

# Georgia Weekly Influenza Report

MMWR Week 44

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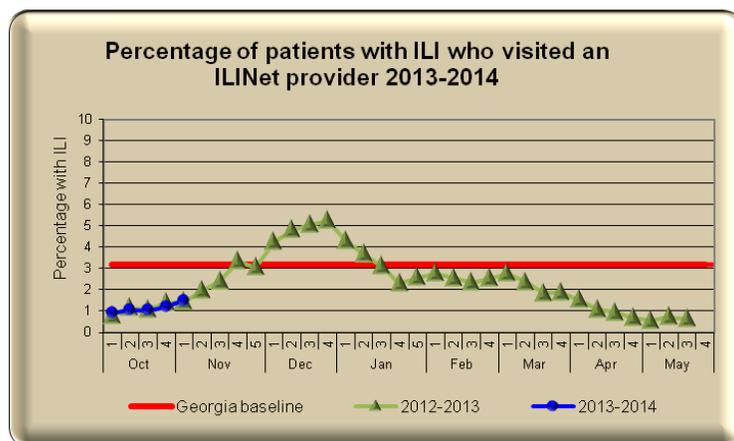
## Week 44 (Oct. 27, 2013—Nov. 2, 2013) Synopsis

During week 44 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 **1.51%**, which is below the Georgia baseline of 3.2%.
- **Geographic Spread of Influenza:** The geographic spread of influenza in Georgia was **MINIMAL** during week 44.
- **Metro Area Hospitalizations:** There were 3 hospitalizations due to influenza infection in week 44.
- **Influenza Related Deaths:** There were **0** confirmed deaths due to influenza during week 44.
- **Viral Surveillance:** Of the **657** 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 44, **31 (4.7%)** were positive for influenza.
- **Reported Influenza Outbreaks:** There were **0** influenza-related outbreaks reported to public health during week 44.
- **RSV Viral Surveillance:** Of the 356 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 44, 19.9% percent were positive for Respiratory syncytial virus, **above the season onset threshold of 10.0%**.

## ILINet Provider Network Data

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



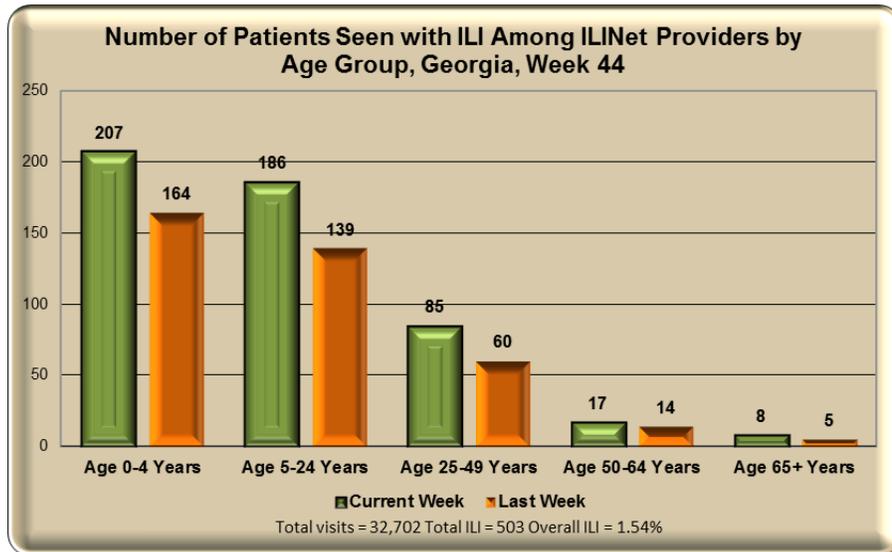
This Week: **1.54%** of patients seen in ILINet Provider offices were diagnosed with ILI.

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

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

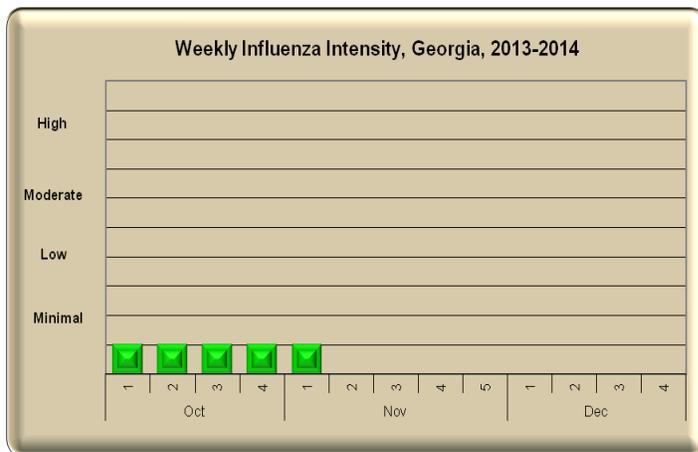
**ILI Activity Level Indicator - ILINet**

(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/>

**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 = 1**



**Georgia ILI Geographic Dispersion**

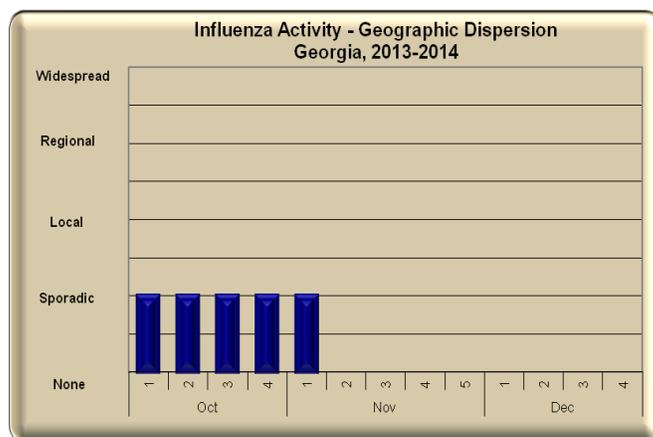
This Week's Flu Code is:

**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**

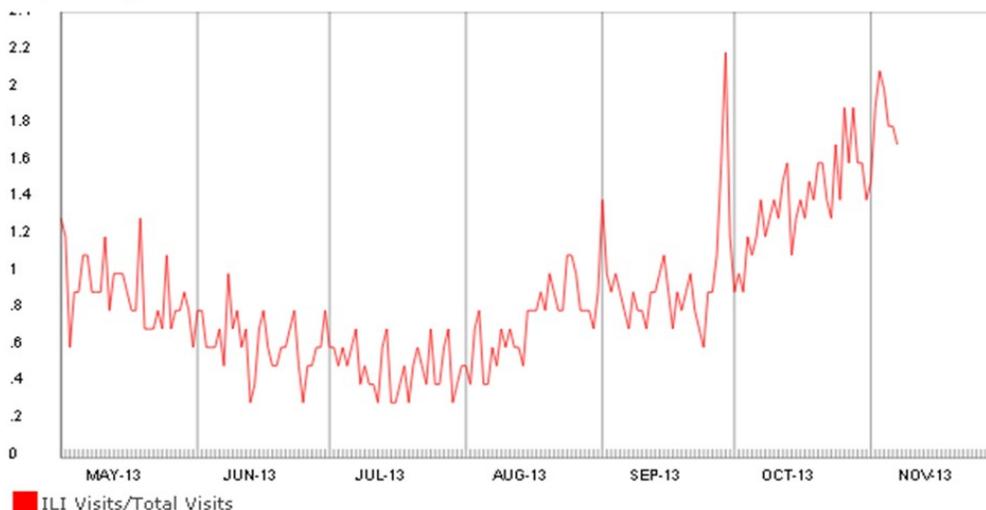
(This graph reflects geographic dispersion and is not an indicator of influenza severity)

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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

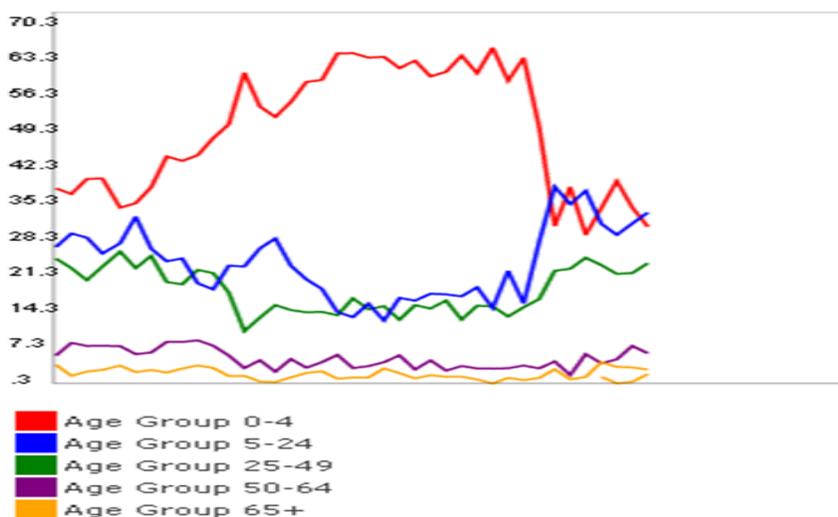
Daily Percent of ILI Syndrome Visits to Georgia Emergency Departments  
(Measured by ILI syndrome/ Total visits from Georgia Syndromic Surveillance Program emergency department chief complaint data)



During **week 44** the daily percentage of patients seen for ILI in Georgia Emergency Departments reporting to our syndromic surveillance system increased.

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

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



\*This graph contains data from Week 43. Current graph is not available due to a delay in the network.

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

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

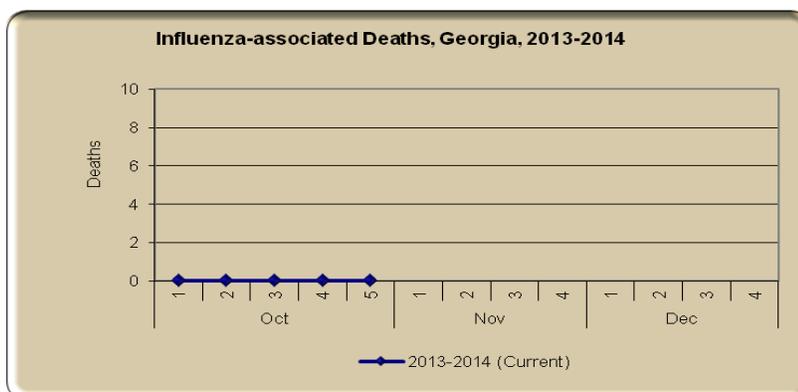
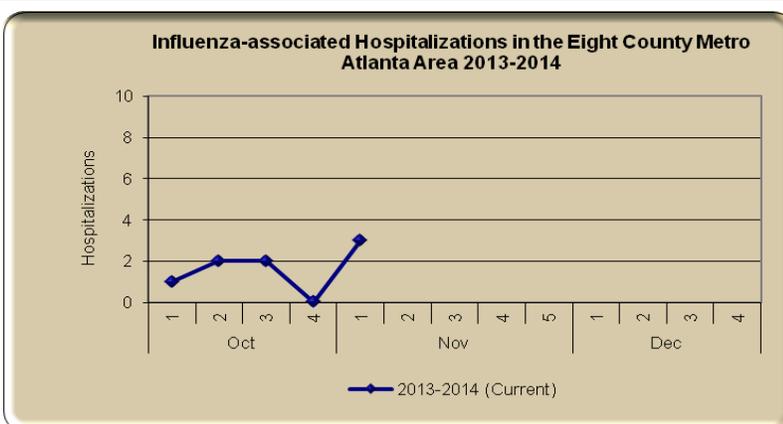
**Influenza-Associated hospitalizations in the eight-county metro Atlanta area** (Emerging Infections Program data)

**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     | 1  |
| 18 - 49   | 2  |
| 50 - 64   | 2  |
| 65+       | 3  |
| Total     | 8  |

| Age Group | Number of Deaths |
|-----------|------------------|
| 0 - 4     | 0                |
| 5 -17     | 0                |
| 18 - 49   | 0                |
| 50 - 64   | 0                |
| 65+       | 0                |
| Total     | 0                |



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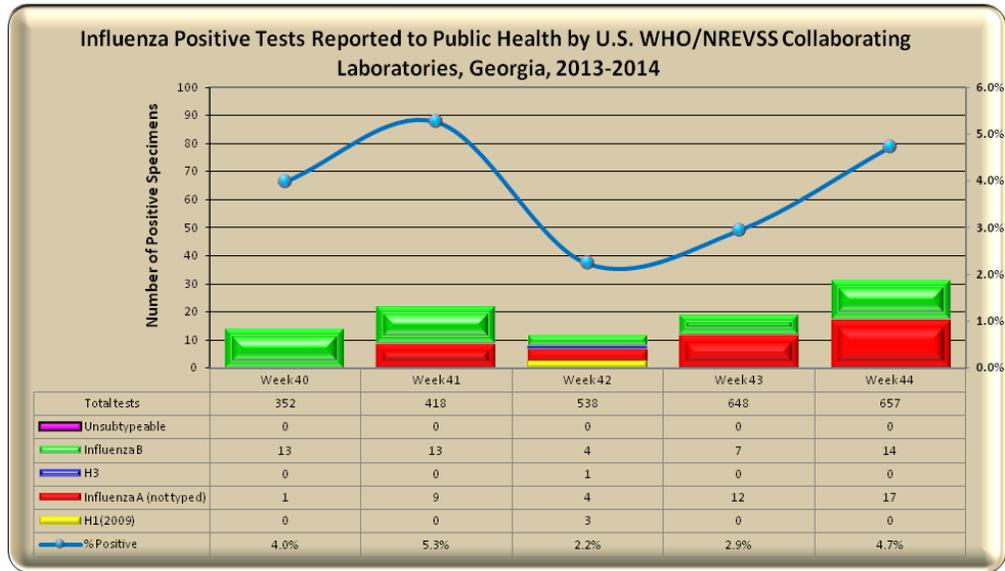
**Georgia threshold  
of RSV season on-  
set and end**

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**

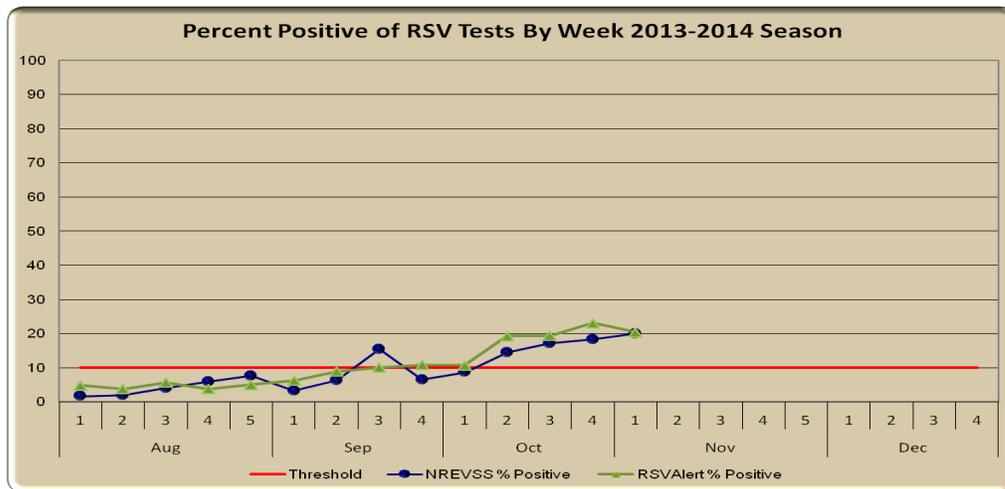


**Georgia Virologic Surveillance Data**



**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.  
**Data may vary week to week due to late provider reporting**

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



**Note:** Due to a decrease in the number of laboratories reporting to NREVSS, we have decided to look at the average RSV percent positives rather than the mean percent positives of all labs. We have also included data from the [RSVAlert program](#) to give a more robust view of RSV in Georgia.  
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**Flu News**

**[Influenza Flu Scan: Low fall flu levels; Erasmus appeals export ruling; Hospital-onset flu cases](#)**

**[Flu activity stays low in most Northern Hemisphere regions](#)**