

Georgia Weekly Influenza Report

MMWR Week 11

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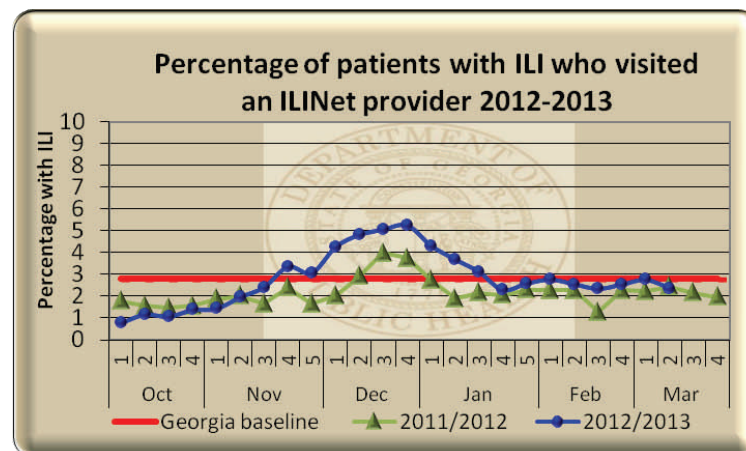
Week 11 (Mar. 10, 2013 - Mar. 16, 2013) Synopsis

During week 11 influenza activity **decreased** in Georgia with local occurrences of sustained flu transmission.

- **Outpatient Illness Surveillance (ILINet):** The proportion of outpatient visits for ILI was **2.36%** (a **decrease of 0.39%**), which is below the Georgia baseline of 2.8%.
- **Geographic Spread of Influenza:** The geographic spread of influenza in Georgia was **LOCAL** during week 11.
- **Metro Area Hospitalizations:** Hospitalization data for weeks 10 and 11 are on delay for confirmation. During week 9: There were **20** hospitalizations due to influenza infection. This brought the total in the Metro area to **958** on the season.
- **Influenza Related Deaths:** There were **0** confirmed deaths due to influenza during week 11, for a total of **6** for the season.
- **Viral Surveillance:** Of the **580** 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 11, **99 (17.1%)** were positive for influenza.
- **Reported Influenza Outbreaks:** There were **4** influenza-related outbreak reported to public health during week 11. These occurred in a school system in North GA and a LTCF in South GA.
- **RSV Viral Surveillance:** The **average** percent positive of **ALL** laboratory confirmed tests was **7.3%**, below the season onset threshold of 10.0%. However, RSV season is still ongoing until we confirm two consecutive weeks below 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 **36** ILINet providers



This Week: **2.36%** of patients seen in ILINet Provider offices were diagnosed with ILI.

Last Week: **2.75%** of patients seen in ILINet Provider

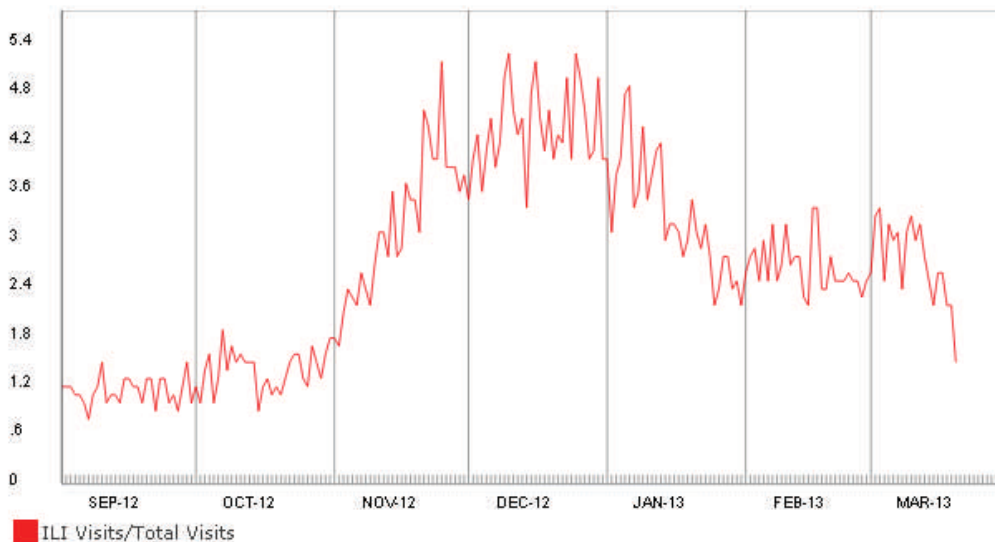
Note: The Georgia baseline is formulated by averaging ILI percentage during weeks of endemic activity determined by laboratory

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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

(Measured by ILI syndrome/ Total visits from Georgia Syndromic Surveillance Program emergency department chief complaint data)

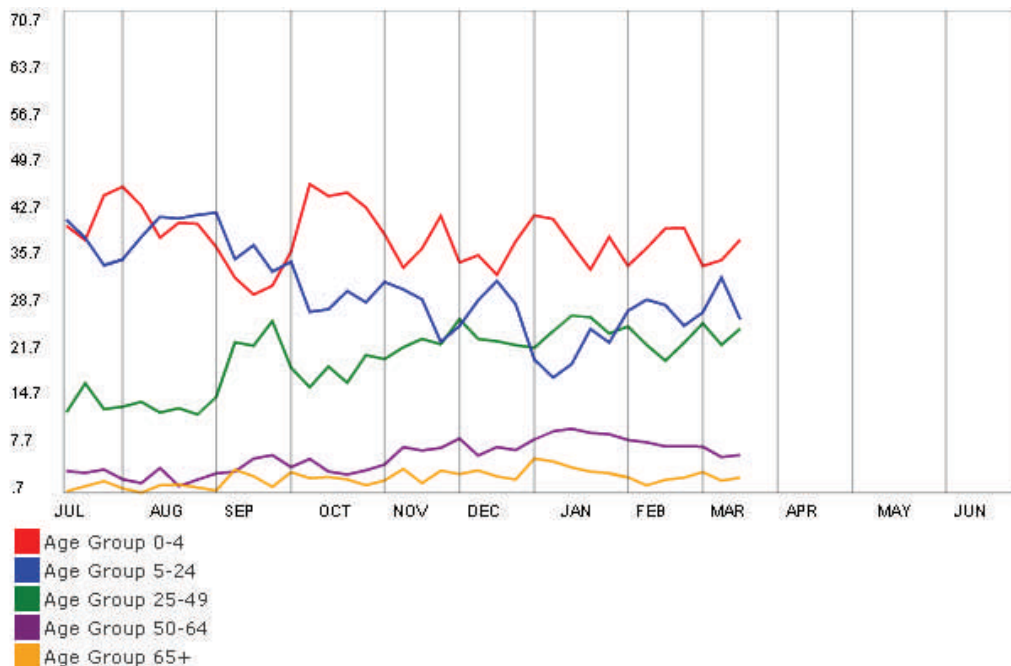


During week 11 the daily percentage of patients seen for ILI in Georgia Emergency Departments reporting to our syndromic surveillance system decreased significantly during week 11.

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Report – Geographic Dis-
persion

(This graph reflects geo-
graphic dispersion and is not
an indicator of influenza se-
verity)

Weekly Percent of ILI Syndrome Visits by Age Group



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Influenza Hospitalizations in the eight county metro Atlanta area 2012-2013 (Emerging Infections Program data)

Influenza-Associated Deaths 2012-2013 State-wide (Influenza-associated deaths are a notifiable condition in Georgia)

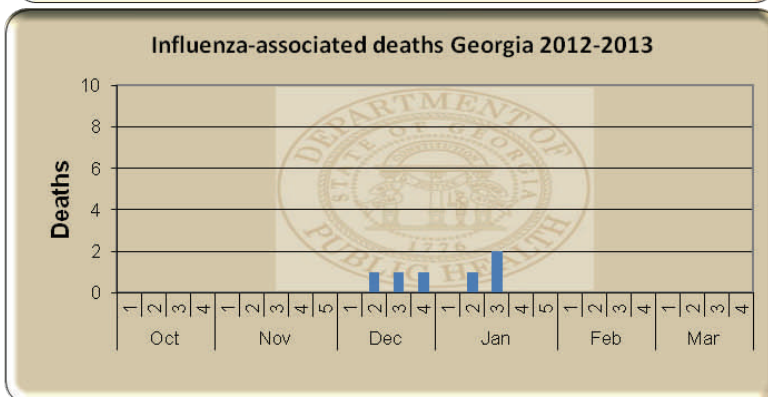
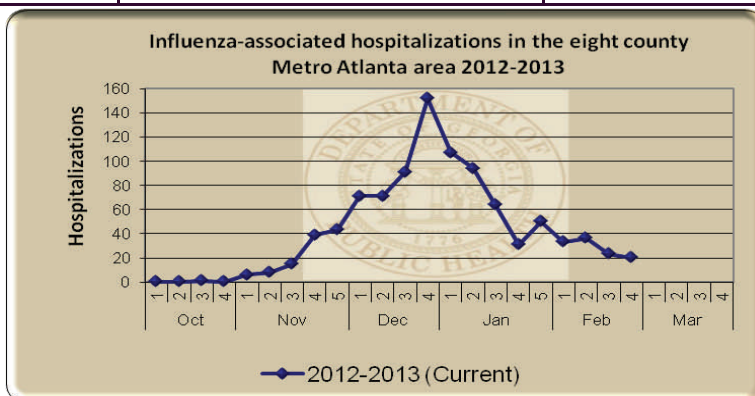
Influenza-Associated hospitalizations in the eight-county metro Atlanta area (Emerging Infections Program data)

Influenza-Associated deaths reported to Public Health

Georgia Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths

Age Group	Number of Hospitalizations (8- County Metro-Area Only)	Hospitalization Rate (Cases/100,000 people)
0 - 4	120 (12.5%)	41.4
5 -17	100 (10.4%)	14.3
18 - 49	222 (23.2%)	12.3
50 - 64	161 (16.8%)	24.5
65+	355 (37.1%)	109.2
Total	958 (For confirmation, these data are delayed.)	25.5

Age Group	Number of Deaths
0 - 4	0
5 -17	0
18 - 49	0
50 - 64	1
65+	5
Total	6 (For confirmation, these data are delayed.)



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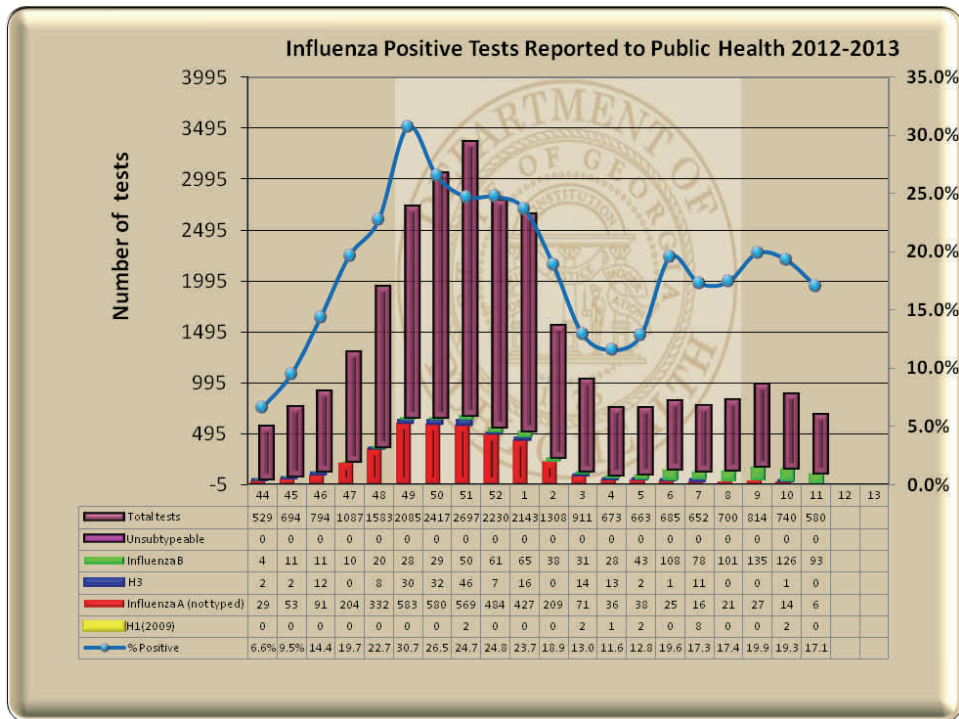
**Georgia threshold
of RSV season on-
set and end**

RSV season onset is defined as the first week of two (2) consecutive weeks when the **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**

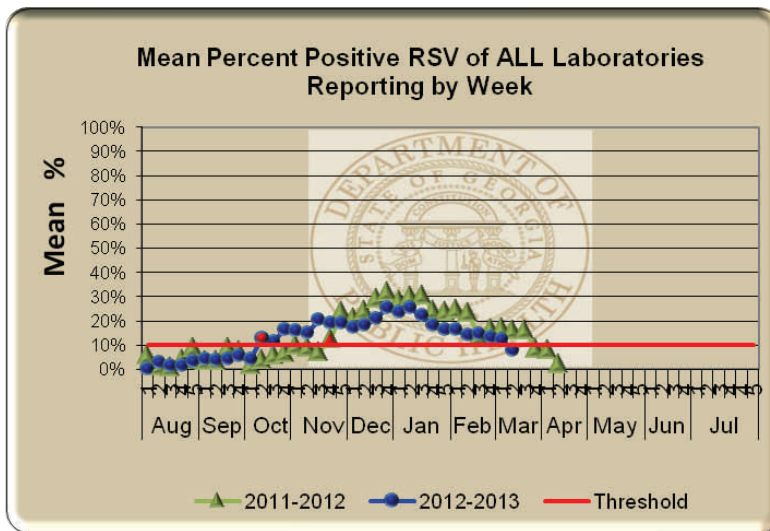


Georgia Virologic Surveillance Data



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.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Surveillance Data



Flu News

[WHO updates guidance on novel coronavirus surveillance](#)

[When antibiotics stop working](#), Policy Paper from Ontario Medical Association