



Dayton &
Montgomery
County

**West Central Ohio (WCO)
Seasonal Influenza Activity Report
MMWR Week 40
9/27/2020 – 10/3/2020**

Weekly Influenza Activity Summary:

Montgomery County (Week 40): There were **0 influenza-associated hospitalizations** reported during week 40. Influenza activity is low in Montgomery County.

West Central Ohio Region (Week 40): There were **0 hospitalizations** during week 40. Influenza activity is low in WCO.

Ohio (Week 40): Current Activity Level - Sporadic
Influenza data are not yet available for the 2020-2021 flu season.

National (Week 40): Influenza data are not yet available for the 2020-2021 flu season.

For hospitals and other regional healthcare facilities to more accurately monitor influenza in the area, this report will include regional and Montgomery County specific influenza activity. The regional influenza report will include positive influenza cases from healthcare facilities in Auglaize, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby, and Warren counties (<http://www.gdaha.org/regional-hospital-locator>).

Confirmed Influenza-associated Hospitalizations

| MMWR Week | 40* | 41* | 42* | 43* | 2019-2020 Flu Season Total as of 10/8/20 |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| Week Ending | 10/3/2020 | 10/10/20 | 10/17/20 | 10/24/20 | |
| Auglaize | 0 | - | - | - | 0 |
| Butler | 0 | - | - | - | 0 |
| Champaign | 0 | - | - | - | 0 |
| Clark | 0 | - | - | - | 0 |
| Darke | 0 | - | - | - | 0 |
| Greene | 0 | - | - | - | 0 |
| Miami | 0 | - | - | - | 0 |
| Montgomery | 0 | - | - | - | 0 |
| Preble | 0 | - | - | - | 0 |
| Shelby | 0 | - | - | - | 0 |
| Warren | 0 | - | - | - | 0 |
| Total WCO Region | 0 | - | - | - | 0 |

*Numbers may change based on updated ODRS data.

Weekly Regional Outpatient Influenza Cases

| MMWR Week | Week Ending | Influenza A | Influenza B | ILI* Reports (Sentinel Providers) | Weekly Total |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|--------------|
| 40 | 10/3/20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 41 | 10/10/20 | - | - | - | - |
| 42 | 10/17/20 | - | - | - | - |
| 43 | 10/24/20 | - | - | - | - |
| Season Total** | NA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

*Influenza-like Illness (ILI)

**Note. Data are incomplete. Several hospitals have not submitted outpatient data.

US influenza map for the 2020-2021 flu season is not yet available.

National Influenza Activity Summary <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>

Additional Surveillance Data & Flu Facts

Flu Facts <http://www.flu.gov/>





Ohio Department of Health Seasonal Influenza Activity Summary <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/seasonal-influenza/ohio-flu-activity/>

Montgomery County Seasonal Influenza Activity Summary <http://www.phdmc.org/report/montgomery-county-flu-activity-level>



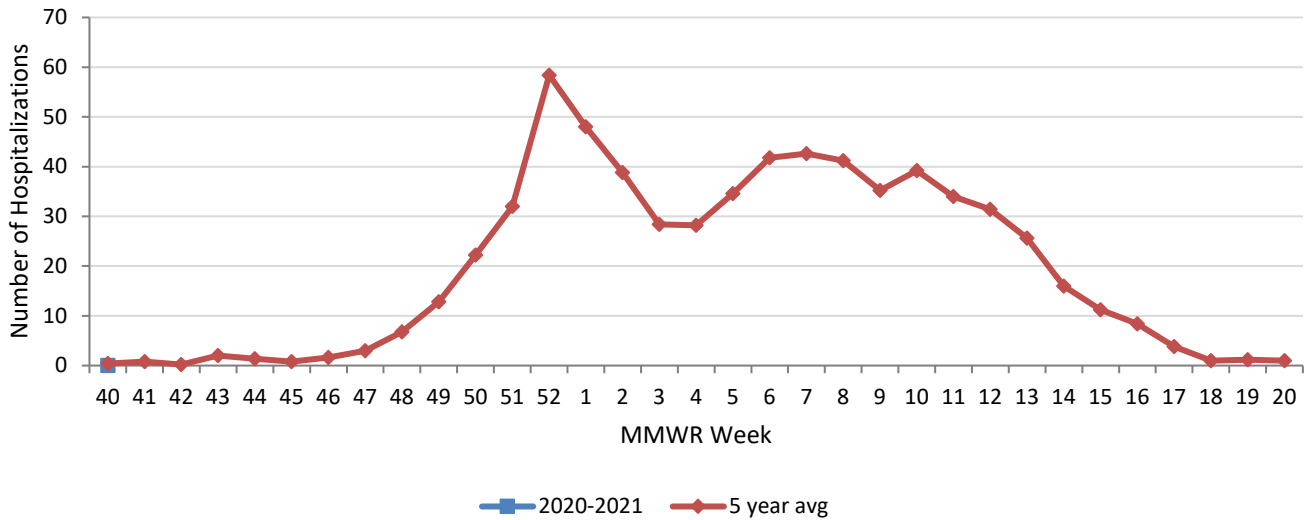
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Montgomery County Weekly Surveillance Data

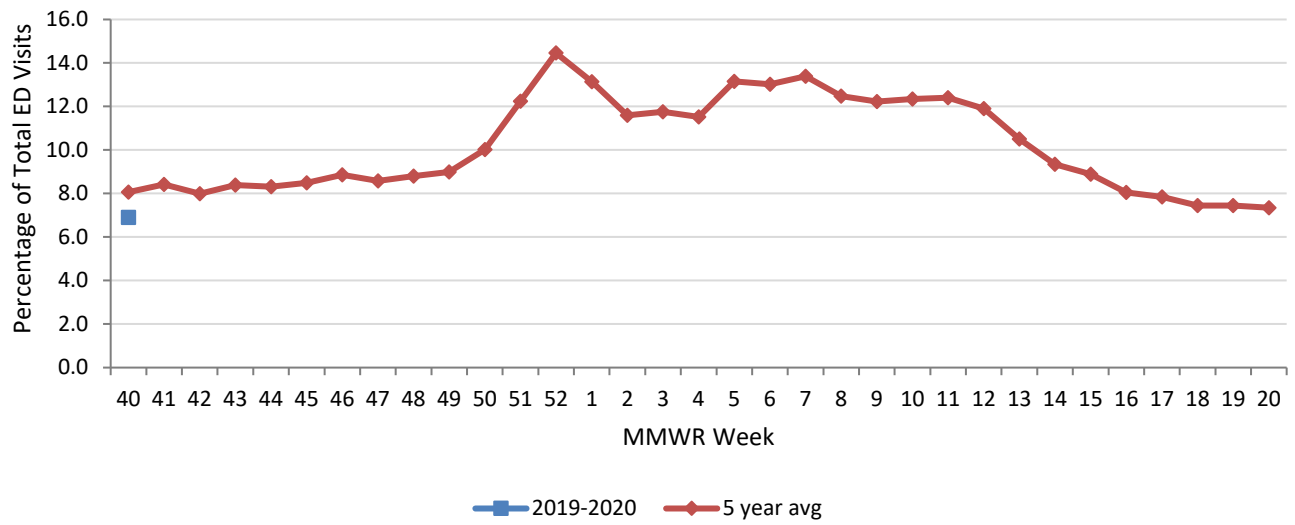
| Surveillance Data | Current Week | % Change | Trend |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------|---|
| Influenza Hospitalizations | 0 | NA |  |
| % Constitutional ED visits | 6.9% | NA |  |
| % Fever & ILI ED visits | 1.6% | NA |  |
| Thermometer sales | 79 | NA |  |

*Percent changes based on small numbers may give misleading information about flu activity.
 Dash (-) indicates no change
 **Note. These values are likely skewed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

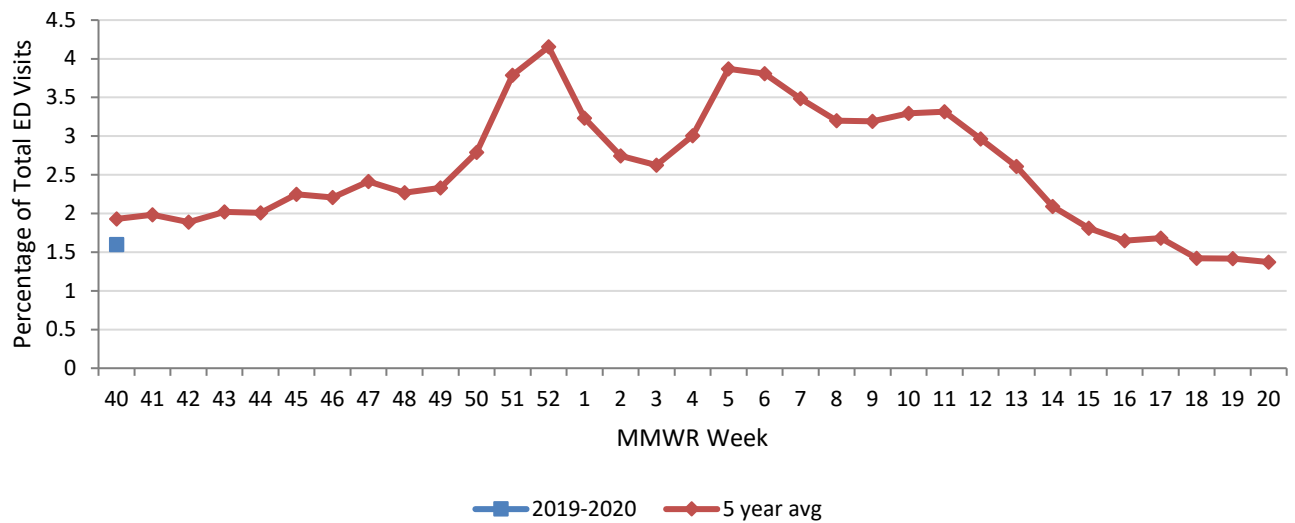
Montgomery County Confirmed Influenza-associated Hospitalizations by MMWR Week with 5-Year Baseline Average; 2020-2021



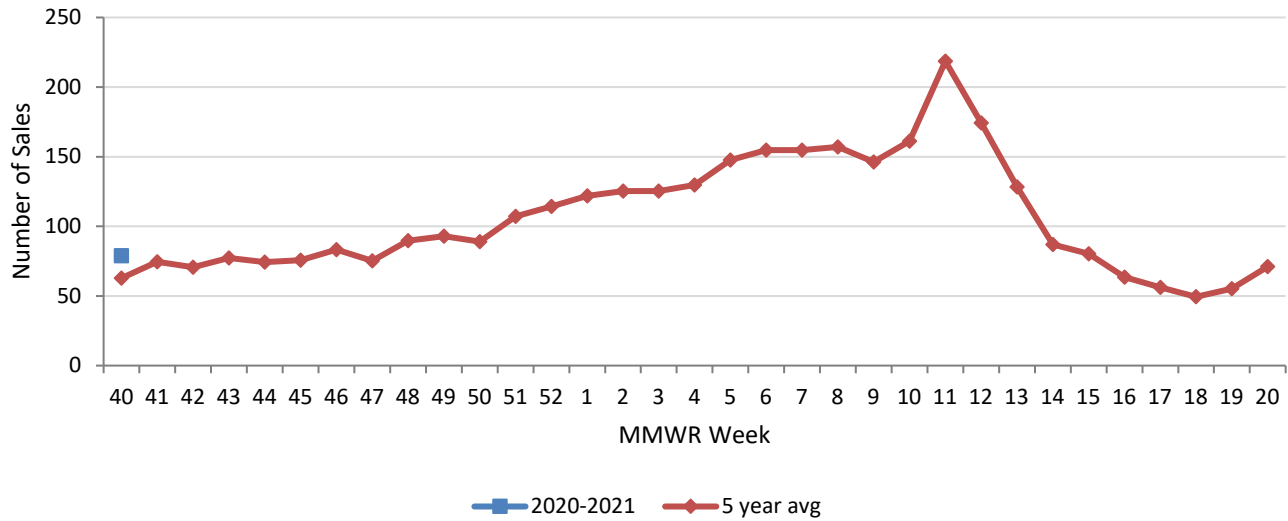
Montgomery County Constitutional ED Visits by MMWR Week with 5-Year Baseline Average; 2020-2021



Montgomery County Fever & ILI Specified ED Visits by MMWR Week with 5-Year Baseline Average; 2020-2021



Montgomery County Thermometer Sales by MMWR Week with 5-Year Baseline Average; 2020-2021



Sources of Influenza Surveillance Data

Six types of data sources are examined on a weekly basis to help determine the influenza activity level for Montgomery County:

National Retail Data Monitor (NRDM)-OTC Drug Purchases: The NRDM collects over-the-counter (OTC) drug sales information from approximately 80 Montgomery County chain drug stores and grocery stores. For influenza surveillance, thermometer sales are monitored on a weekly basis.

Emergency Department Visits (EpiCenter): EpiCenter collects emergency department chief complaint data from hospitals and urgent care facilities across Ohio counties in real time and classifies them into symptom and syndrome categories. Chief complaints from the constitutional syndrome category and the ILI + Fever symptoms classifier are analyzed for influenza surveillance.

Sentinel Providers (ILINet): Sentinel providers, through the US Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), collect outpatient ILI data. ILI is defined as a fever (> 100 °F), **and** cough and/or sore throat without another known cause. Providers report the total number of patients seen and the number of patients with ILI by age group on a weekly basis. Sentinel providers also submit specimens for influenza testing to the ODH laboratory throughout the influenza season.

Laboratory Surveillance: Positive laboratory reports are forwarded to local health departments. Generally, specimens are submitted by health care providers or hospitals.

Influenza-associated Hospitalizations (ODRS): Influenza-associated hospitalizations are reported to local health departments for entry into the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS). Hospitalizations can be used as an indicator of the severity of illness during a particular influenza season. This condition became reportable in 2009.

Influenza-associated Pediatric Mortality (ODRS): Influenza-associated pediatric mortalities are reported to local health departments for entry into ODRS. Pediatric deaths can be an indicator of the severity of illness during the influenza season. This condition became reportable in 2005.

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