

# Georgia Weekly Influenza Report

MMWR Week 43

Updated 11/4/2016

## Week 43 (October 23 - 29, 2016) Synopsis

During week 43 there was minimal influenza activity in Georgia with sporadic occurrences of sustained flu transmission.

- **Outpatient Illness Surveillance (ILINet):** The proportion of outpatient visits for ILI was 2.14%, which is **above** the Georgia baseline of 2.1%.
- **Geographic Spread of Influenza:** The geographic spread of influenza in Georgia was **SPORADIC** during week 43.
- **Metro Area Hospitalizations:** There was 1 hospitalization due to influenza infection during week 43. There have been 7 hospitalizations due to influenza so far this season.
- **Influenza Related Deaths:** There were 0 confirmed deaths due to influenza.
- **Viral Surveillance:** Of the 252 specimens tested by Georgia clinical laboratories reporting to the National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) during week 43, 4 (1.59%) were positive for influenza. Public Health Laboratories tested 25 specimens during week 43, 0 were positive for influenza.
- **Reported Influenza Outbreaks:** There were 0 outbreaks reported to public health during week 43.
- **RSV Viral Surveillance:** Of the 314 specimens tested and reported by the Georgia Public Health Laboratory (GPHL) and the National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) collaborating laboratories during week 43, the percent positive of **ALL** laboratory tests was 13.69%.

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## Flu News

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[Health Map Vaccine Finder](#)

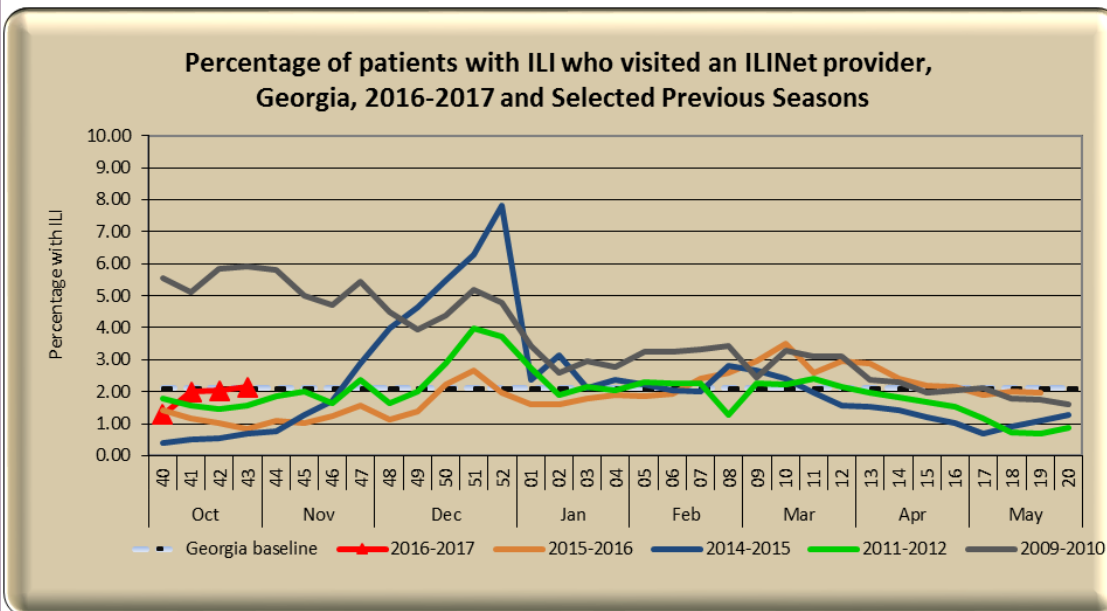
[Flu Scan: Antiviral flu prophylaxis; Tamiflu expiration; Nigeria H5N1 outbreak](#)

[Global environmental drivers of influenza](#)

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**Percentage of patients with ILI reported by ILINet providers**  
(Volunteer providers who report percentage of patients with ILI seen by their practice or facility weekly. This week there are currently **48** ILINet providers reporting in Georgia.)

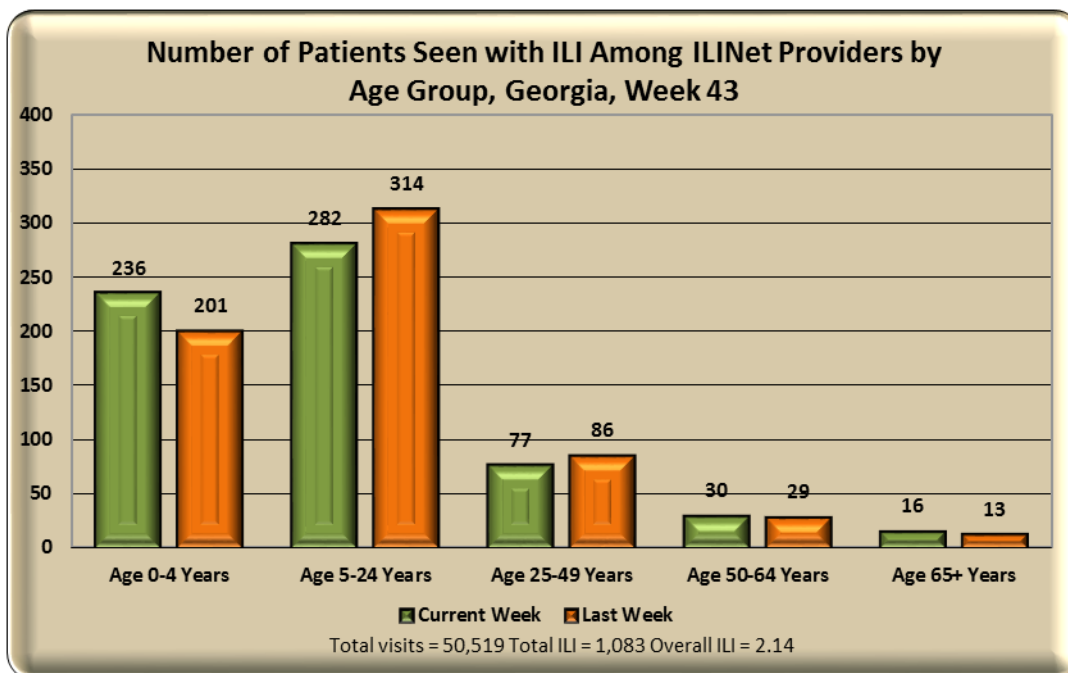
**ILINet Provider Network Data**



This Week: **2.14%** of patients seen in ILINet Provider offices were diagnosed with ILI.

Note: The Georgia baseline is formulated by averaging ILI percentage during weeks of endemic activity determined by laboratory results for influenza.

**ILINet Patient Visits By Age Group**



**ILINet patient visits by age group**

This graph displays the number of patients seen at sentinel provider offices and diagnosed with ILI in the past week. The data are stratified by age-group.

During **week 43** those under 24 years of age were most often seen with ILI symptoms by ILINet providers.

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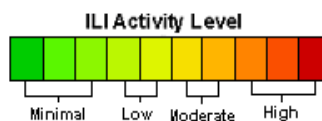
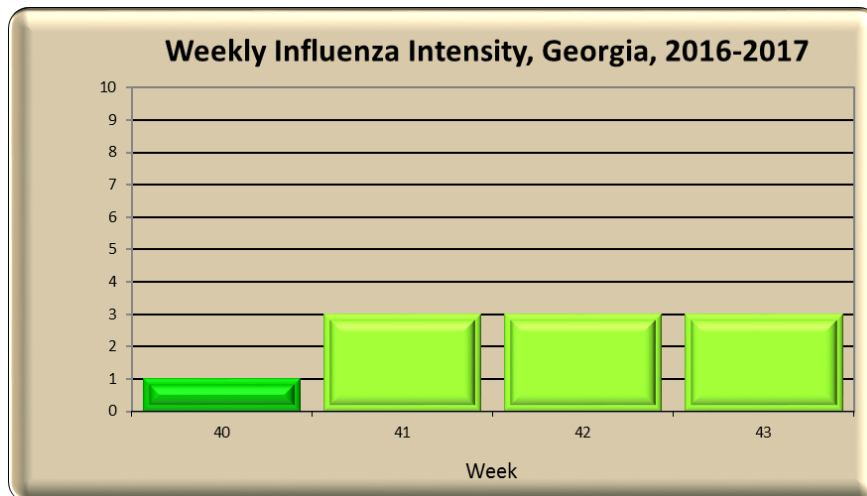
**ILI Activity Level Indicator - ILINet**

(This graph uses the proportion of outpatient visits for ILI to measure the ILI severity in Georgia.) For a national view, visit <http://cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>

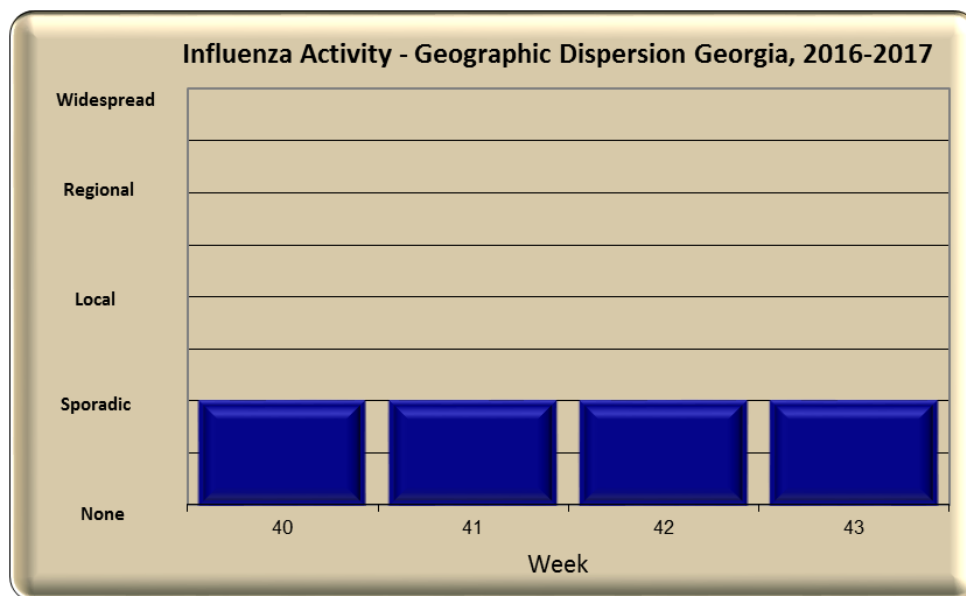
**Georgia ILI Intensity Indicator**

ILI Activity Levels (1 - 10) correspond to the number of standard deviations away from the 3-year mean for the current week.

This week the intensity level is: **Minimal = 3**



**Georgia ILI Geographic Dispersion**



This Week's Flu Code is:

**SPORADIC**

ILI activity has not increased and isolated lab-confirmed cases of influenza

OR

ILI activity has not increased and a lab confirmed influenza outbreak in one institution.

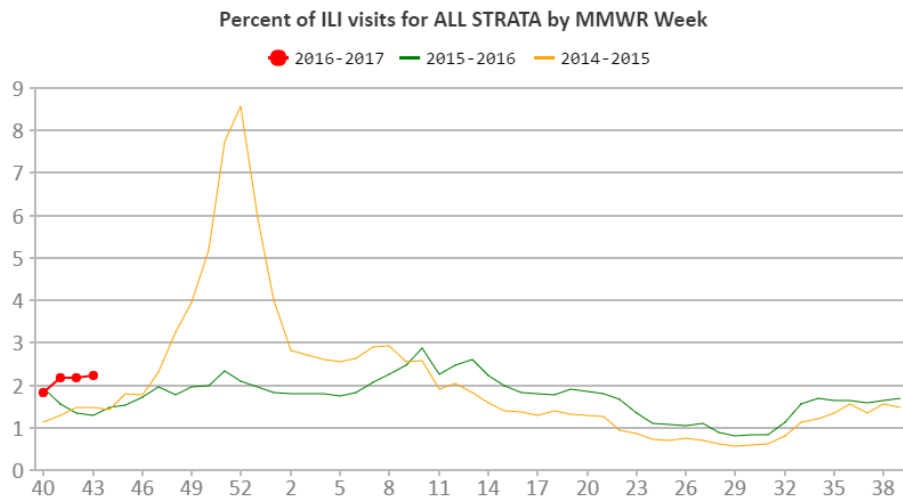
**Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists Report – Geographic Dispersion**

(This graph reflects geographic dispersion and is not an indicator of influenza severity)

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Syndromic Surveillance  
Data Daily Influenza-like  
Illness Syndrome  
(percentage of ILI visits)

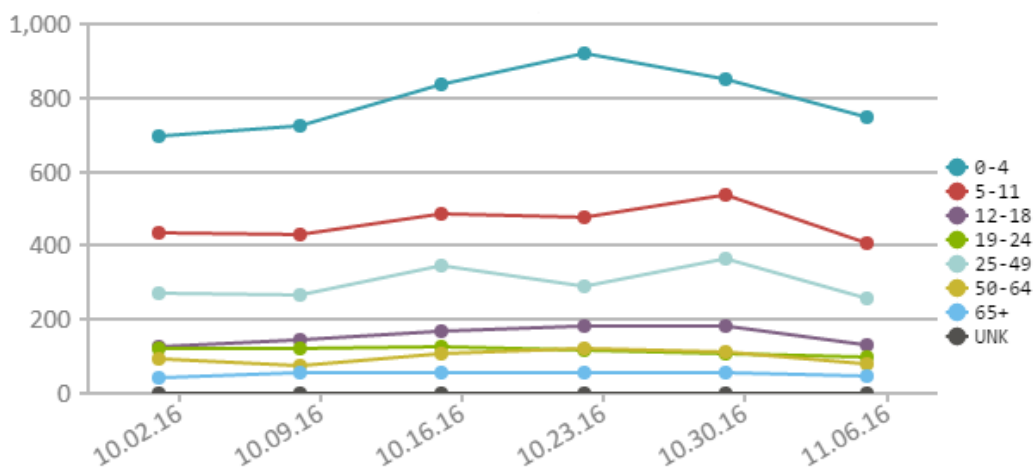
### Percent of ILI Visits to Georgia Emergency Departments by MMWR Week



During week 43 the weekly percentage of patients seen for ILI in Georgia Emergency Departments reporting to our syndromic surveillance system remained similar to the previous week.

Syndromic Surveillance  
Data Weekly Influenza-like  
Illness Syndrome  
(percentage of ILI visits by  
Age Group)

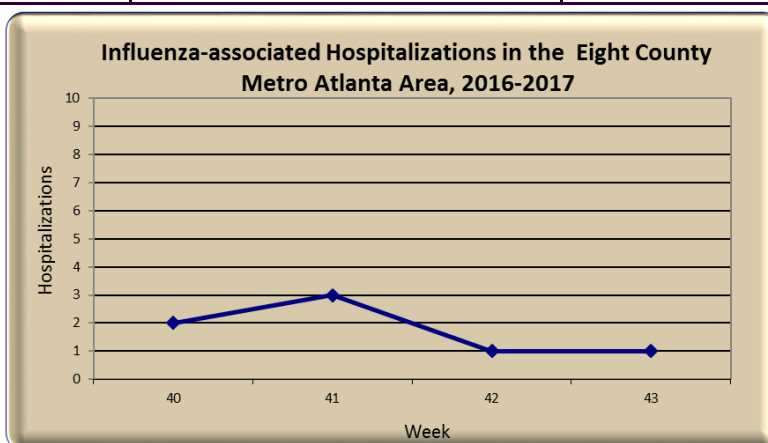
### Number of Patient Visits with ILI Syndrome by Age Group



### Georgia Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

Age Group	Number of Hospitalizations (8- County Metro-Area Only)	Hospitalization Rate (Cases/100,000 people)
0 - 4	0	0
5 -17	1	0.14
18 - 49	0	0
50 - 64	3	0.41
65+	2	0.49
Unknown	1	N/A
Total	7	0.18

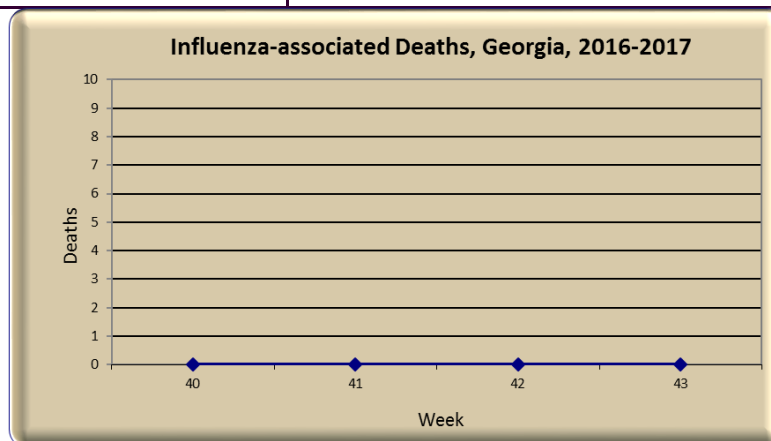
**Influenza Hospitalizations in the eight county metro Atlanta area 2016-2017** (Emerging Infections Program data)



### Georgia Influenza-Associated Deaths

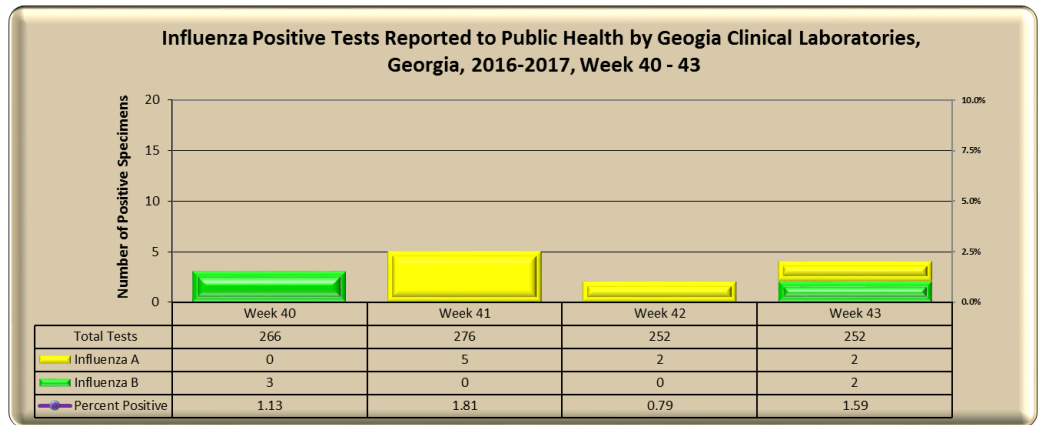
Age Group	Number of Deaths
0 - 4	0
5 -17	0
18 - 51	0
51 - 64	0
65+	0
Total	0

**Influenza-Associated Deaths 2016-2017 Statewide** (Influenza-associated deaths are a notifiable condition in Georgia)



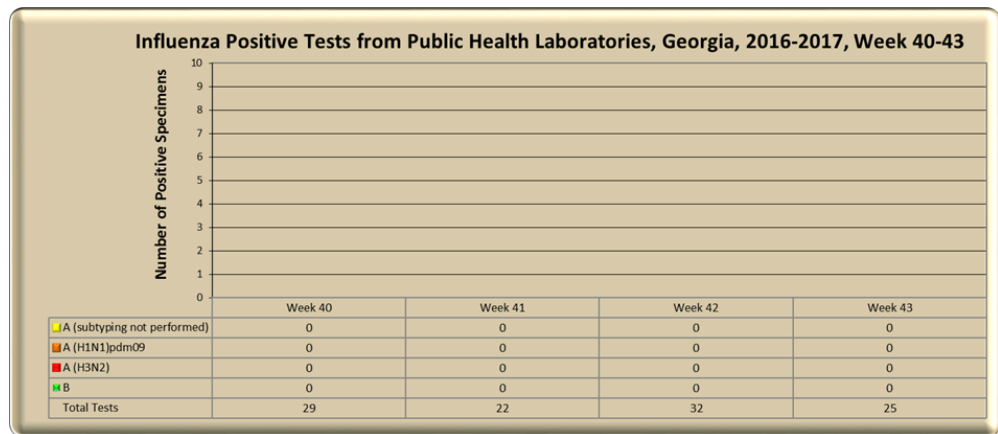
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**Georgia Virologic Surveillance Data**



During **week 43** Georgia clinical laboratories reporting to NREVSS tested 252 specimens for influenza, 4 (1.59%) were positive. Both influenza A and B were identified.

Note: No subtyping information will be released from clinical laboratories



Public Health Laboratories tested 25 specimens for influenza during **week 43**, none were positive.

**Georgia threshold of RSV season onset and end**

RSV season onset is defined as the first week of two (2) consecutive weeks when the percent positive of **ALL** lab confirmed tests are greater than or equal to 10%. The end of RSV season is now defined as the first week of two consecutive weeks when the percent positive of **ALL** lab confirmed tests are less than 10%.

**RSV Season Status: ON**

**Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Surveillance Data**

