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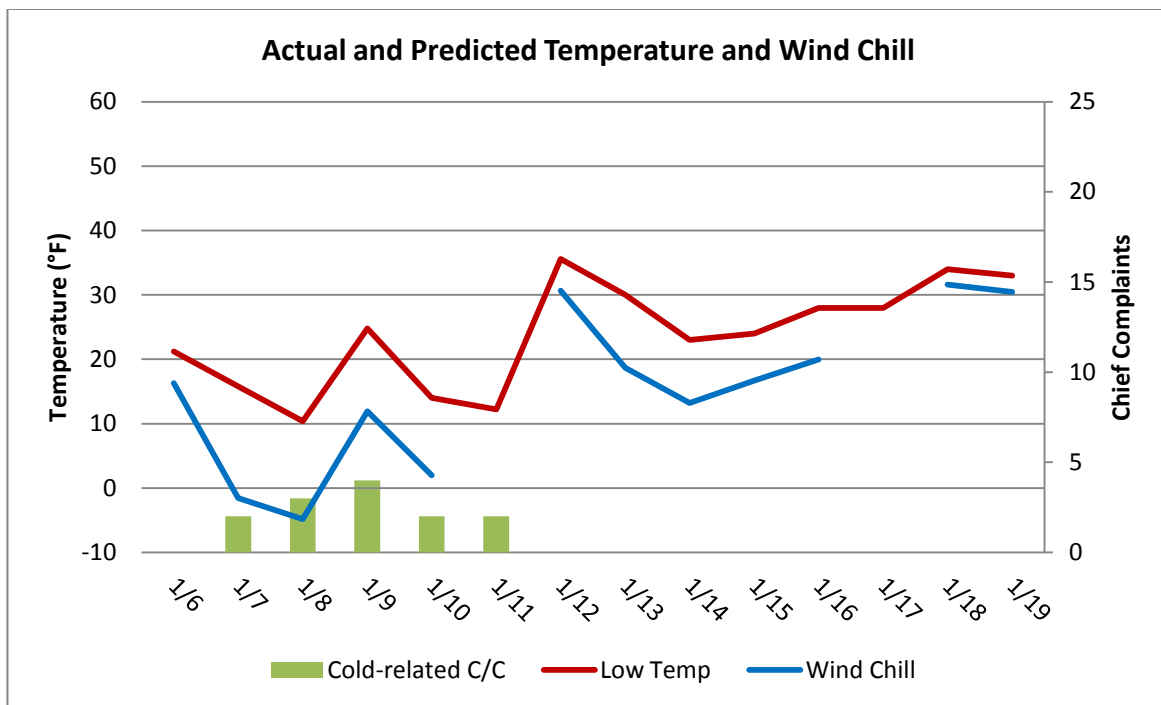
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Weekly Cold-related Illness Surveillance Report

January 14, 2015

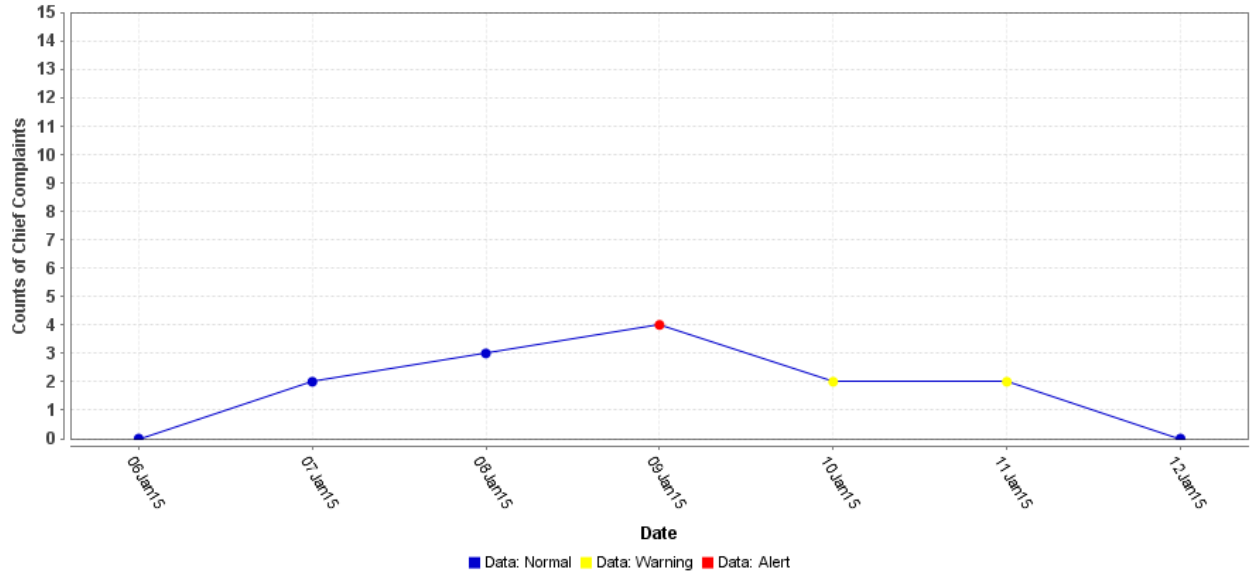
Reporting for 1/6/15 through 1/12/15

National Weather Service Forecast: No current advisories.
Wind Chill Advisories Declared During the Previous Week: 2
Total Wind Chill Advisories Declared This Winter: 2

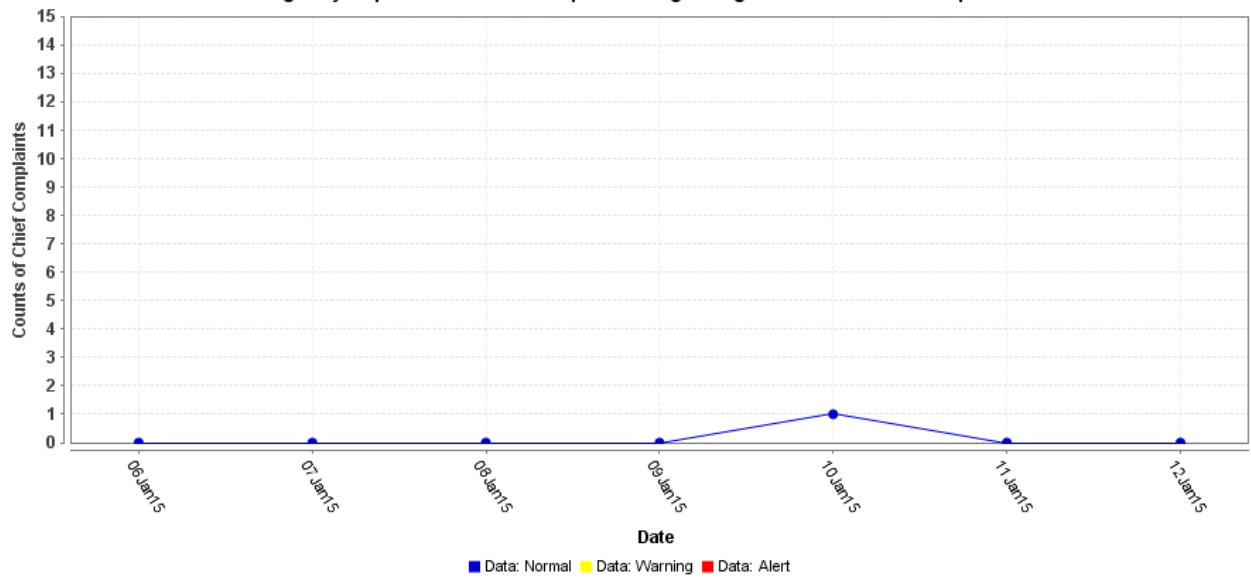


Note: Wind Chill is only calculated for temperatures below 50°F and wind speeds above 3 mph

Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness



Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure

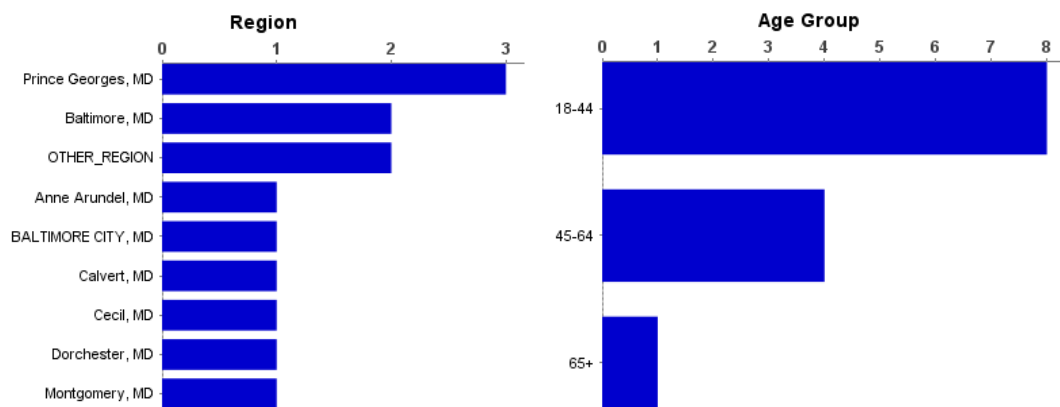


Date	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure
January 6	0	0
January 7	2	0
January 8	3	0
January 9	4	0
January 10	2	1
January 11	2	0
January 12	0	0

***Note: ESSENCE chief complaint query for cold-related illness contains the following terms: frostbite, frostnip, hypothermia, 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 Illness for January 6, 2015 through January 12, 2015



Total Number of Cold-related Deaths	Jurisdiction*	Age Group	Gender
8	Anne Arundel	18-44	Male
	Frederick	18-44	Male
	Carroll	65+	Female
	Prince George's	65+	Male
	Wicomico	65+	Male
	Charles	45-64	Male
	Frederick	45-64	Female
	Wicomico**	65+	Male

*Refers to the jurisdiction where the death occurred.

**Refers to a newly listed death

There was 1 cold-related death reported this week.

There have been a total of 8 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. The results from the query used in ESSENCE to track cold-related illnesses may be an overestimation of the actual burden of illness due to cold weather.

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