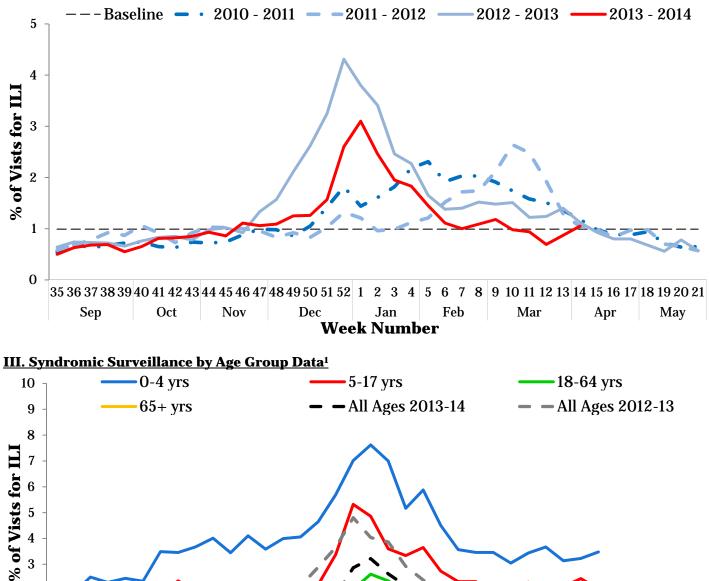


I. Influenza Summary to Date

Influenza surveillance for suburban Cook County** involves the weekly collection of data from a sample of hospitals, private physician's offices, and laboratory data. Influenza activity is currently low. Our sentinel participants reported the following aggregate measures: Syndromic Surveillance: 1.05% ILI¹, Sentinel Sites: 2.28% ILI². 34 (9.44%) specimens tested positive for influenza (5 influenza A unknown subtype [subtyping not performed], 1 influenza A H1N1, and 28 influenza B). Since Week 35 (8/25/2013), suburban Cook County has had 189 cases of influenza-associated intensive care unit (ICU) hospitalizations. During week 14, 1 ICU hospitalization due to influenza infection was reported to CCDPH. Thank you to all of our surveillance partners for their help in collecting this information.

II. Syndromic Surveillance Data¹



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IV. Sentinel Provider Data²

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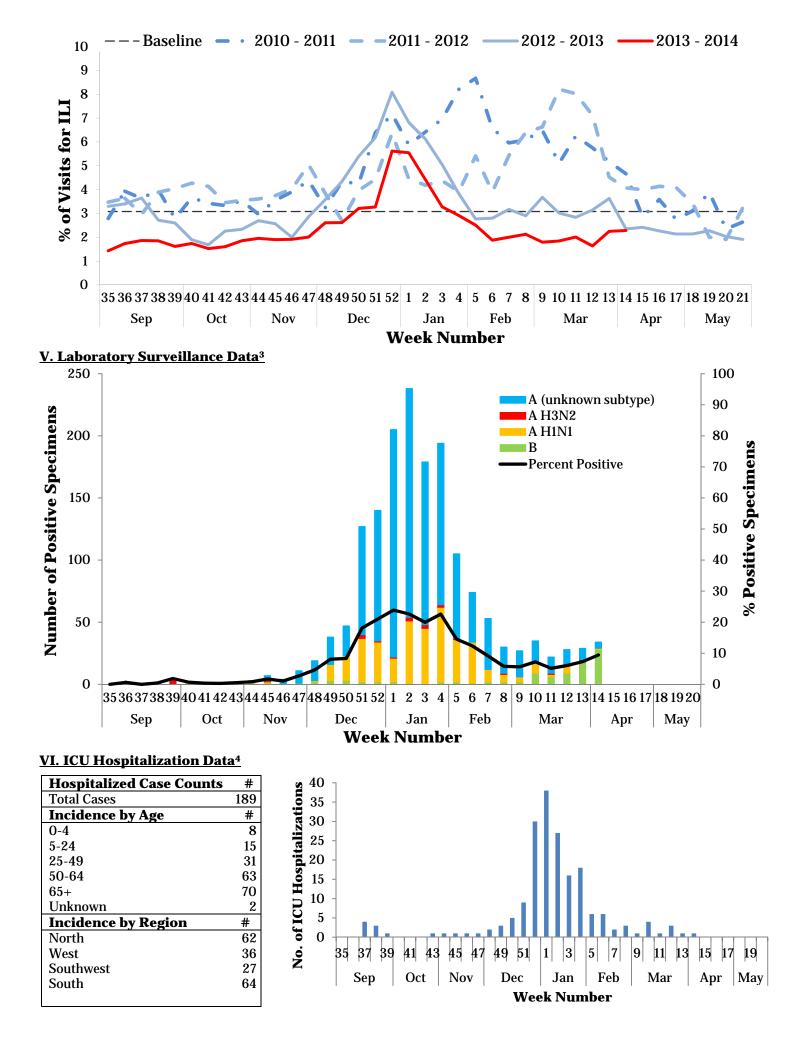
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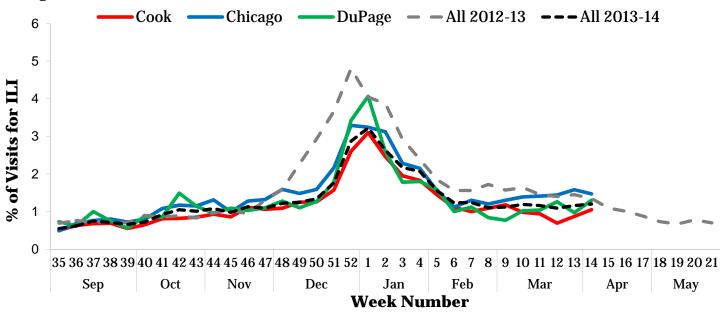
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VII. Regional Data



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

For further information about influenza activity see: <u>City of Chicago Surveillance Report</u>, <u>IDPH Surveillance Report</u>, <u>CDC Surveillance Report</u>, <u>Distribute National Surveillance</u>.

- 1. Syndromic surveillance influenza-like-illness (ILI) syndrome is defined as a symptom complex fever and cough or sore throat from ESSENCE. 45 hospital EDs participate in ESSENCE. ILI = # of ED visits for ILI / total # of ED visits.
- 2. ILI is defined as fever \geq 100°F, cough and/or sore throat in the absence of a known cause other than influenza. 8 hospital EDs and 3 physician offices are participating CDC sentinel sites.
- 3. Laboratory surveillance includes viral culture, RT-PCR, and the rapid antigen test. Not all cases are suburban Cook County Residents. Participating laboratories: IDPH, NSUHS, and ACL.
- 4. Hospitalization and death data are only for suburban Cook County residents (excludes Evanston, Skokie, Oak Park, and Stickney). Data includes reported cases for the presented week.
- 5. http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm
- † This map uses the proportion of outpatient visits to health care providers for influenza-like illness to measure the ILI activity level within a state.