

Sandusky County 2025-2026 Flu Activity Summary

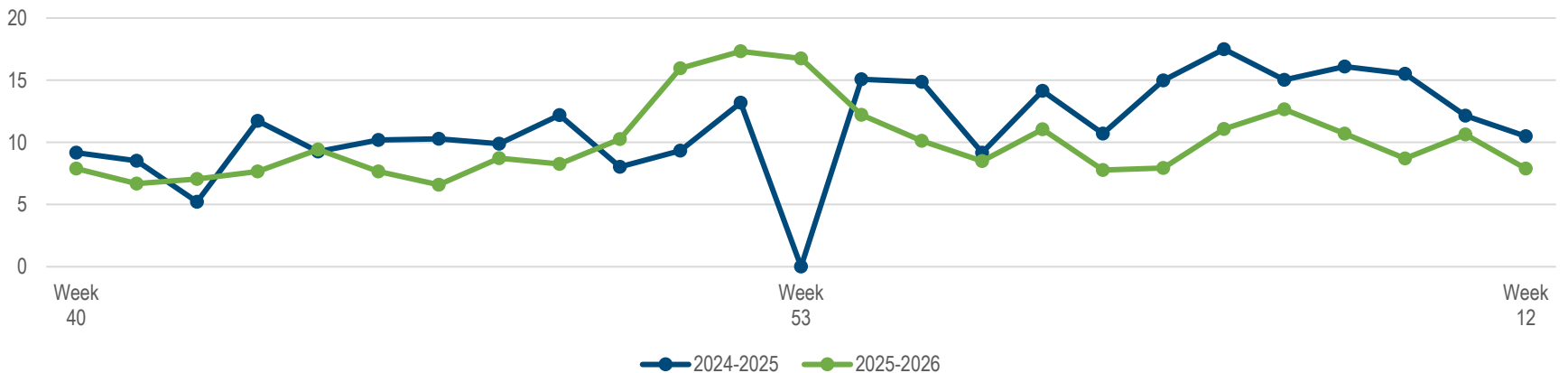
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Sandusky County Public Health (SCPH) tracks seasonal influenza activity on a weekly basis throughout the year. SCPH monitors circulating flu issues and other related data sources and provides summaries of influenza activity from October (Week 40) through 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.

3 Influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported between Weeks 9 and 12, all of which were confirmed as **Influenza A**.

Influenza-like illness emergency room visits during Weeks 9-12 were **lower compared to the same period last flu season.**



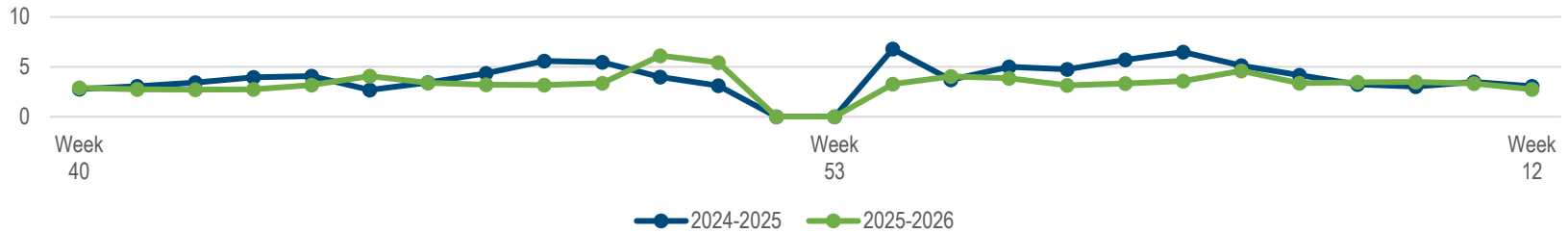
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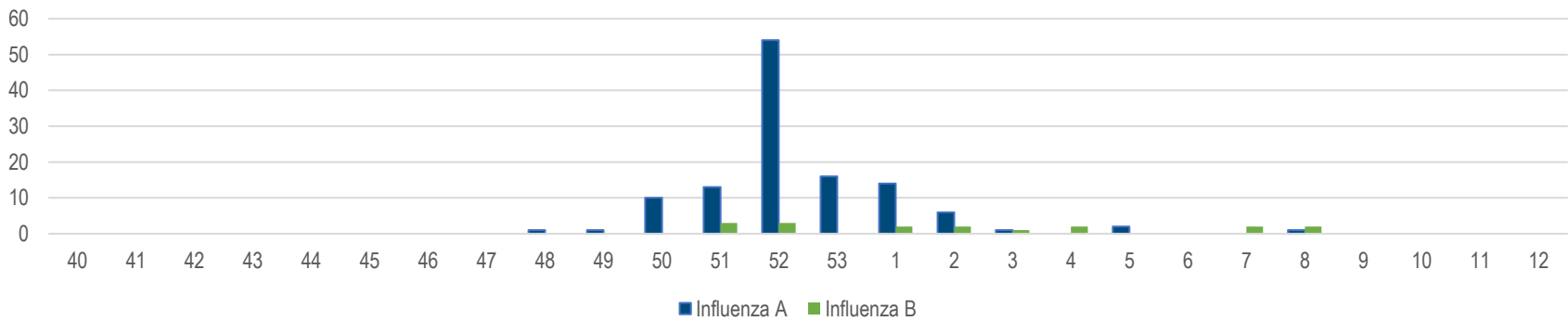
School absenteeism rates from Week 9 through Week 12 were **nearly identical** to those observed during the same period last flu season.

% of students absent due to illness



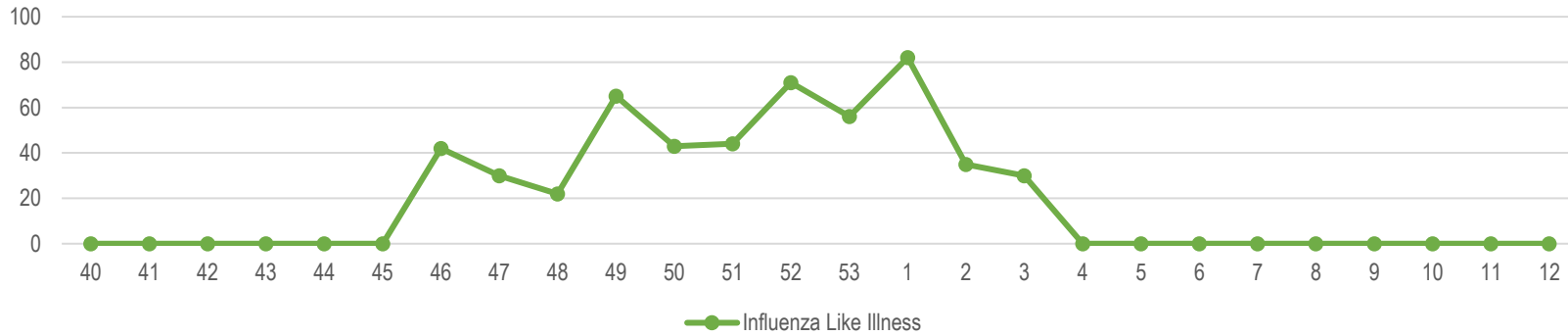
*Local school districts were not in session during weeks 52 and 53

There were **no reported outpatient cases** of Influenza in Week 9-12.

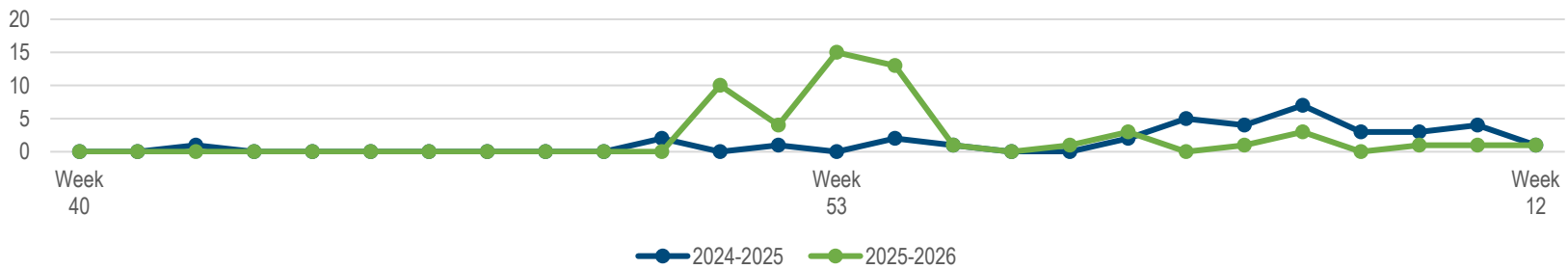


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There were **no reported outpatient cases** of ILI in Weeks 9-12.



Compared to the 2024–2025 flu season, influenza-associated hospitalizations were **lower** during Weeks 9–12 this season.

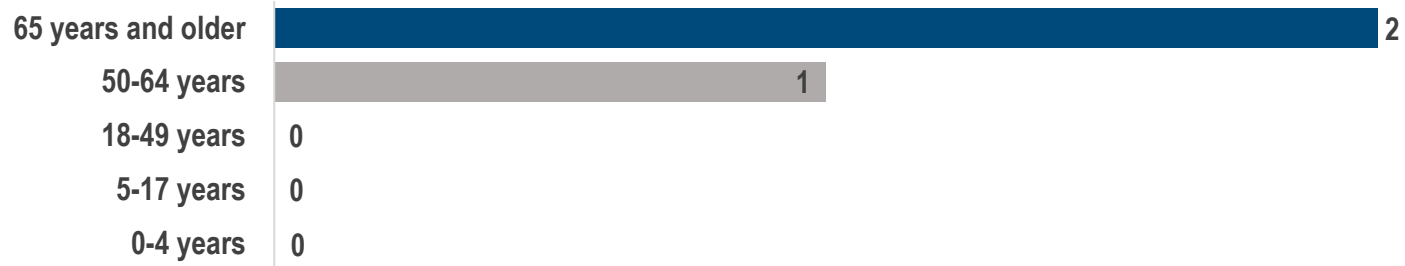


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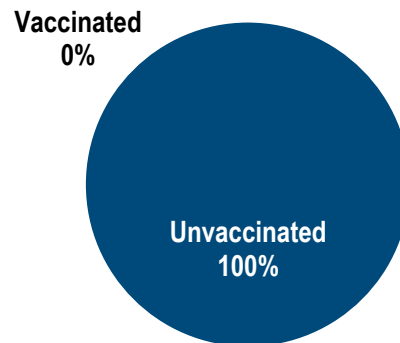
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2 of the 3 influenza-associated hospitalizations **were 65 years and older.**



None of the hospitalized influenza cases had documentation of receiving the annual flu vaccine.

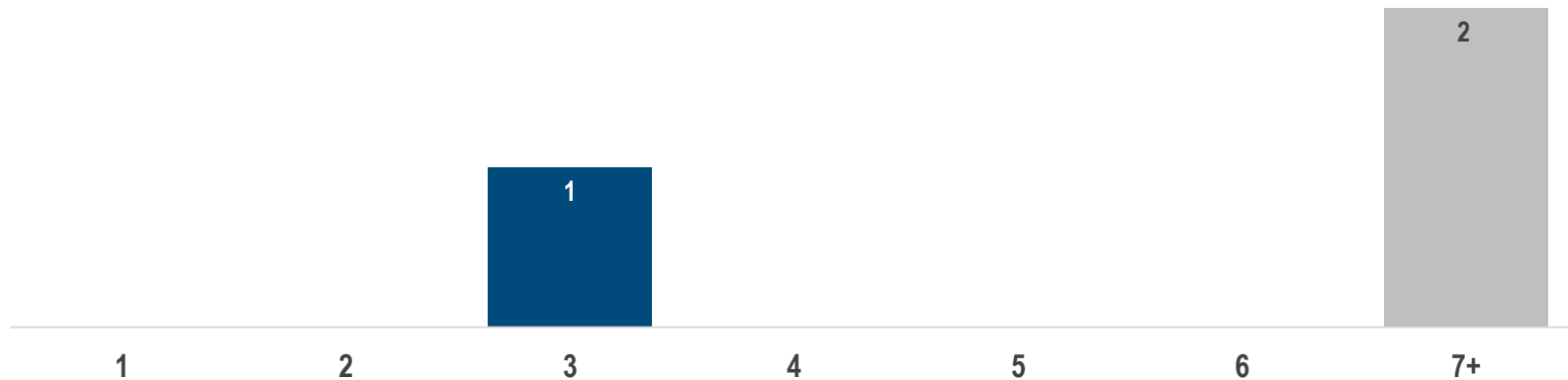


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Most of the influenza-associated hospitalizations required hospitalization for **7 days or longer**.



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)