

# Georgia Weekly Influenza Report

MMWR Week 49

Updated 12/19/2015

## Week 49 (Dec. 6 - Dec. 12, 2015) Synopsis

**During week 49 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 **1.39%**, which is **below** the Georgia baseline of 1.6%.
- **Geographic Spread of Influenza:** The geographic spread of influenza in Georgia was **SPORADIC** during week 49.
- **Metro Area Hospitalizations:** There was 1 hospitalization due to influenza infection during week 49. There have been 24 hospitalizations due to influenza infection so far this season.
- **Influenza Related Deaths:** There were **0** confirmed deaths due to influenza. There have been 0 confirmed influenza-associated deaths as of 12/18/2015.
- **Viral Surveillance:** Of the **443** specimens tested by Georgia clinical laboratories reporting to the National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) during week 49, **4 (0.90%)** were positive for influenza. Georgia Public Health Laboratory (GPHL) did not report any influenza testing during week 49.
- **Reported Influenza Outbreaks:** There were **0** influenza-related outbreaks reported to public health during week 49.
- **RSV Viral Surveillance:** Of the **347** 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 49, the percent positive of **ALL** laboratory tests was 30.57%.

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## Flu News

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[\*Find influenza vaccine providers in your area\*](#)

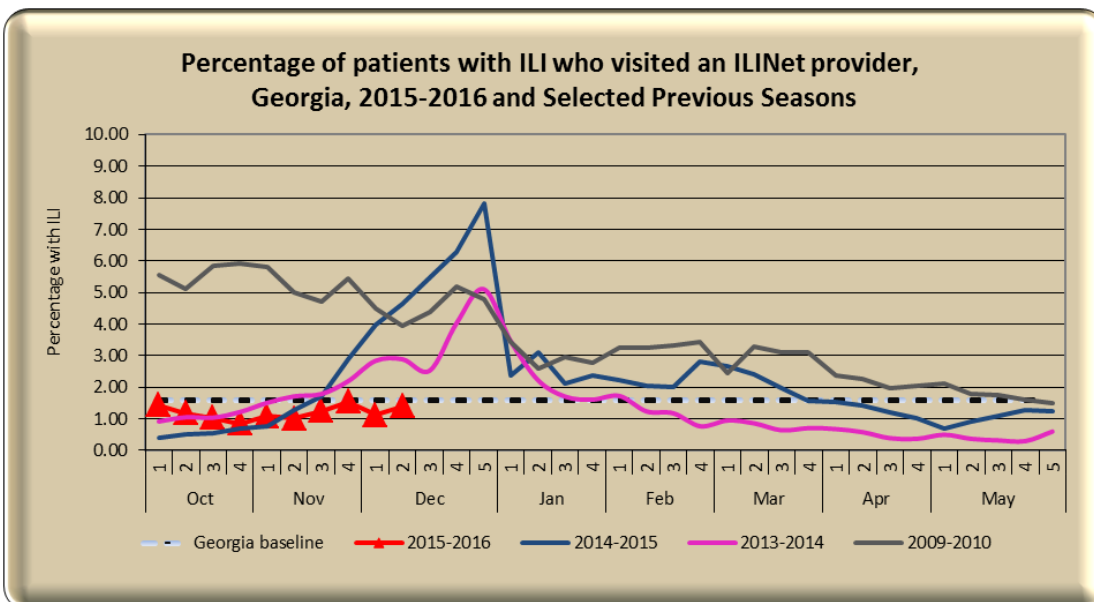
[\*\*Flu Scan: H9N2 cases in China; Global flu update\*\*](#)

[\*\*Flu Scan: US flu up only a bit; Funds for fast N95 production\*\*](#)

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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 **23** ILINet providers reporting in Georgia.)

**ILINet Provider Network Data**



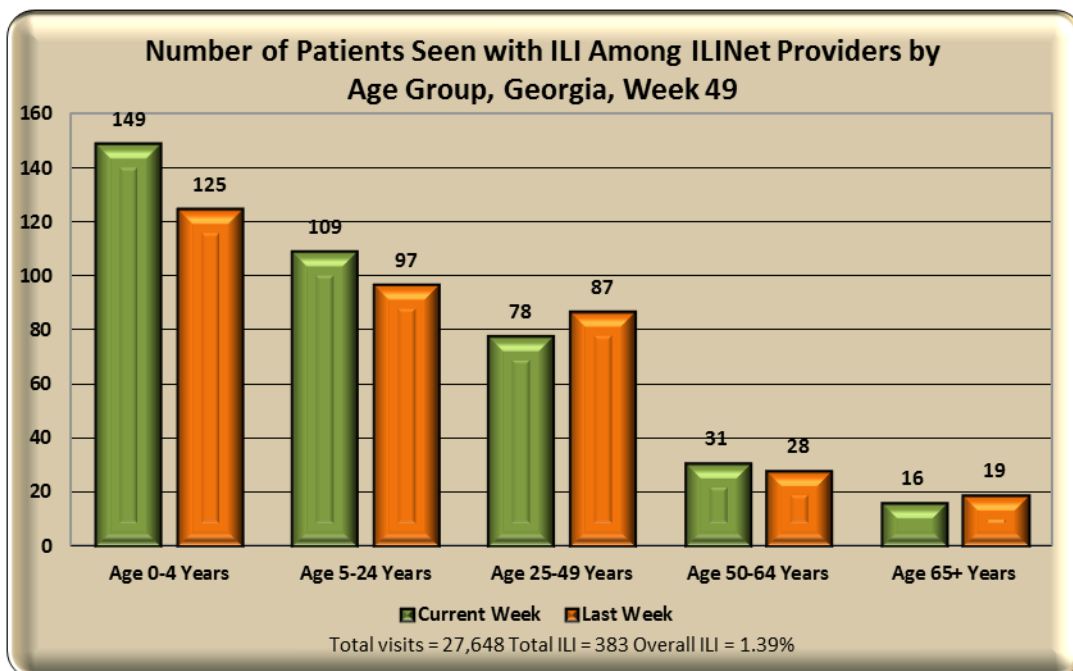
This Week: **1.39%** of patients seen in ILINet Provider offices were diagnosed with ILI.

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 49** 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**

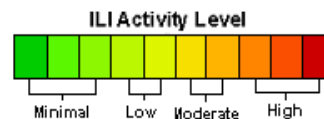
(This graph uses the proportion of outpatient visits for ILI to measure the ILI severity in Georgia.) For a national view, visit <http://cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>

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

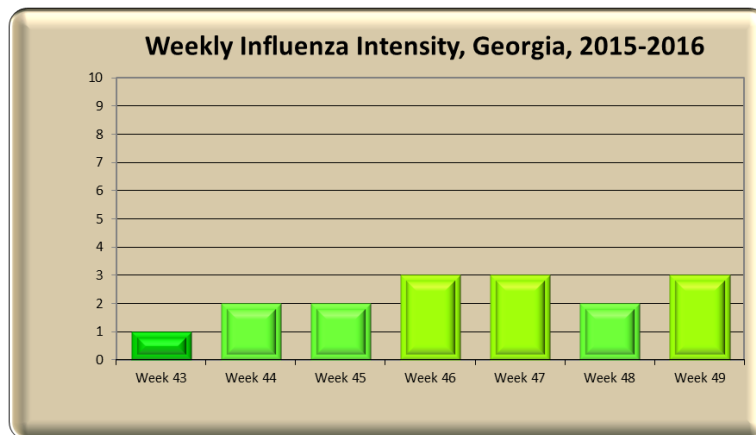
(This graph reflects geographic dispersion and is not an indicator of influenza severity)

**Georgia ILI Intensity Indicator**

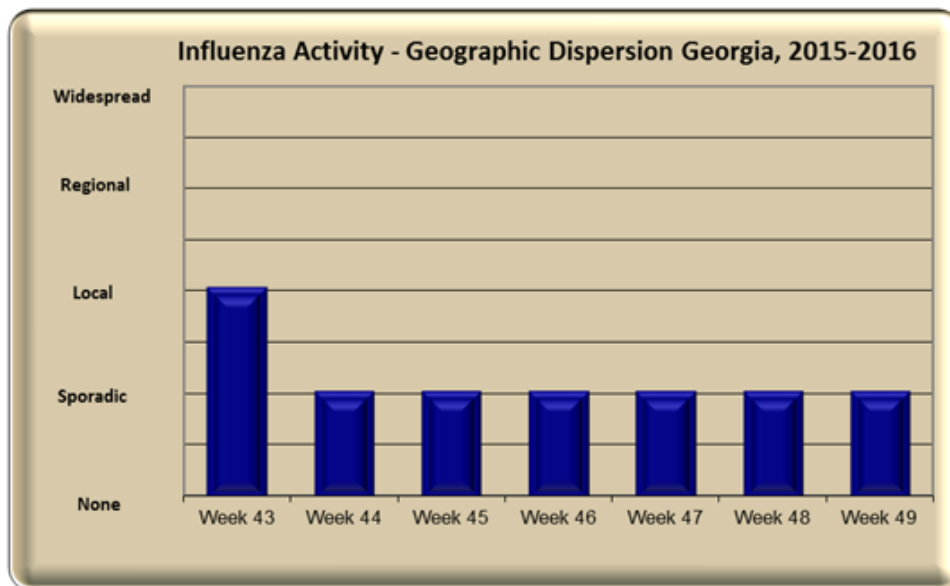
ILI Activity Levels (1 - 10) correspond to the number of standard deviations away from the 3-year mean for the current week.



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



**Georgia ILI Geographic Dispersion**



This Week's Flu Code is:

**SPORADIC**

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

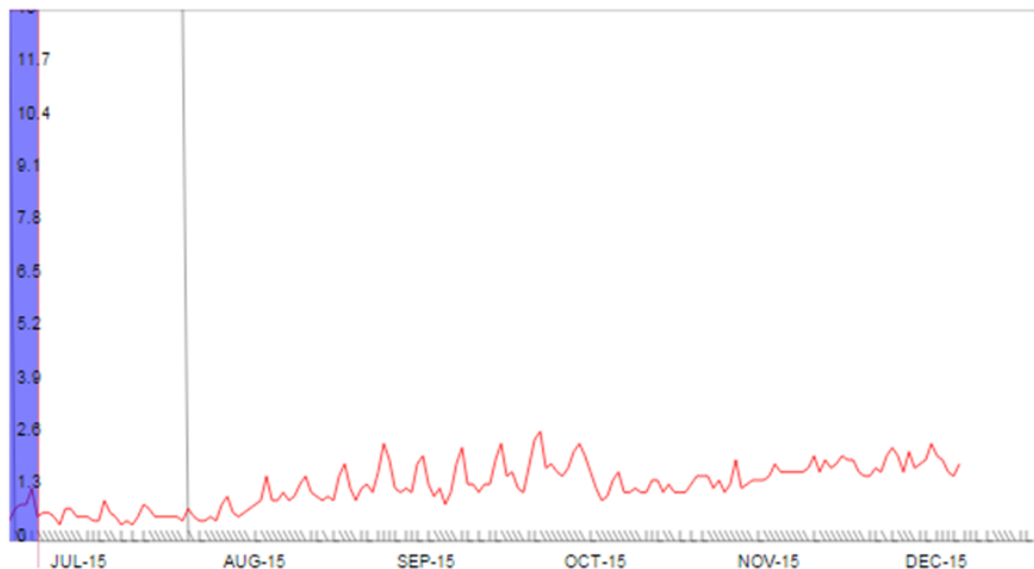
OR

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

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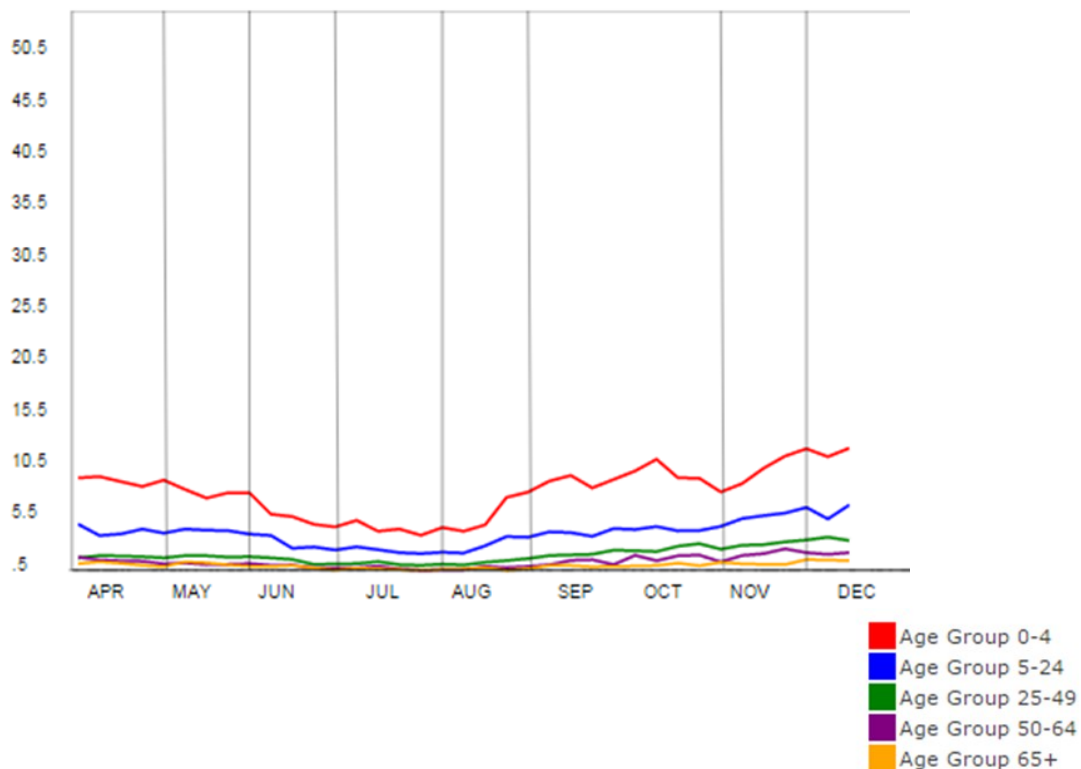
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(percentage of ILI visits)

### Daily Percent of ILI Syndrome Visits to Georgia Emergency



During **week 49** the daily percentage of patients seen for ILI in Georgia Emergency Departments reporting to our syndromic surveillance system increased slightly compared to the previous week.

### Percentage of Patients with ILI Syndrome Visits by Age Group



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Illness Syndrome  
(percentage of ILI visits by  
Age Group)

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**Influenza Hospitalizations in the eight county metro Atlanta area 2014-2015** (Emerging Infections Program data)

**Influenza-Associated Deaths 2014-2015 Statewide** (Influenza-associated deaths are a notifiable condition in Georgia)

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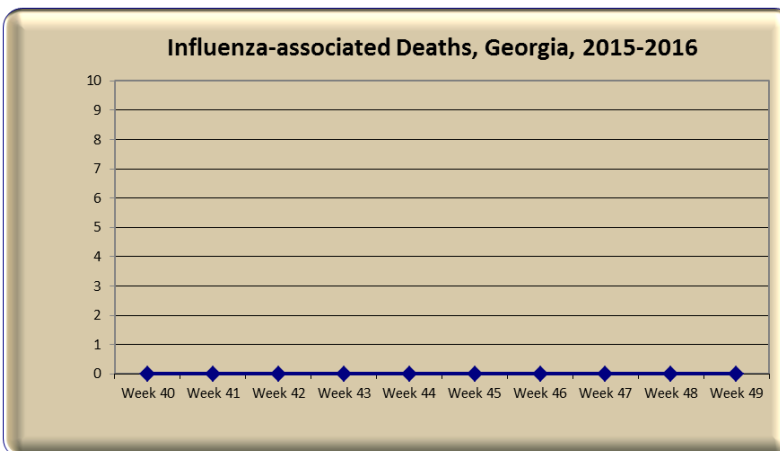
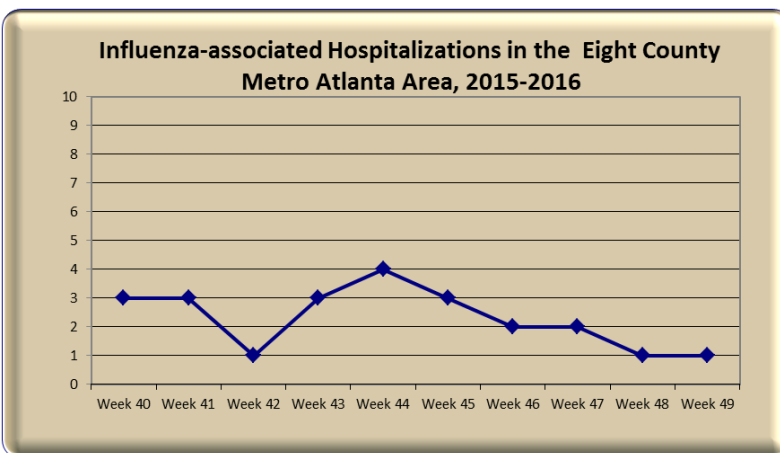
**Influenza-Associated deaths reported to Public Health**

## Georgia Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths

| Age Group | Number of Hospitalizations (8- County Metro-Area Only) |
|-----------|--|
| 0 - 4     | 4  |
| 5 -17     | 0  |
| 18 - 51   | 5  |
| 51 - 64   | 6  |
| 65+       | 9  |
| Total     | 24 (For confirmation, these data are delayed.)         |

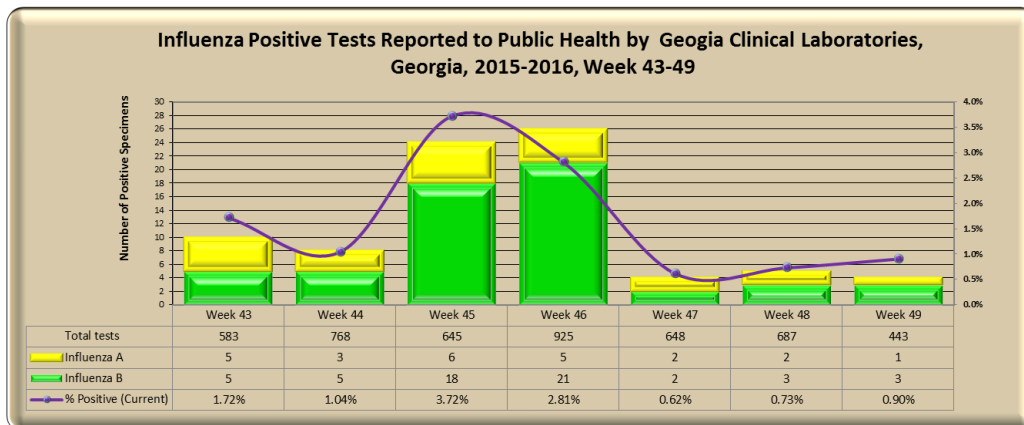
  

| Age Group | Number of Deaths                              |
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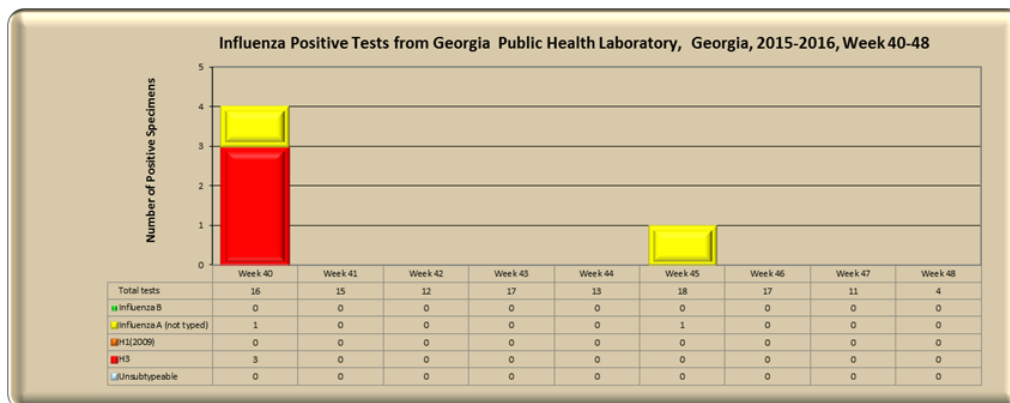
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**Georgia Virologic Surveillance Data**



During **week 49** Georgia clinical laboratories reporting to NREVSS tested 443 specimens for influenza, 4 (0.90%) were positive. The predominate strain identified was influenza B.

Note: No subtyping information will be released from clinical laboratories



Georgia Public Health Laboratory (GPHL) did not report any influenza testing during **week 49**.

**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**

