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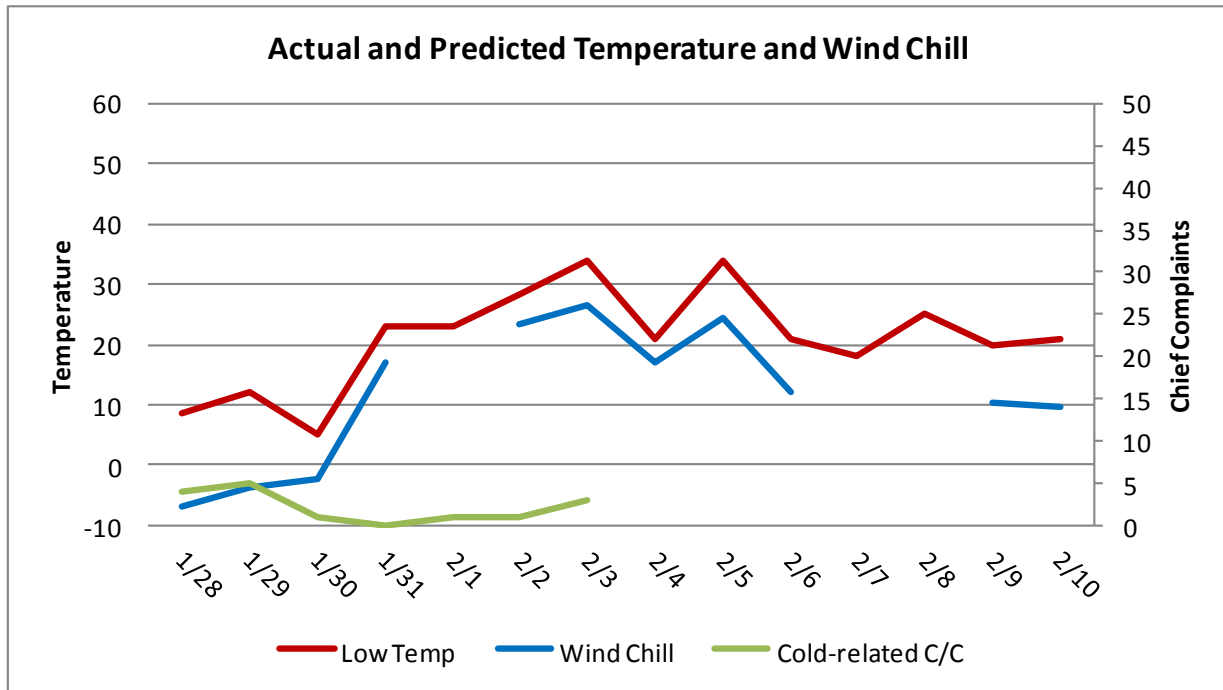
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Weekly Cold-related Illness Surveillance Report

February 5, 2014

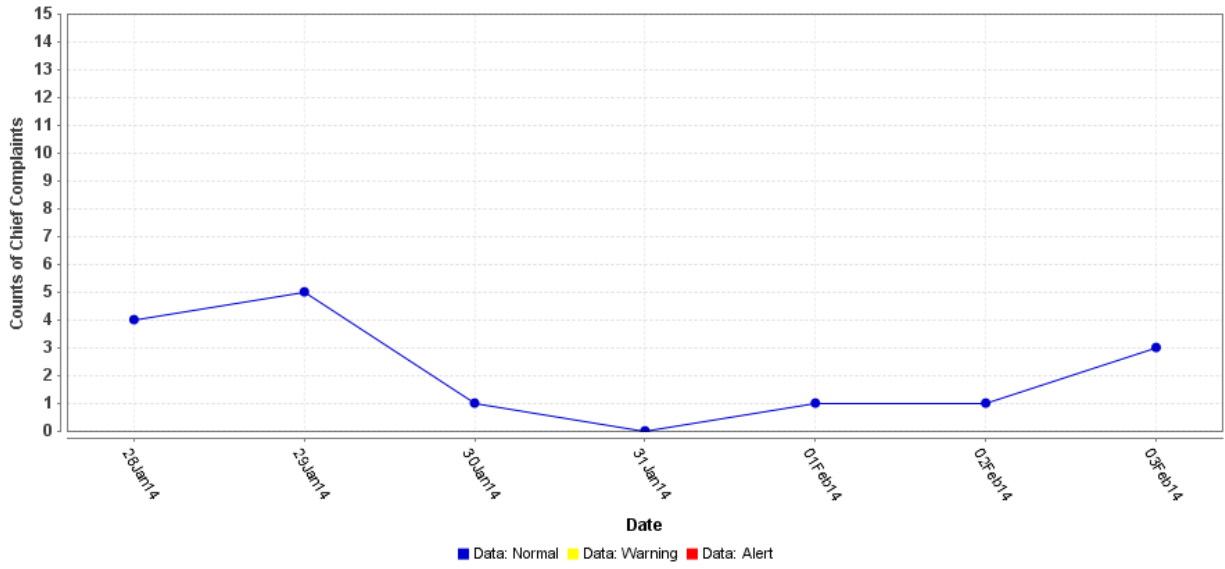
Reporting for 01/28/14 through 02/03/14

National Weather Service Forecast: No hazardous weather forecast.

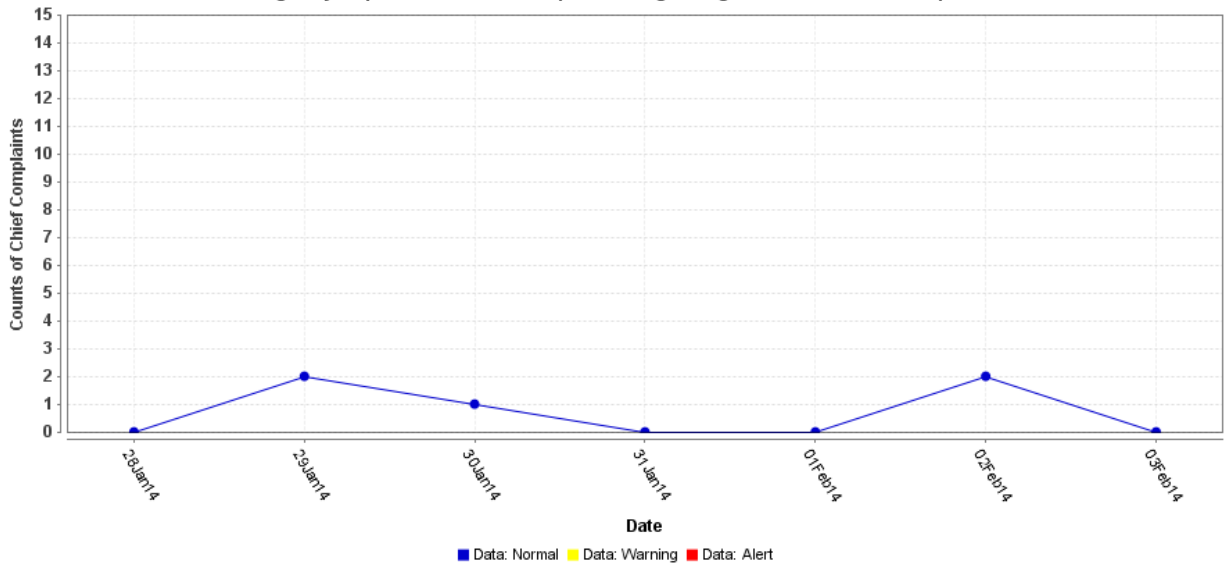


Note: Wind Chill is only calculated for temperatures below 50°F and wind speeds above 3 mph

Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness



Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure

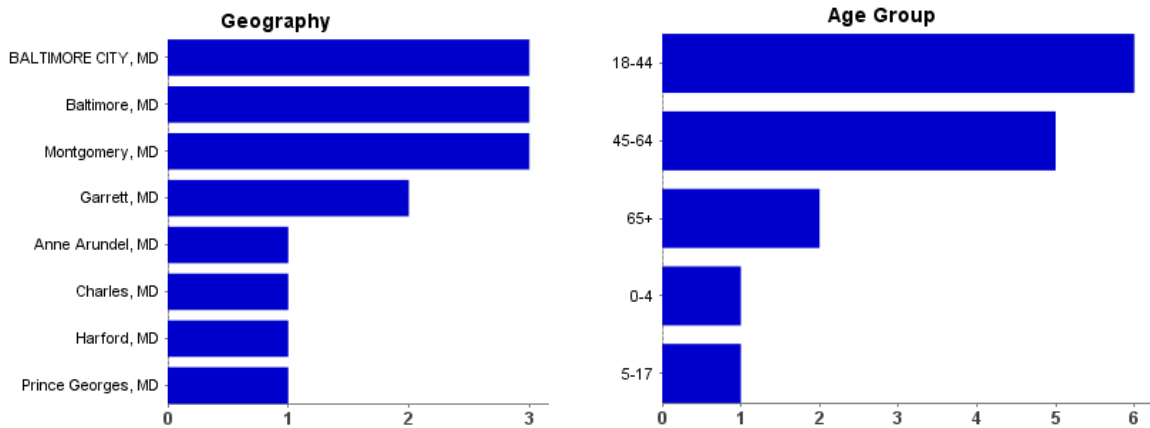


Date	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure
January 28	4	0
January 29	5	2
January 30	1	1
January 31	0	0
February 1	1	0
February 2	1	2
February 3	3	0

***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 28, 2014 through February 3, 2014



Total Number of Cold-related Deaths	Jurisdiction*	Age Group	Gender
12	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
	Wicomico County**	65+ Years Old	Male

*Refers to the jurisdiction where the death occurred.

**Refers to a death that occurred during this week's reporting period.

There was one cold-related death reported this week.

There have been a total of twelve 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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