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## Weekly Cold-related Illness Surveillance Report

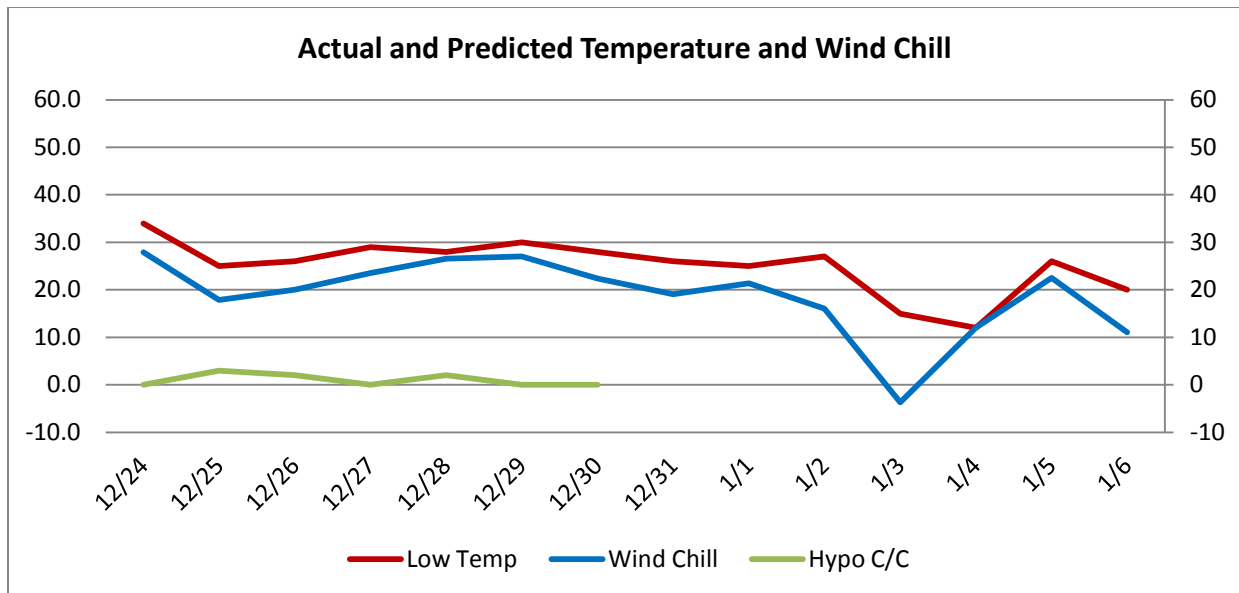
January 2, 2014

Reporting for 12/24/13 through 12/30/13

**National Weather Service Forecast:** A Winter Weather Advisory has been issued for Frederick, Carroll, Northern and Southern Baltimore, Harford and Howard Counties for January 2 and January 3, 2014. A Wind Chill Advisory has been issued for Garrett County for January 2 and January 3, 2014.

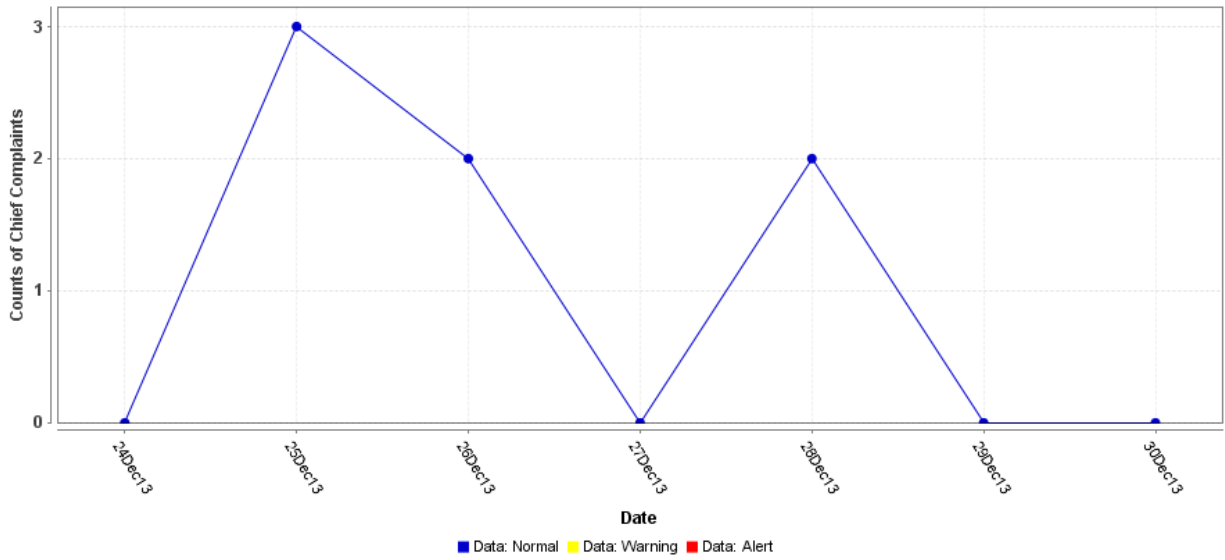
**Wind Chill Advisories Declared During the Previous Week: 0**

**Total Wind Chill Advisories Declared This Winter: 2**

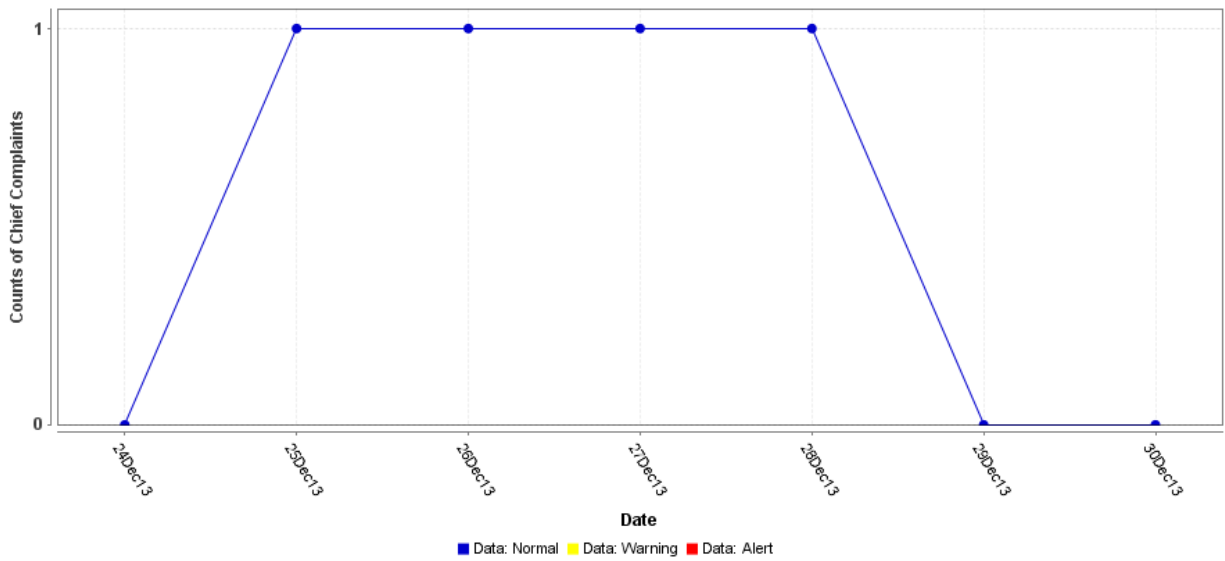


Note: Wind Chill is only calculated for temperatures below 50°F and wind speeds above 3 mph

Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness



Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure

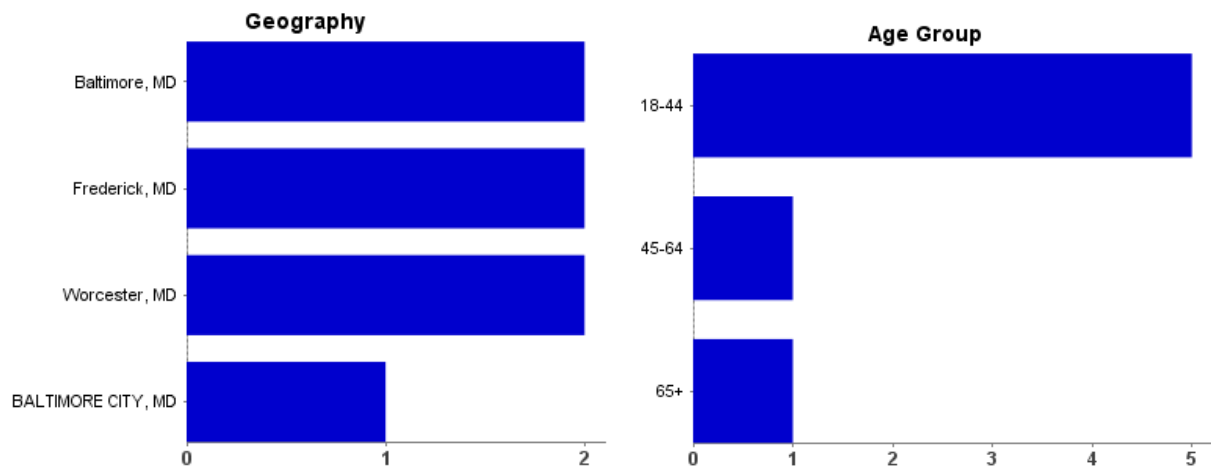


Date	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure
December 24	0	0
December 25	3	1
December 26	2	1
December 27	0	1
December 28	2	1
December 29	0	0
December 30	0	0

**\*Note: ESSENCE chief complaint query for cold-related illness contains the following terms: hypothermia, frostbite, frostnip, chilblain, and trench foot**

There were no chief complaint clusters identified during the week.

### **Geographical and Age Group Distribution of Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illnesses for December 24 through December 30, 2013**



<b>Total Number of Cold-related Deaths</b>	<b>Jurisdiction*</b>	<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Gender</b>
4	Prince George's County	45-64 Years Old	Male
	Baltimore City	45-64 Years Old	Male
	Worcester County	45-64 Years Old	Male
	Baltimore City	65+ Years Old	Female

\*Refers to the jurisdiction where the death occurred.

There was one cold-related death reported this week.

There have been a total of four cold-related deaths during the reporting period this winter.

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**Wind Chill Advisory/Warning Criteria:** The National Weather Service issues a Wind Chill Advisory for projected wind chill factors of -5°F to -20°F, and a Wind Chill Warning when the projected wind chill is for -20° or less.

**Note:** The cold report will be released on Wednesdays, with the reporting period being the previous Tuesday through Monday.

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