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Weekly Cold-related Illness Surveillance Report

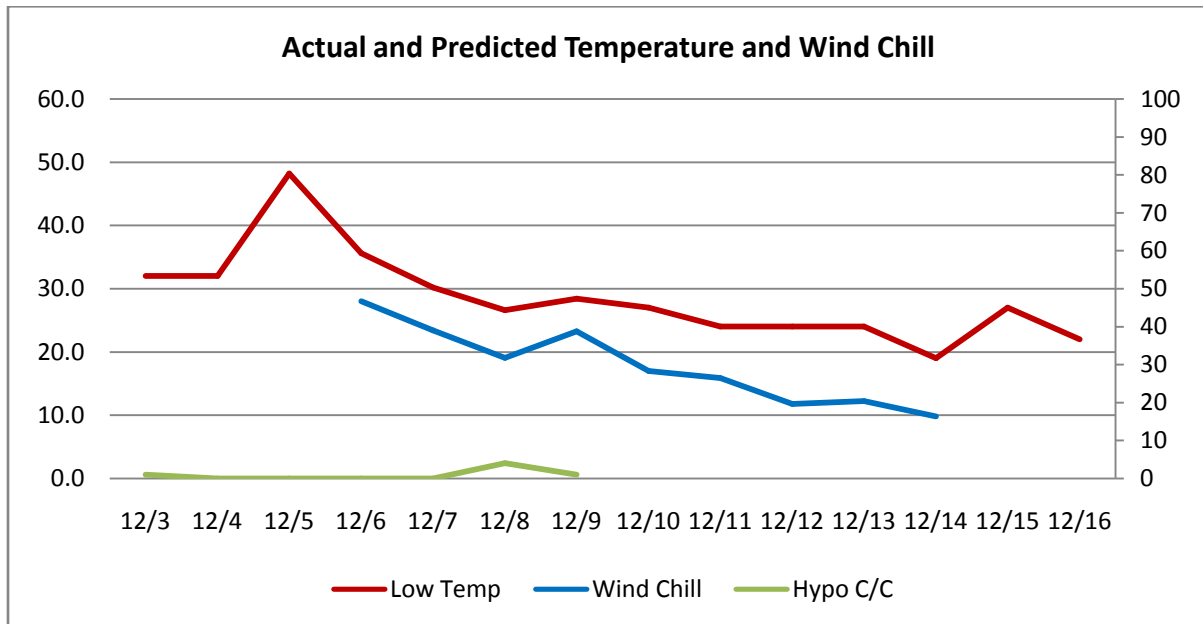
December 11, 2013

Reporting for 12/03/13 through 12/09/13

National Weather Service Forecast: No extreme cold forecast.

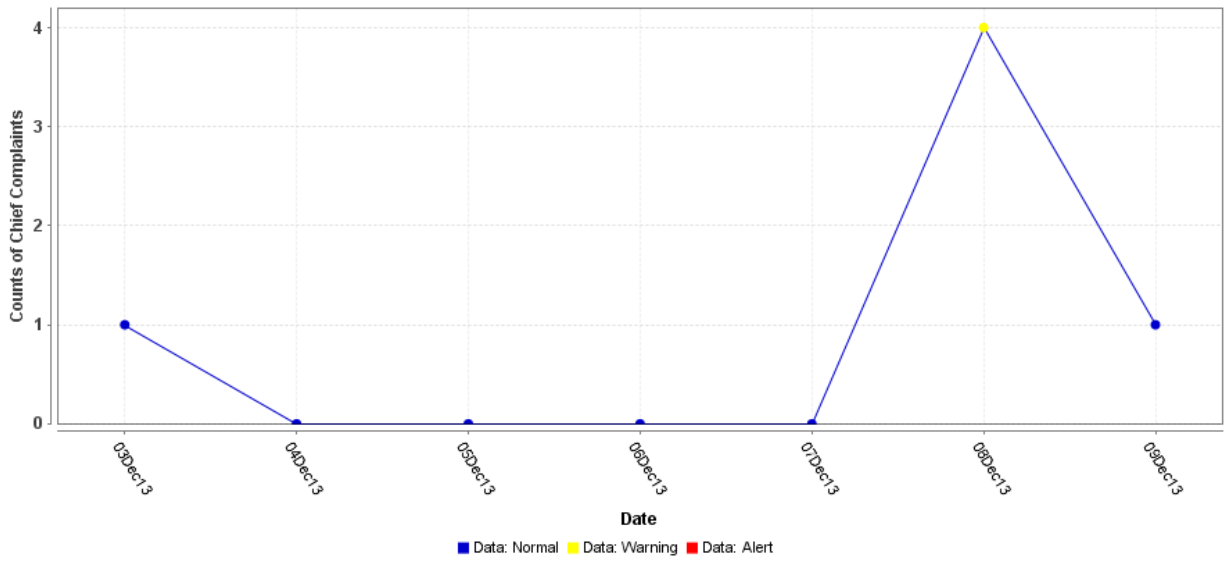
Cold Advisories Declared During the Previous Week: 0

Total Cold Advisories Declared This Winter: 0

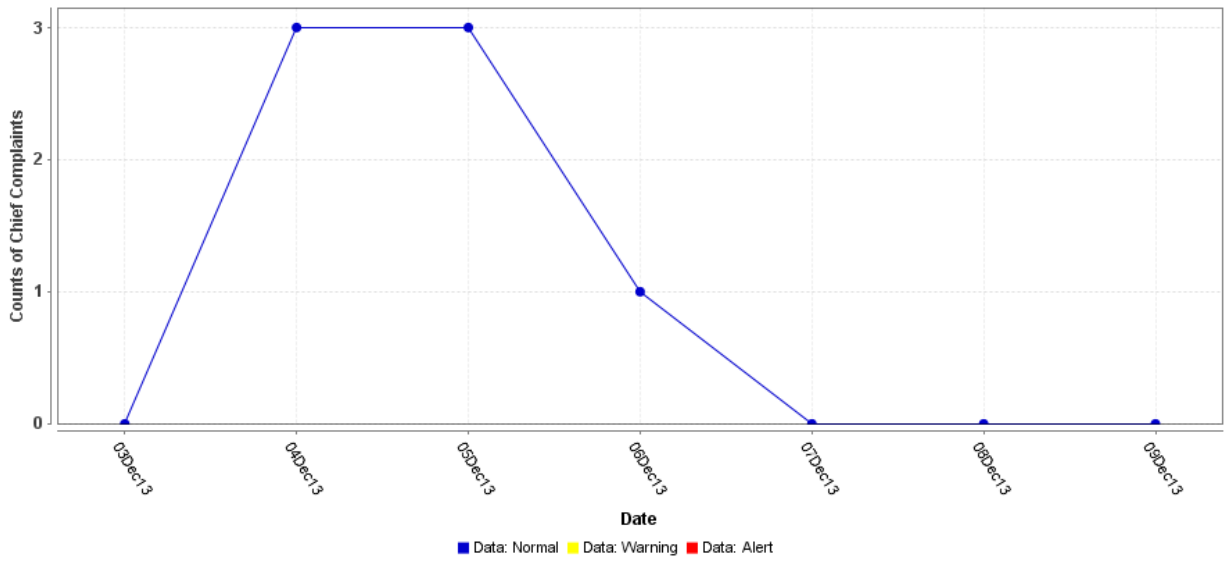


Note: Wind Chill is only calculated for temperatures below 50°F and wind speeds above 3 mph

Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness



Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure

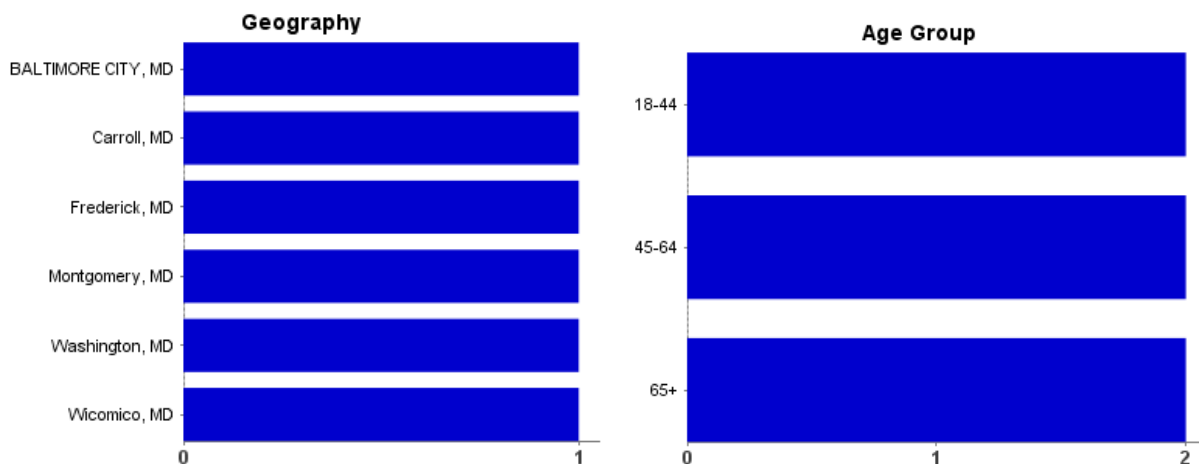


Date	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure
December 3	1	0
December 4	0	3
December 5	0	3
December 6	0	1
December 7	0	0
December 8	4	0
December 9	1	0

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

There was one chief complaint cluster regarding carbon monoxide exposure identified on December 4, 2013. Follow-up was conducted and it was determined that the 3 patients were exposed in their home due to a faulty heater that was leaking carbon monoxide. All 3 patients were stable.

Geographical and Age Group Distribution of Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illnesses for November 26 through December 2, 2013



Total Number of Cold-related Deaths	Jurisdiction*	Age Group	Gender
1	Prince George's	45-64 Years Old	Male

*Refers to the jurisdiction where the death occurred.

There were no cold-related deaths reported this week.

There has been a total of one cold-related death 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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