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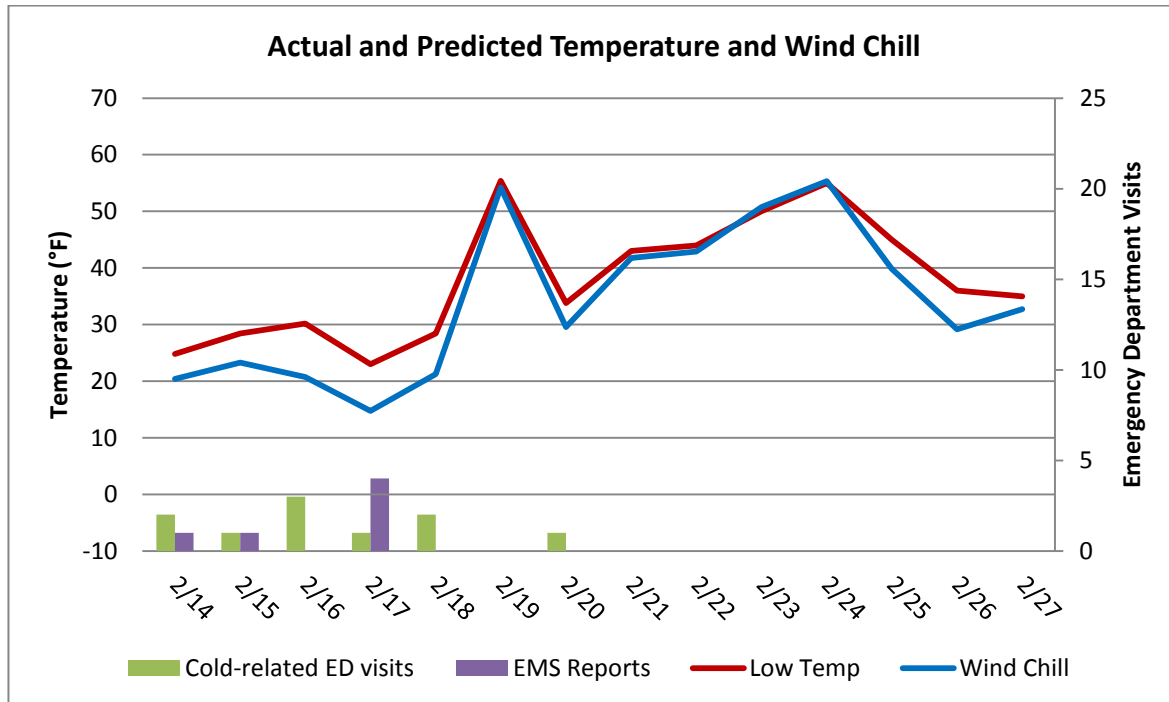
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## Weekly Cold-related Illness Surveillance Report

February 22, 2017

Reporting for February 14, 2017 to February 20, 2017

**National Weather Service Forecast:** No current advisories  
**Wind Chill Advisories Declared During This Week:** 0  
**Total Wind Chill Advisories Declared This Winter:** 6

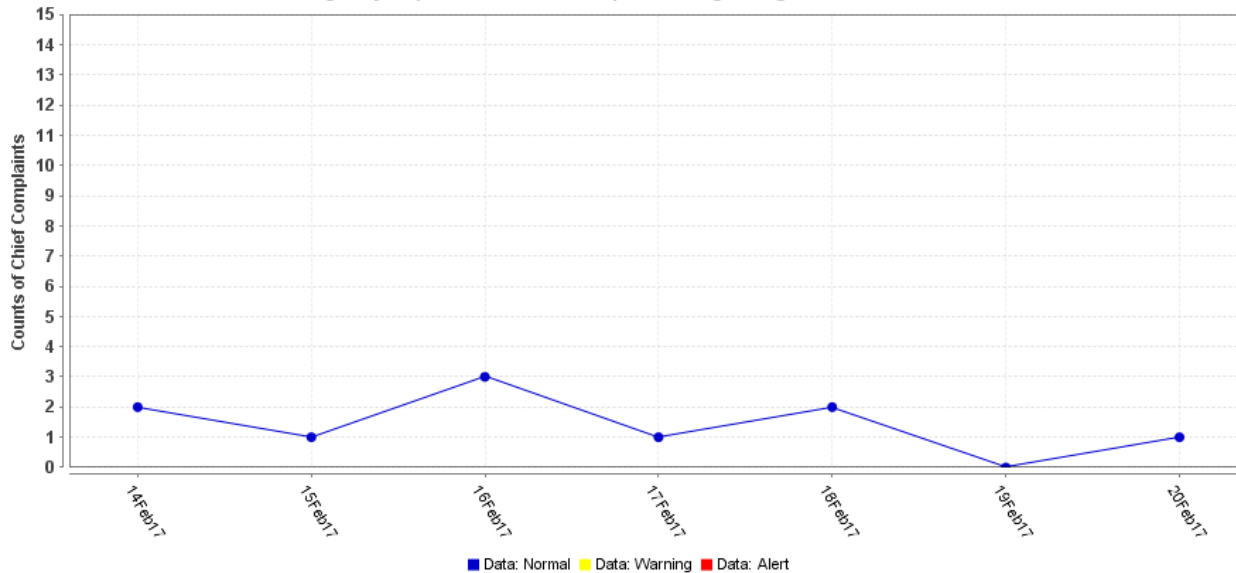


Wind Chill is only calculated for temperatures below 50°F and wind speeds above 3 mph

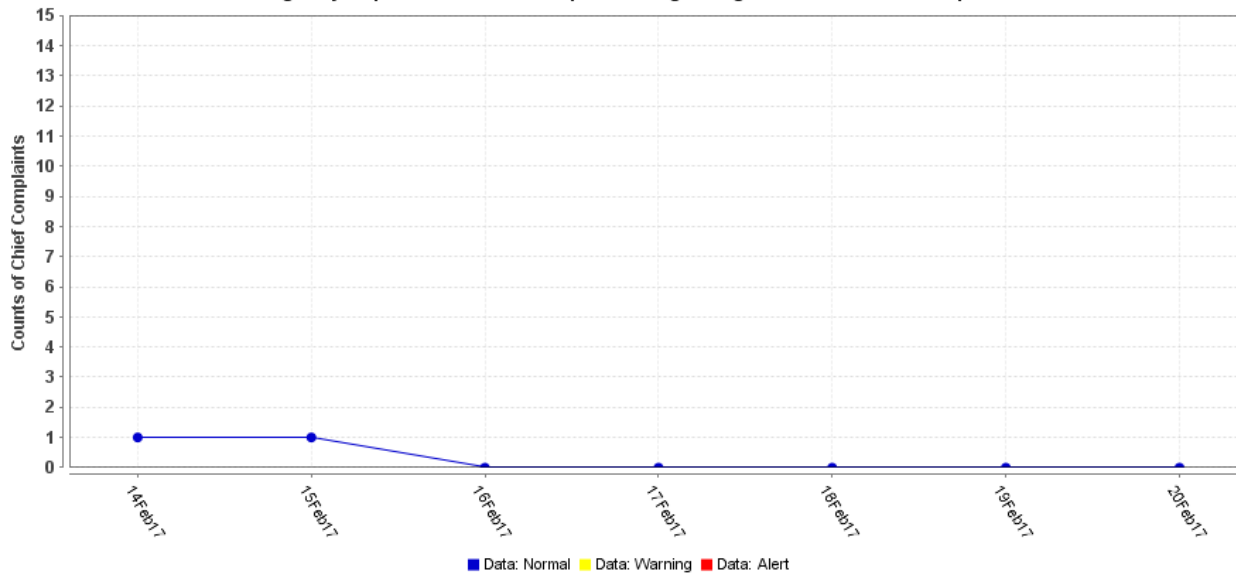
**Note on Emergency Department Data:** The results from the query used in ESSENCE, an electronic biosurveillance system, to track cold-related illnesses may be an overestimation of the actual burden of illness related to the cold weather. This overestimation is due to the nature of the query, which includes the term hypothermia and frostbite.

**Note on EMS Data:** These data are based on EMS pre-hospital care reports where the EMS provider has selected hypothermia as a primary or secondary impression of a patient's illness. This impression is solely based on the signs and symptoms seen by the provider, not on any diagnostic tests. Since these numbers do not include all primary or secondary impressions that may be seen with cold exposure, the actual numbers may be low. These data are reported for trending purposes only.

Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness



Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure

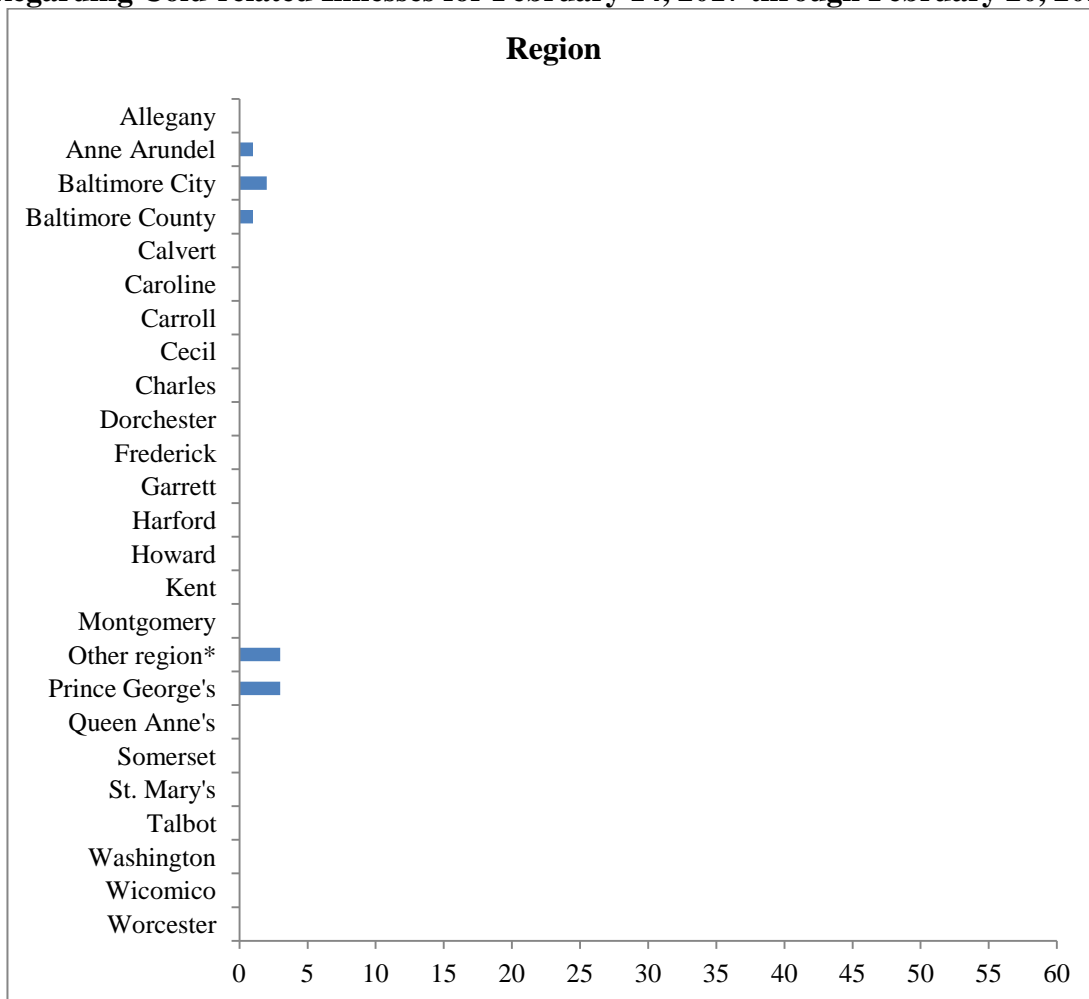


Date	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure
February 14	2	1
February 15	1	1
February 16	3	0
February 17	1	0
February 18	2	0
February 19	0	0
February 20	1	0

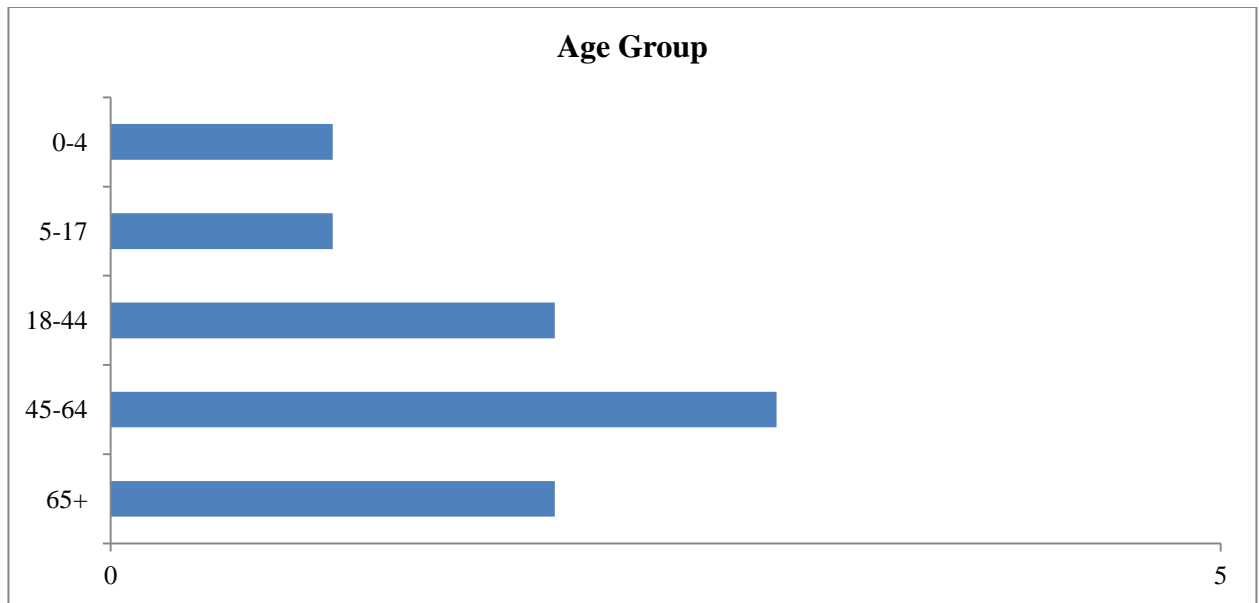
**\*Note: ESSENCE chief complaint query for cold-related illness contains the following terms: frostbite, frostnip, hypothermia, chilblain, and trench foot**

There were no chief complaint clusters identified this week.

**Geographical and Age Group Distribution of Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illnesses for February 14, 2017 through February 20, 2017**



**\*Geographical distribution of emergency department chief complaints is based on patients' jurisdictions of residence. The "Other Region" category includes patient records without a ZIP code and patients who reside outside of Maryland.**



Total Number of Cold-related Deaths	Jurisdiction*	Age Group	Gender
22	Garrett	18-44 Years Old	Female
	Baltimore County	18-44 Years Old	Male
	Baltimore City	18-44 Years Old	Male
	Montgomery	45-64 Years Old	Male
	Garrett	45-64 Years Old	Female
	Prince George's	45-64 Years Old	Male
	Prince George's	45-64 Years Old	Male
	Washington	45-64 Years Old	Male
	Baltimore City	45-64 Years Old	Male
	Prince George's	45-64 Years Old	Male
	Prince George's	45-64 Years Old	Male
	Montgomery	45-64 Years Old	Male
	Montgomery	45-64 Years Old	Male
	Baltimore City	65+ Years Old	Female
	Baltimore City	65+ Years Old	Female
	Baltimore City	65+ Years Old	Male
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	St. Mary's	65+ Years Old	Male
Cecil	65+ Years Old	Male	
Washington	65+ Years Old	Female	

\*Refers to the jurisdiction where the death occurred. \*\*Refers to a newly listed death

There were no cold-related deaths reported this week.

There have been a total of 22 cold-related deaths during the reporting period this winter. Five deaths were suspected or presumed homeless individuals.

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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.

For more information about extreme cold and emergency preparedness, follow the Office of Preparedness and Response on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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