

# Sandusky County 2025-2026 Flu Activity Summary

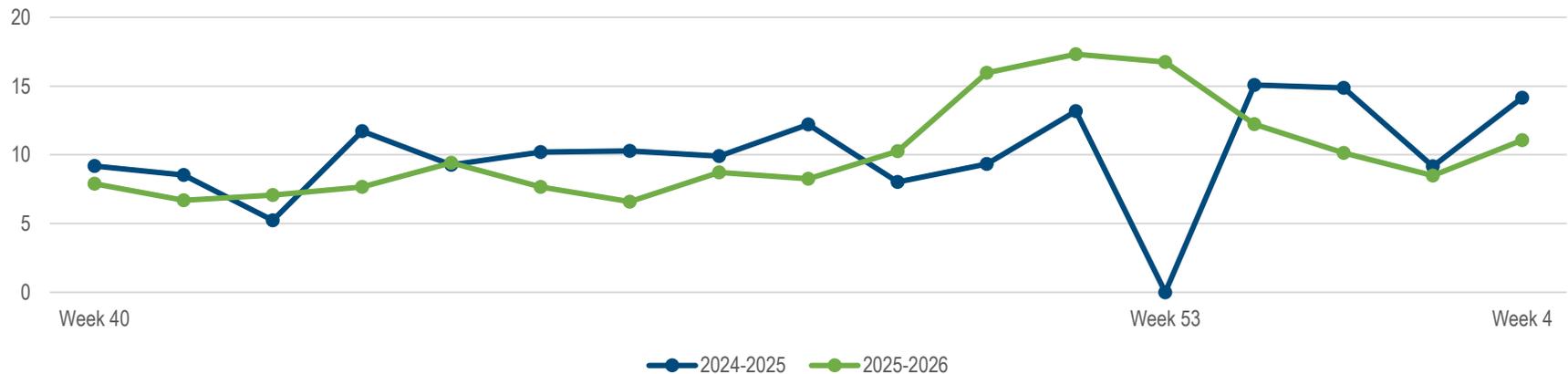
## MMWR Weeks 53-4

### December 28<sup>th</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup>

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.

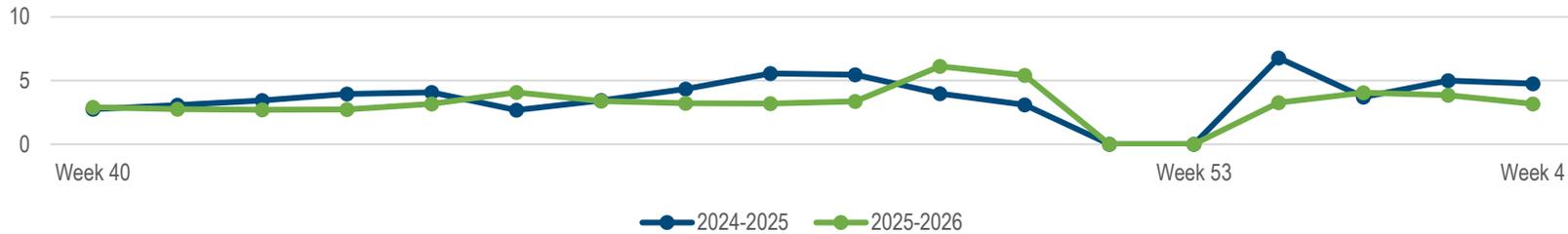
## 30 Influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported between Week 53-4

Influenza-like illness (ILI) emergency room activity **remained elevated and more consistent** during the holiday season compared to the prior flu season.



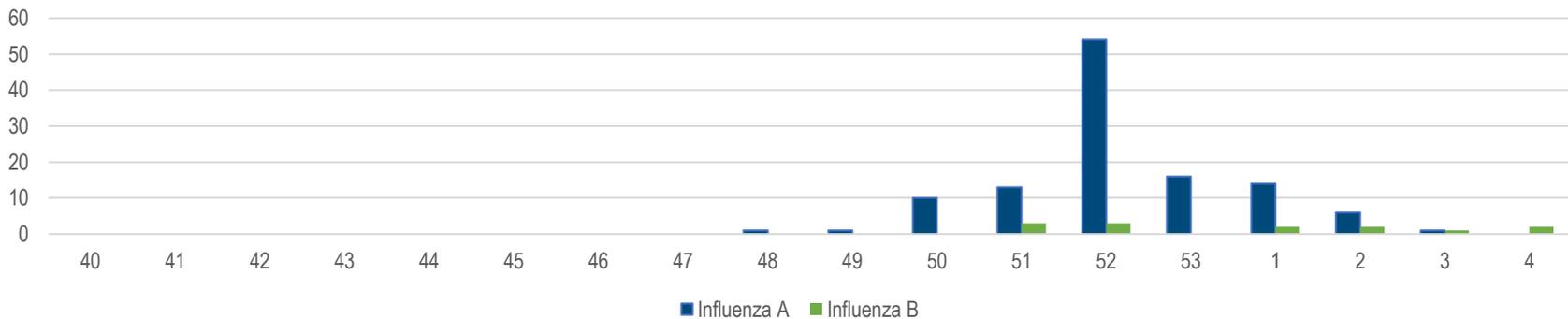
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**Week 1 school absenteeism was higher last season;** however, comparisons may be affected by this year having 53 epidemiologic weeks.  
% of students absent due to illness



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

Outpatient **Influenza A** activity **declined sharply** following the Week 52 peak.

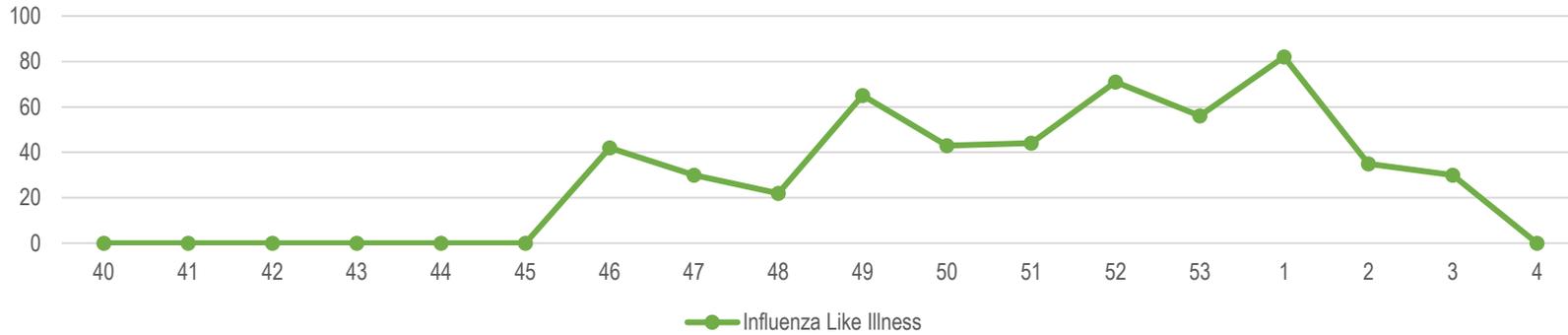


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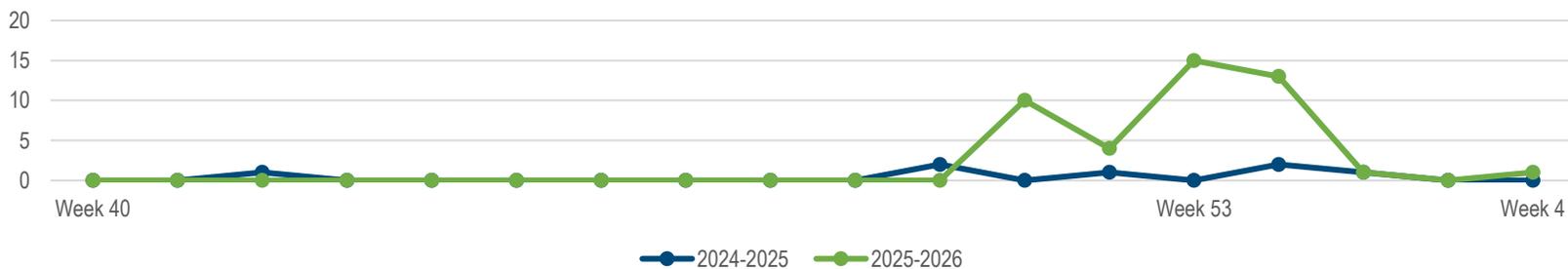
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ILI outpatient visits peaked during Week 1.

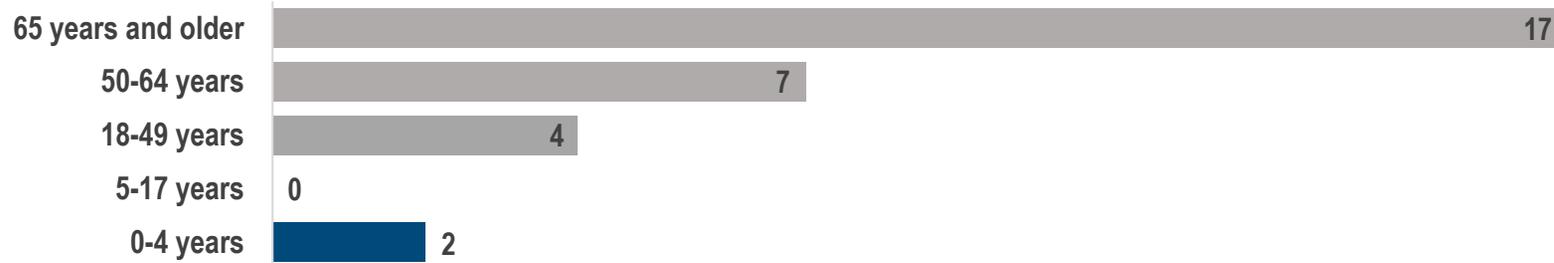


Influenza-associated hospitalizations rose sharply beginning in Week 51, peaked around Week 53, and declined rapidly thereafter.

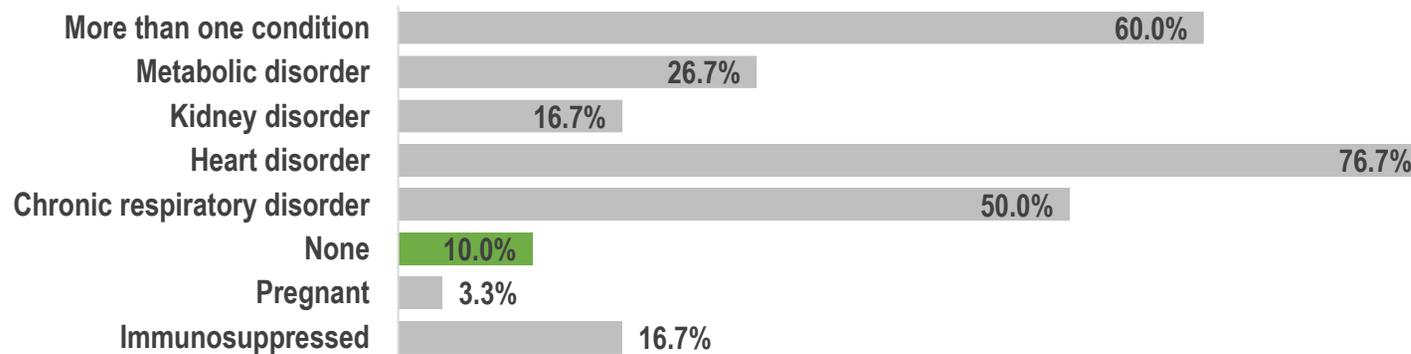


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**2 influenza-associated hospitalizations** were children under the age of 4.

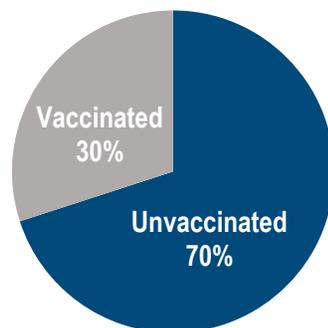


Approximately 10% of influenza-associated hospitalizations occurred in **individuals without the following underlying medical conditions.**

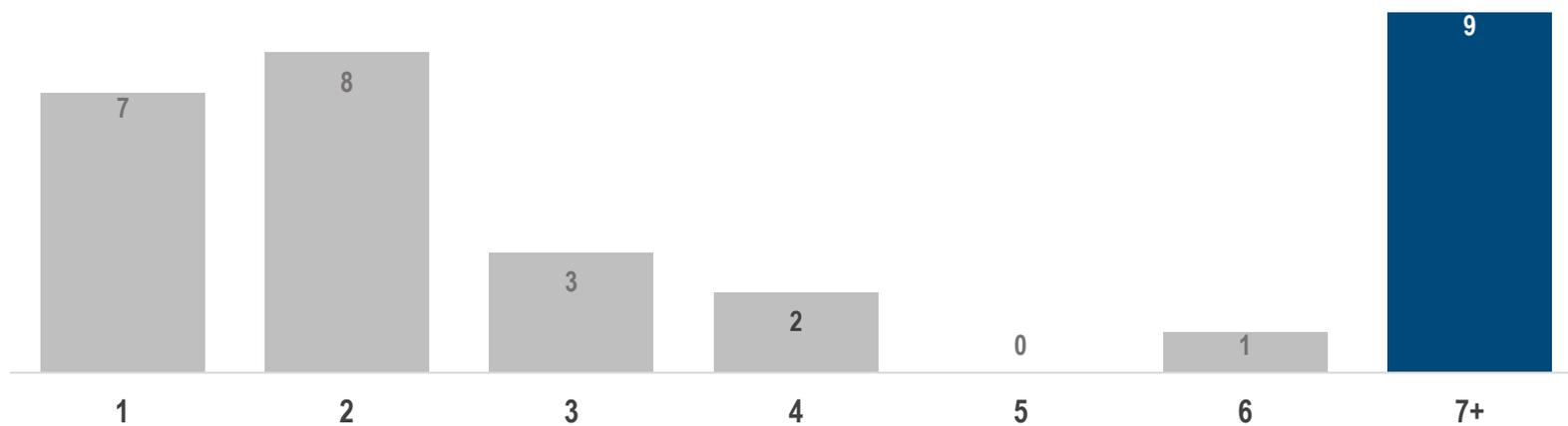


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The **majority** of hospitalized influenza cases had **no record of annual flu vaccination**.



9 influenza-associated hospitalizations required hospitalization for **7 days or more**.



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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)*