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*The data presented in this document are provisional and subject to change as additional reports are received.
Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding*

SUMMARY

Overall Activity:

During the week ending October 24, 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 1.0%, 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 of the Maryland Resident Influenza Tracking Survey (MRITS) respondents who reported ILI was 0.0%.

Maryland sentinel clinical laboratories reported testing 1,057 specimens for flu and 13 (1.2%) tested positive for influenza virus. Of those testing positive, 5 (38%) were influenza Type A and 8 (62%) were influenza Type B.

The Maryland Department of Health Laboratories Administration tested 32 specimens for influenza and 0 (0%) tested positive.

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

Severity Indicators:

Two influenza-associated hospitalization were reported for the week ending October 24, 2020.*

No influenza-associated death was reported for the week ending October 24, 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.