

Respiratory Illness Report - Week ending March 9, 2024

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Overview

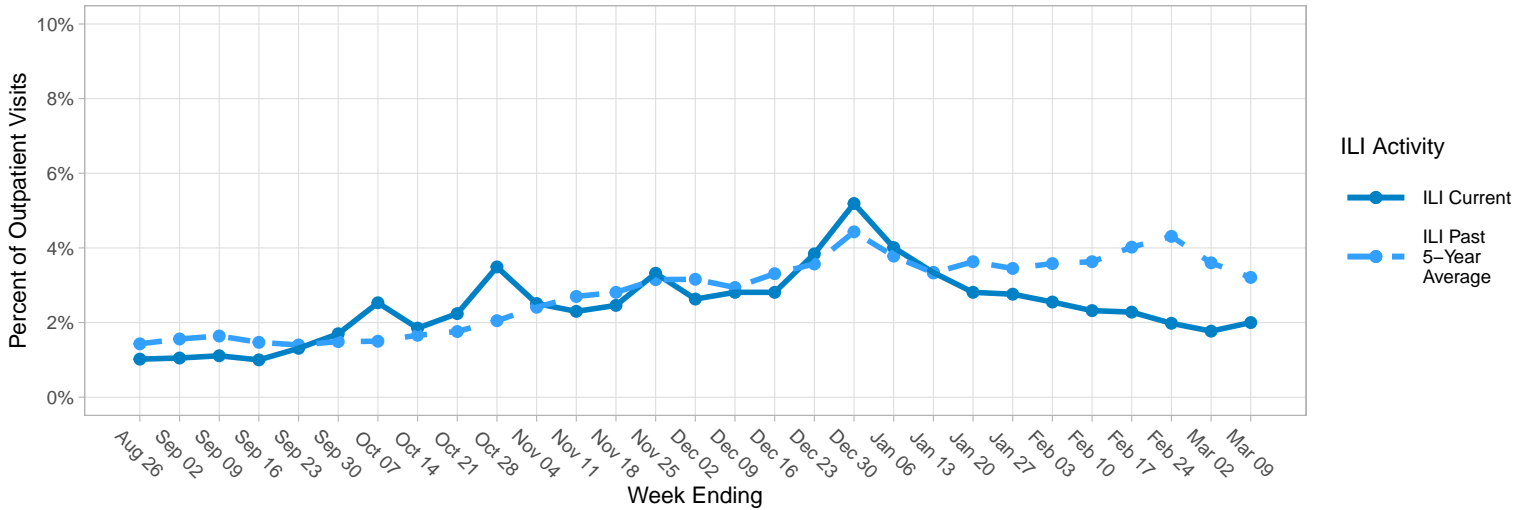
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently announced a change to COVID-19 isolation guidance, creating recommendations for respiratory illnesses in general. It is written from a broad perspective and focuses primarily on ways that individuals in the general public can protect themselves and others from a variety of common respiratory viruses, such as influenza, COVID-19, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). This guidance does not apply to healthcare facilities, or sections of facilities where healthcare is provided.

For more information, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/prevention/index.html>

Influenza-Like Illness

Graph 1 displays the weekly percentage of outpatient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI). For comparison, the dashed line shows the previous 5-year average (2018-2022) of ILI activity. This week's ILI rate was 2%.

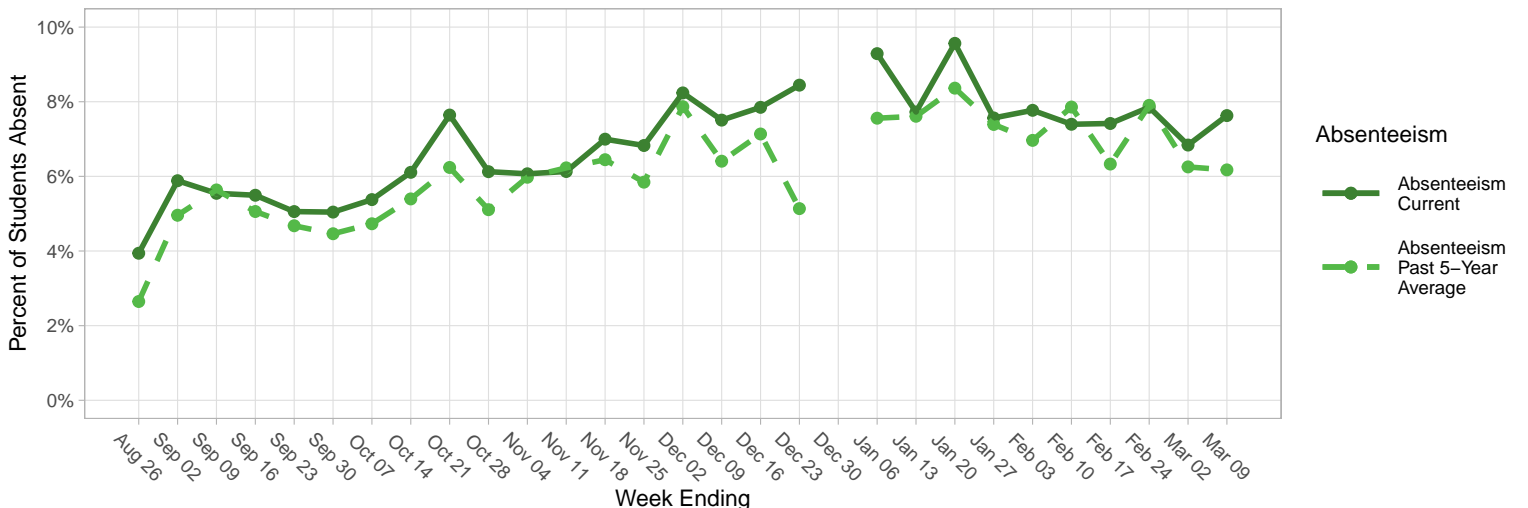
Graph 1. Percent of Outpatient Visits due to Influenza-Like Illness, by Week, Davis County, Utah



School Absenteeism

Graph 2 displays the weekly percentage of elementary school absenteeism in Davis School District. For comparison, the dashed line shows the absenteeism rate of the previous 5 school years (school years beginning 2018-2022). This week's absenteeism rate was 7.6%.

Graph 2. Percentage of Elementary School Absenteeism, by Week, Davis School District, Utah



Emergency Department Visits

Graph 3 displays the rolling 7 day average of the percent of emergency department (ED) visits due to COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). These data are obtained from syndromic surveillance and only consider the diagnosis discharge codes for each condition. Table 1 presents two data points for each virus: the current trend of ED visits (increasing, decreasing, or no change), and the percent of ED visits due to each during the currently reported week.

Graph 3. Percent of ED Visits due to COVID-19, Influenza, & RSV, Rolling 7-day Average, Davis County, Utah

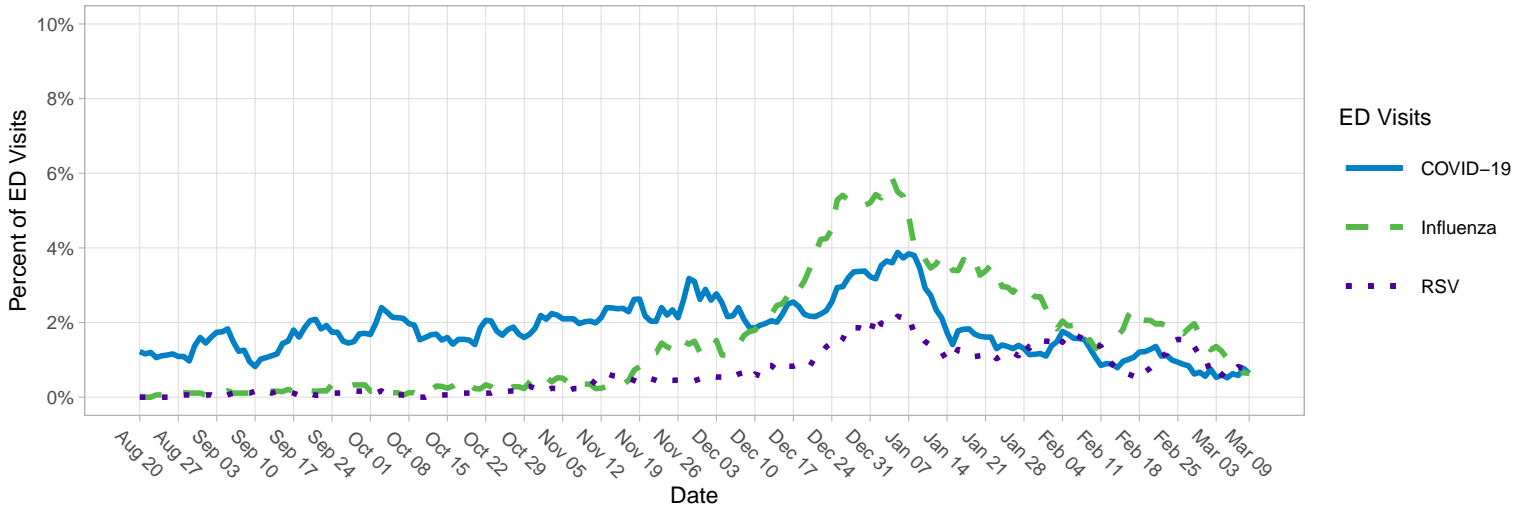


Table 1: Recent Trends of ED Visits, Davis County, Utah, for Week Ending Mar 09, 2024

Virus	Trend	Percent of ED Visits
COVID-19	Plateau/no trend (last 14 days)	0.6 %
Influenza	Decreasing (last 14 days)	0.6 %
RSV	Decreasing (last 14 days)	0.9 %

Hospitalizations

Graph 4 displays the weekly number of hospitalizations due to COVID-19 and influenza.

Graph 4. Number of Hospitalizations due to COVID-19 & Influenza, Davis County, Utah

