

**2023-2024 Influenza Report Summary**

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."

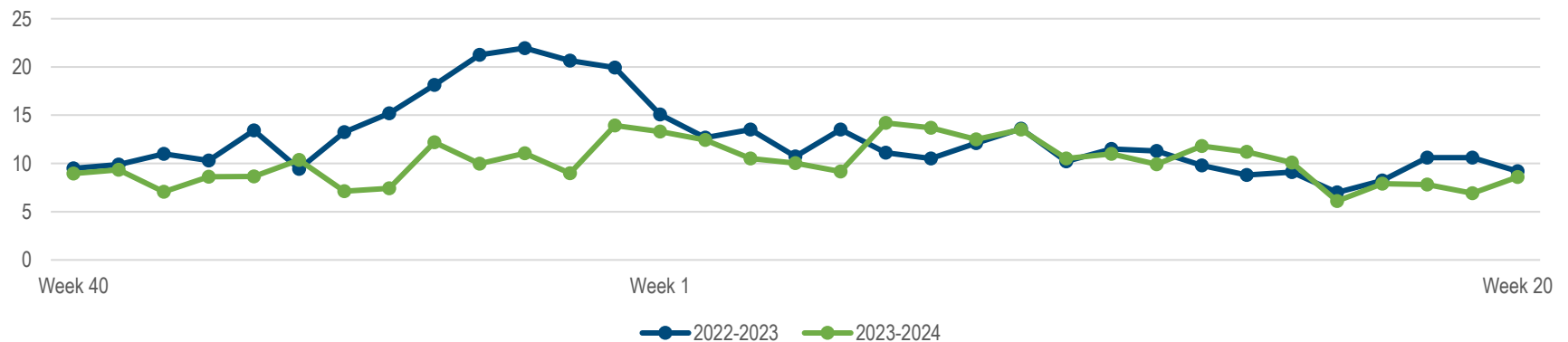
**41** Influenza Associated Hospitalizations were reported during the 2023-2024 flu season

**1** death occurred among hospitalized cases

**140** positive flu tests were reported from outpatient health care facilities

**10** positive flu tests were reported from long-term care facilities

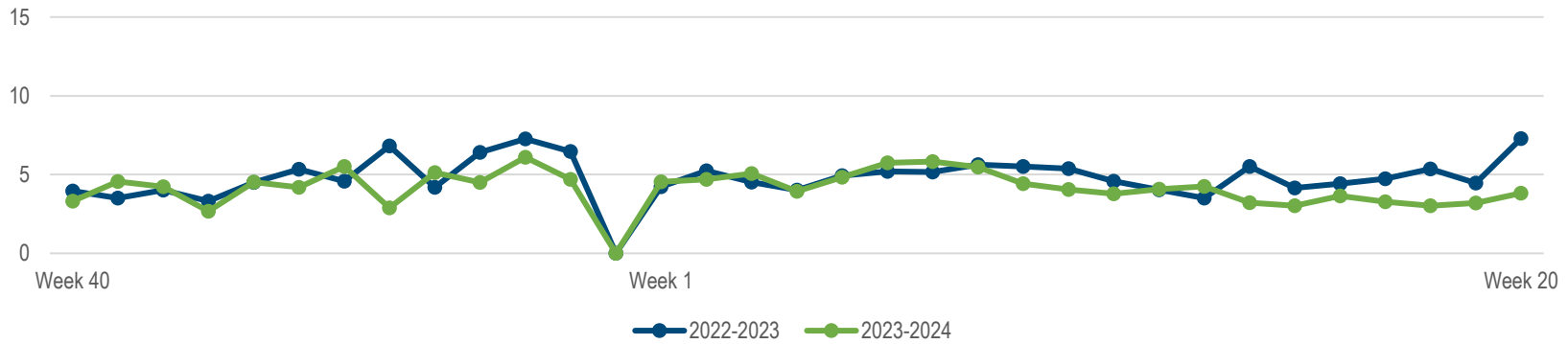
Influenza Like Illness (ILI) Emergency Department visits were **more consistent** this flu season **compared to last**



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## School absenteeism rates **remained comparable to last flu season**

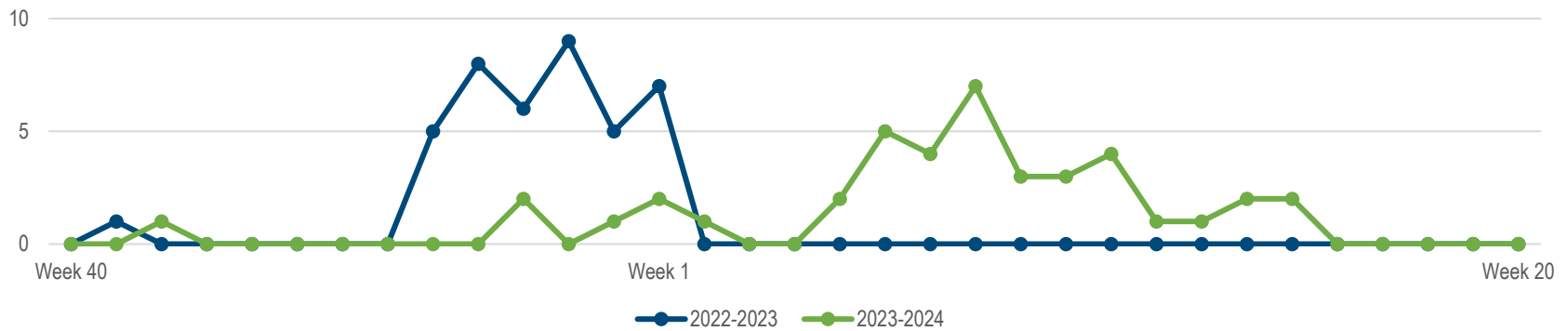
% of students absent due to illness



\*Local school districts were not in session during week 52

## The **majority of influenza associated hospitalizations occurred between Weeks 5-15**

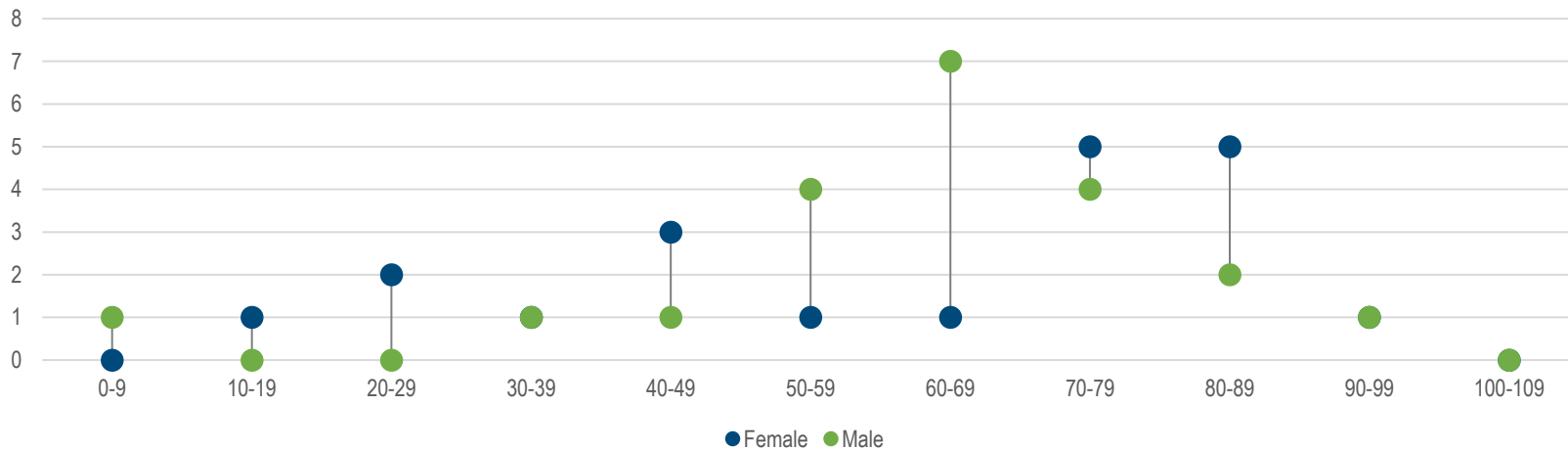
Last flu season, hospitalizations **peaked before the end of the calendar year**



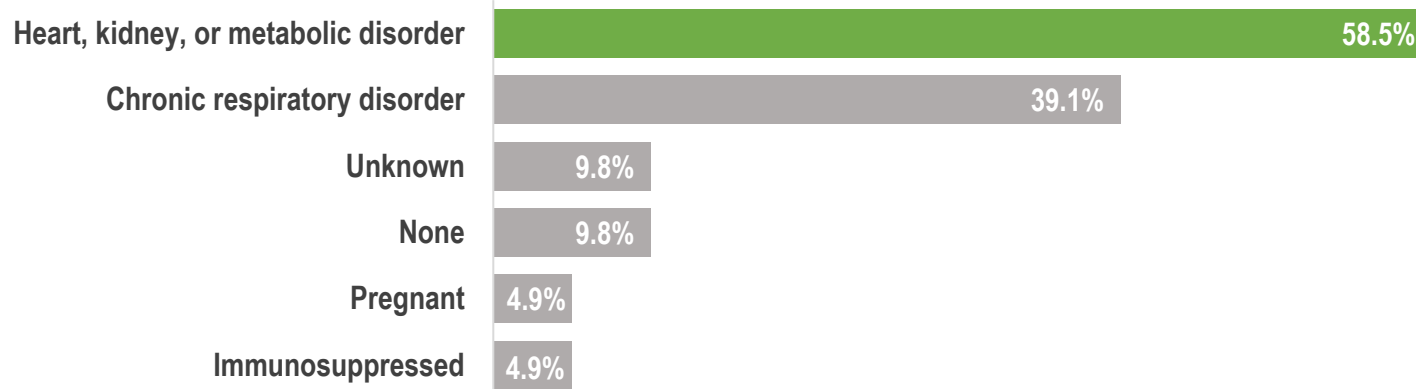
1 in 2 hospitalized flu cases are 65 years or older



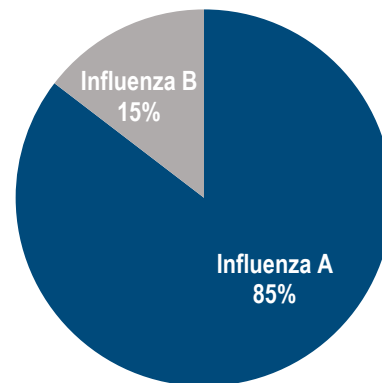
Males between 50-69 years are more likely to be hospitalized for the flu than females  
count of hospitalizations



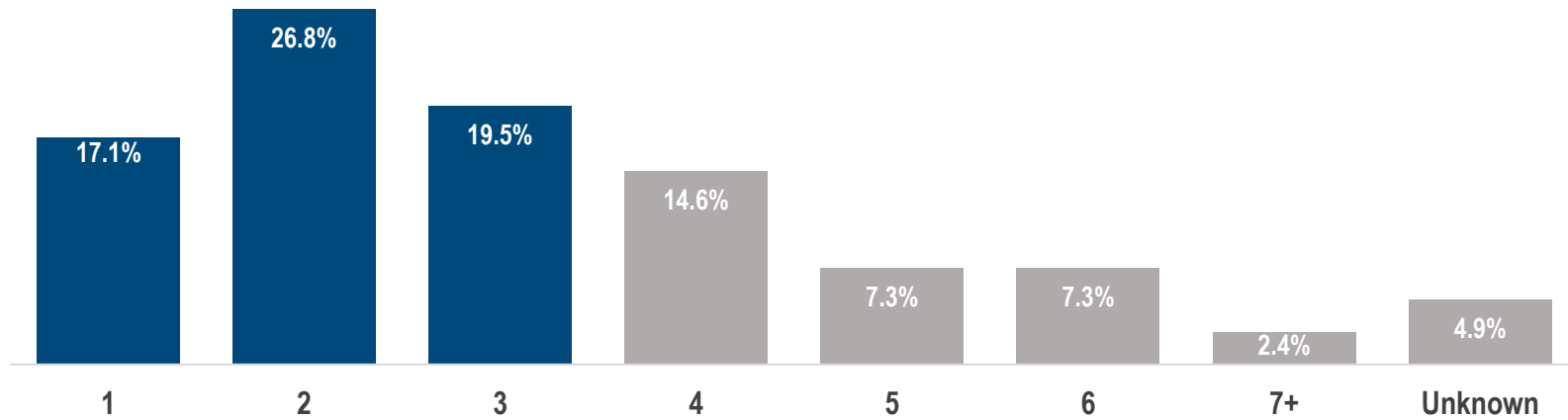
**1 in 2 hospitalized flu cases** have a heart, kidney, or metabolic disorder



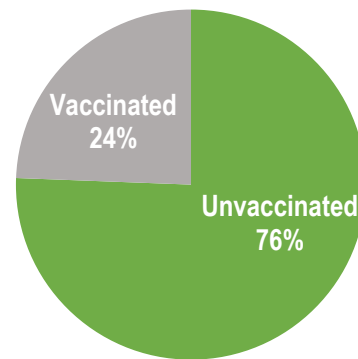
The **majority of hospitalized flu cases** tested positive for **Influenza A**



Most hospitalized flu cases were discharged **within 3 days**



**3 in 4** hospitalized flu cases **did not receive their annual flu vaccine**



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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)*