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Weekly Respiratory Surveillance Report

October 18, 2026 – October 24, 2026 (MMWR Week 43)

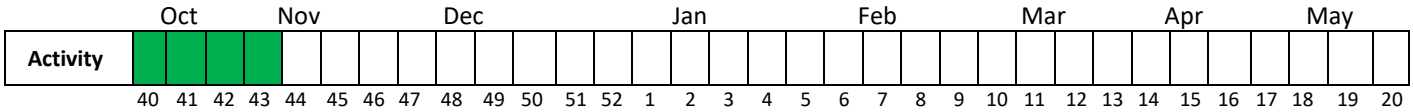
Highlights

Respiratory activity this week is ***Minimal***
There were 3 hospitalizations in Erie County residents
Erie County dominant flu type: ***Influenza A (H1)***

Respiratory Illness in Ohio

Respiratory Outbreaks in Ohio

Respiratory Activity and Distribution in Ohio per MMWR Week



Respiratory Activity for Ohio				
Minimal	Low	Moderate	High	Very High

Respiratory activity in Ohio is *Minimal* for Week 41

Respiratory illness activity is monitored using the acute respiratory illness (ARI) metric. ARI captures a broad range of diagnoses from emergency department visits for respiratory illnesses, from the common cold to severe infections like influenza, RSV and COVID-19. It captures illnesses that may not present with fever, offering a more complete picture than the previous influenza-like illness (ILI) metric.

Visit: **https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/data/index.html** for more Ohio Respiratory Data Statistics.

Influenza in Erie County

Ohio Disease Reporting System: Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations per Week			
Week 43 Activity Level	**Week 42 Activity Level**	**Number of Weeks for Trend**	**Week 43 Last Year (2025)**
2	0	▲ 0	0

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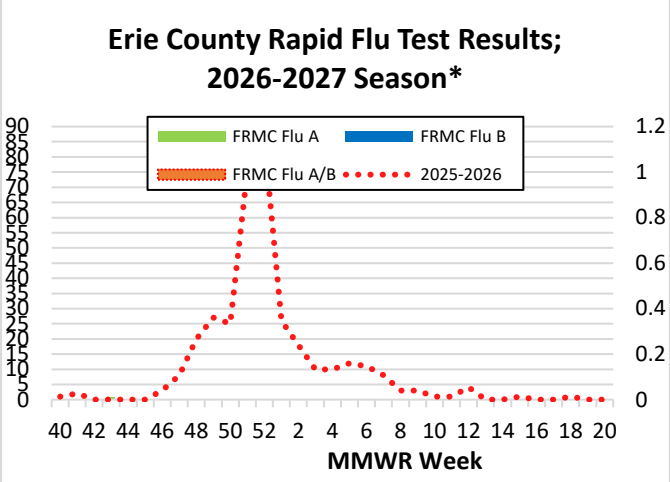
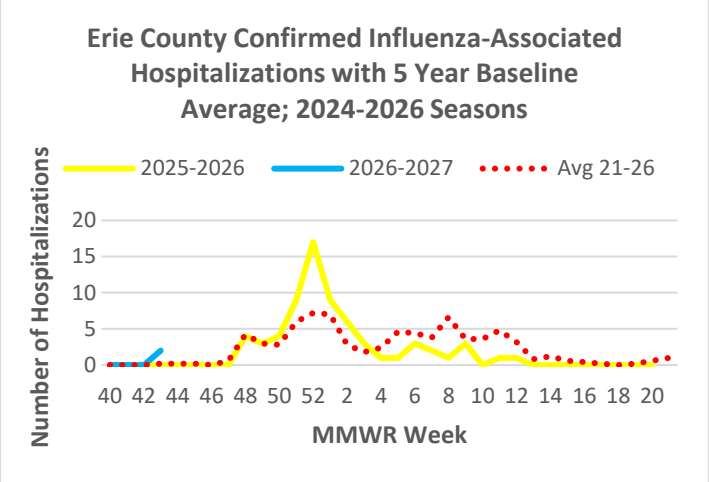
Ohio Disease Reporting System: Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations per Season		
2024-2025	**2025-2026**	**2026-2027 (to date)**
166	87	2





COVID-19 in Erie County

Ohio Disease Reporting System: COVID-19-Associated Hospitalizations per Week			
Week 43 Activity Level	**Week 42 Activity Level**	**Number of Weeks for Trend**	**Week 43 Last Year (2025)**
1	1	● 0	0

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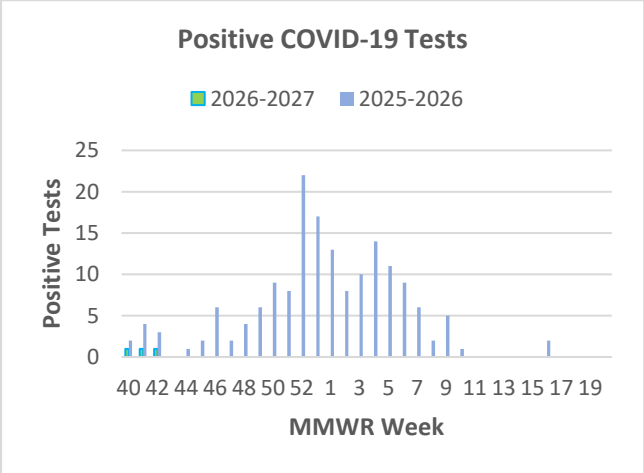
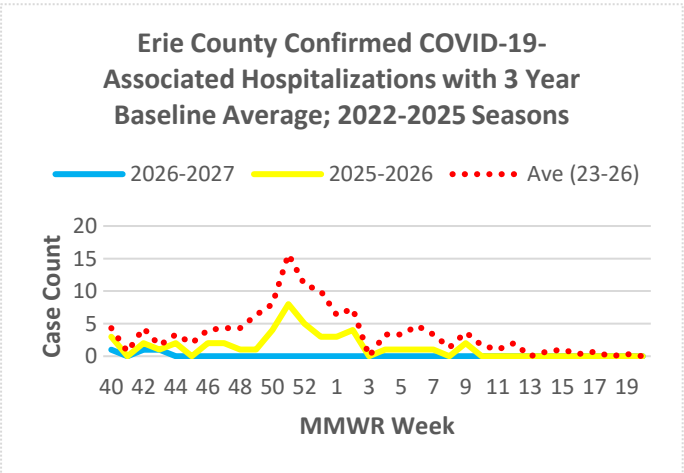
Ohio Disease Reporting System: COVID-19-Associated Hospitalizations per Year		
2025	**2026 (to date)**	**2027 (to date)**
70	25	0





RSV in Erie County

Ohio Disease Reporting System: RSV-Associated Hospitalizations per Week			
Week 43 Activity Level	**Week 42 Activity Level**	**Number of Weeks for Trend**	**Week 43 Last Year (2025)**
0	0	● 3	0

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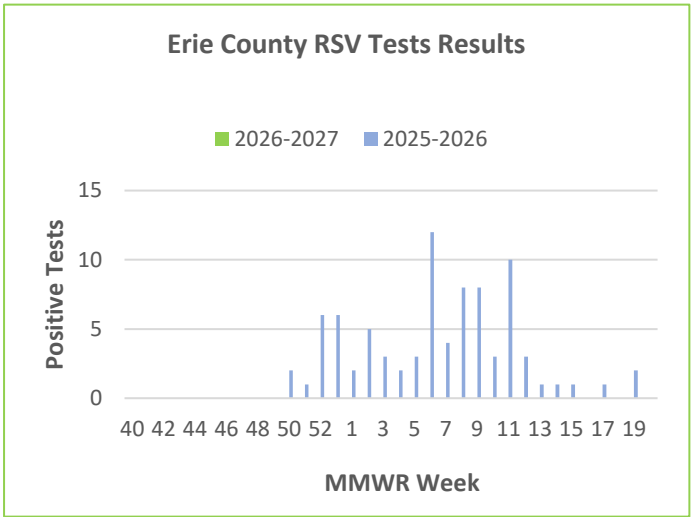
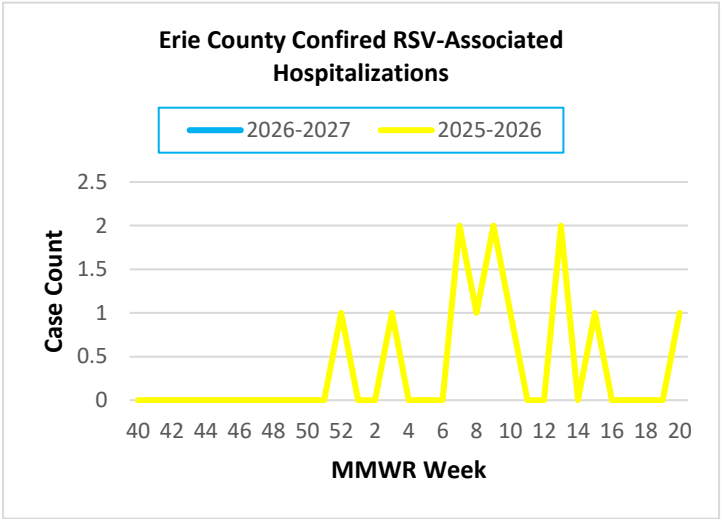
Ohio Disease Reporting System: RSV-Associated Hospitalizations per Season		
2025	**2026 (to date)**	**2027 (to date)**
3	10	0





EpiCenter: Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Fever + ILI Symptom Complaints			
Week 43 Activity Level	**Week 41 Activity Level**	**Number of Weeks for Trend**	**Week 43 Last Year (2025)**
8	11	▼ 0	7

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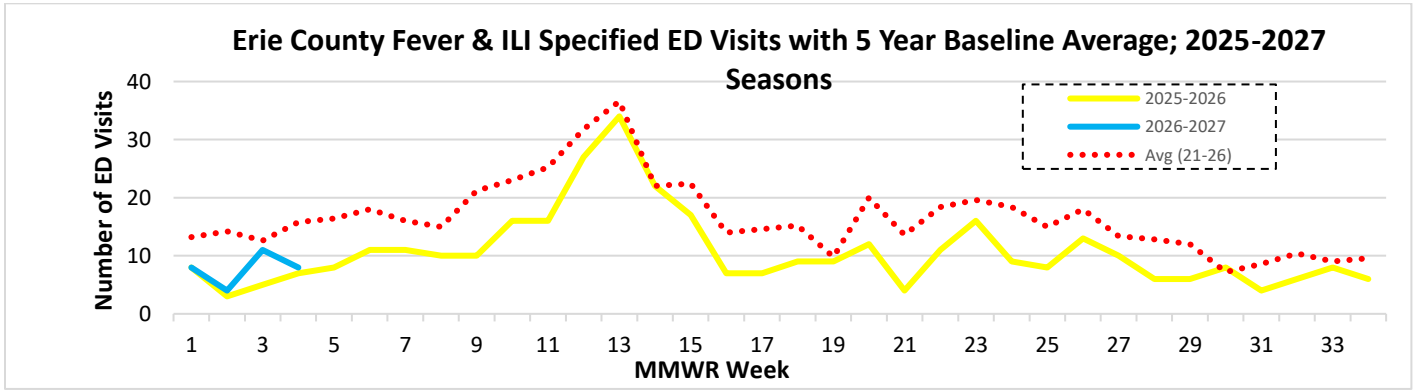

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