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CDC Week 48: Week Ending Saturday, December 2, 2023

Vaccination is the best way to protect against influenza infection. All Winnebago County residents aged six months and older should be vaccinated annually.

<u>Weekly Influenza Activity Summary</u>: This week's surveillance activities shows 72 cases of influenza in Winnebago County as detailed in this report. Influenza surveillance for the County involves the weekly collection of data from our partners including hospitals, physicians, clinics, long term care (LTC) facilities and laboratories.

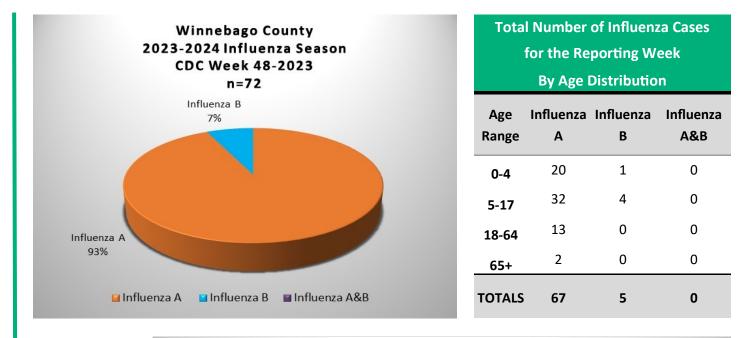
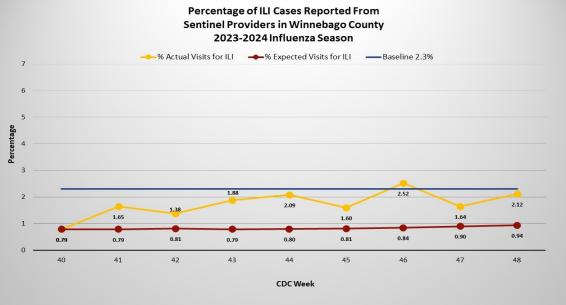
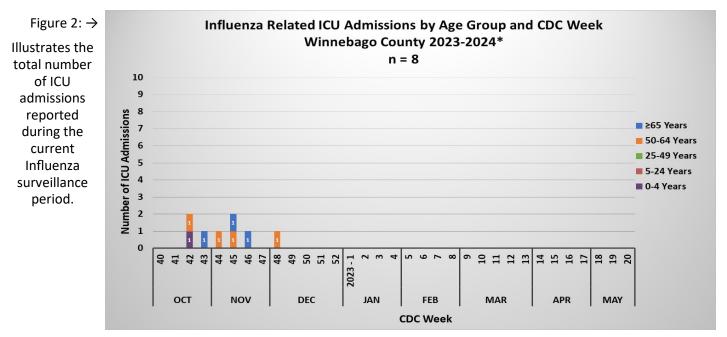


Figure 1: \rightarrow Illustrates the percentage of emergency department visits with a complaint of ILI reported during the surveillance week compared to the expected percentage and the baseline percentage for ILI. ILI "Influenza like Illness" is defined as fever ≥ 100°F and cough and/or sore throat.



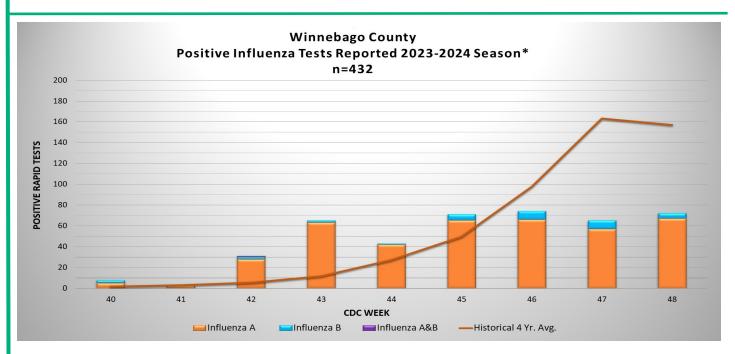
Influenza ICU Admissions, Long Term Care Outbreaks

Influenza-associated Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Admissions:



Influenza Outbreak Activity in Long Term Care Facilities: The Health Department uses surveillance data to monitor influenza outbreaks in long term care facilities as part of the community's current activity with influenza. An outbreak is defined as two or more cases of ILI occurring within 72 hours among residents of a facility.

No outbreaks were reported during week 48



↑ Figure 3: Illustrates the total number of flu cases reported during the current influenza surveillance period. The four year historical average for the County is noted by the orange line on the graph.

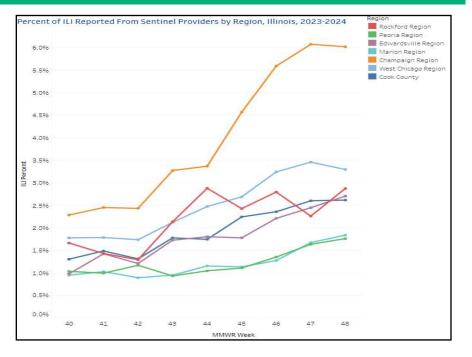
*Note: All data in this report are provisional and may change as additional reports are received.

Influenza Like Illness¹ (ILI) Reported on a **State Level and National Influenza Activity**

Table 1 \downarrow : Illustrates the actual number of emergency department visits with a complaint of ILI reported during each surveillance week compared to the expected number of ILI complaints.

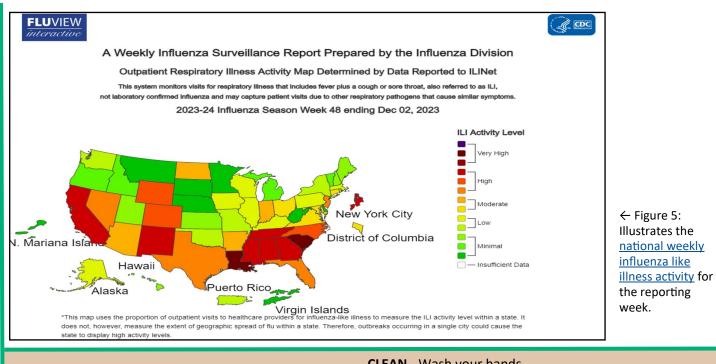
Actual Number of ILI Cases **Reported in Winnebago County** 2023-2024 Influenza Season

CDC Week	Actual Number	Expected Number
43	46	19
44	51	19
45	43	19
46	67	20
47	39	22
48	55	23
SEASON TOTAL	393	178



↑ Figure 4: Illustrates the percentage emergency department visits with a complaint of ILI reported during the surveillance week across the State of Illinois.

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Practice and promote the three C's in helping prevent the spread of influenza in our community:

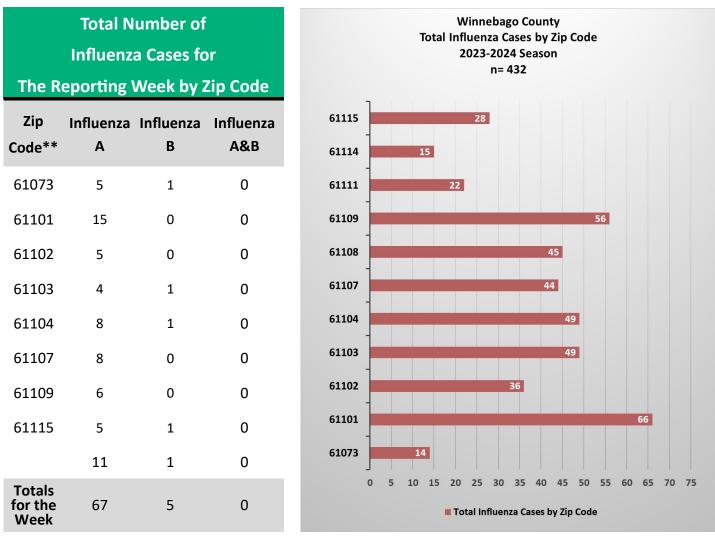
CLEAN - Wash your hands

COVER - Cover your cough and sneeze

CONTAIN - Contain your germs, stay home if you are sick

Influenza Geographic Surveillance Data

Geographic Breakdown of Positive Influenza Tests in the County: The Health Department uses surveillance data to monitor positive influenza tests throughout the County by ZIP codes.



**Due to confidentiality concerns, when the total case count is under 5 in a zip code, the count is not reported by zip code.



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