



# Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center

Week 08  
(21-27 Feb 16)\*

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## 2015-16 Flu Season Lake County Weekly Influenza Monitoring Report

### Weekly Summary:

**Lake County:** Visits to the Lake County Health Departments Community Health Center clinics (LCHD/CHC) for upper respiratory/influenza-like illness (ILI), adjusted slightly upward (2.5%), and remains high when compared to previous weeks. School surveillance shows general absenteeism staying between 5 - 6% with ILI activity holding steady. **Cook County:** Influenza activity remains high with 20 ICU admissions occurring during their last reporting week. So far this flu season, there have been six clusters of ILI occurring in schools/daycares and two outbreaks reported in long term care facilities. **Wisconsin:** Most of the States flu activity is now moderate, including the southeast corner that borders northeast Illinois. **Illinois:** ILI dropped to “localized” after a 20% decrease was noted over the previous week. The majority of ILI is occurring in those aged 24 years and younger, but the highest rates of admissions to the ICU are in those who are 50 and older. **Nationwide:** Flu activity continues to increase in the United States. All 10 regions of the country are experiencing elevated ILI levels. Flu A (H1N1) viruses are most common at this time. ILI activity rose from 3.1% to 3.2%, well above the national baseline of 2.1%. ILI has been at or above the national baseline for 6 consecutive weeks so far this season. For the last 13 seasons, the average duration of a flu season by this measure has been 13 weeks, with a range from 1 week to 20 weeks. CDC recommends an annual flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older. Flu activity peaks in February and can last into May.

*The 2015-16 U.S. Trivalent influenza vaccine contains an A/California/2009 (H1N1) -like virus, an A/Switzerland/2013(H3N2) -like virus and a B/Phuket/2013 -like virus. The Quadrivalent influenza vaccines will also include a B/Brisbane/2008-like virus for this years flu season.*

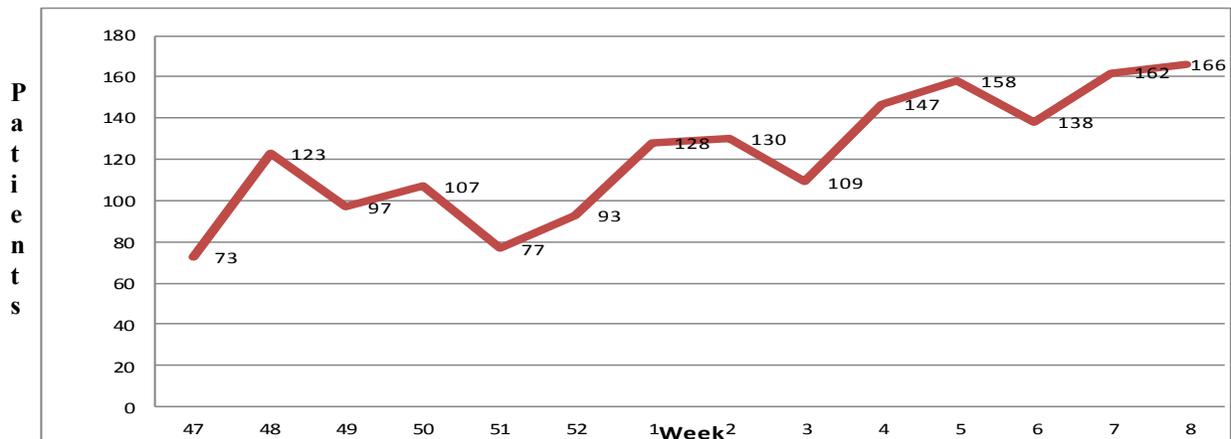
*\*Our report contains different flu weeks presented due to the different reporting dates of sources.*

### LAKE COUNTY:

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### LCHD/CHC (Federally Qualified Health Center): # of Patients with Upper Respiratory Illness (URI) by Week



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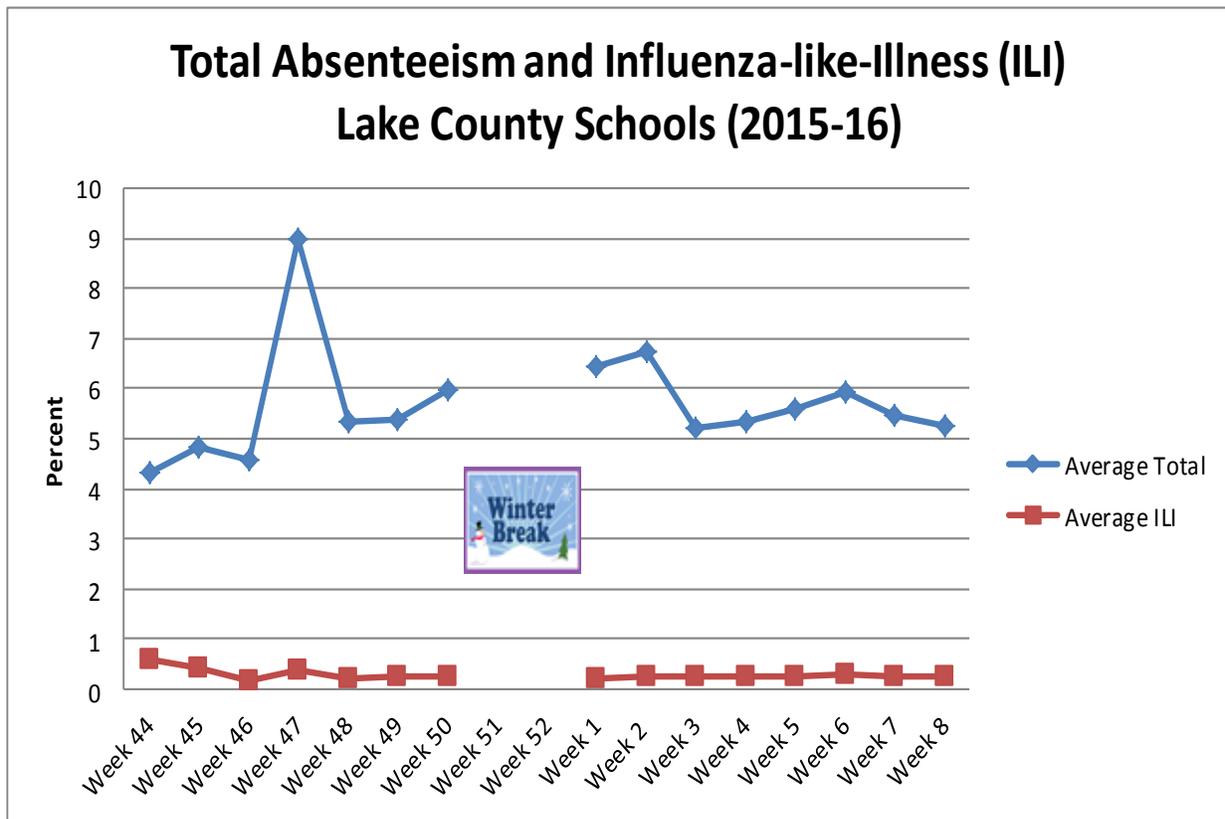


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**School Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Surveillance**

**Reporting School Districts:** *Barrington (220), Community (128), Libertyville (70), Round Lake (116), Wauconda (118), Waukegan (60) and Zion (6)*

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Previous Week</u>
Schools tracking and reporting absenteeism data:	50	51
Schools reporting "Influenza-like illness (ILI) absenteeism ( $\geq 5\%$ ):	1	0
Schools/Pre-schools reporting general absenteeism ( $\geq 10\%$ ):	13	15



**"Reportable" to the Lake County Health Department:**

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	<u>Week 08</u>	<u>Prior Week</u>	<u>*Cumulative</u>
Flu - Intensive care unit (ICU) admissions:	<b>4</b>	1	<b>10</b>
Flu - Pediatric Deaths (0-18):	0	0	<b>0</b>
Flu - Outbreaks reported **(Congregate settings):	0	1	<b>2</b>

**\*Cumulative since week 44. Single positive flu tests are not reportable in Illinois.**

**\*\*Correctional, Long Term Care Facilities (LTCF) & Hospitals.**

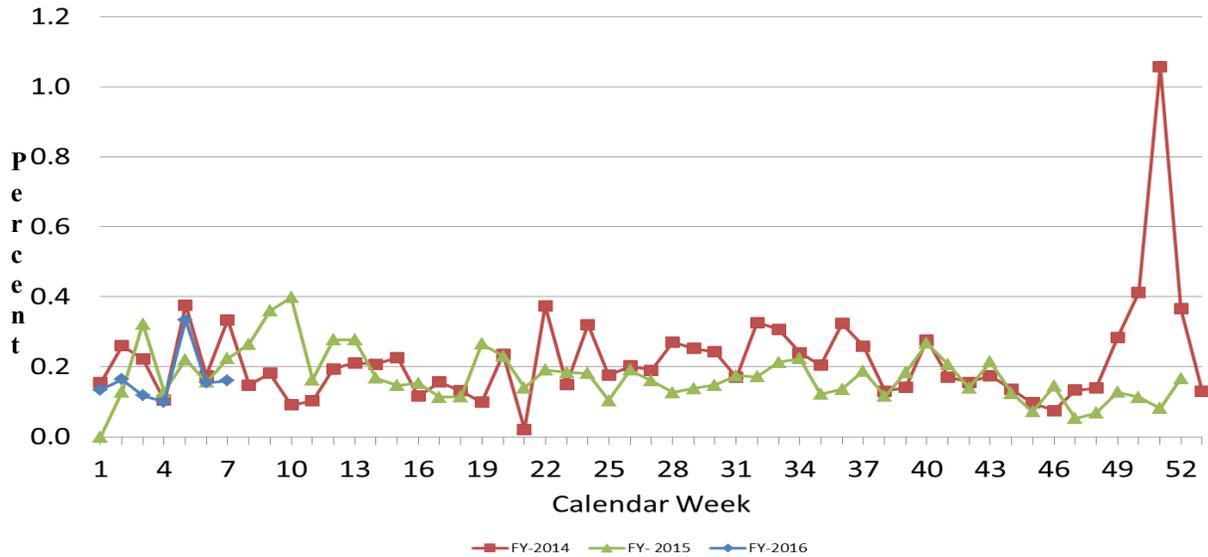
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**General Sentinel Site:**

*Week 07 (14 - 20 Feb 16)*



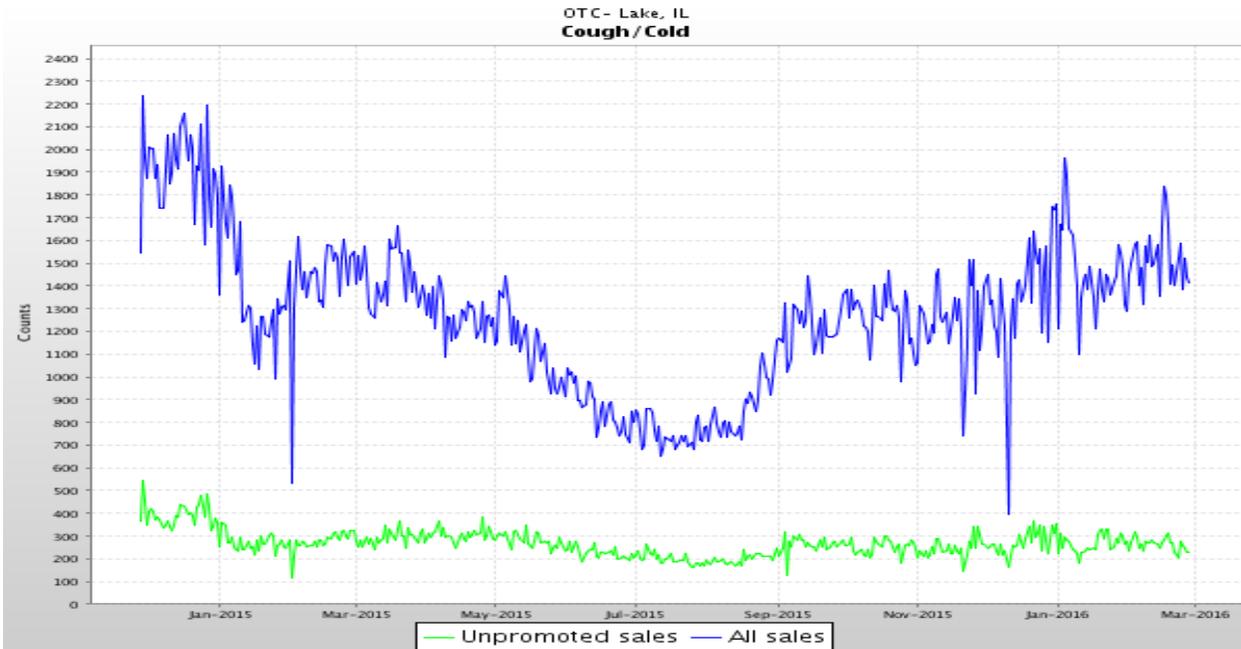
**Febrile Respiratory Illness Rate  
(per 100 Doctor visits)**



**Sentinel Pharmacies:**

***Real Time Outbreak and Disease Surveillance (RODS)***

*Past 15 Months  
(28 Nov 14 - 27 Feb 16)*



- Cough and Cold medicine purchases.
- 54 of 62 (87.1%) of Lake County Pharmacies reporting.

## REGIONAL:

### Suburban Cook County:

*Week 07 (14 - 20 Feb 16)*



Flu activity is currently **“High”**

Intensive care unit flu-associated admissions for week **07**: **20**

Total since week **35** (August 30th, 2015): **76**

### Wisconsin (SE Region):

*Week 07 (14 - 20 Feb 16)*



	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Previous Week</u>
Flu/ILI Activity:	<b>Moderate</b>	Low

ILI activity in Region V: (WI, MN, IL, MI, OH, IN) is **Above** baseline levels.  
Current circulating viruses: Influenza A, RSV and Metapneumovirus are the predominate viruses this week.

## ILLINOIS:

*Week 07 (14 - 20 Feb 16)*



- For this reporting week, the proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was **2.06%**, which is **above** the regional baseline of **1.90%**.
- Based on CDC criteria, Illinois influenza activity is classified as **“Localized”** for this reporting week.
- For this reporting week, **13.0%** (104/799) of influenza specimens, tested positive by WHO/NREVSS collaborating Illinois laboratories and the Illinois Department of Public Health Laboratories. So far this flu season, **4.25%** (439/12,772) of specimens tested were positive for Influenza.
- Influenza –associated Intensive Care Unit (ICU) admissions were not reported for this week.
- Influenza-associated pediatric deaths this flu season: **1**
- For this reporting week, **1** influenza outbreak was reported throughout the state.  
Season total: **14**

<b>No Activity:</b>	No laboratory confirmed cases of influenza.
<b>Sporadic:</b>	Isolated lab-confirmed cases OR Lab confirmed outbreak in one institution.
<b>Local:</b>	Recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab evidence of influenza in region with increased ILI OR Recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab evidence of influenza in region with the outbreaks; virus activity is no greater than sporadic in other regions.
<b>Regional:</b>	Increased ILI in >2 but less than half of the regions AND recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza in the affected regions. OR Institutional outbreaks (ILI or lab confirmed) in >2 and less than half of the regions AND recent lab confirmed influenza in the affected regions. A region is defined as the regions States use for public health purposes.
<b>Widespread:</b>	Increased ILI and/or institutional outbreaks (ILI or lab confirmed) in at least half of the regions AND recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza in the state.

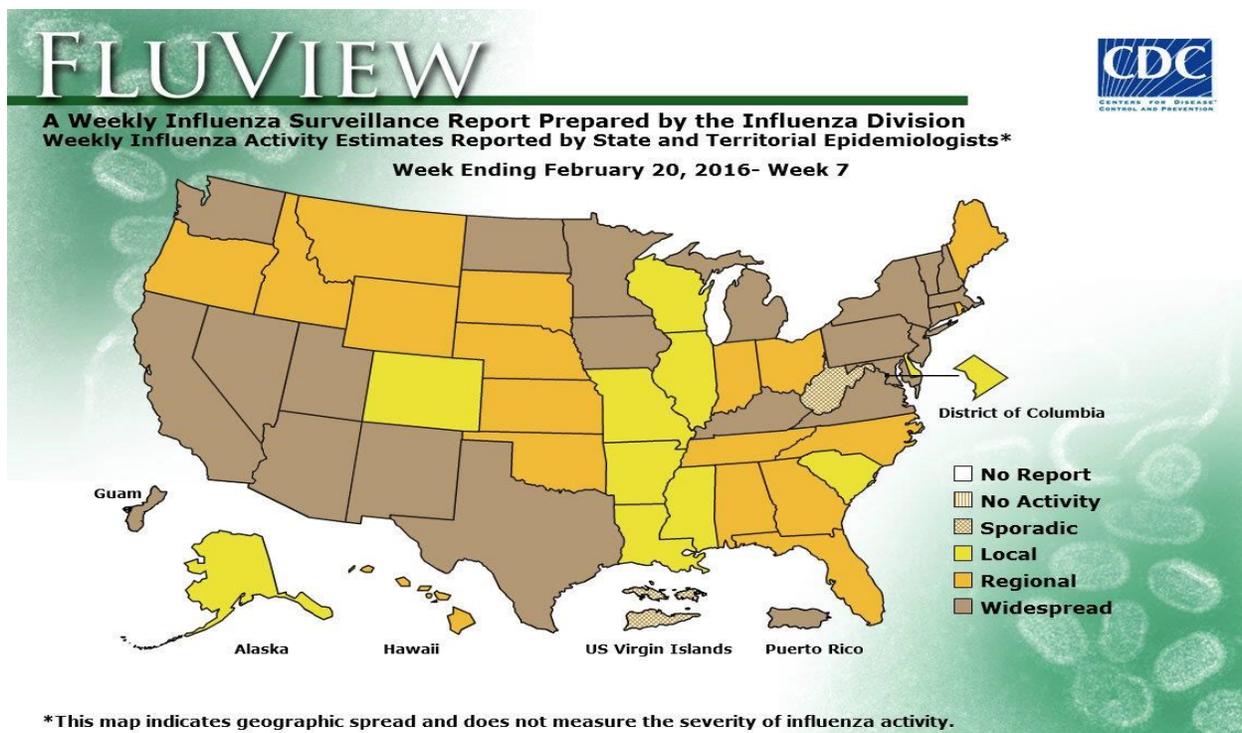
## NATIONWIDE:

*Week 07 (14 - 20 Feb 16)*



**During Week 07:** Influenza activity increased in the United States.

- **Viral Surveillance:** The most frequently identified influenza virus type reported by public health labs during week 7 was influenza A, with influenza A (H1N1) viruses predominating. The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza in clinical laboratories increased.
- **Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality:** The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) was below the epidemic threshold.
- **Influenza-associated Pediatric Deaths:** One flu-associated pediatric death was reported.
- **Outpatient Illness Surveillance:** The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 3.2%, which is above the national baseline of 2.1%. All 10 regions reported ILI at or above region-specific baseline levels. Puerto Rico and six states experienced high ILI activity; New York City and six states experienced moderate ILI activity; 13 states experienced low ILI activity; 24 states experienced minimal ILI activity.
- **Geographic Spread of Influenza:** The geographic spread of influenza in Guam, Puerto Rico, and 21 states was reported as widespread; 18 states reported regional activity; the District of Columbia and 10 states reported local activity; and the U.S. Virgin Islands and one state reported sporadic activity.



## U.S. Virologic Surveillance: (WHO and NREVSS collaborating labs)

*Week 07 (14 - 20 Feb 16)*

Total flu isolates tested:	<u>18,844</u>	
Number of positive isolates (%)	2,599	(13.8%)
<u>Influenza A:</u>	1,978	(76.1%)
<u>Influenza B:</u>	621	(23.9%)