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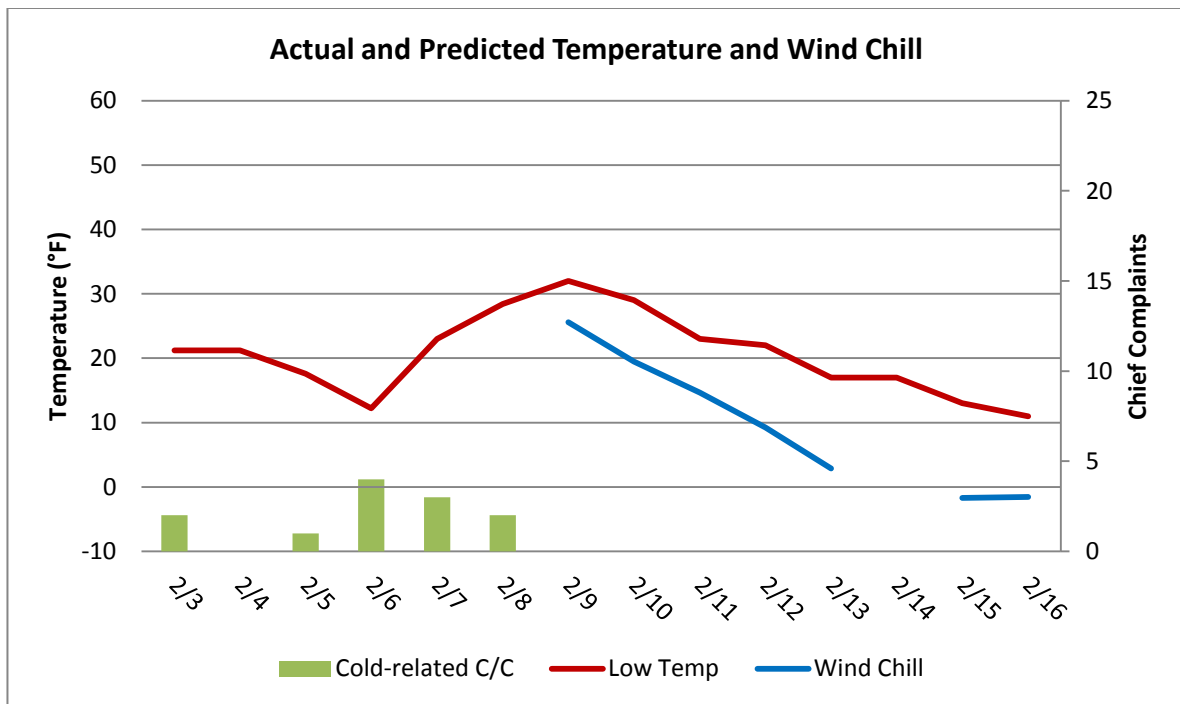
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## Weekly Cold-related Illness Surveillance Report

February 11, 2015

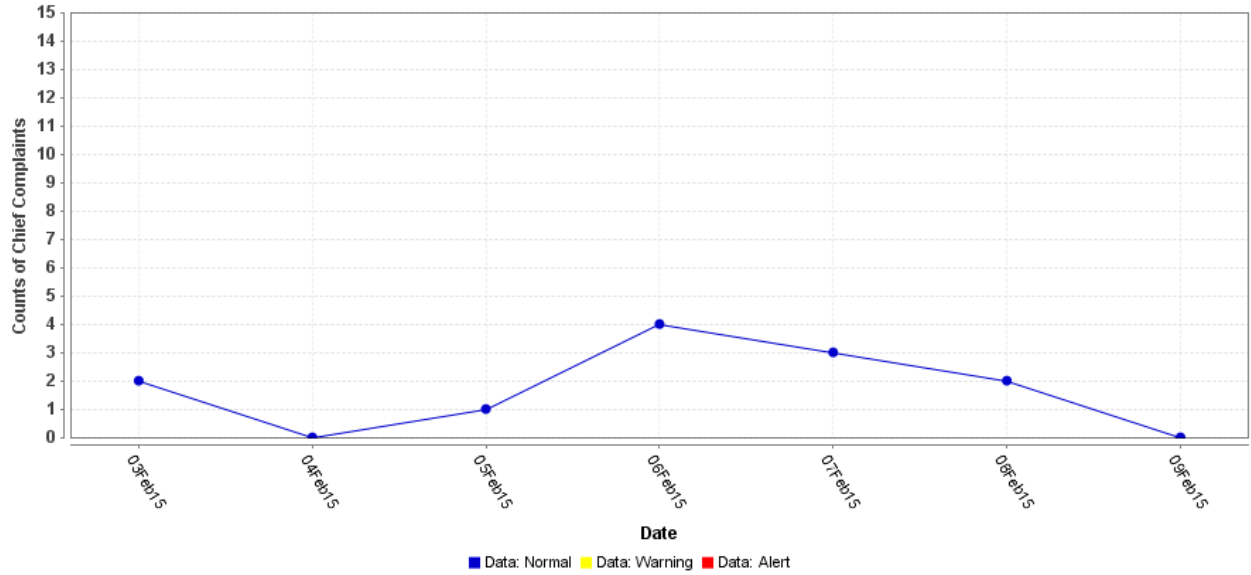
Reporting for 2/3/15-2/9/15

**National Weather Service Forecast:** No current advisories.  
**Wind Chill Advisories Declared During the Previous Week:** 1  
**Total Wind Chill Advisories Declared This Winter:** 4

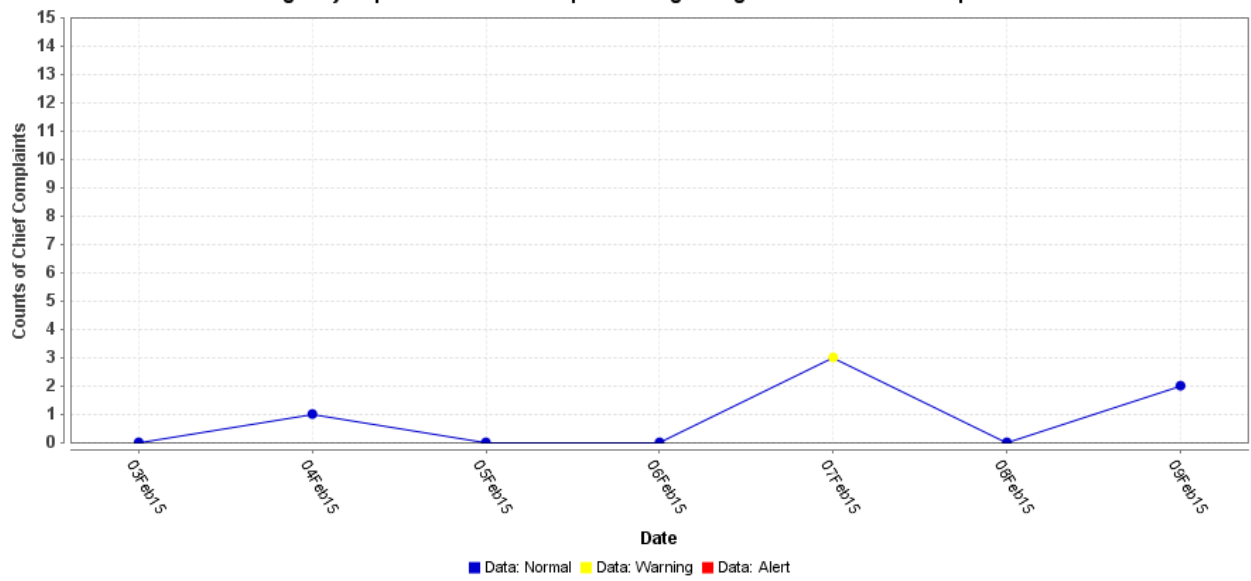


*Note: Wind Chill is only calculated for temperatures below 50°F and wind speeds above 3 mph*

Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness



Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure

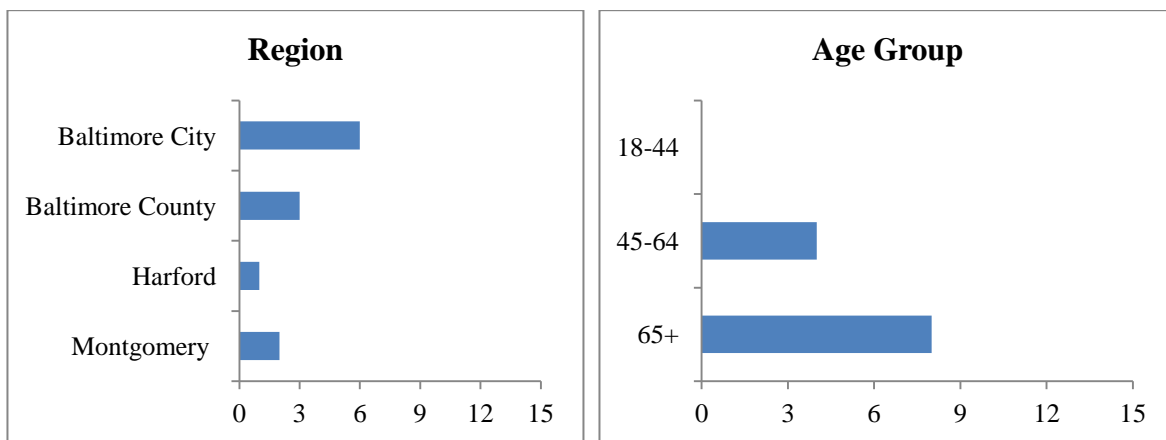


Date	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure
February 3	2	0
February 4	0	1
February 5	1	0
February 6	4	0
February 7	3	3
February 8	2	0
February 9	0	2

**\*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 February 3, 2015 through February 9, 2015**



<b>Total Number of Cold-related Deaths</b>	<b>Jurisdiction*</b>	<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Gender</b>
19	Anne Arundel	18-44	Male
	Baltimore City	18-44	Male
	Baltimore City	18-44	Male
	Frederick	18-44	Male
	Baltimore City	45-64	Male
	Baltimore City**	45-64	Male
	Caroline	45-64	Male
	Charles	45-64	Male
	Frederick	45-64	Female
	Prince George's	45-64	Male
	Baltimore City**	65+	Female
	Baltimore City	65+	Male
	Carroll	65+	Female
	Carroll	65+	Male
	Charles**	65+	Female
	Prince George's	65+	Male
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	Wicomico	65+	Male
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\*Refers to the jurisdiction where the death occurred.

\*\*Refers to a newly listed death

There were 3 cold-related deaths reported this week.

There have been a total of 19 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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