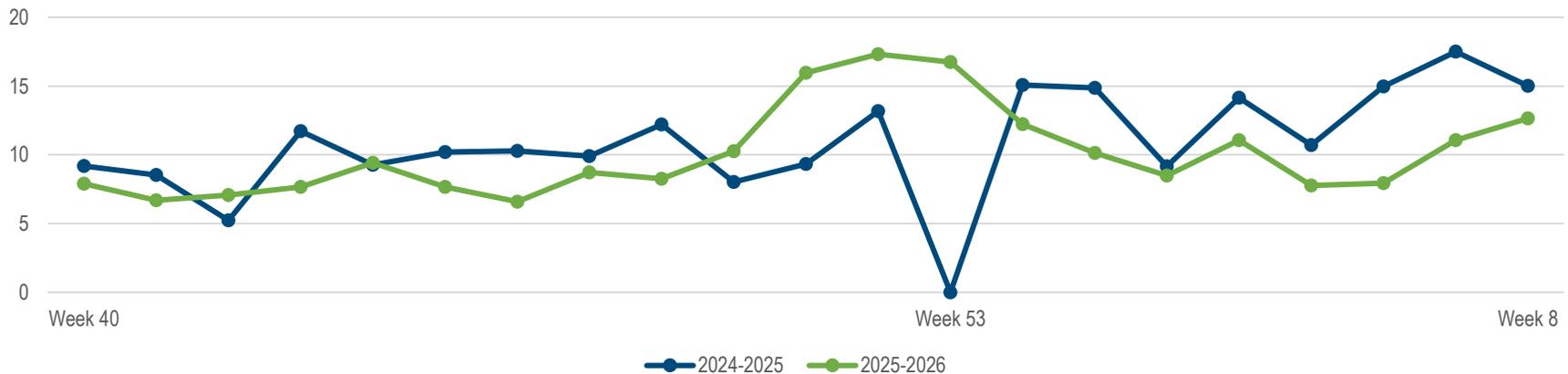


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Sandusky County Public Health (SCPH) tracks seasonal influenza activity on a weekly basis throughout the year. SCPH monitors circulating flu issues and other related data sources and provides summaries of influenza activity from October (Week 40) through May (Week 20). The first week of the new calendar year is indicated by "Week 1." Calendar year 2025 contained 53 MMWR weeks, while previous years contained 52 weeks, which may impact comparisons of annual totals.

7 Influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported between Week 5-8.

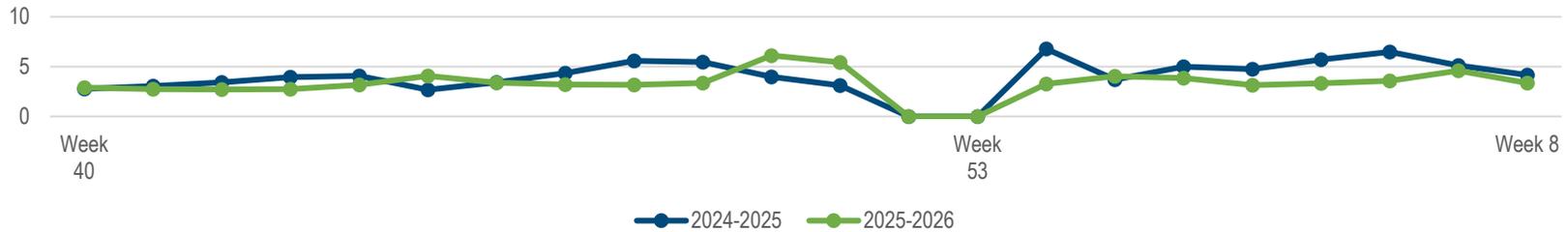
Influenza-like illness emergency room visits during Weeks 5-8 were **lower compared to the same period last flu season.**



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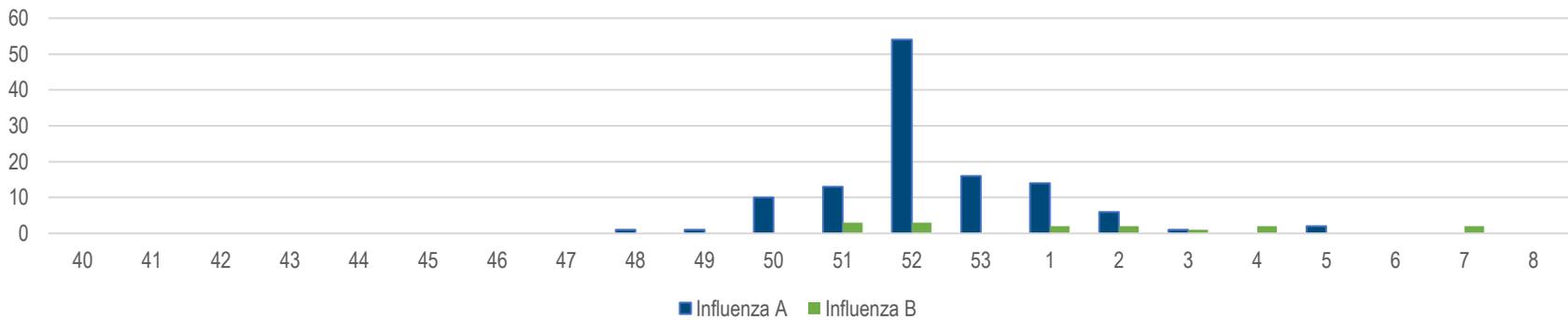
School absenteeism rates between Week 5 and Week 8 were **slightly lower** than last flu season.

% of students absent due to illness



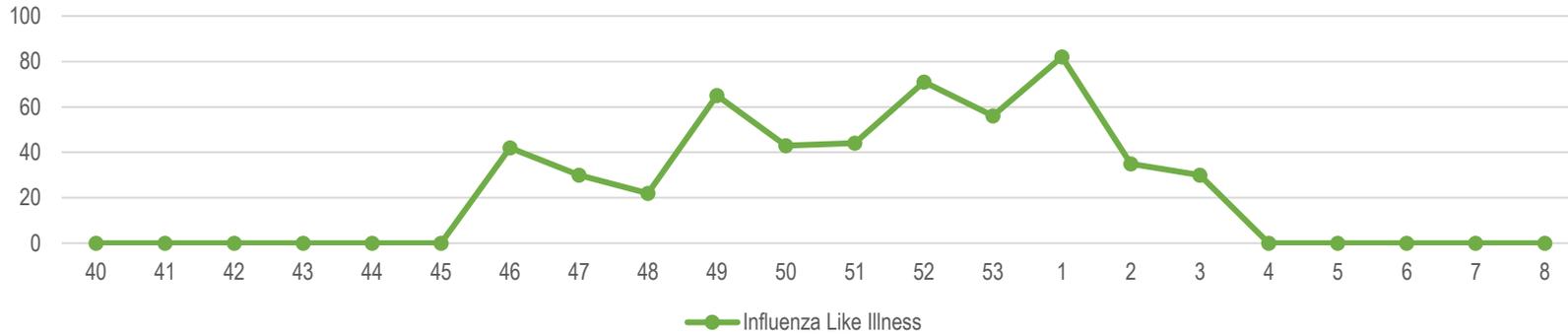
*Local school districts were not in session during weeks 52 and 53

Reported outpatient Influenza activity **remains low** following the Week 52 peak.

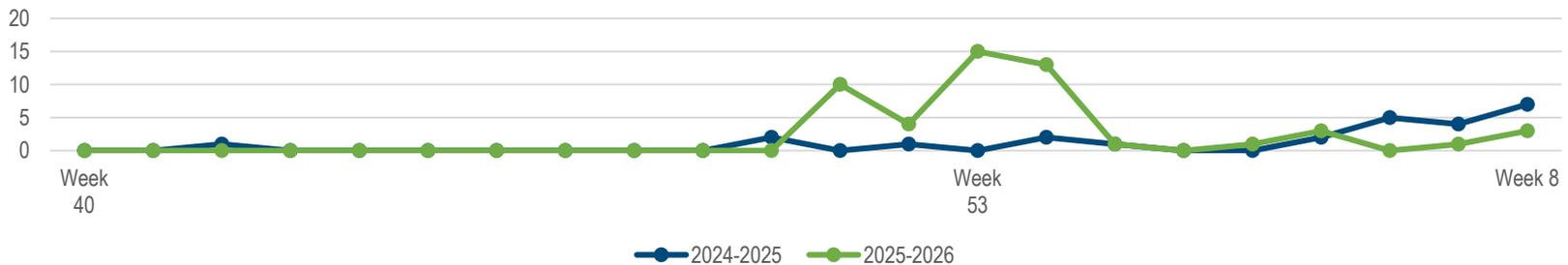


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There were **no reported outpatient cases** of ILI in Weeks 5-8.



Compared to the 2024-2025 flu season, influenza-associated hospitalizations **peaked earlier** in the season.

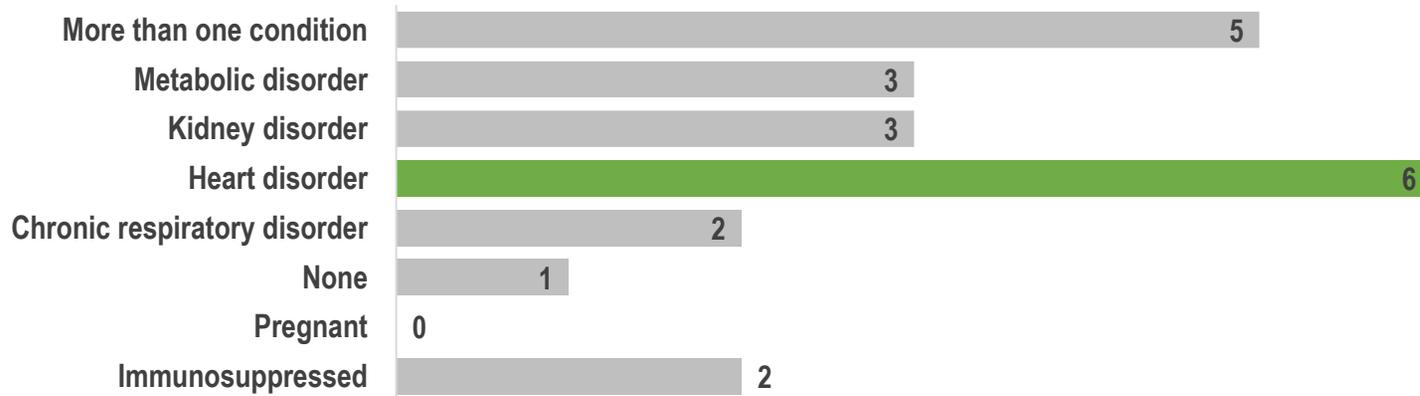


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6 of the 7 influenza-associated hospitalizations **were 65 years and older.**



Most influenza-associated hospitalizations had an underlying **heart disorder.**

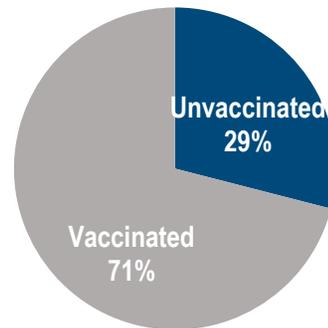


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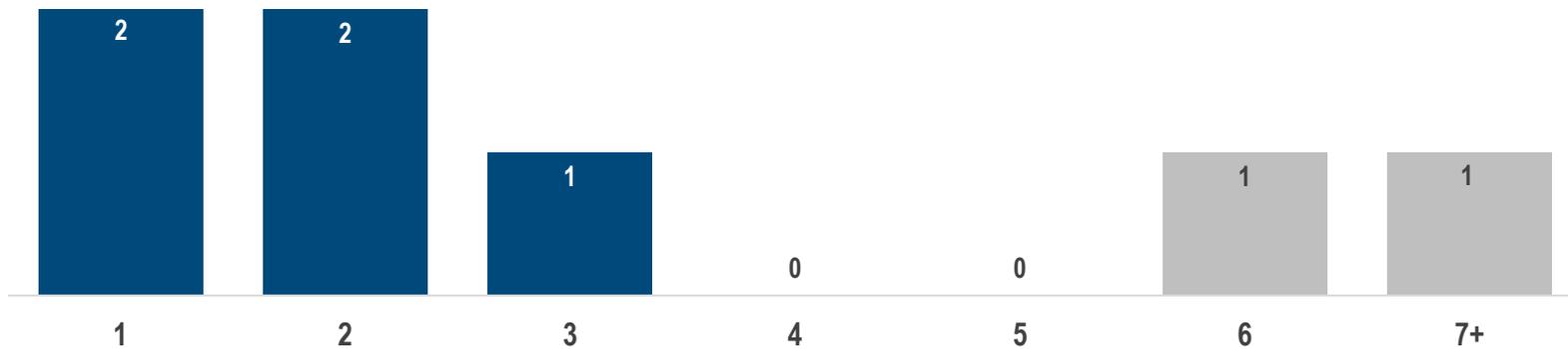
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Most hospitalized influenza cases had **no record of annual flu vaccination.**



More than 70% of influenza-associated hospitalizations required hospitalization for **3 days or less.**



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Data Sources:

Epi Center, IMPACTSIIS, Northwest Ohio Hospitals, Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS), Sandusky County School Districts (voluntary), Sandusky County Long-Term Care Facilities, Physician Offices, and Urgent Cares (voluntary)