

# Georgia Weekly Influenza Report

MMWR Week 44

Updated 11/13/2015

## Week 44 (Nov. 1 - Nov. 7, 2015) Synopsis

During week 44 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 1.16%, which is **below** the Georgia baseline of 1.6%.
- **Geographic Spread of Influenza:** The geographic spread of influenza in Georgia was **SPORADIC** during week 44.
- **Metro Area Hospitalizations:** There were **0** hospitalizations due to influenza infection during week 44. There have been 7 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 11/13/2015.
- **Viral Surveillance:** Of the **557** specimens tested by Georgia clinical laboratories reporting to the National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) during week 44, **5 (0.90%)** were positive for influenza. Zero specimens were tested for influenza by the Georgia Public Health Laboratory (GPHL) during week 44.
- **Reported Influenza Outbreaks:** There were **0** influenza-related outbreaks reported to public health during week 44.
- **RSV Viral Surveillance:** Of the **336** 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, the percent positive of **ALL** laboratory tests was 19.35%.

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## Flu News

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

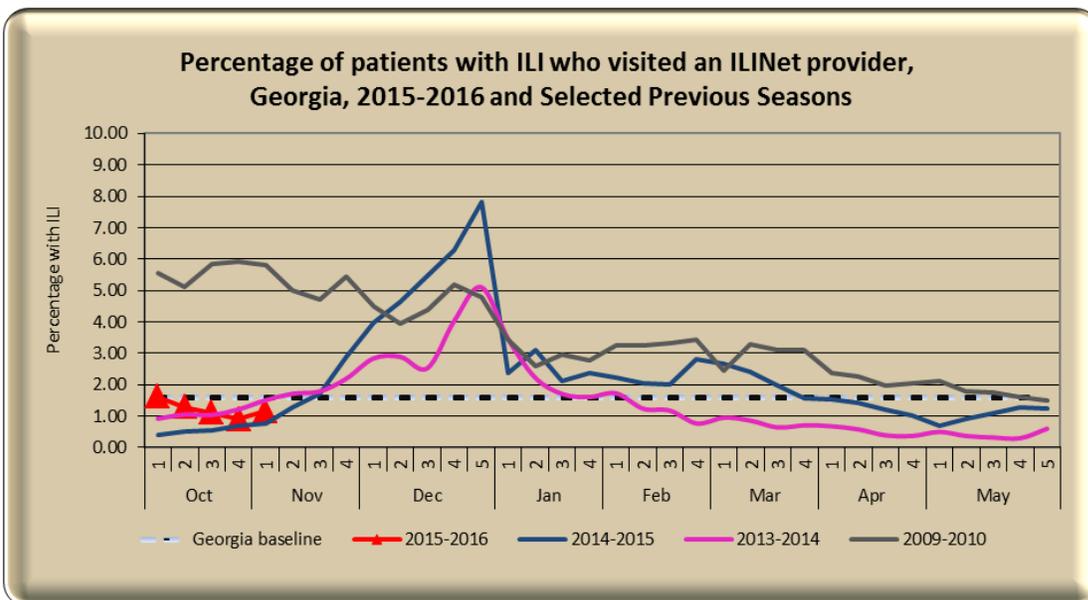
[Flu Scan: Flu vaccine plus skin cream; H7N9 in mammals](#)

[Flu Scan: Flu vaccine and H3N2 severity; Avian flu all-clear in Iowa](#)

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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**



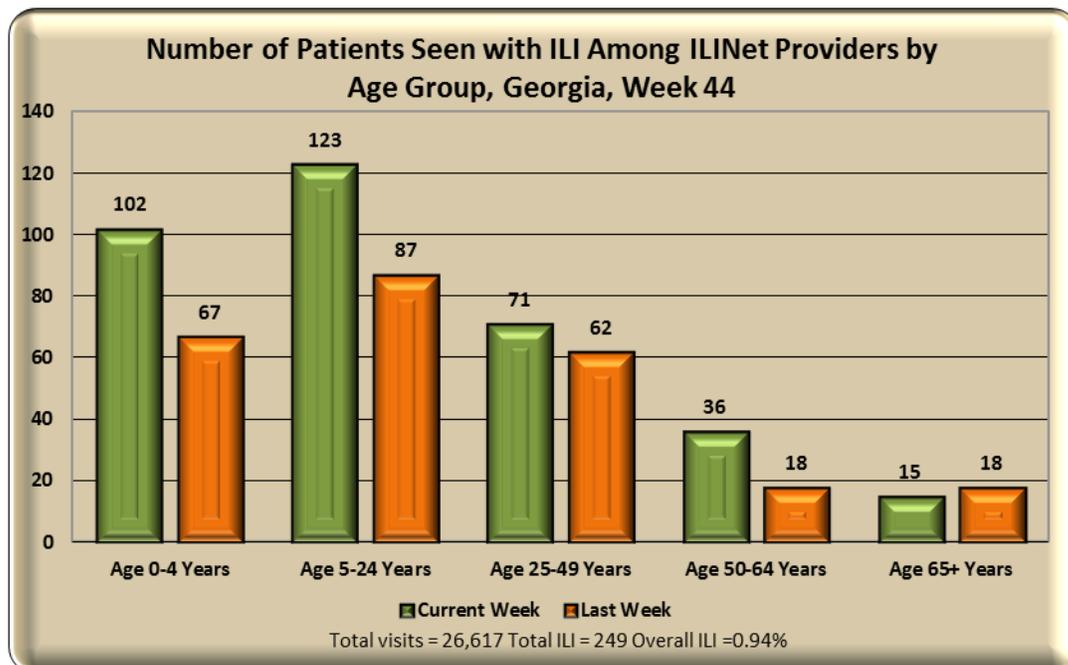
This Week: **1.16%** of patients seen in ILINet Provider offices were diagnosed with ILI.

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**

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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 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**

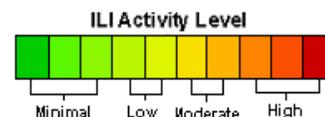
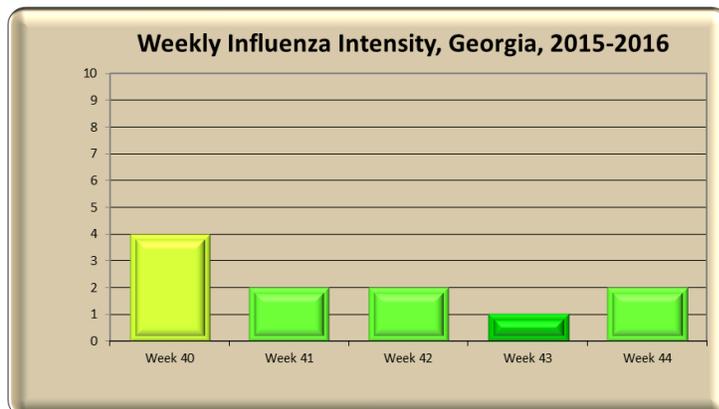
(This graph reflects geographic dispersion and is not an indicator of influenza severity)

**Georgia ILI Intensity Indicator**

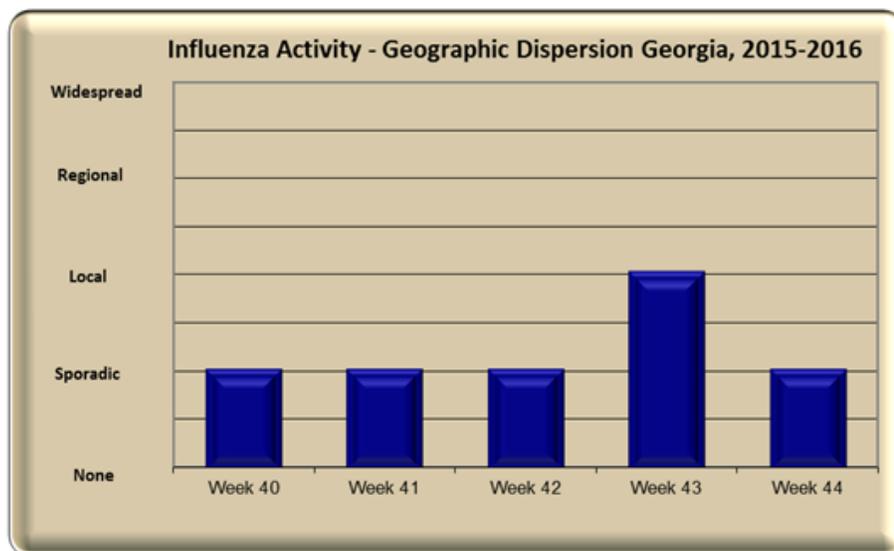
ILI Activity Levels (1 - 10) correspond to the number of standard deviations away from the 3-year mean for the current week.

This week the intensity level is:

**Minimal = 2**



**Georgia ILI Geographic Dispersion**



This Week's Flu Code is:

**SPORADIC**

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

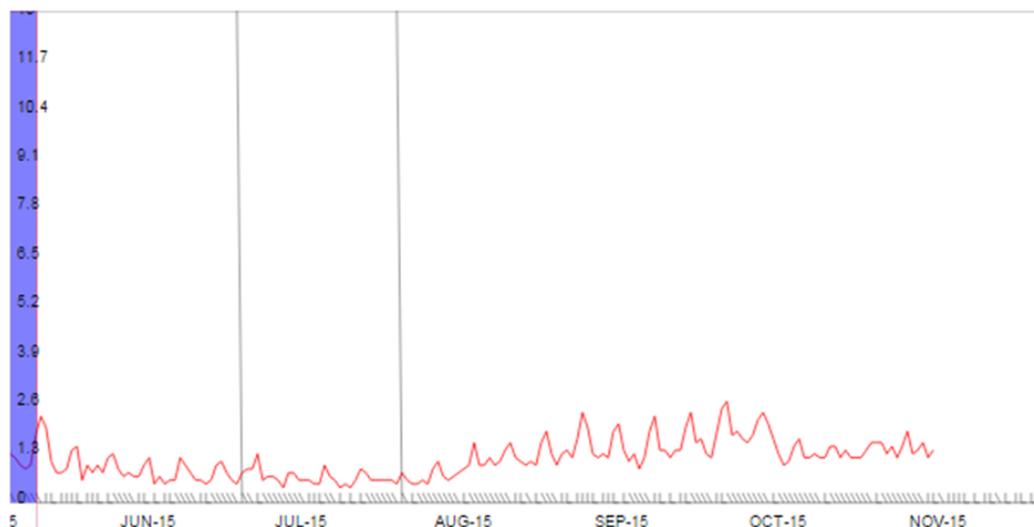
OR

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

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

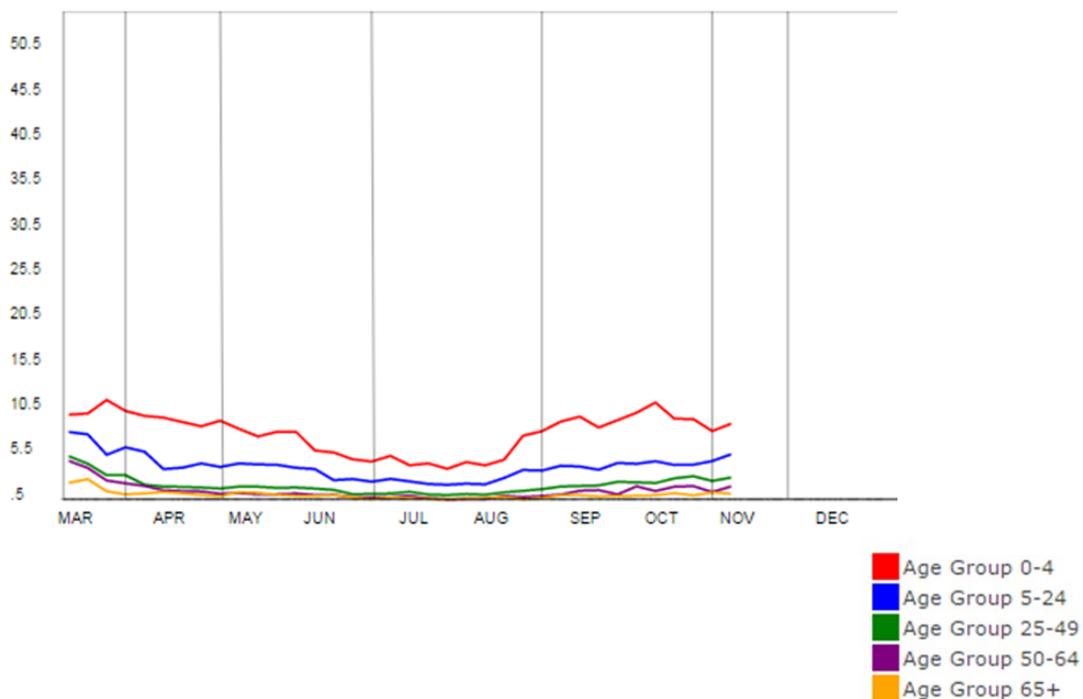
### Daily Percent of ILI Syndrome Visits to Georgia Emergency



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

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

### Percentage of Patients with ILI Syndrome 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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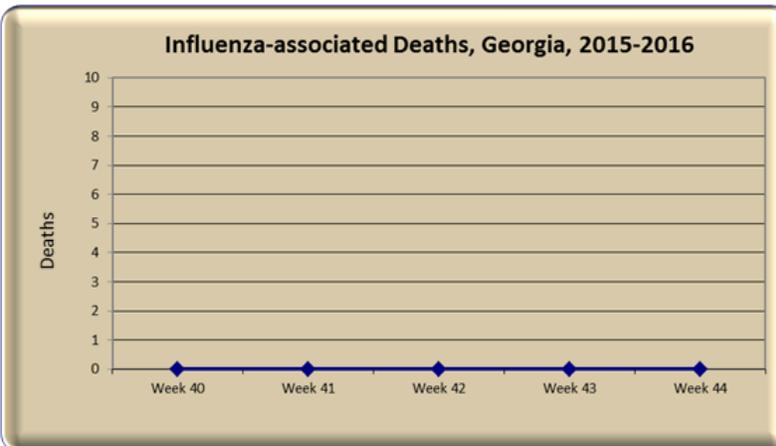
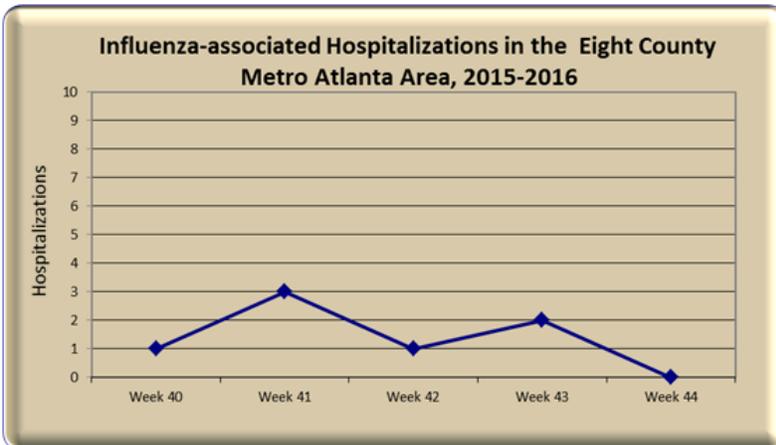
**Influenza-Associated deaths reported to Public Health**

### Georgia Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths

Age Group	Number of Hospitalizations (8- County Metro-Area Only)
0 - 4	0
5 -17	0
18 - 51	2
51 - 64	3
65+	2
Total	7 (For confirmation, these data are delayed.)

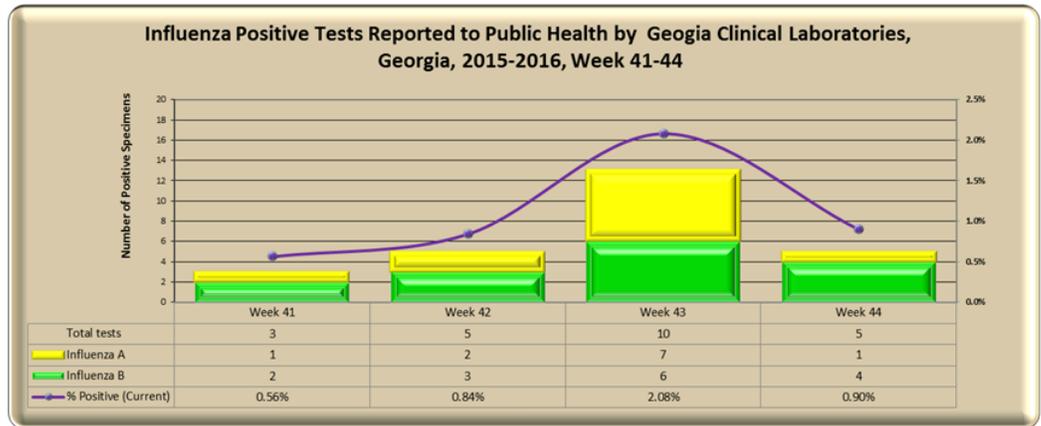
  

Age Group	Number of Deaths
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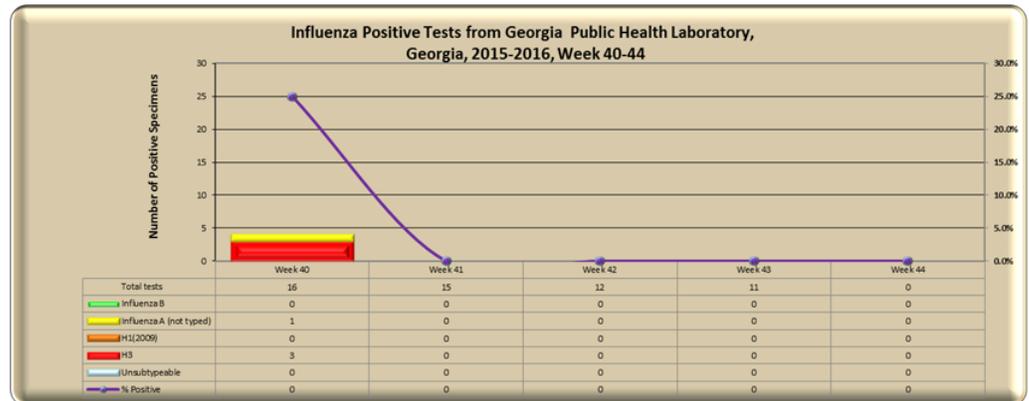
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**Georgia Virologic Surveillance Data**



During **week 557** Georgia clinical laboratories reporting to NREVSS tested 238 specimens for influenza, 5 (0.90%) were positive. The predominate strain identified was influenza B.

Note: No subtyping information will be released from clinical laboratories



During **week 44** the Georgia Public Health Laboratory tested 0 specimens for influenza,.

**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**

