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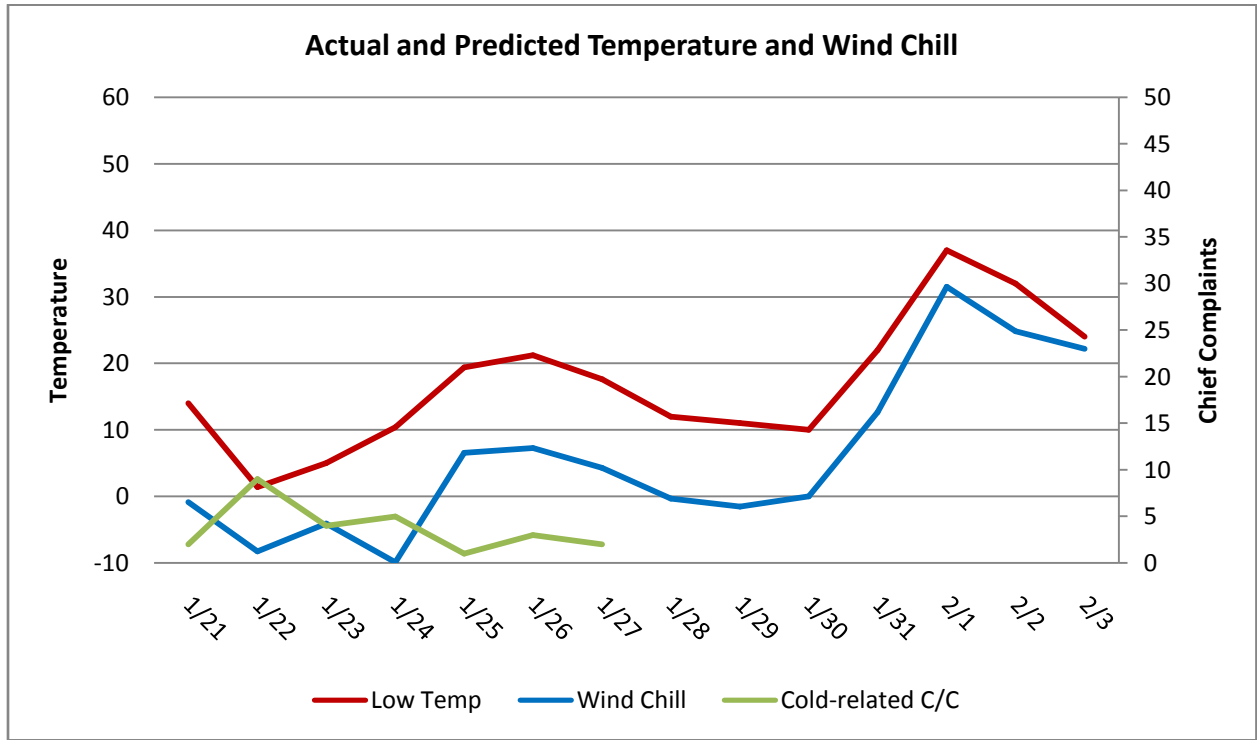
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Weekly Cold-related Illness Surveillance Report

January 29, 2014

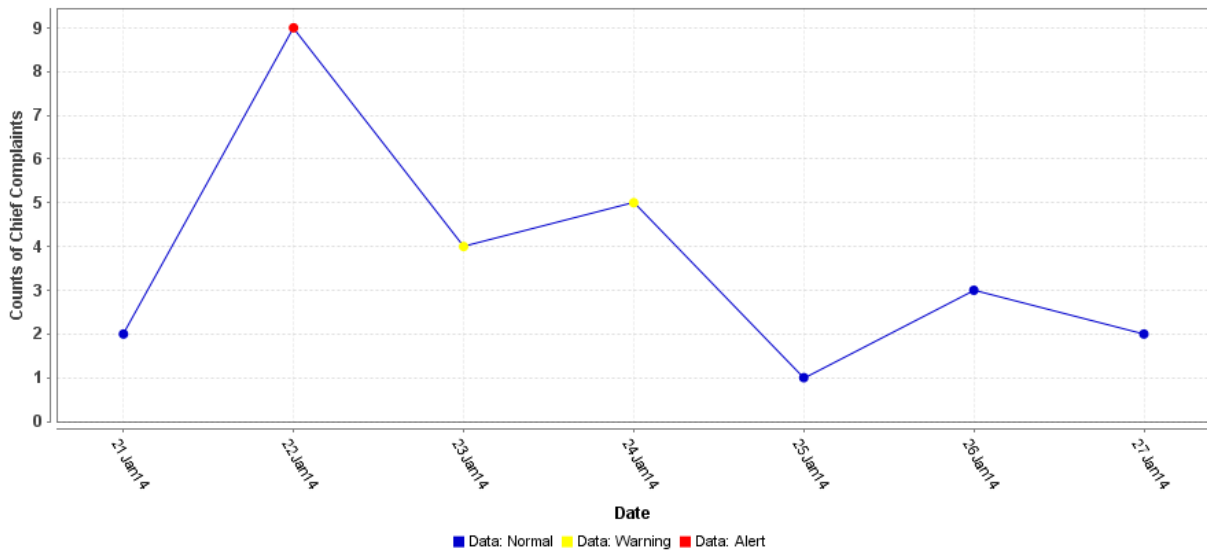
Reporting for 01/21/14 through 01/27/14

National Weather Service Forecast: No hazardous weather forecast.

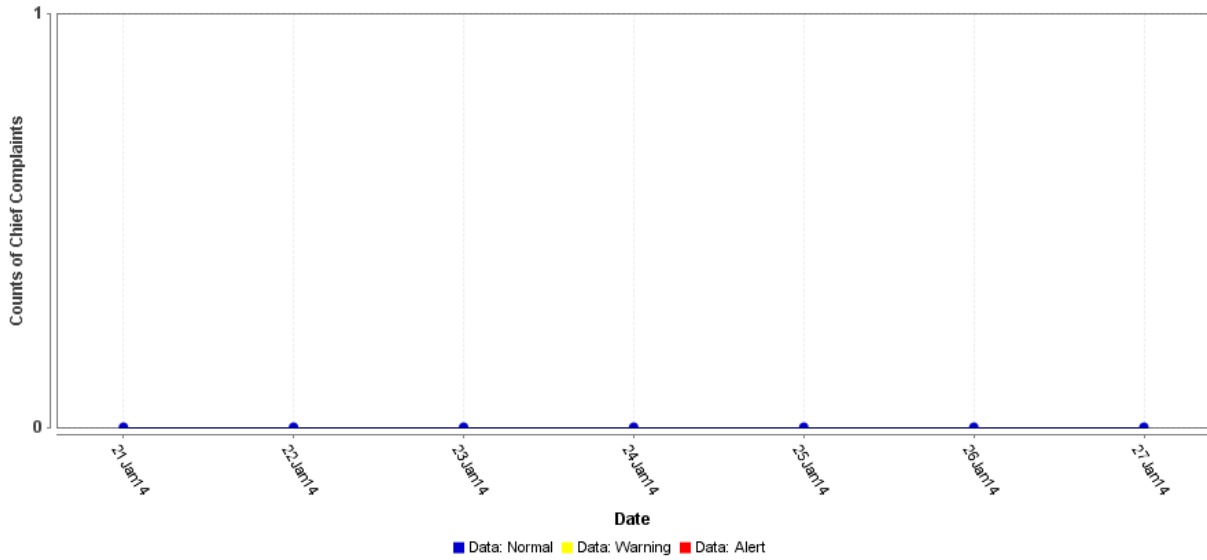


Note: Wind Chill is only calculated for temperatures below 50°F and wind speeds above 3 mph

Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness



Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure

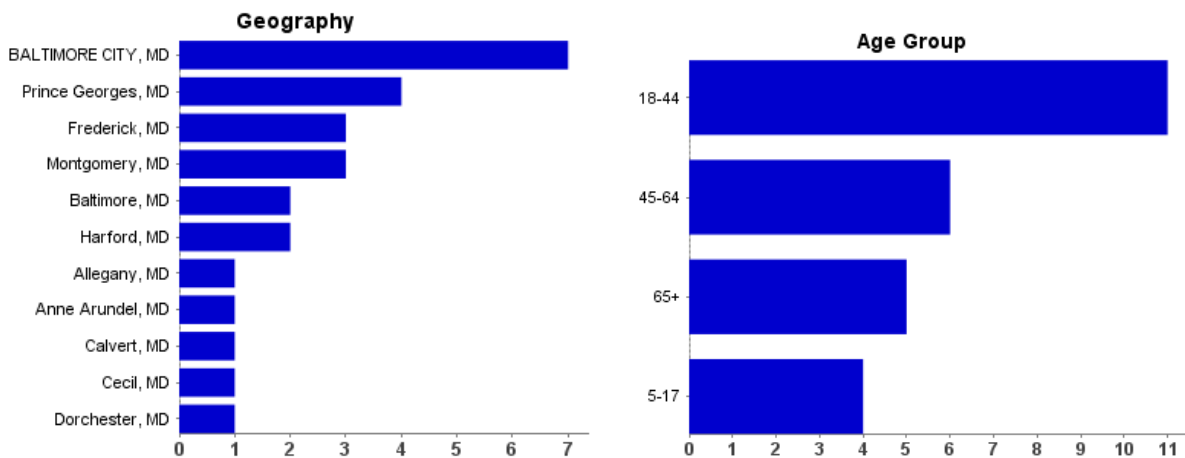


Date	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure
January 21	2	0
January 22	9	0
January 23	4	0
January 24	5	0
January 25	1	0
January 26	3	0
January 27	2	0

***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 January 21, 2014 through January 27, 2014



Total Number of Cold-related Deaths	Jurisdiction*	Age Group	Gender
11	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
	Prince George's County	45-64 Years Old	Female
	Baltimore County	65+ Years Old	Female
	Allegany County	65+ Years Old	Male
	Prince George's County	45-64 Years Old	Male
	Baltimore City	Unknown	Male
	Talbot	65+ Years Old	Male
Prince George's County	65+ Years Old	Male	

*Refers to the jurisdiction where the death occurred.

There were four cold-related deaths reported this week. Three deaths occurred during this week and the other was from earlier in the reporting period.

There have been a total of eleven 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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