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*The data presented in this document are provisional and subject to change as additional reports are received.*

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### SUMMARY

#### Overall Activity:

During the week ending October 3, 2020, overall influenza-like illness (ILI) activity in Maryland was **Minimal**.

#### Activity Indicators:

The proportion of visits to Maryland sentinel outpatient providers that were for ILI was 1.3%, which is **BELOW** the Maryland baseline of 2.0%.

The proportion of visits to the Maryland Emergency Departments that were for ILI was 0.9%.

The proportion the Maryland Resident Influenza Tracking Survey (MRITS) respondents who reported ILI was 0.0%.

Maryland sentinel clinical laboratories reported testing 379 specimens for flu and 0 (0.0%) tested positive for influenza virus.

The Maryland Department of Health Laboratories Administration tested 10 specimens for influenza and 0 (0%) tested positive.

No influenza outbreaks were reported to the Maryland local health departments this week.

#### Severity Indicators:

One influenza-associated hospitalization was reported for the week ending October 3, 2020.\*

No influenza-associated deaths were reported for the week ending October 3, 2020.

\* Flu antigen test positive, not confirmed by PCR testing.

#### **Where to get an influenza vaccination**

Interested in getting a flu vaccine for the 2020-2021 influenza season? Go to <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/influenza/Pages/getvaccinated.aspx> and click on your county/city of residence. You will be redirected to your local health department website for local information on where to get your flu vaccine.