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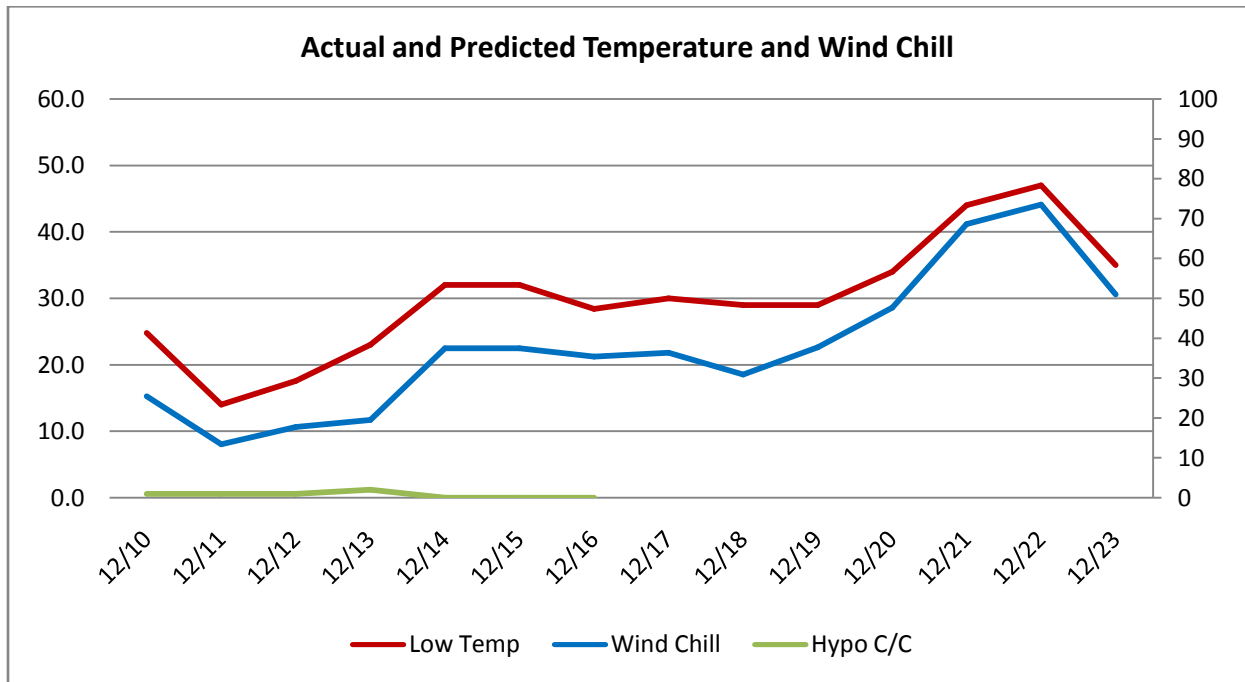
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Weekly Cold-related Illness Surveillance Report

December 18, 2013

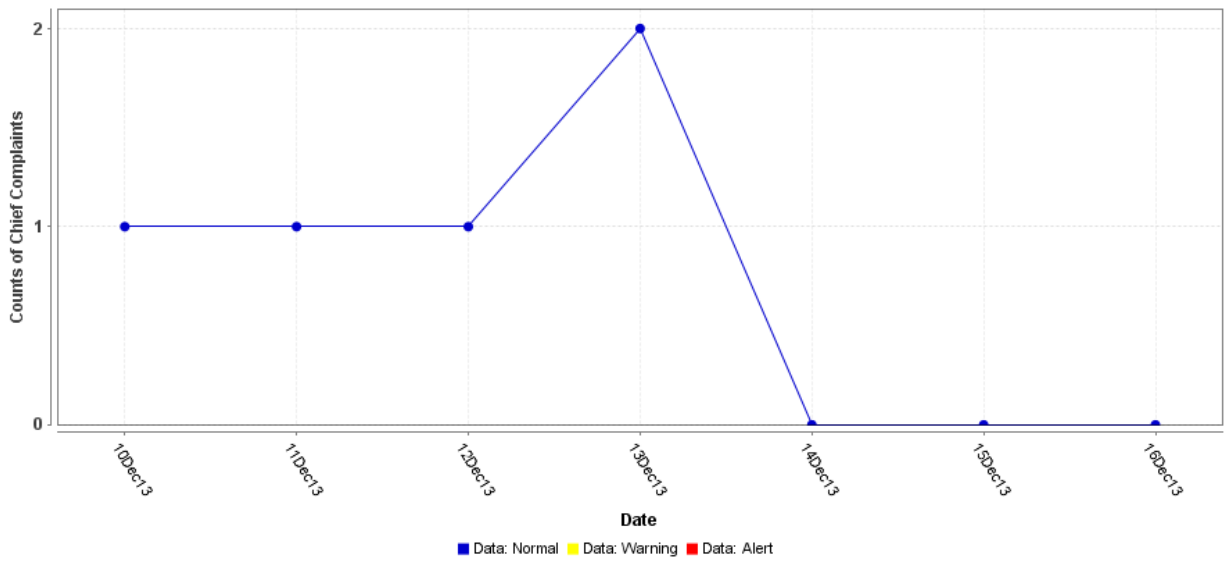
Reporting for 12/10/13 through 12/16/13

National Weather Service Forecast: No extreme cold forecast.
Wind Chill Advisories Declared During the Previous Week: 2
Total Wind Chill Advisories Declared This Winter: 2

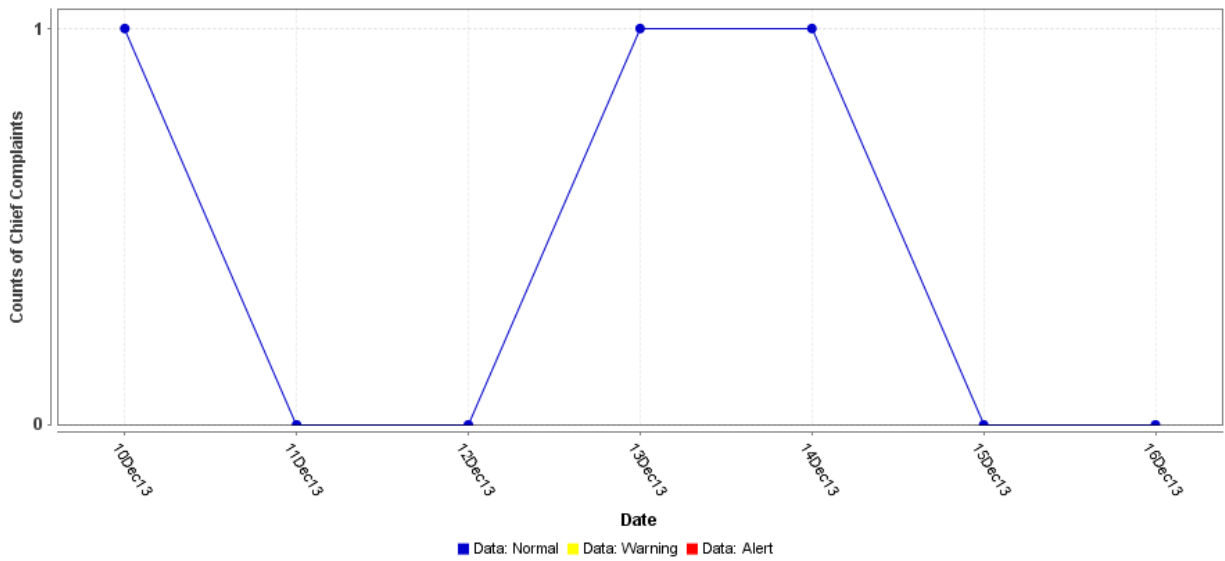


Note: Wind Chill is only calculated for temperatures below 50°F and wind speeds above 3 mph

Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness



Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure

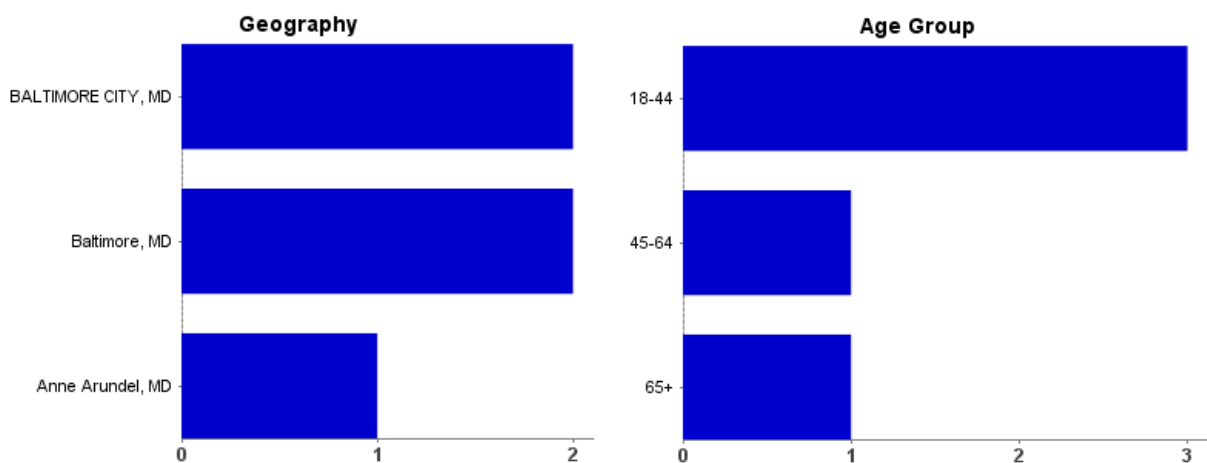


Date	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure
December 10	1	1
December 11	1	0
December 12	1	0
December 13	2	1
December 14	0	1
December 15	0	0
December 16	0	0

***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 December 10 through December 16, 2013



Total Number of Cold-related Deaths	Jurisdiction*	Age Group	Gender
3	Prince George's County	45-64 Years Old	Male
	Baltimore City	45-64 Years Old	Male
	Worcester County	45-64 Years Old	Male

*Refers to the jurisdiction where the death occurred.

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

There have been a total of three 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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