

# Georgia Weekly Influenza Report

MMWR Week 41

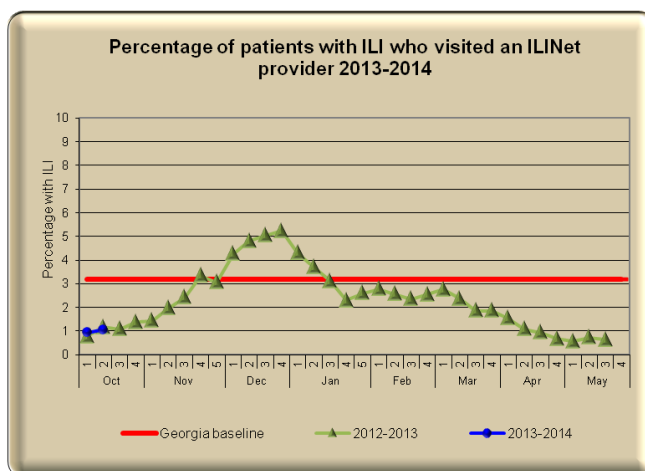
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## Week 41 (Oct. 6, 2013—Oct. 12, 2013) Synopsis

During week 41 there was sporadic influenza activity in Georgia with minimal occurrences of sustained flu transmission.

- **Outpatient Illness Surveillance (ILINet):** The proportion of outpatient visits for ILI was **1.05%**, which is below the Georgia baseline of 3.2%.
- **Geographic Spread of Influenza:** The geographic spread of influenza in Georgia was **MINIMAL** during week 41.
- **Metro Area Hospitalizations:** There was **1** hospitalization due to influenza infection.
- **Influenza Related Deaths:** There were **0** confirmed deaths due to influenza during week 41.
- **Viral Surveillance:** Of the **265** 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 41, **17 (6.4%)** were positive for influenza.
- **Reported Influenza Outbreaks:** There were **0** influenza-related outbreaks reported to public health during week 41.
- **RSV Viral Surveillance:** Of the **68** 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 41, the **average** percent positive of **ALL** laboratory confirmed tests was **19.1%**, **above the season onset threshold of 10.0%**.

### ILINet Provider Network Data



This Week: **1.05%** of patients seen in ILINet Provider offices were diagnosed with ILI.

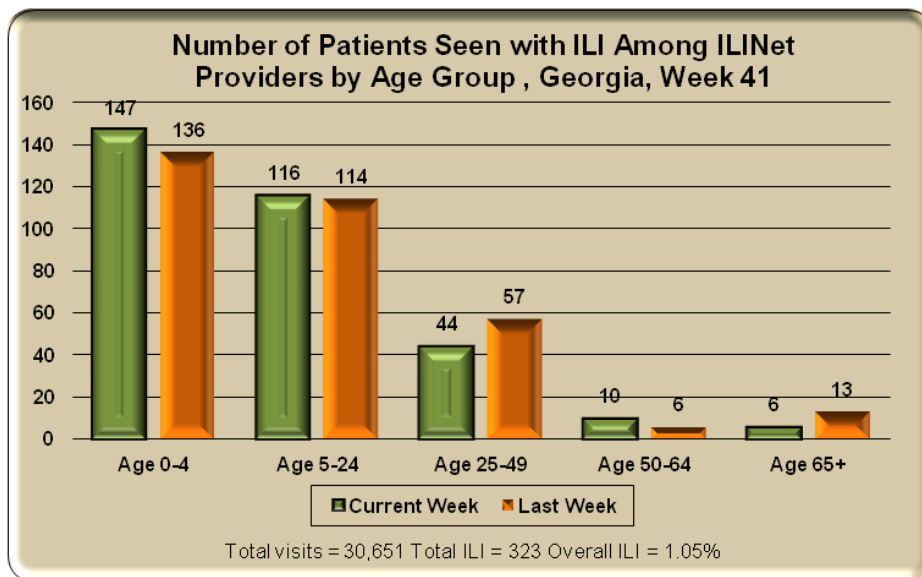
Note: The Georgia baseline is formulated by averaging ILI percentage during weeks of endemic activity determined by laboratory results for influenza.

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

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**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.



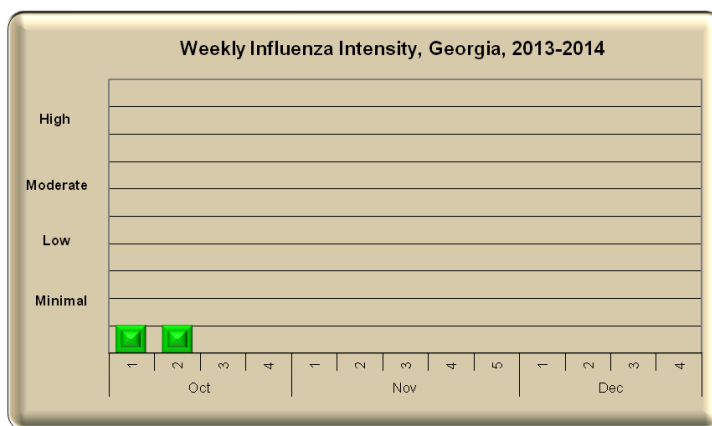
During **week 41** those in the age group 0-4 years were most often seen with ILI symptoms by ILINet providers.

**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/>

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 = 1**



**Georgia ILI Geographic Dispersion**

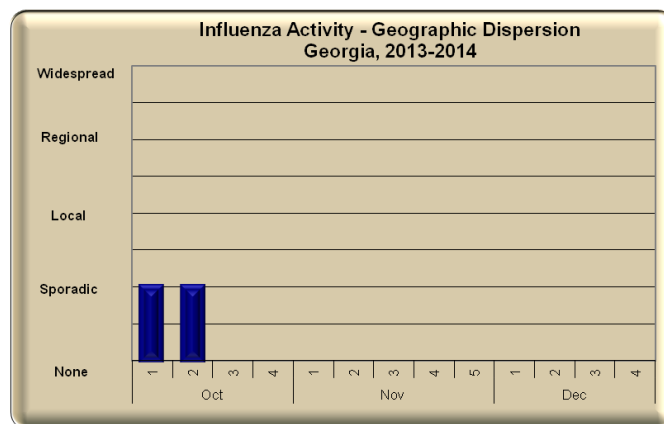
This Week's Flu Code is:

**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.



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

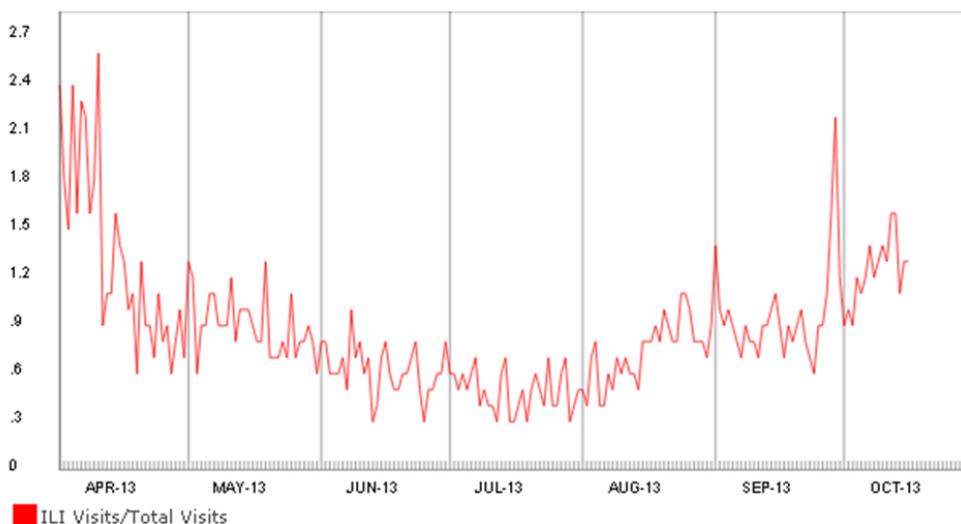
(This graph reflects geographic dispersion and is not an indicator of influenza severity)

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

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

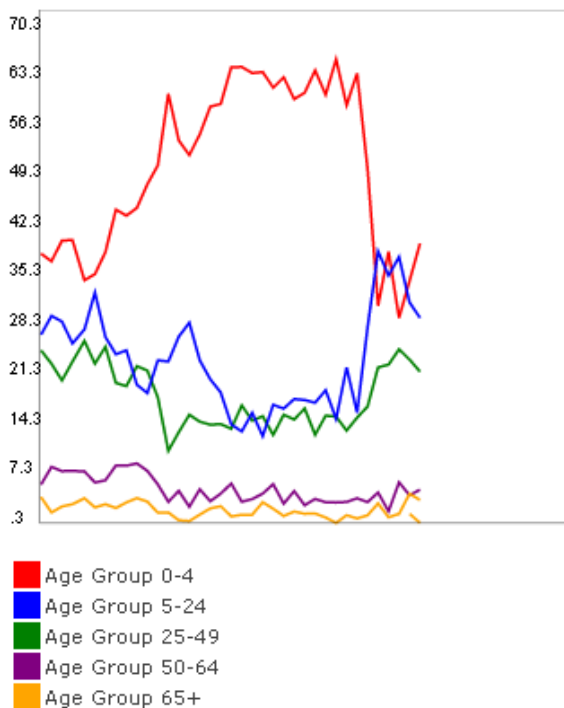
Daily Percent of ILI Syndrome Visits to Georgia Emergency Departments  
(Measured by ILI syndrome/ Total visits from Georgia Syndromic Surveillance Program emergency department chief complaint data)



During **week 41** the daily percentage of patients seen for ILI in Georgia Emergency Departments reporting to our syndromic surveillance system decreased.

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

### Weekly Percent of ILI Syndrome Visits by Age Group



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**Influenza Hospitalizations in the eight county metro Atlanta area 2013-2014** (Emerging Infections Program data)

**Influenza-Associated Deaths 2013-2014 State-wide** (Influenza-associated deaths are a notifiable condition in Georgia)

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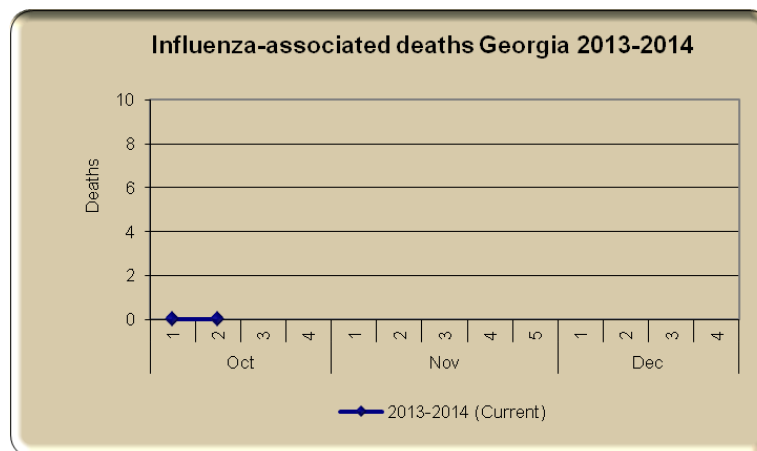
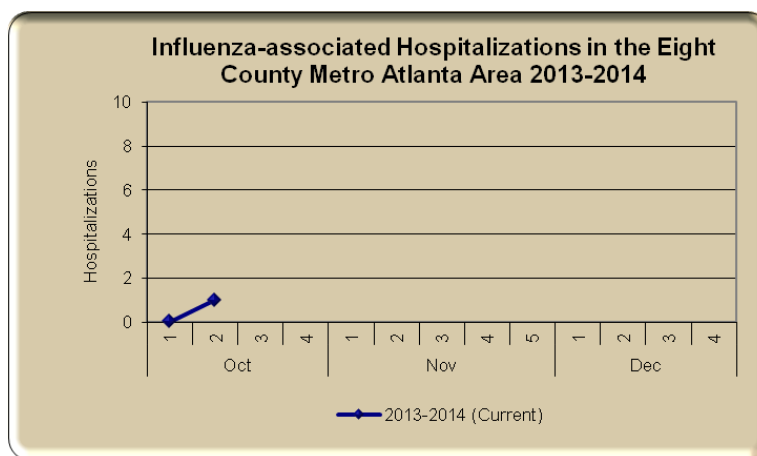
**Influenza-Associated deaths reported to Public Health**

## Georgia Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths

Age Group	Number of Hospitalizations (8- County Metro-Area Only)
0 - 4	0
5 -17	0
18 - 51	0
51 - 64	0
65+	1
Total	1 (For confirmation, these data are delayed.)

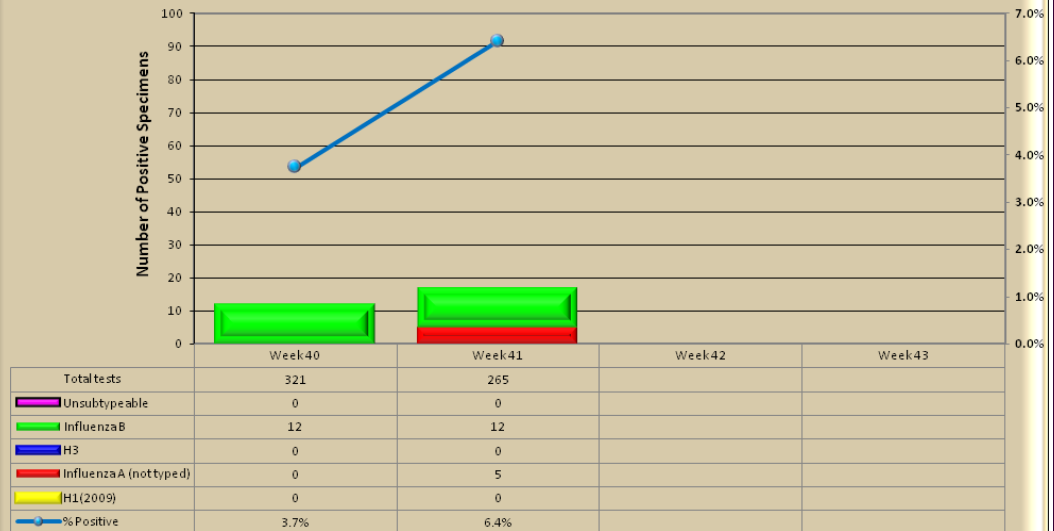
  

Age Group	Number of Deaths
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## Georgia Virologic Surveillance Data

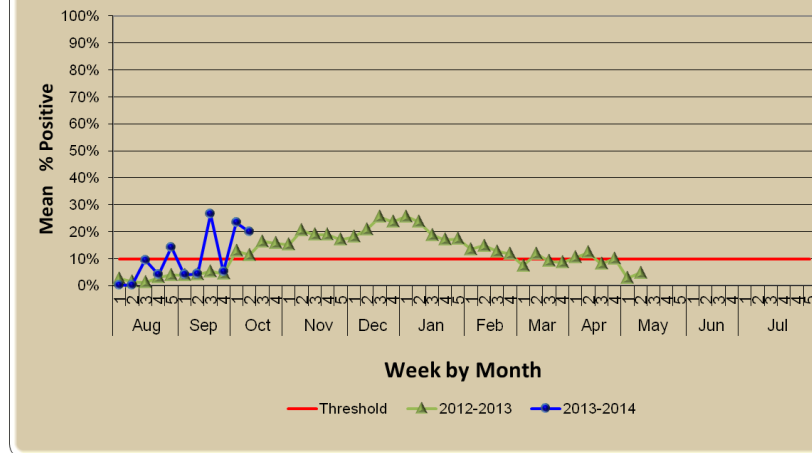
Influenza Positive Tests Reported to Public Health by U.S. WHO/NREVSS Collaborating Laboratories, Georgia, 2013-2014



**Note:** Includes rapid tests reported from reference Laboratories and the Georgia Public Health Laboratory; not all positive laboratory results for influenza are reported to Public Health.

## Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Surveillance Data

Mean Percent Positive RSV of ALL Laboratories Reporting by Week



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### Georgia threshold of RSV season onset and end

RSV season onset is defined as the first week of two (2) consecutive weeks when the **average** 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 **average** percent positive of **ALL** lab confirmed tests are less than 10%.

**RSV Season  
Status: ON**



### Flu News

[Chinese man hospitalized with severe H7N9 flu](#)

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