2017 (Week 20). The 2014-2015 season had 53 weeks rather than the usual 52. Week 53, 2014-2015 flu season has 3,082 reported confirmed cases. Data Source: Missouri Health Information Surveillance System (WebSurv).

Figure 5. Percentage of Outpatient Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI), Missouri Outpatient ILI Surveillance Network (ILINet) 2013-2017*†

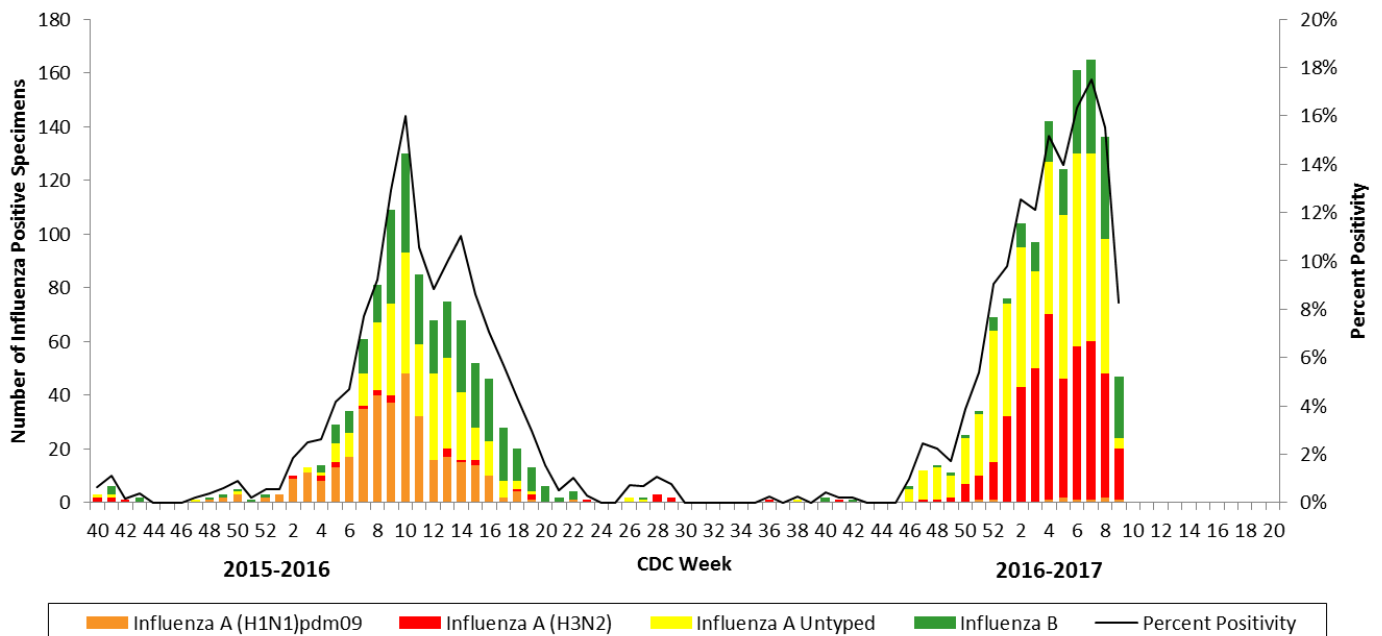


*The ILINet Region 7 (MO, IA, KS, NE) baseline is the mean percentage of patient visits for ILI during non-influenza weeks for the previous three seasons, plus two standard deviations. A non-influenza week is defined as periods of two or more consecutive weeks in which each week accounted for less than 2% of the season's total number of specimens that tested positive for influenza.

Data Source: U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

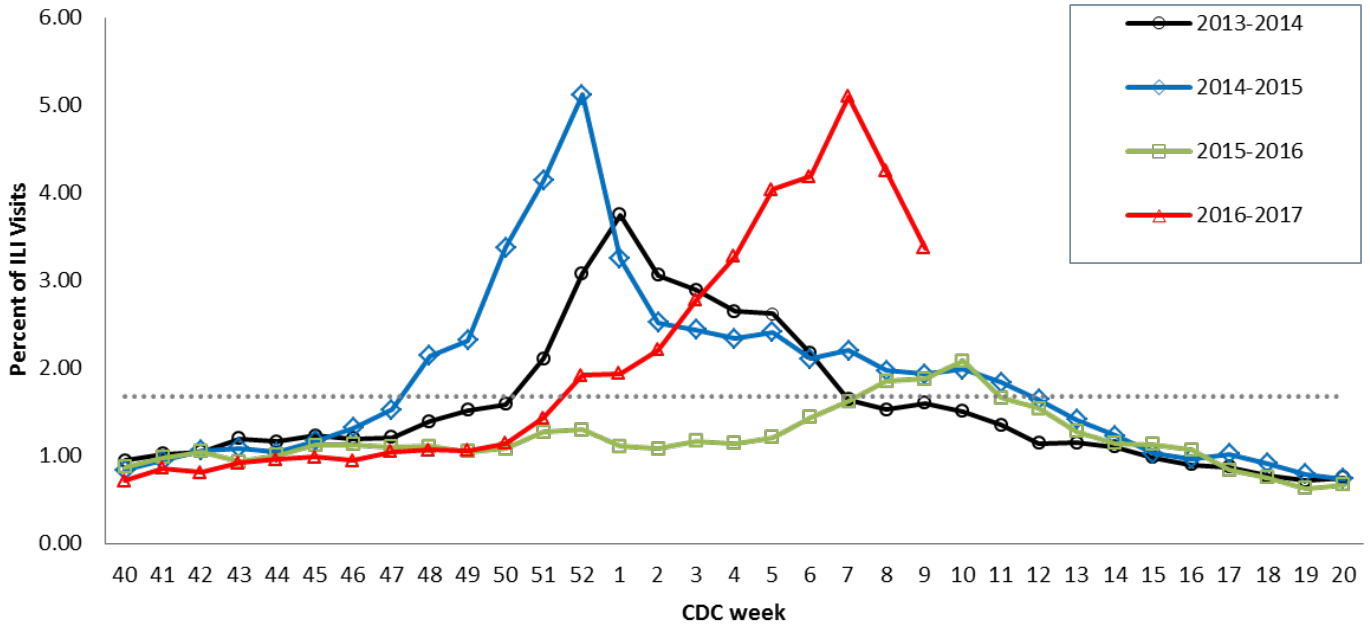
†2016-2017 season-to-date through the week ending May 20, 2017 (Week 20). The 2014-2015 season had 53 weeks rather than the usual 52. The percentage of outpatient visits for ILI during Week 53 was 7.63.

Figure 6. 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). 2016-2017 season-to-date through the week ending May 20, 2017 (Week 20).

Figure 7. Weekly Percentage of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) in ESSENCE Participating Hospitals, for 2013-2017 Influenza Seasons*†

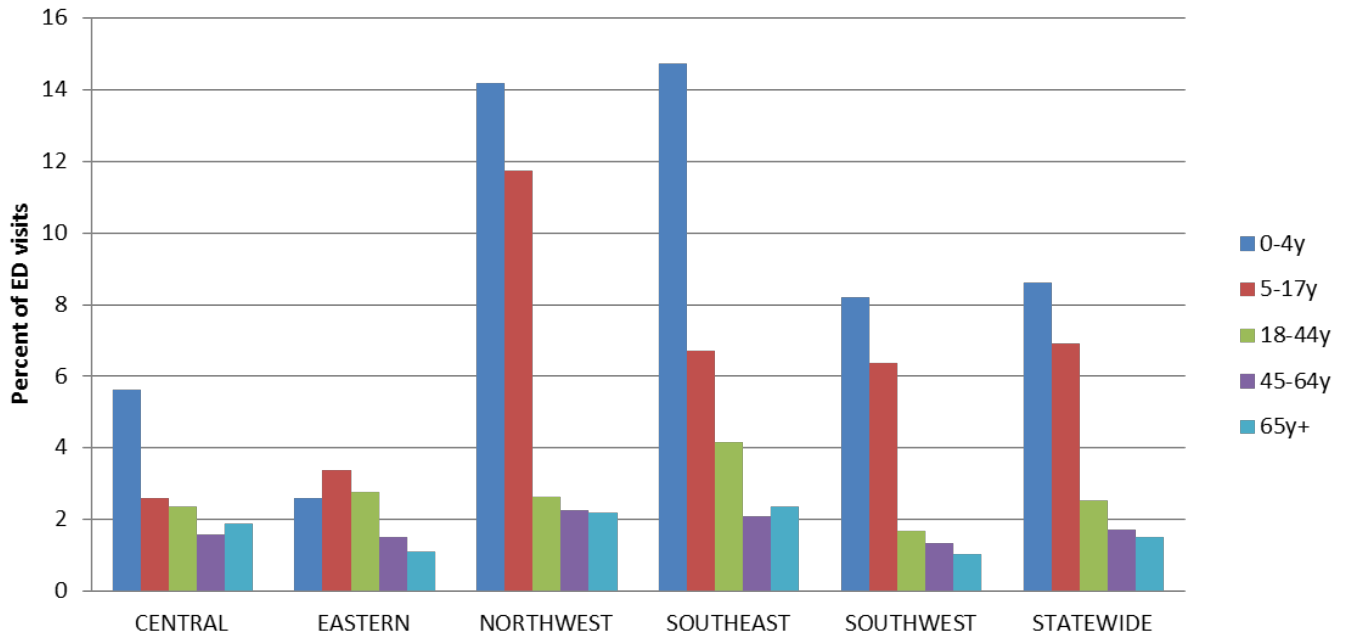


*The ESSENCE ILI Baseline is the mean percent of ILI visits for each week during the previous three years (2013-15) when percentage of ILI visits were less than 2% of total visits, plus two standard deviations.

Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics, ESSENCE.

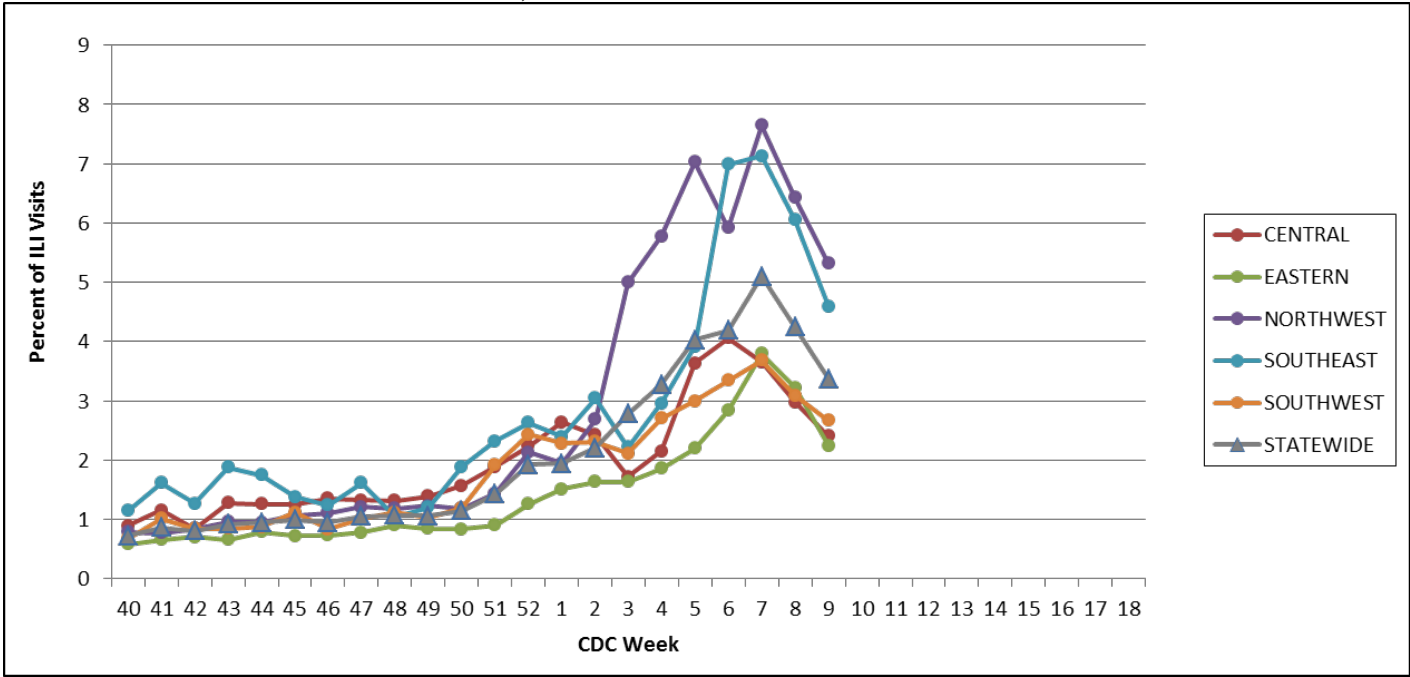
†The 2014-2015 season had 53 weeks rather than the usual 52. The percentage of visits for ILI in ESSENCE participating hospitals during Week 53 was 4.3.

Figure 8. Percentage of Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) in ESSENCE Participating Hospitals, by Age-group, District and Statewide, CDC Week 9, 2017



Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics, ESSENCE.

Figure 9. Percentage of Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) in ESSENCE Participating Hospitals, by District and Statewide, for the 2016-2017 Influenza Season ^{*†}

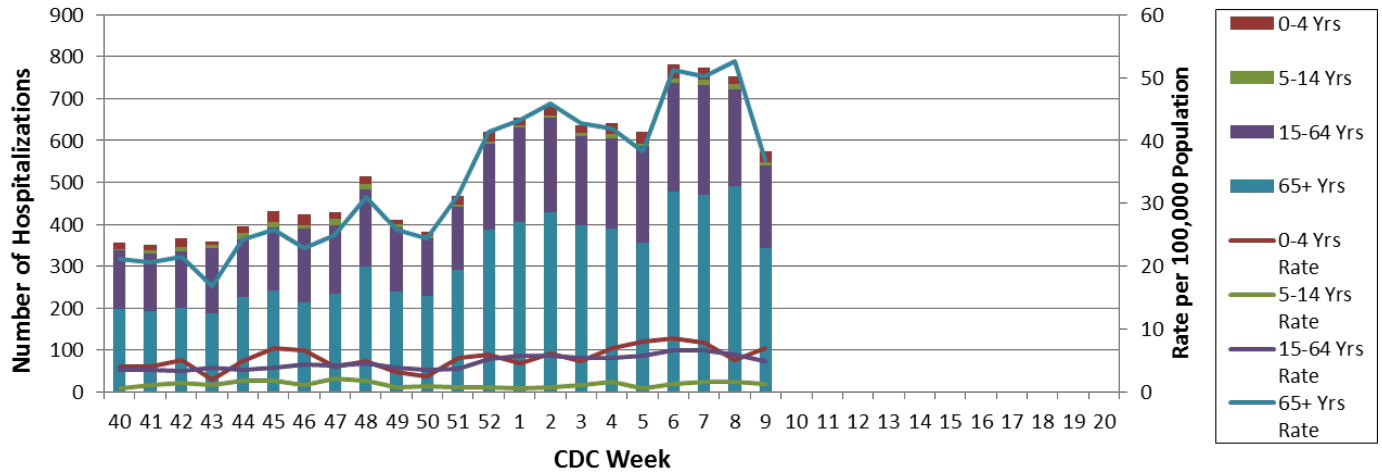


Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics, ESSENCE.

*Changes in ILI surveillance for the Northwest District were implemented on January 16, 2017.

[†]Not all data was available for the Northwest District during Week 6.

Figure 10. Patients Hospitalized with Influenza and/or Pneumonia Syndromes from Participating Missouri Hospitals, by Age Group, CDC Week 9, 2017



Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics, ESSENCE. Population data from DHSS Population MICA 2014 (<http://health.mo.gov/data/mica/mica/population.php>).

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/