



Delaware Weekly Influenza Report
Week 44 (October 26 – November 1, 2014)
Delaware Division of Public Health

National Influenza Synopsis 2014-2015:

National data are updated Friday of each week. Please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/> for the most current information. During week 44, influenza activity was relatively low in the United States. Guam reported widespread influenza activity and two states (Alaska and Florida) reported regional activity. Local influenza activity was reported by Puerto Rico and three states (Connecticut, Oregon, and Texas). Sporadic influenza activity was reported by the District of Columbia and 40 states. No influenza activity was reported by five states (Idaho, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, and Rhode Island).

Both national and state data are provisional and subject to change as additional reports are received.

Delaware Influenza Surveillance 2014-2015:

Week 44 is the fifth week of the 2014-2015 influenza season. There were 11 confirmed cases of influenza reported during week 44. Reports of influenza-like illness (ILI) received from participating providers, facilities, and institutions indicated no to relatively low levels of ILI in the community. Levels of ILI were below the regional baseline of 2.0%.

Level of Influenza Activity in Delaware, Week 44:

Sporadic	Small numbers of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases or a single laboratory-confirmed influenza outbreak has been reported, but there is no increase in cases of ILI.
Influenza-like illness (ILI) is defined as patients presenting with fever of 100° F or greater, cough and/or sore throat in the absence of a known cause other than influenza.	
No Activity: No laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza and no reported increase in the number of cases of ILI.	
Sporadic: Small numbers of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases or a single laboratory-confirmed influenza outbreak has been reported, but there is no increase in cases of ILI.	
Local: Outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI cases and recent laboratory-confirmed influenza in a single region of the state.	
Regional: Outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI and recent laboratory-confirmed influenza in at least two but less than half the regions of the state with recent laboratory evidence of influenza in those regions. ³	
Widespread: 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.	

¹ 2014-2015 Region 3 (DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, and WV) baseline = 2.0%.

² Laboratory-confirmed case = case confirmed by viral culture or PCR.

³ Region = population under surveillance in a defined geographical subdivision of a state. Regions typically include several counties. Regional doesn't apply to states with ≤ four counties.

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Table 1a. Influenza positive¹ cases reported² statewide and county by subtype (A) or lineage (B)³, Delaware 2014-2015

Confirmed Flu Cases by Subtype / Lineage		Wk 40	Wk 41	Wk 42	Wk 43	Wk 44	YTD	YTD Total	YTD County %
STATEWIDE	A / 2009 H1N1	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	
	A / 2012 H3N2	0	1	2	0	5	8		
	A / no subtype	0	0	0	4	6	10		
	B / Yamagata	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	B / Victoria	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	B / no lineage	0	0	0	1	0	1		
New Castle County	A / 2009 H1N1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	15.8%
	A / 2012 H3N2	0	0	0	0	1	1		
	A / no subtype	0	0	0	2	0	2		
	B / Yamagata	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	B / Victoria	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	B / no lineage	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Kent County	A / 2009 H1N1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10.5%
	A / 2012 H3N2	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	A / no subtype	0	0	0	1	1	2		
	B / Yamagata	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	B / Victoria	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	B / no lineage	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Sussex County	A / 2009 H1N1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	73.7%
	A / 2012 H3N2	0	1	2	0	4	7		
	A / no subtype	0	0	0	1	5	6		
	B / Yamagata	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	B / Victoria	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	B / no lineage	0	0	0	1	0	1		

Table 1b. Influenza positive¹ cases reported² statewide and county by age group, Delaware 2014-2015

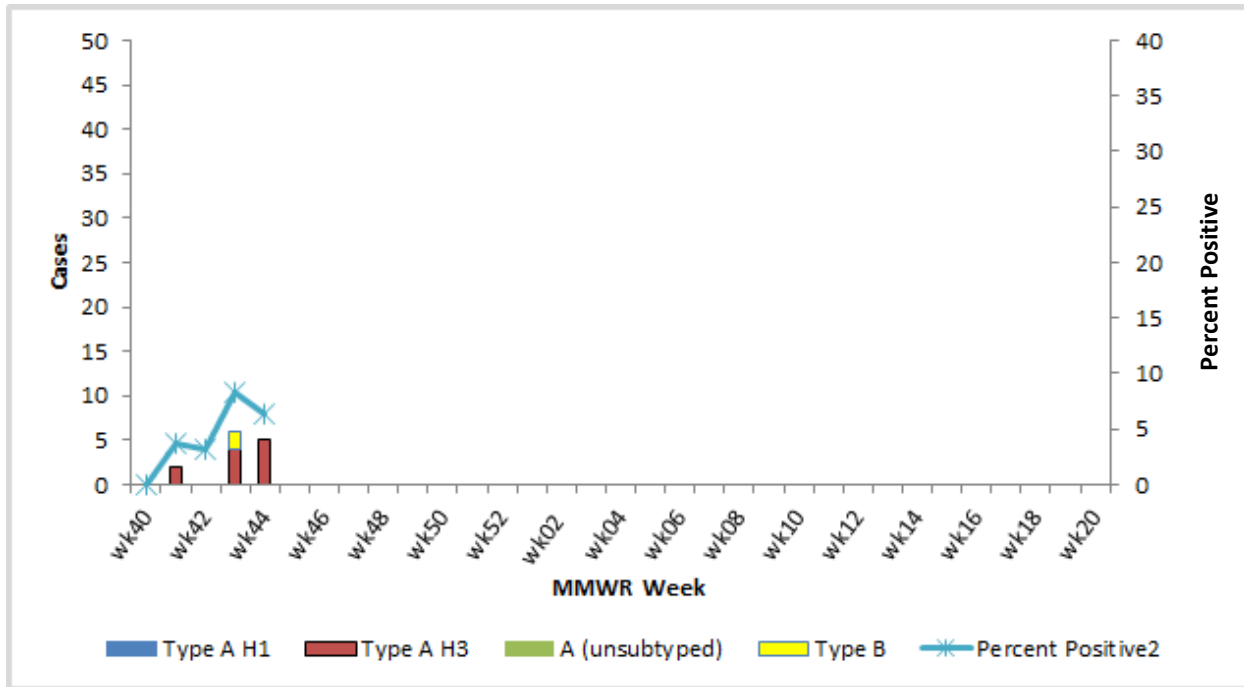
Confirmed Flu Cases by Age Group		Wk 40	Wk 41	Wk 42	Wk 43	Wk 44	YTD	YTD Total	YTD County %
STATEWIDE	0-4 years	0	1	1	2	2	6	19	
	5-24 years	0	0	1	2	6	9		
	25-49 years	0	0	0	0	1	1		
	50-64 years	0	0	0	0	1	1		
	65+ years	0	0	0	1	1	2		
New Castle County	0-4 years	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	15.8%
	5-24 years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	25-49 years	0	0	0	0	1	1		
	50-64 years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	65+ years	0	0	0	1	0	1		
Kent County	0-4 years	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	10.5%
	5-24 years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	25-49 years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	50-64 years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	65+ years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Sussex County	0-4 years	0	1	1	0	1	3	14	73.7%
	5-24 years	0	0	1	2	6	9		
	25-49 years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	50-64 years	0	0	0	0	1	1		
	65+ years	0	0	0	0	1	1		

¹ Based on patients with positive nucleic acid or viral culture test results reported to the Division of Public Health.

² Reports are by the date the laboratory results are obtained. As a result, prior weeks' counts may be adjusted to reflect additional cases received.

³ The Division of Public Health Laboratory now has the capability to identify lineage for Influenza B. Since some laboratories in the state do not have this capability, these influenza cases will be categorized as Influenza B, no lineage identified.

Figure 1. Confirmed cases¹ of influenza by type and subtype/lineage, Delaware 2014-2015



¹ Based on patients with positive nucleic acid or viral culture test results reported to the Delaware Division of Public Health.

Table 2. Influenza-related hospitalizations statewide and county, by age group, Delaware 2014-2015

Hospitalized Flu Cases by Age Group		Wk 40	Wk 41	Wk 42	Wk 43	Wk 44	YTD	YTD Total	YTD County %
STATEWIDE	0-4 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
	5-24 years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	25-49 years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	50-64 years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	65+ years	0	0	0	1	1	2		
New Castle County	0-4 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50%
	5-24 years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	25-49 years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	50-64 years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	65+ years	0	0	0	1	0	1		
Kent County	0-4 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5-24 years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	25-49 years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	50-64 years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	65+ years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Sussex County	0-4 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50%
	5-24 years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	25-49 years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	50-64 years	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	65+ years	0	0	0	0	1	0		

Table 3. Influenza-related deaths, Delaware 2014-2015

Influenza- Related Deaths	Wk 40	Wk 41	Wk 42	Wk 43	Wk 44	YTD Total
	0	0	0	0	0	0

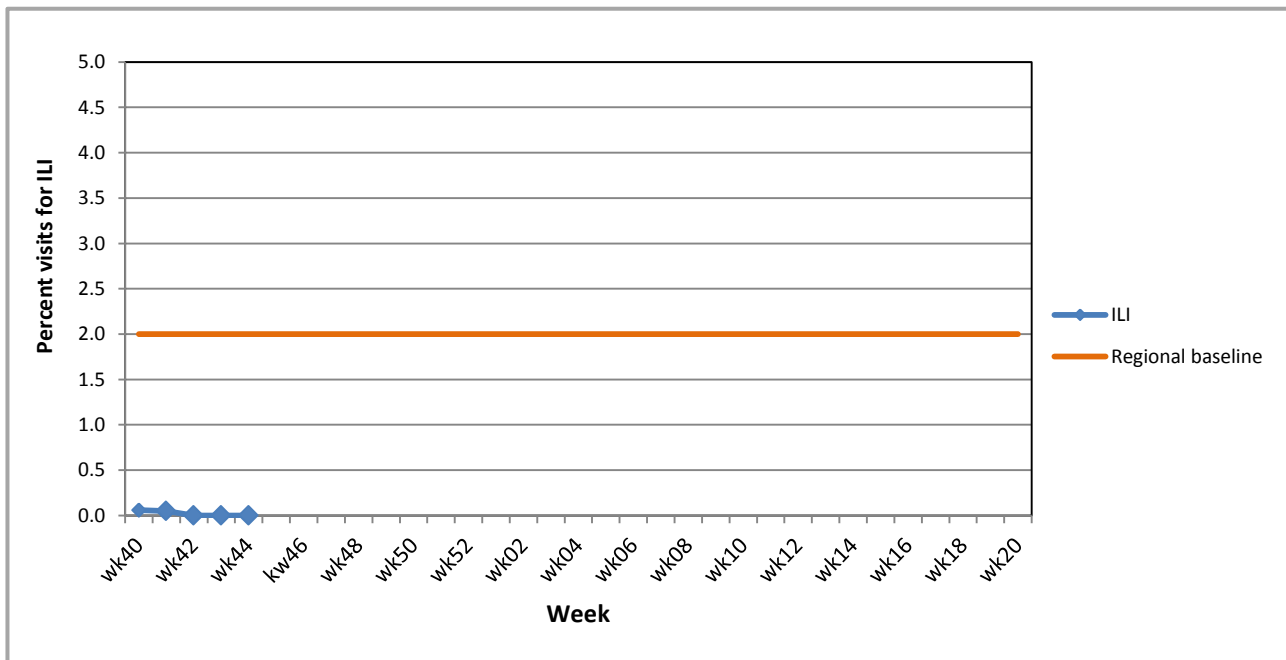
Table 4. Annual number of influenza cases reported by flu season, Delaware 2004-2005 through 2014-2015

Influenza Season	Total Annual Influenza Cases
2004 – 2005	995
2005 – 2006	541
2006 – 2007	508
2007 – 2008	1,401
2008 – 2009	738
2009 – 2010	2,247
2010 – 2011	1,470
2011 – 2012	262
2012 – 2013	1,773
2013 – 2014	1,842
2014 – 2015 (YTD)	19

U.S. Outpatient Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) Sentinel Providers

An ILINet (sentinel) provider conducts surveillance for influenza-like illness (ILI) in collaboration with the Division of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Data reported by ILINet providers, in combination with other influenza surveillance data, provide a national and statewide picture of influenza activity in the U.S.

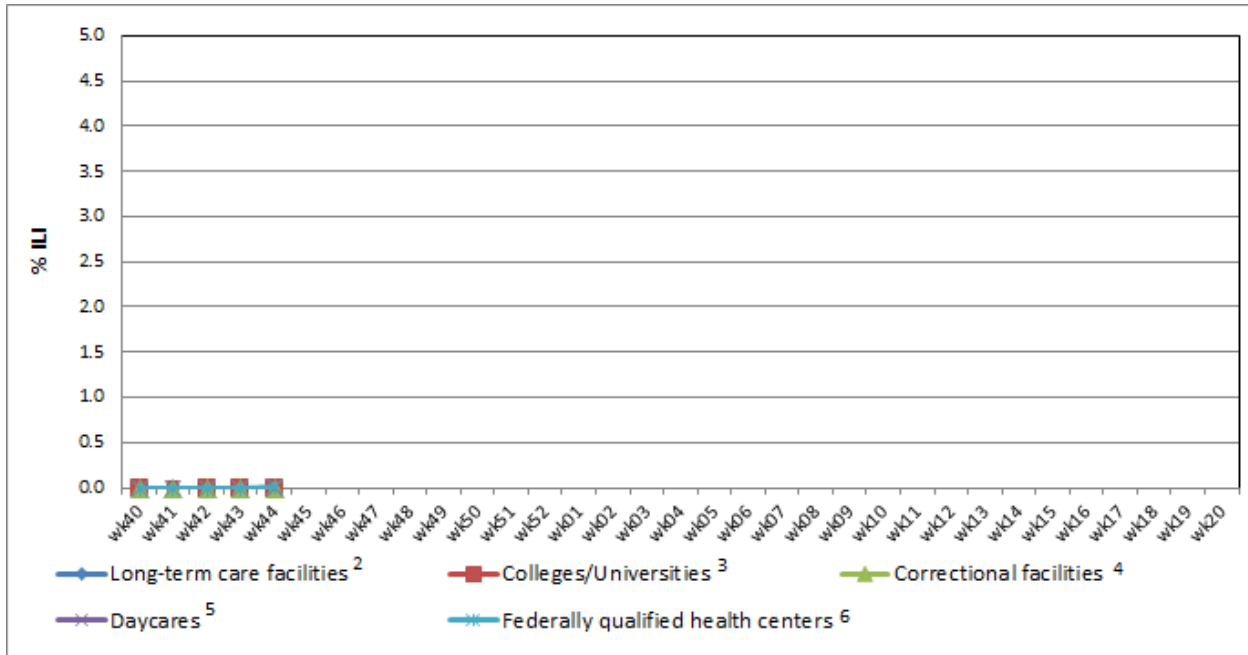
Figure 2. Percentage of visits for influenza-like illness reported by sentinel providers¹ participating in the U.S. Outpatient ILI Surveillance Network (ILINet), Delaware 2014-2015



¹ Six of 16 sentinel providers reported.

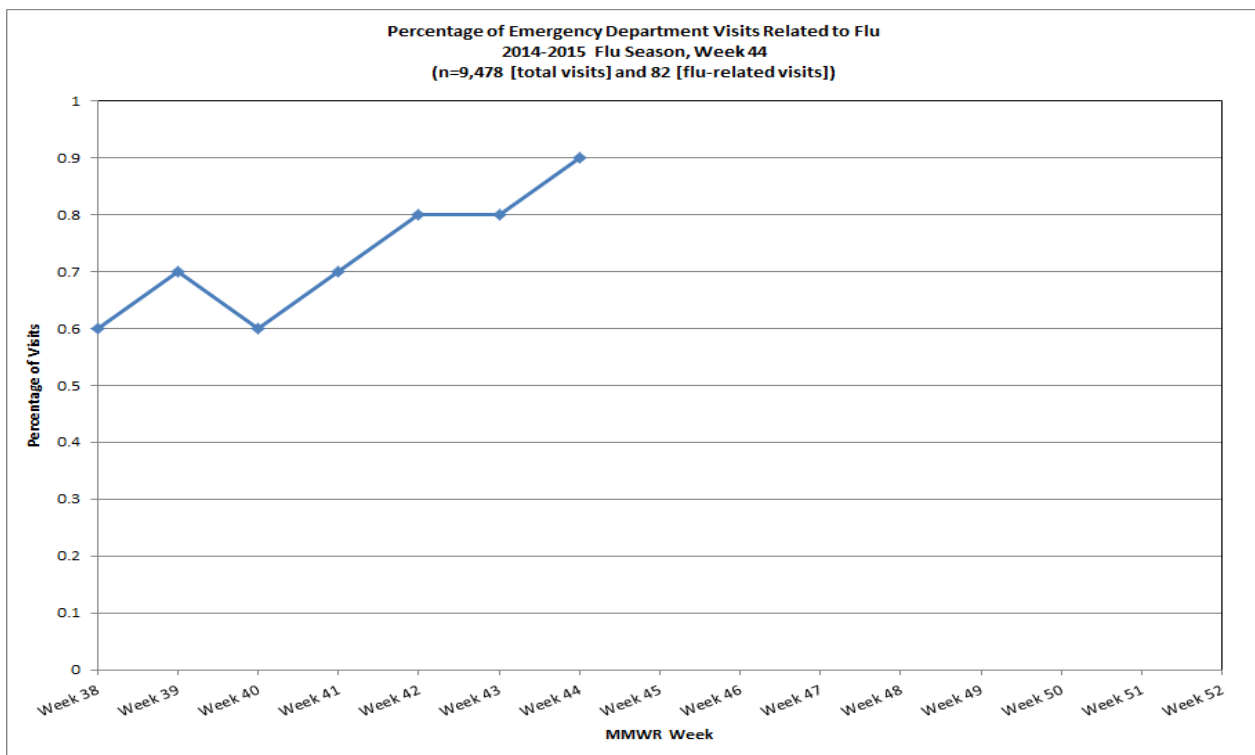
² Regional baseline is calculated by CDC using non-influenza weeks from the previous three influenza seasons. Delaware is a member of Region 3 that includes DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, and WV.

Figure 3. Influenza-like illness reported by ILINet reporting partners¹, Delaware 2014-2015



¹ ILINet reporting partners include long-term care facilities, colleges and universities, correctional facilities, daycare facilities and federally qualified health centers.
² % ILI= percentage of residents with ILI symptoms. Six of 20 LTCFs reported.
³ % ILI= percentage of student visits for ILI; One university reported.
⁴ % ILI= percentage of visits for ILI at the correctional facility; None of the 10 facilities reported
⁵ % ILI= percentage of children absent with ILI; One of 11 daycare providers reported.
⁶ % ILI= percentage of visits for ILI at FQHCs; FQHCs reporting are LaRed (two locations) and Henrietta Johnson Medical Center.
⁷ The regional baseline is calculated by CDC using non-influenza weeks from the previous three influenza seasons. Delaware is part of Region 3 that also includes DC, MD, PA, VA and WV.

Figure 4. Percentage of Delaware emergency department visits related to influenza (flu)



Summary of International Influenza Activity

As of November 3, international influenza activity was low, with the exception of some Pacific Islands. Flu activity is beginning to increase slightly in North America, but remained low throughout much of the United States. Europe, Africa, eastern and western Asia experienced low flu activity. In tropical countries of the Americas, influenza detections decreased with respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) causing most influenza-like illness (ILI) and severe acute respiratory infections (SARI). Flu activity continued to decrease or remained low with influenza B predominant in India and Vietnam. Flu activity reached inter-seasonal levels in the southern hemisphere except in several Pacific Islands where ILI activity remained high.

Citation: World Health Organization (WHO), 2014. Influenza update November 3, 2014. Update number 223. http://www.who.int/influenza/surveillance_monitoring/updates/latest_update_GIP_surveillance/en/.

Reports are updated biweekly.

NOTE: The data provided do not reflect the total number of individuals who have been infected with the influenza virus in Delaware during the reporting period as a result of the following factors:

- Many people ill with influenza-like symptoms do not seek medical care.
- Many who do seek medical care are not tested for influenza.
- The Delaware Public Health Laboratory is limited by capacity to processing a maximum of three specimens per day from each reporting entity.

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) is committed to serving you better by providing the most accurate influenza data available.

Please visit us at flu.delaware.gov or <http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/dpc/immunize-flu.html> for general information on the flu or specific information on DPH flu clinics.

For questions on Delaware's weekly flu report, call the DPH Office of Infectious Disease Epidemiology at **302-744-4990**. **NOTE: New phone number for Epi**

For questions regarding influenza vaccination information, please call 302-744-1060.