



City of Appleton

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Meeting Agenda - Final Board of Health

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

7:00 AM

Council Chambers, 6th Floor

1. Roll call of membership
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 1. [24-0176](#) February 14th, 2024 Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Attachments: [2.14.24_BoardOfHealthMeetingMinutes.pdf](#)
4. **Public Hearing/Appealances**
5. **Action Items**
 1. [24-0241](#) Environmental Health Pool Fees
Attachments: [2024.03.06_EHPoolMemo_0.pdf](#)
 2. [24-0249](#) Amendment to Rodent Control Article III
Attachments: [2024.03.07_Amendment to Rodent Control Article III_0.pdf](#)
[0103 - Rodent Control Article III \(2024 update\).pdf](#)
6. **Information Items**
 1. [24-0243](#) Mental Health Information Series: Beth Clay presents "Mind Your Wellness" Data
 2. [24-0238](#) Respiratory Virus Surveillance and Waste Water Report
Attachments: [03.2024_RespiratoryVirusSurveillanceandWasteWaterReport_0.pdf](#)
 3. [24-0242](#) New Noise Variances
Attachments: [Mar2024_BOH_ApprovedNoiseVariances.pdf](#)
 4. [24-0240](#) Health Department Newsletter
Attachments: [March 2024 Newsletter_0.pdf](#)

7. Adjournment

Notice is hereby given that a quorum of the Common Council may be present during this meeting, although no Council action will be taken.

Reasonable Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities will be made upon Request and if Feasible.



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Meeting Minutes - Final-revised Board of Health

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7:00 AM

Council Chambers, 6th Floor

1. Call meeting to order

Chairperson Spears calls the meeting to order at 7:04am.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll call of membership

Present: 6 - Spears, Fuchs, Werth, Kane, Alderperson Meltzer and Alderperson Jones

Excused: 2 - Vogel and Mayor Woodford

4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

*Alderperson Jones moved, seconded by Alderperson Meltzer, that the December Meeting Minutes be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:
approved*

Aye: 6 - Spears, Fuchs, Werth, Kane, Alderperson Meltzer and Alderperson Jones

Excused: 2 - Vogel and Mayor Woodford

1. [24-0108](#) December 2023 Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [12.13.23BoardOfHealthMeetingMinutes.pdf](#)

5. **Public Hearing/Appearances**

None

6. **Action Items**

1. [24-0114](#) EHR Vendor Recommendation

Attachments: [2024.02_EHRVendorRecommendation.pdf](#)

Speaker: Sonja Jensen, Deputy Director, Nursing Supervisor

Speaker: Dr. Charles Sepers, Health Officer

Spears moved, seconded by Alderperson Meltzer, that the EHR Vendor be recommended for approval. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

recommended for approval

Aye: 6 - Spears, Fuchs, Werth, Kane, Alderperson Meltzer and Alderperson Jones

Excused: 2 - Vogel and Mayor Woodford

2. [24-0115](#) BOTS Grant Acceptance Recommendation

Attachments: [2024.02_BOTSMemo_a.pdf](#)

Speaker: Sonja Jensen, Deputy Director, RN Supervisor

Spears moved, seconded by Alderperson Meltzer, that the BOTS Grant Acceptance be recommended for approval. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

recommended for approval

Aye: 6 - Spears, Fuchs, Werth, Kane, Alderperson Meltzer and Alderperson Jones

Excused: 2 - Vogel and Mayor Woodford

7. **Information Items**

1. [24-0116](#) Mental Health Information Series: Beth Clay, Executive Director of N.E.W. Mental Health Connection

Attachments: [CityofApp.BoardofHealth.Feb.2024.pdf](#)

Speaker: Beth Clay, Executive Director of N.E.W. Mental Health Connection

2. [24-0111](#) 2023 Q4 Report

Attachments: [Q4 2023 Quarterly Report 0.pdf](#)

Speaker: Dr. Charles Sepers, Health Officer

Speaker: Sonja Jensen, Deputy Director, Nursing Supervisor

3. [24-0113](#) Respiratory Virus Surveillance and Waste Water Reporting

Attachments: [Feb2024_RespiratoryVirusSurveillanceAndWasteWaterReport.pdf](#)

Speaker: Dr. Charles Sepers, Health Officer

4. [24-0110](#) Dangerous Animal Declarations

Attachments: [01.15.24_DangerousAnimalDeclaration_Tony.pdf](#)

Speaker: Dr. Charles Sepers, Health Officer

5. [24-0109](#) New Noise Variances

Attachments: [2024_NewApprovedNoiseVariances_FebBoH.pdf](#)

6. [24-0112](#) Health Department Newsletters

Attachments: [January 2024 Newsletter_0.pdf](#)
[February 2024 Newsletter_0.pdf](#)

Speaker: Dr. Charles Sepers, Health Officer

8. Adjournment

*Aldersperson Meltzer moved, seconded by Werth, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:02am. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:
adjourned*

Aye: 6 - Spears, Fuchs, Werth, Kane, Aldersperson Meltzer and Aldersperson Jones

Excused: 2 - Vogel and Mayor Woodford

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To: Board of Health

From: Charles E Sepers, Jr, PhD, MPH, Health Officer, and Director

Date: March 3, 2024

SUBJECT: Ensuring Local Jurisdiction Compliance with Revised Pool License Categories per Wisconsin Administrative Code

In response to the recent revisions in the pool license categories outlined within the Wisconsin Administrative Code (ATCP 76), this memo serves to highlight the necessity for our local jurisdiction to align with the newly established standards. These changes aim to elevate the safety and operational efficacy of aquatic facilities, thus safeguarding public health.

The Wisconsin Administrative Code has been updated to include more distinct classifications for pools, such as swimming pools, spas, wading pools, and special purpose pools. This reclassification aims to tailor regulatory oversight and safety protocols more accurately to the variety of aquatic environments operated within our jurisdiction, among other changes.

To ensure compliance with the recent changes to Wisconsin Administrative Code ATCP 76, we have implemented the following action plan:

1. Assessment of New Pool Categories:

- Conducted a detailed review of the new pool categories to understand the scope and characteristics of each category. This served as the foundation for a fair and equitable fee structure.

2. Evaluation of Current Fee Structure:

- Analyzed the current fee structure for pool licensing and inspections to identify any discrepancies or areas that may require adjustment to accommodate the redefined categories.

3. Development of Revised Fee Schedule:

- Developed a revised fee schedule that reflected the operational complexities and safety requirements associated with each new pool category.

Previous License Fee Categories:

- Public Swimming Pool \$686.00
- Public Whirlpool \$686.00
- Water Attraction \$728.00
- Water Attraction with Up To 2 Slides \$770.00

Proposed License Categories for ATCP 76 Compliance:

- Pool – Complex \$720.00
- Pool - Complex with Features \$770.00
- Pool – Moderate \$690.00
- Pool - Moderate with Features \$740.00
- Pool – Simple \$660.00
- Pool - Simple with Features \$710.00

Budgetary Impact

The budgetary impact of compliance is negligible. Based on the current (2024-2025) fee schedule, the pool license fees were projected to create \$20,230 in revenue. The proposed, ATCP 76 compliant, schedule would produce \$20,320 in revenue.

Recommended Action

Staff recommend the adoption of the proposed fee structure for pools. The adoption of the proposed fee structure will guarantee statutory compliance with the Wisconsin Administrative Code ATCP 76 and will have no net impact on the 2024 budget, already approved by Appleton Common Council.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Charles E Sepers, Jr, PhD, MPH
Health Officer | Director
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To: Board of Health

From: Charles E Sepers, Jr, PhD, MPH, Health Officer, and Director

Date: March 3, 2024

Subject: Amendment to Rodent Control Article III - Removal of Health Department Responsibility for Rat Infestation Mitigation

Dear Board Members,

I am writing to inform you of the proposed amendments to Article III of our rat control regulations, focusing on rodent control within the City. These changes are pivotal in updating our approach to rat infestation management and clarifying the responsibilities of property owners and managers in these scenarios.

The primary amendment involves the removal of the Health Department's responsibility for baiting and exterminating rats on residential premises. Historically, upon verification of rat infestation, the Health Department was tasked with placing bait outside structures to exterminate rats. The revised regulation shifts this responsibility entirely to property owners or managers, requiring them to address and exterminate any rat infestations found on their premises. This change aims to enhance efficiency in managing rat populations by involving property stakeholders directly in the mitigation efforts, while preserving the Health Department's authority to address rodent infestations within the City through the issuance of orders and fees in the event of violation.

This change also eliminates the need for Health Department staff to maintain the Certified Pest Control Operator credential, resulting in an operational savings to the City. Additionally, by shifting the responsibility of mitigating rat infestation to property owners, this also eliminates the need for purchasing, maintaining, and storing restricted use pesticides. These chemicals are costly and increase the City's liability of injury. Eliminating the need for buying and storing these pesticides constitutes an additional opportunity for cost savings to the City. Further, the frequency of which the Department has responded in accordance with Sec. 7-70 has been low and does not warrant further maintenance of this capability.

The rationale behind these changes is to streamline the process of rat infestation management by making property owners more accountable for maintaining their premises free from rat harborage and ensuring swift action is taken to mitigate any infestations. By removing the Health Department's direct involvement in baiting and extermination, we aim to allocate our resources more effectively towards oversight, compliance, and education on rodent control practices.

We believe that these amendments will significantly contribute to a more effective and sustainable rat control strategy within our city. Your support in implementing these changes is crucial for their success.

Please feel free to reach out if you require further details or have any questions regarding the proposed amendments.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CES', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles E Sepers, Jr, PhD, MPH
Health Officer | Director
Appleton Health Department

ARTICLE III. RODENT CONTROL*

Sec. 7-66. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Hardware cloth means wire screening of such thickness and spacing as to afford reasonable protection against the entrance of rats and mice.

Owner or manager. Any person in actual possession of or charge, care or control of any property within the City shall be deemed the owner or manager of such property. When an entire premises or building is occupied as a place of business, the person in charge of such business shall be considered the owner or manager.

Rat harborage means any place where rats can live without fear of frequent molestation or disturbance.

Ratproof container means a container constructed of concrete or metal, or lined with metal or other material, that is impervious to rats. Openings into the container such as doors shall be tight fitting to prevent the entrance of rats.

Ratproofing means closing openings in building foundations and openings under and around doors, windows, vents and other places which could provide means of entry for rats with concrete, sheet iron, hardware cloth or other types of ratproofing material approved by the Health Officer.

(Code 1965, §7.12(1))

Cross reference(s) – Definitions and rules of construction generally, §1-2.Administration, Ch. 2; Board of Health, §2-76 et seq.; boards, committees, commissions, §2-51 et seq., Buildings and building regulations, Ch. 4; nuisances, Ch. 12.

Sec. 7-67. Elimination of rat harborages.

Whenever accumulation of rubbish, boxes, lumber, scrap metal, car bodies or any other materials provide rat harborage, the person owning or in control of such materials shall cause the materials to be removed, or the materials shall be stored as to eliminate the rat harborage. Lumber, boxes and similar materials shall be neatly piled. These piles shall be raised at least one (1) foot above the ground. When the owner of the materials cannot be found after reasonable search, the owner or manager of the premises on which the materials are stored shall be responsible for disposal or proper piling of the materials.

(Code 1965, §7.12(2))

Sec. 7-68. Elimination of rat feeding places.

No person shall place or allow to accumulate any materials that may serve as food for rats in a site accessible to rats. Any waste material that may serve as food for rats shall be stored in ratproof containers. Feed for birds shall be placed in raised platforms or such feed shall be placed where it is not accessible to rats.

(Code 1965, §7.12(3))

Sec. 7-69. Ratproofing of buildings.

(a) **Generally.** The owner or manager of any building in the City shall make such building reasonably ratproof, replace broken basement windows and, when necessary, cover the basement window opening with hardware cloth or other suitable material for preventing rats from entering the building through such window openings.

(b) **Sheds, barns and similar buildings.** The owner or manager of any premises upon which sheds, barns, coops or similar buildings are located shall eliminate the rat harborages from within and under such buildings by ratproofing, raising the buildings above the ground, or by some other suitable method, or such sheds, barns, coops or other buildings shall be razed.

(Code 1965, §7.12(5))

Sec. 7-70. Extermination.

(a) **Residential premises.** Whenever rat holes, burrows, or other evidence of rat infestation are found on any residential premises within the city, the Health Department shall be notified of existing conditions. Upon verification of such conditions, the Health Officer, or designee, shall notify the owner or owners of the infested premises of the infestation and make such orders as necessary to exterminate the rats. ~~Whenever rat holes, burrows or other evidence of rat infestation are found on any residential premises within the City, the Health Department shall be notified of existing conditions. Upon verification of conditions, the Health Department will be responsible for placing bait outside the structure for the extermination of rats.~~

(b) **Other premises.** Whenever rat holes, burrows, or other evidence of rat infestation are found on any ~~other~~ premises or building within the ~~City~~city that is not included in subsection (a), the owner or manager of such property shall exterminate the rats. Within fourteen (14) days after extermination, the owner or manager shall cause all of the rat holes or burrows in the ground to be filled with earth or other suitable material.

(c) **Penalty for violation of this section.**

Any person who violates any provision of this section, including any lawful orders issued by the Health Officer or designee, shall forfeit not less than \$50, plus the cost of the action. Each violation and each day that a violation continues or occurs shall constitute a separate offense. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the City from maintaining any other appropriate action or actions to prevent and/or remove a violation of this article.

(Code 1965, 7.12(4))

Sec. 7-71 Interpretation of article.

Nothing in this article shall be construed or interpreted to in any way impair or limit the authority of the City to define or declare nuisances or of the Inspection Supervisor or the Health Department to cause the removal or abatement of nuisances, summary proceedings, or other applicable orders or proceedings.

Secs. 7-~~71~~72 – 7-99. Reserved.

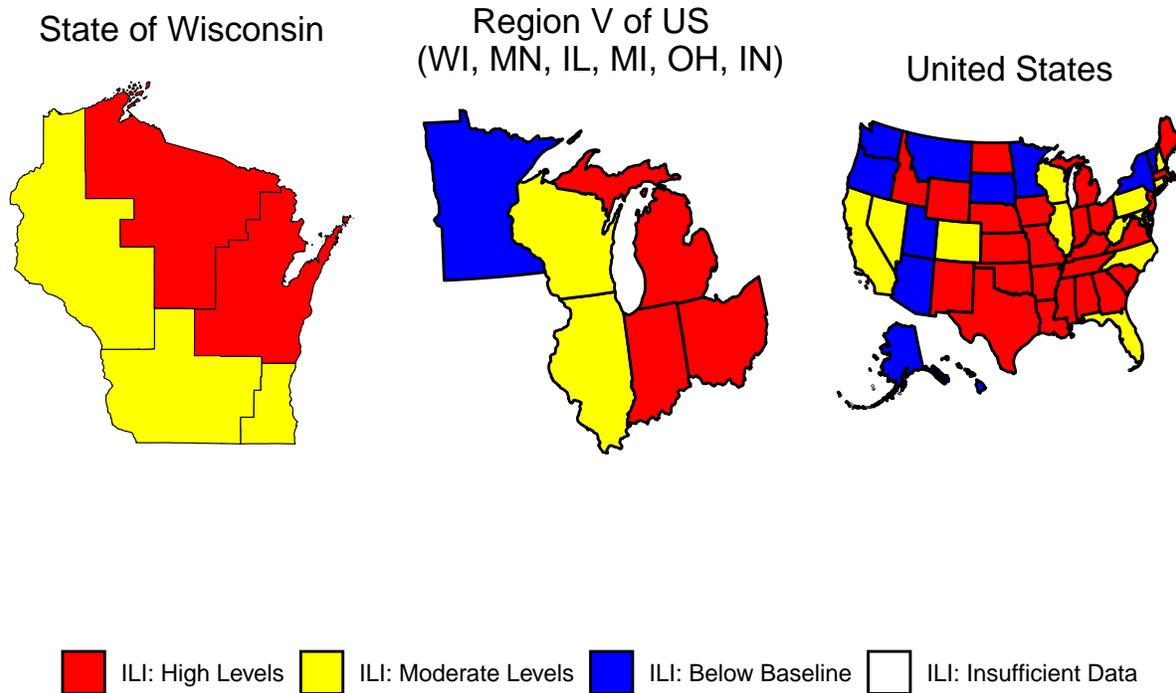


Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report

Week 8, Ending February 24, 2024

Wisconsin Department of Health Services | Division of Public Health |
Bureau of Communicable Diseases | Communicable Diseases Epidemiology Section |
www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/dph/bcd.html | dhsdphbcd@dhs.wi.gov

Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Activity



Weekly Respiratory Virus Data, At-A-Glance

Predominant virus of the week:

Influenza

Key Messages:

- Influenza-like illness activity is at moderate or high levels in every region of Wisconsin and influenza is the predominant virus of the week.
- While influenza activity is increasing, RSV and COVID-19 are decreasing.
- Influenza A and B are co-circulating, but the proportion of influenza infections due to influenza B is increasing.
- The 5th pediatric death due to RSV this season was reported last week.

Influenza-associated pediatric deaths reported:

	Week 8, 2024	Since September 3
<i>Wisconsin</i>	0	0
<i>Nationwide</i>	2	93

For National US influenza surveillance statistics visit: www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Respiratory Virus and Pneumonia-Associated Mortality

Percent of deaths associated with influenza, RSV, COVID-19, or pneumonia by week, Vital Records



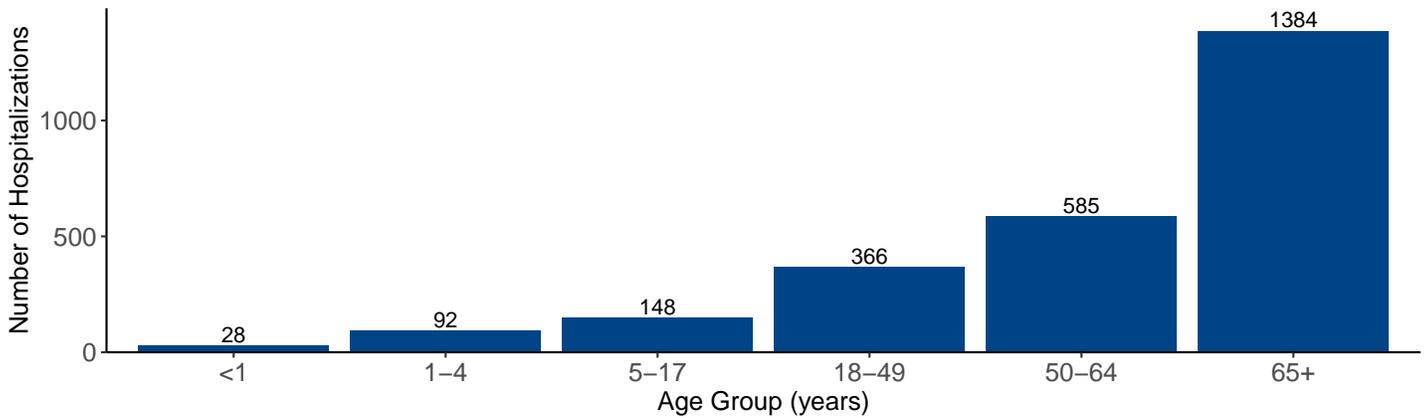
Respiratory virus and pneumonia associated deaths by most recent 3-week period, Vital Records

Season week	Pneumonia (P)	Influenza (I)	COVID-19 (C)	RSV (R)	P, I, C or R	Percent PICR of all
6	73	9	26	4	96	8%
7	61	10	26	4	87	8%
8	46	6	18	0	62	7%

Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations

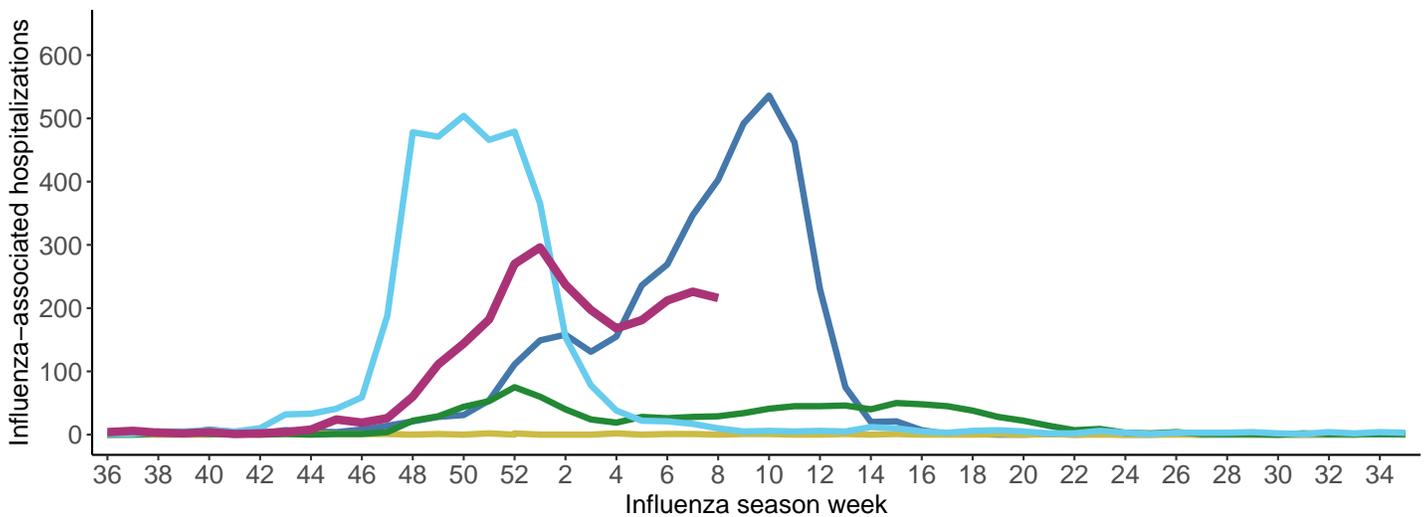
Influenza-associated hospitalizations by age group, WEDSS

September 3, 2023 to present



Weekly influenza-associated hospitalizations by influenza season, WEDSS

— 2019–2020 — 2020–2021 — 2021–2022 — 2022–2023 — 2023–2024

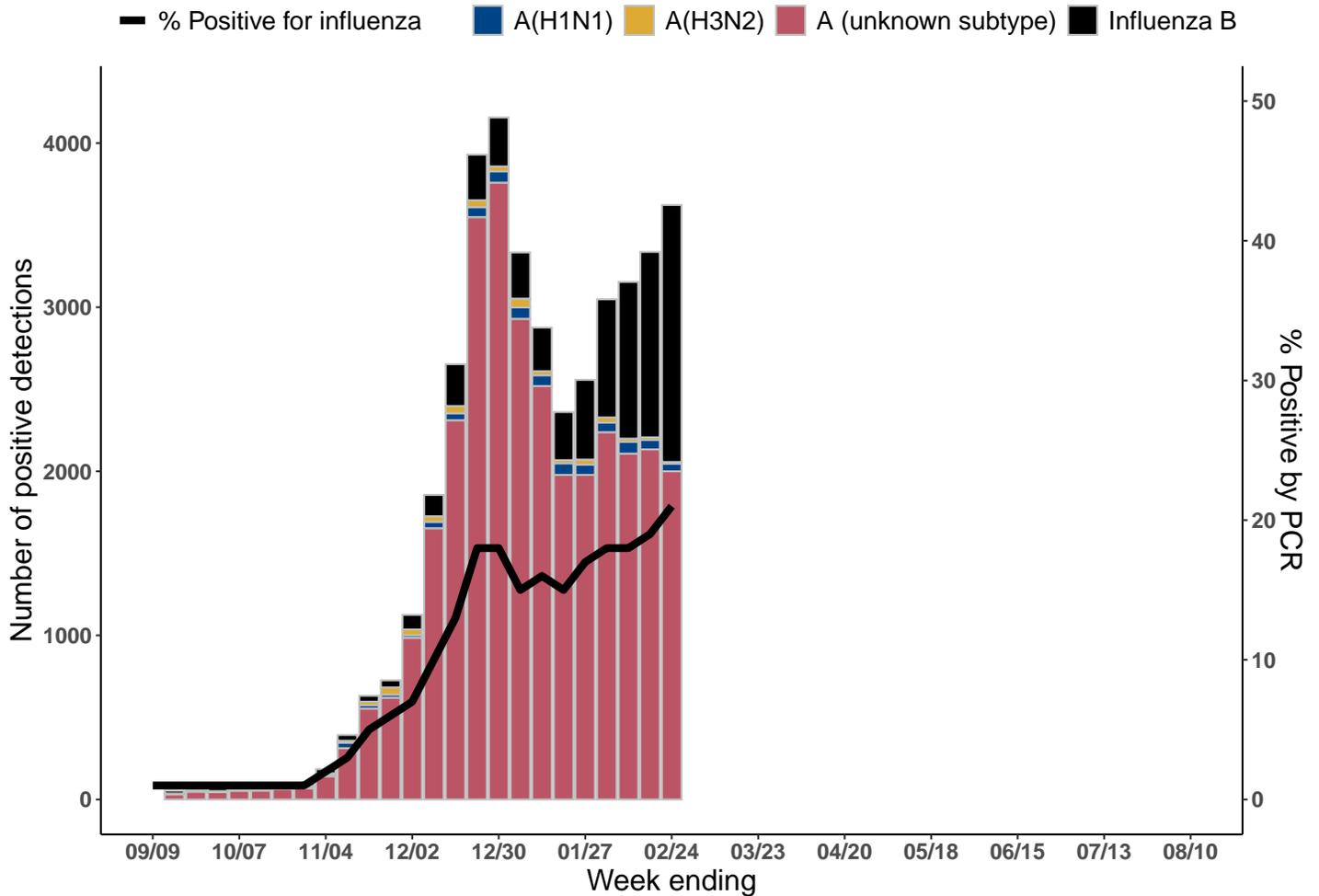


Influenza Season	Cumulative Hospitalizations Through Week 8	Entire Season
2019-2020	2153	4002
2020-2021	17	28
2021-2022	491	1021
2022-2023	3491	3609
2023-2024	2603	-

These data are preliminary and subject to change as more information is received.

Wisconsin Laboratory Surveillance

Wisconsin positive influenza results and subtypes by PCR, NREVSS

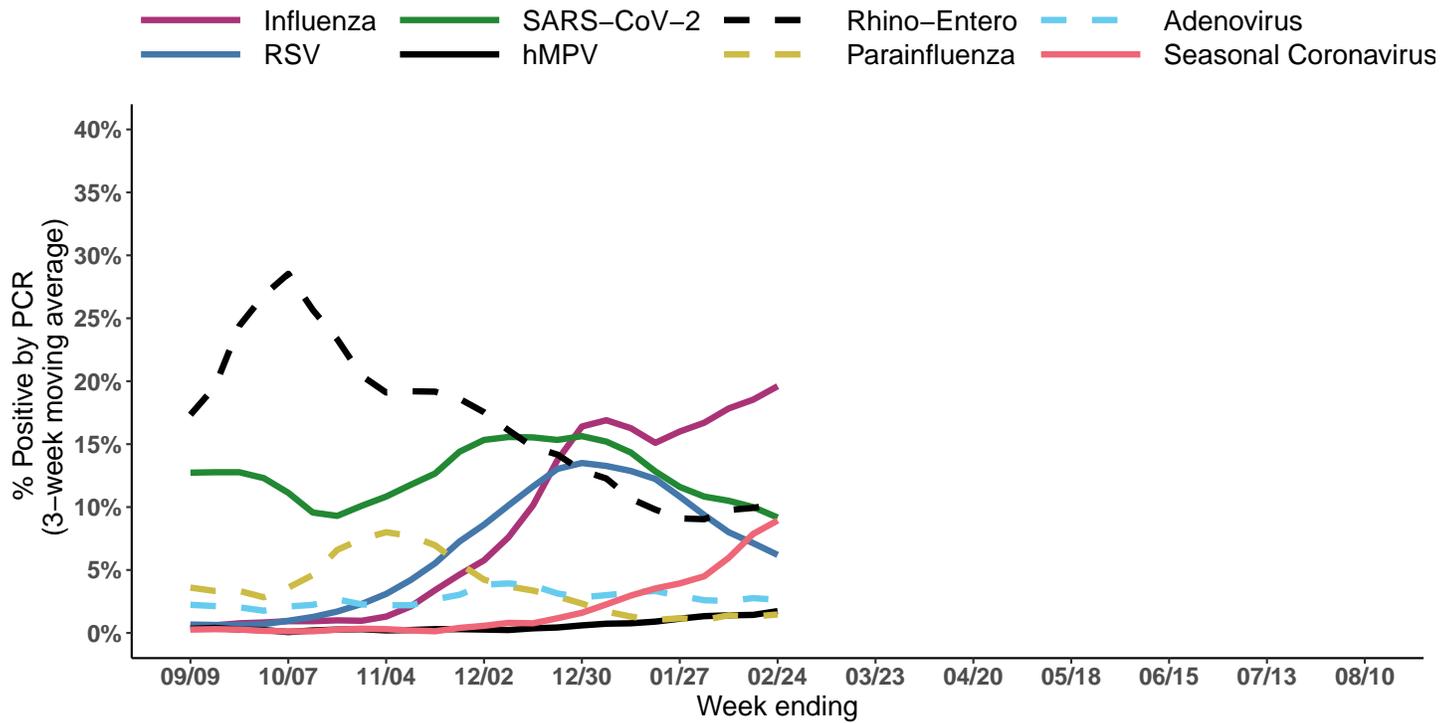


Cumulative number of positive influenza PCR tests by subtype, NREVSS September 3, 2023 to present

Measure	Influenza A(H1N1)pdm2009	Influenza A(H3N2)	Influenza A Unknown	Influenza B	Total
Total positive (n)	884	495	32130	7019	40528
% of total positive	2%	1%	79%	17%	100%

Wisconsin Laboratory Surveillance for Respiratory Viruses

Percent positivity of respiratory viruses tested by PCR, NREVSS



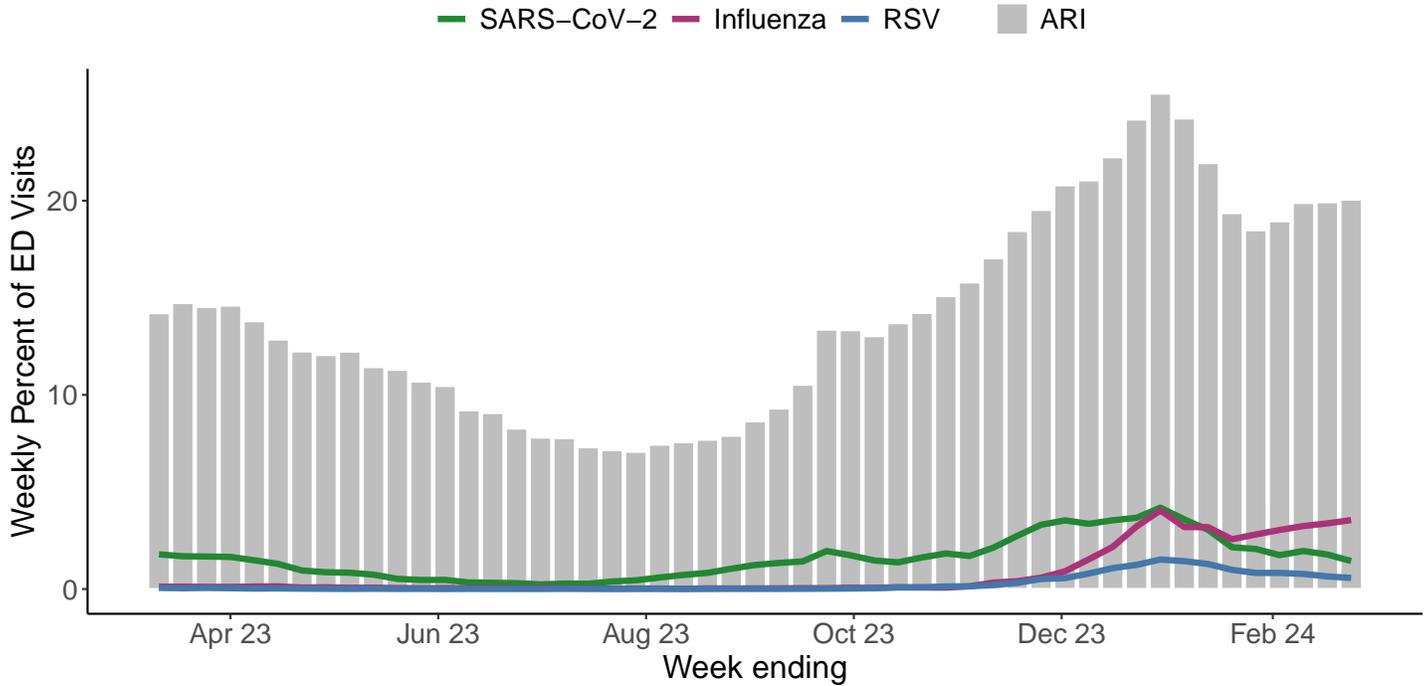
Number and percent positivity of respiratory viruses tested by PCR, NREVSS
Week 8, Ending on February 24, 2024

Respiratory virus	Tested	Positive (n)	Positive (%)	H3N2	2009 H1N1	Unknown	Influenza B
Influenza	17,274	3,623	21%	10	47	2,000	1,566
Respiratory virus	Tested	Positive (n)	Positive (%)	Parainfluenza 1	Parainfluenza 2	Parainfluenza 3	Parainfluenza 4
Parainfluenza	1,035	12	1.2%	1	0	7	4

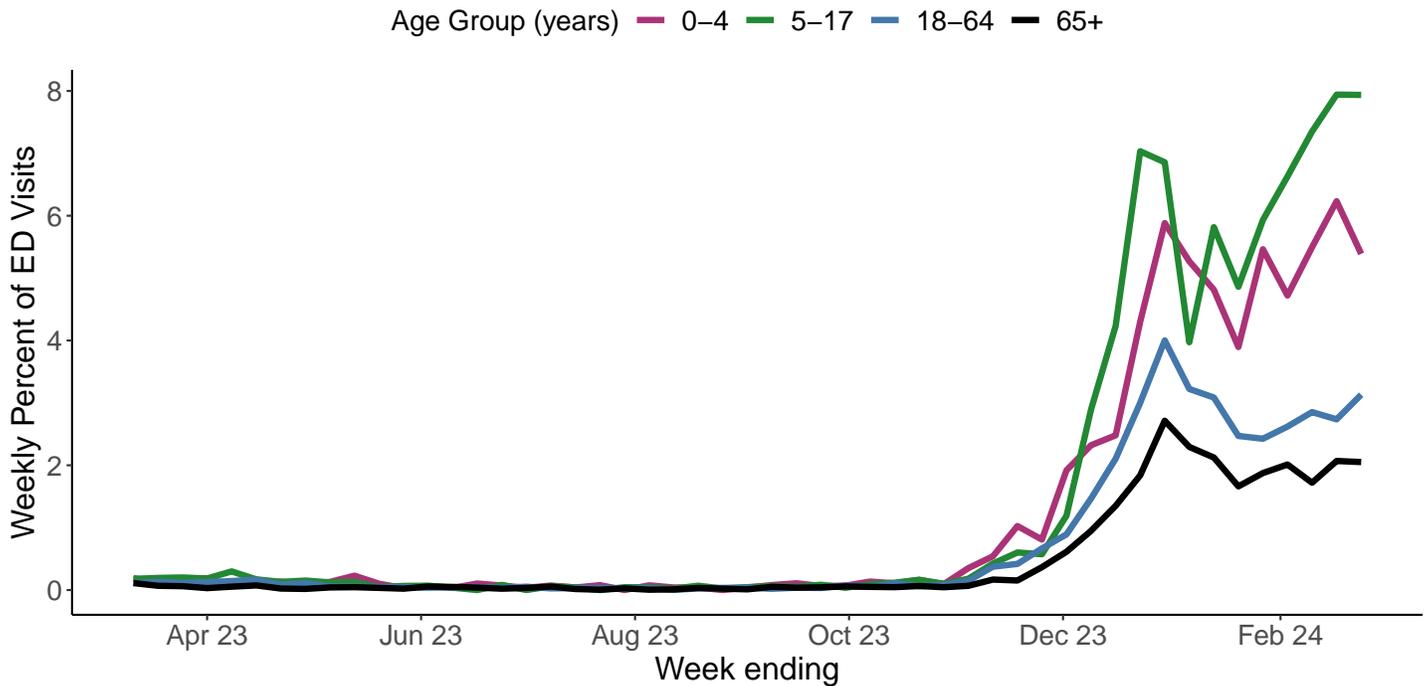
Respiratory virus	Tested	Positive (n)	Positive (%)
Respiratory Syncytial Virus	13,075	683	5.2%
Adenovirus	985	23	2.3%
Seasonal Coronavirus	973	87	8.9%
HMPV	983	21	2.1%
Rhinovirus/Enterovirus	1,603	168	10.5%
COVID-19	18,108	1,421	7.8%

Respiratory Virus Activity in the Emergency Department (ED)

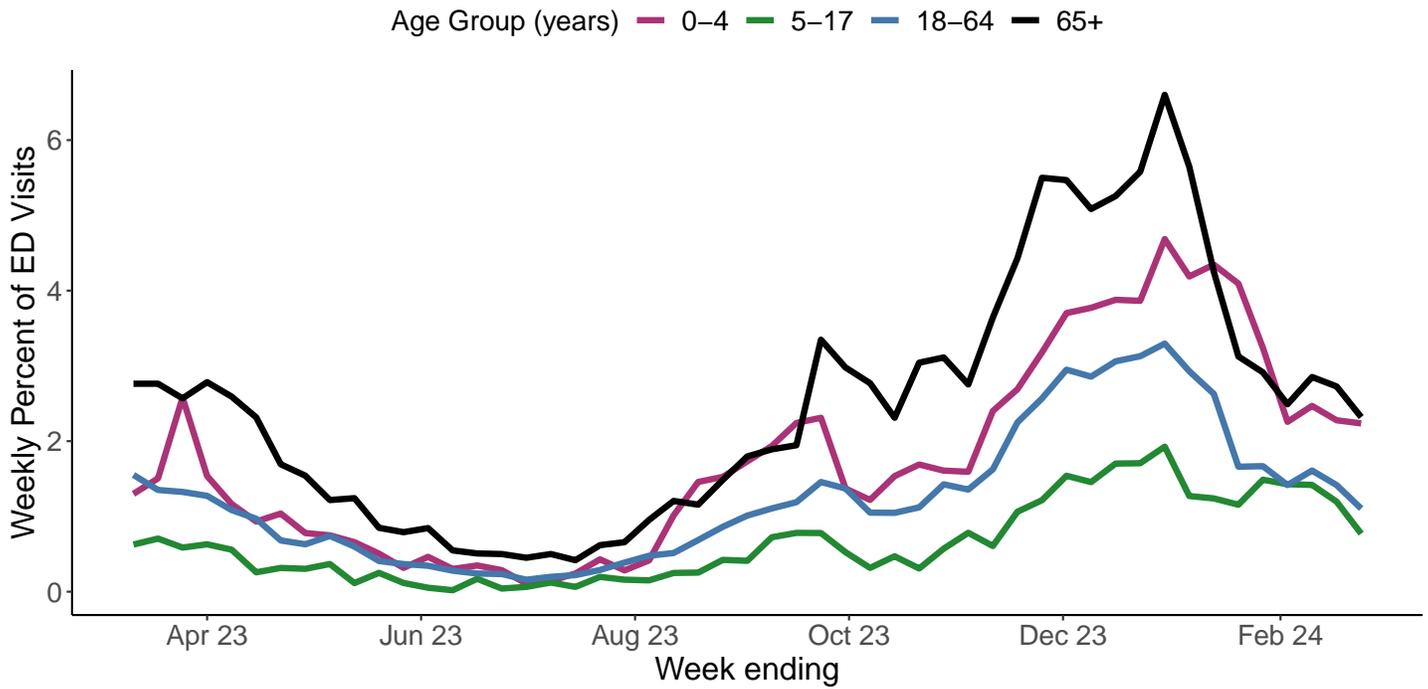
Percent of ED visits with a diagnosis for a respiratory virus or acute respiratory infection (ARI), NSSP



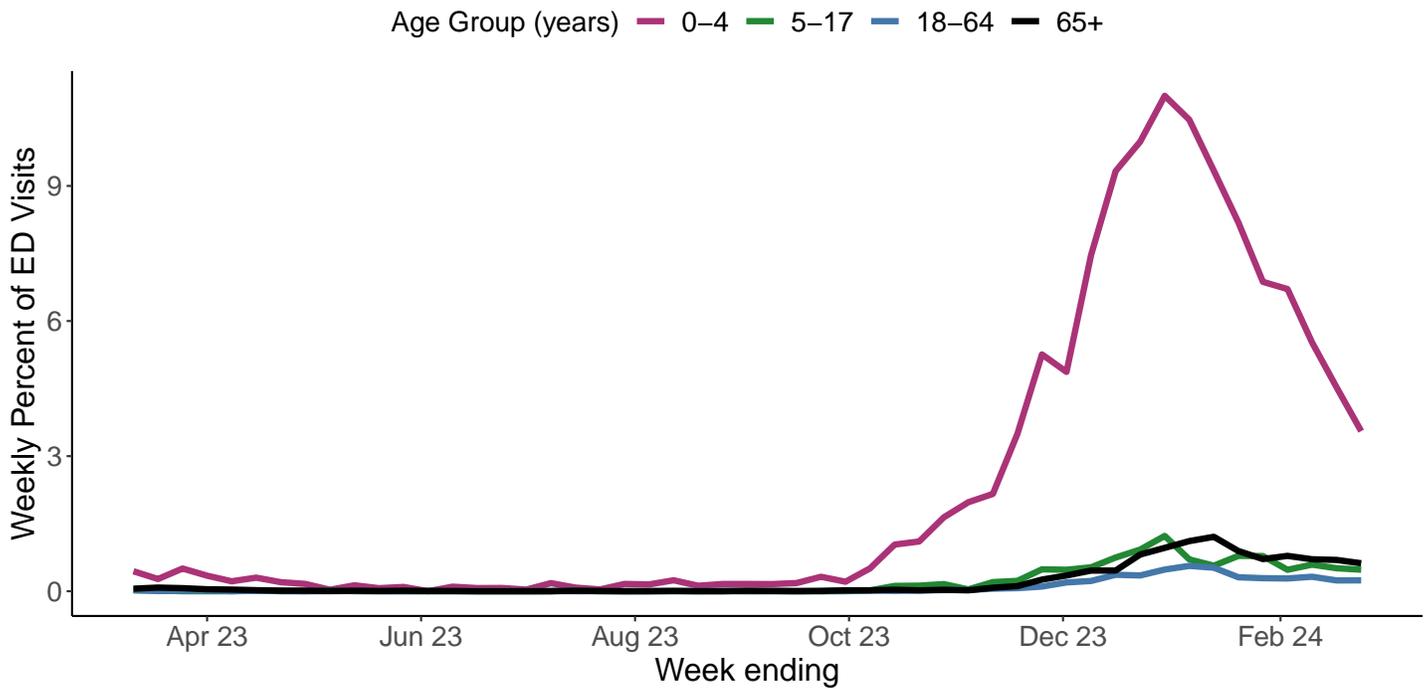
Percent of ED visits with a diagnosis for influenza by age group, NSSP



Percent of ED visits with a diagnosis for SARS-CoV-2 by age group, NSSP

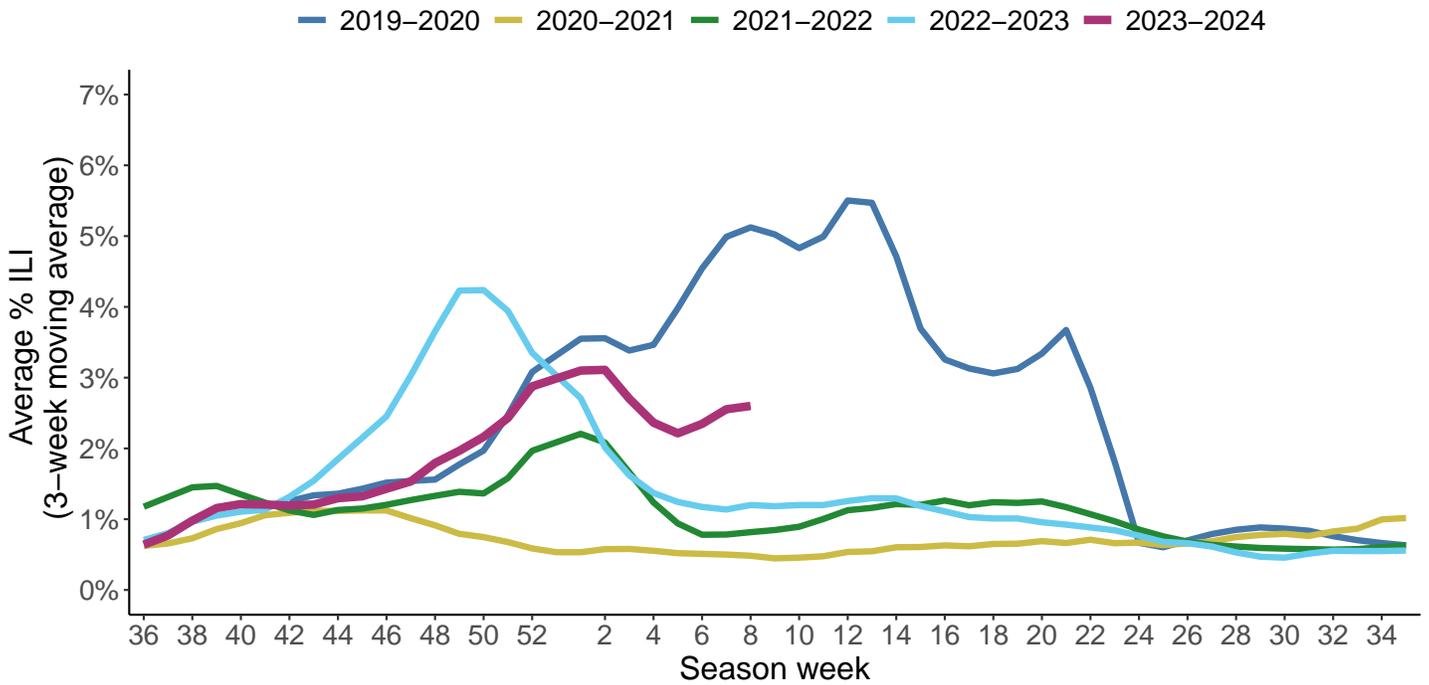


Percent of ED visits with a diagnosis for RSV by age group, NSSP



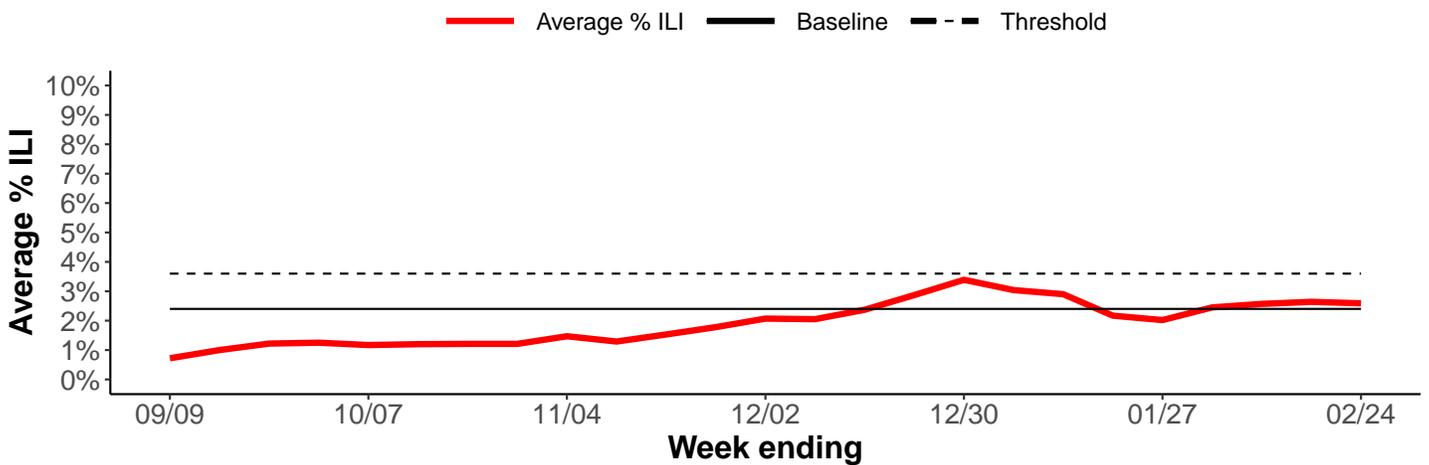
Wisconsin ILI Activity

Three-week average percent of visits for ILI by influenza season, ILINET

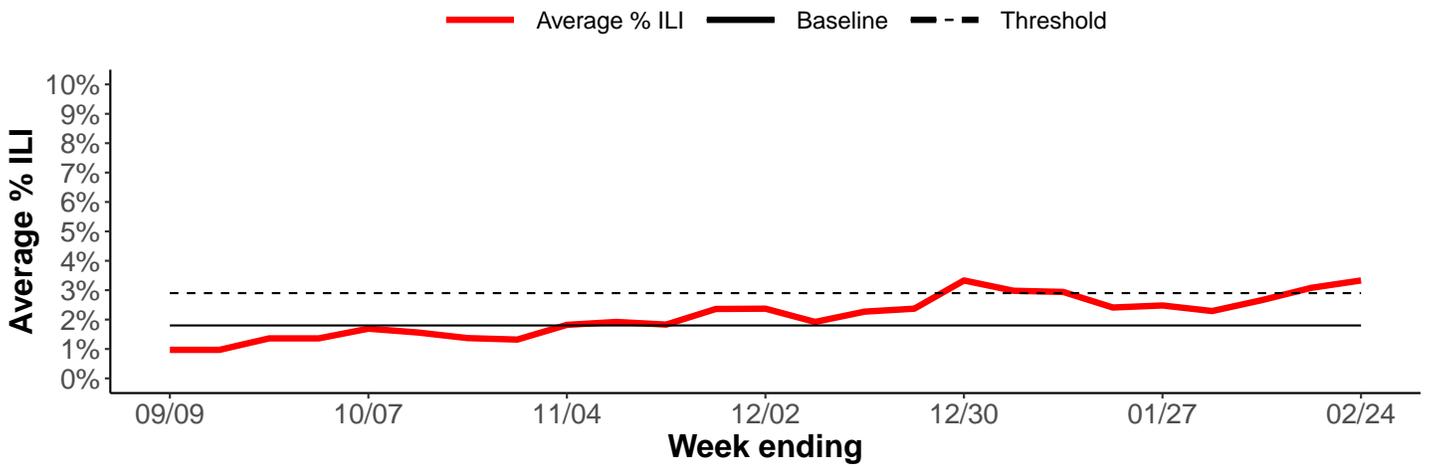


Average percent of visits for ILI by public health region, ILINET

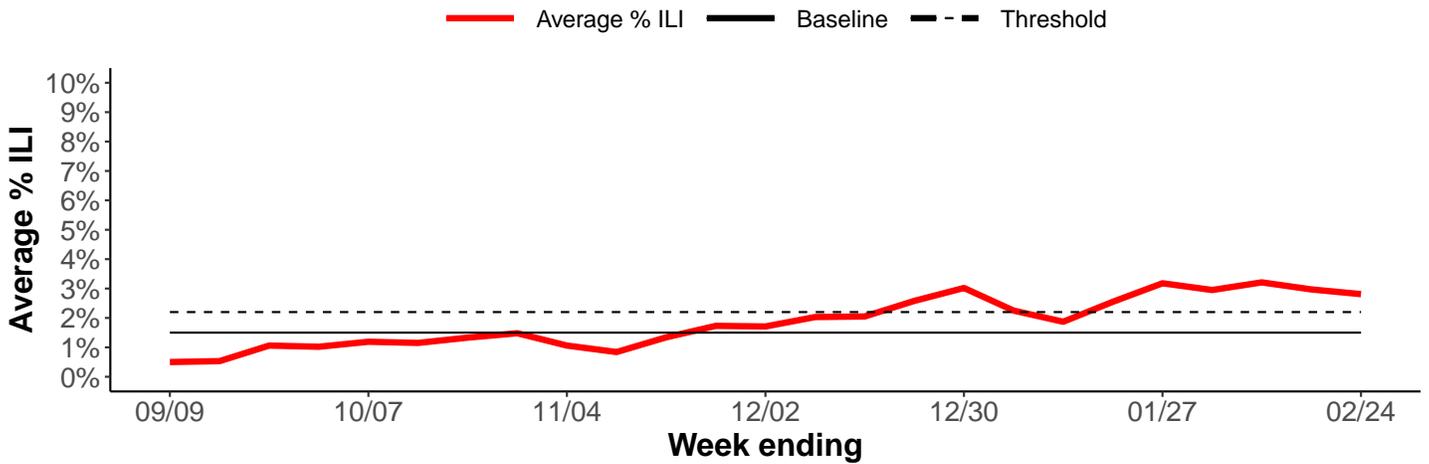
Wisconsin



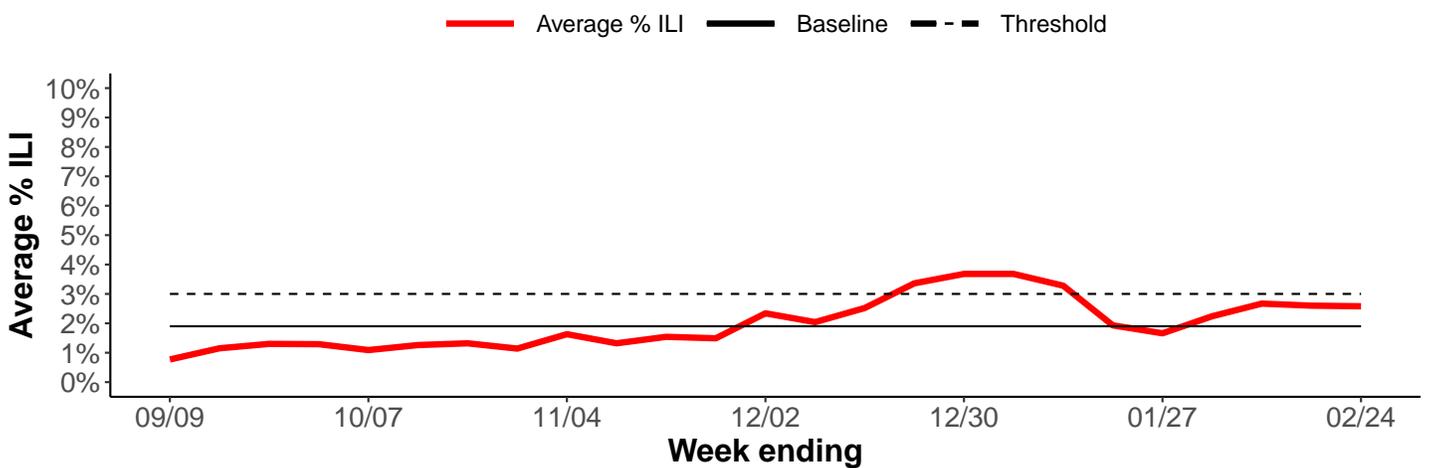
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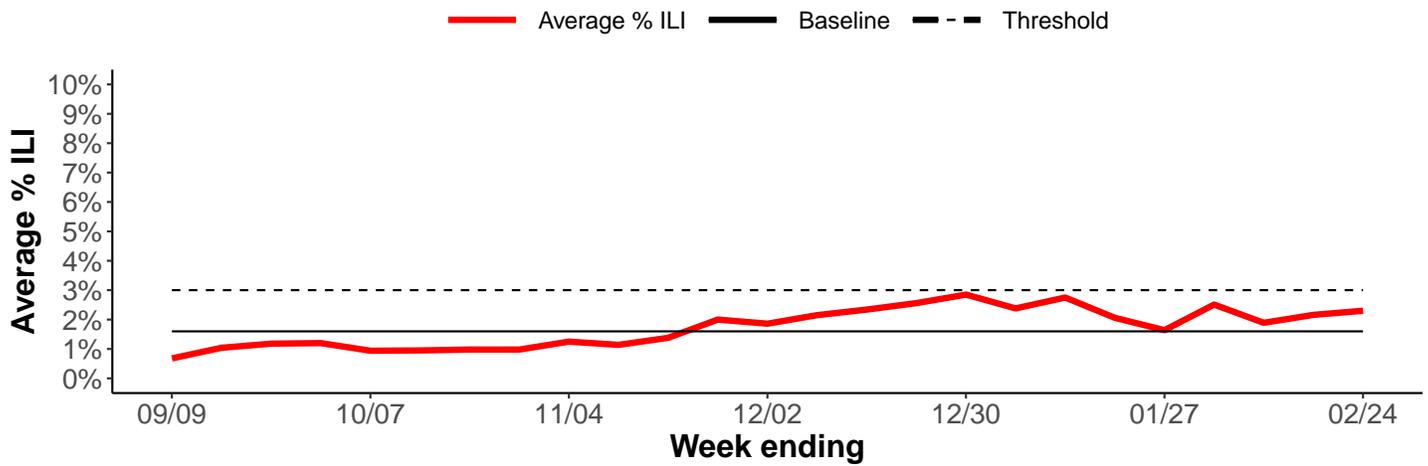
Northern Region



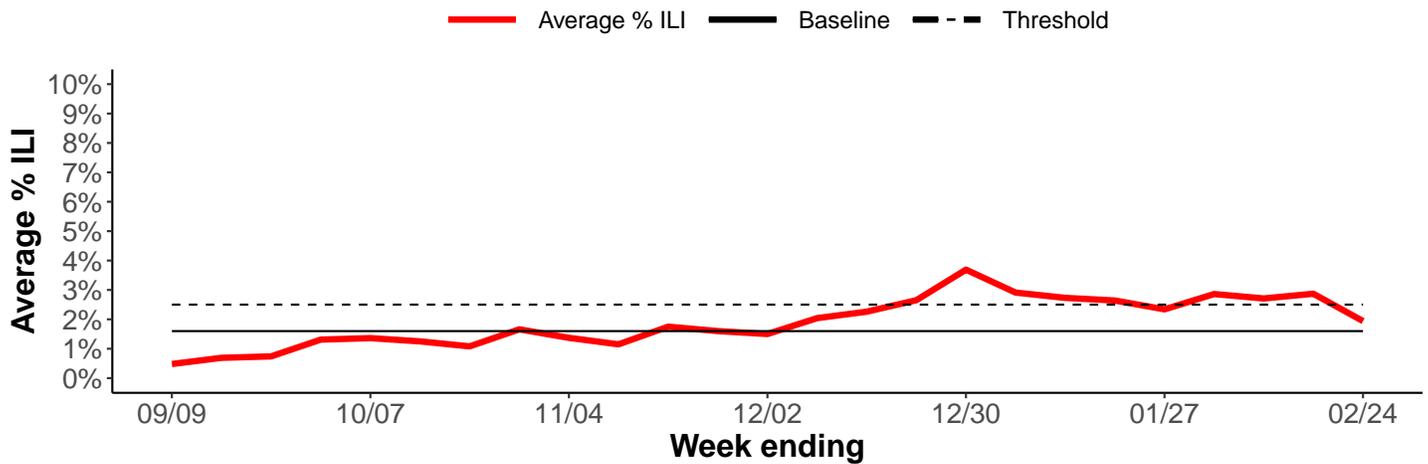
Southeastern Region



Southern Region



Western Region



Understanding the Data

Surveillance Report Description

Influenza-like Illness (ILI)	Patients who present to a clinician with a fever ≥ 100 degrees F and either a cough or sore throat.
Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Activity	Using baseline (expected value data used for comparison) in each of the public health regions in Wisconsin (https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lh-depts/counties/index.htm), ILI below baseline is considered low activity, ILI between baseline and threshold levels is considered moderate activity and above threshold is considered high activity. (1)
Acute Respiratory Illness (ARI)	ARI is a broad definition designed to capture all diagnoses related to respiratory illness, including SARS-CoV-2, influenza, pneumonia, and cough
Predominant virus of the week	These data are compiled from over 40 laboratories in Wisconsin that perform rt-PCR testing, and shows the viruses that have the highest percentage of positive tests.(2)
Influenza-Associated Pediatric Mortality	Deaths among children < 18 years old, with influenza as the cause of associated cause of death. This is a state and nationally reportable condition. (3)
Deaths Due to Pneumonia, SARS-CoV-2, Influenza and RSV	Proportion of deaths due to pneumonia, RSV, influenza, and SARS-CoV-2 are extracted from Vital Records managed by the Office of Health Informatics through ICD-10 codes and death certificate text searches. (4)
Respiratory Viruses by PCR	A molecular laboratory method used to detect nucleic acid (DNA/RNA) in viruses, including influenza and RSV.
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations	Patients hospitalized for > 24 hours with a laboratory-identified (by rapid antigen or rt-PCR tests) influenza.(3)
Emergency Department Data	These data are from the National Syndromic Surveillance Program or NSSP. Visit information from almost all EDs in Wisconsin are reported from hospital electronic medical records to NSSP in near-real-time. Diagnoses used included the CDC Broad Acute Respiratory DD v1, the CDC COVID-Specific DD v1, CDC Influenza DD v1, and the CDC Respiratory Syncytial Virus DD v1.(5)

Additional Resources

- The CDC Influenza Homepage (<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/>)
- The National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) (<https://www.cdc.gov/surveillance/nrevss/index.html>)

Data Sources

1. CDC Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet)
2. Wisconsin Laboratory Information Network and CDC National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS)
3. Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS)
4. Division of Public Health, Office of Health Informatics, Vital Records
5. National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) data from ESSENCE (Electronic Surveillance System for Early Notification of Community Based Epidemics).

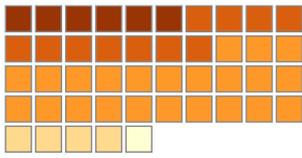
COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance in Wisconsin

Dashboard Updated: 3/6/2024

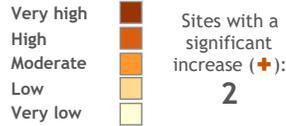
Total population served: 2,960,577

Slide to pick start date
12/29/2022

Statewide presence of SARS-CoV-2 in wastewater



SARS-CoV-2 concentration categories



Statewide average SARS-CoV-2 levels in wastewater over time



Click on the list to select a sewershed. Click again to deselect.

Significant increase +

- Appleton
- Ashland
- Baraboo
- Black River Falls
- Brookfield (Fox River)
- Clintonville
- De Pere
- Eau Claire
- Fond du Lac
- Green Bay
- Hartford
- Hayward
- Hudson
- Janesville
- Kenosha
- La Crosse
- Lodi
- Madison
- Manitowoc
- Marinette
- Marshfield
- Mauston
- Menomonie
- Merrill
- Milwaukee (Jones Island)
- Milwaukee (South Shore)
- Monroe
- Oconomowoc

Appleton
Estimated population served: 72,810

High

Category:
High

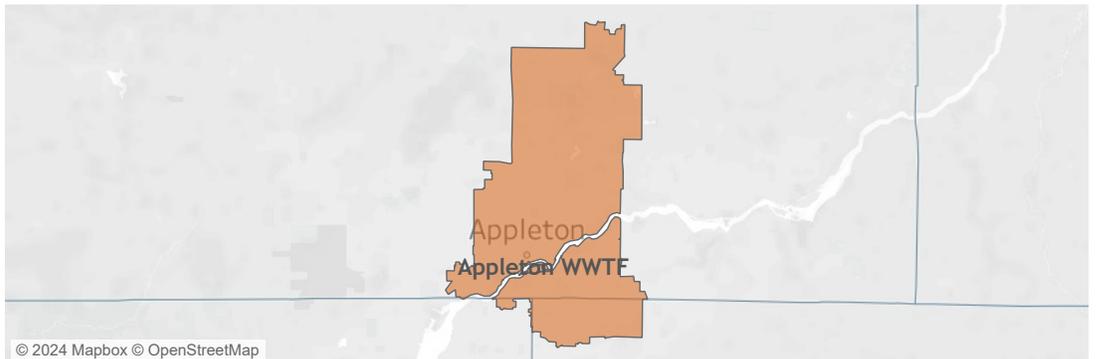
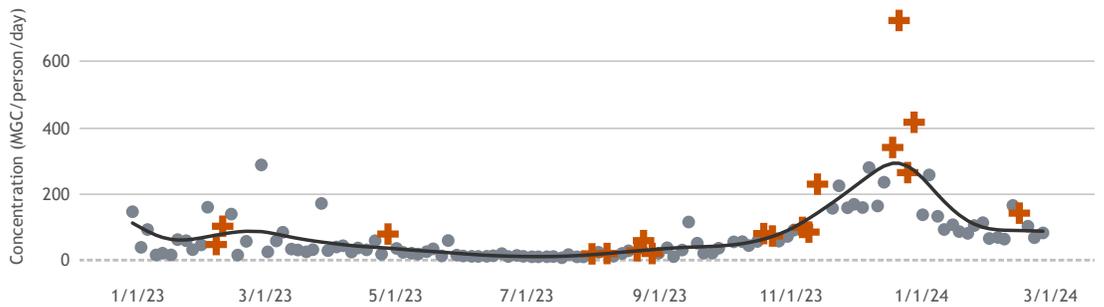
Trajectory:
No alert

Wastewater concentration of SARS-CoV-2 within the Appleton sewershed

- Linear scale
- Log scale

A linear scale is more helpful to follow short-term trends over time.
A log scale is more helpful when there are major increases or decreases.

Slide to pick start date
12/29/2022



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Approved Noise Variances 2024

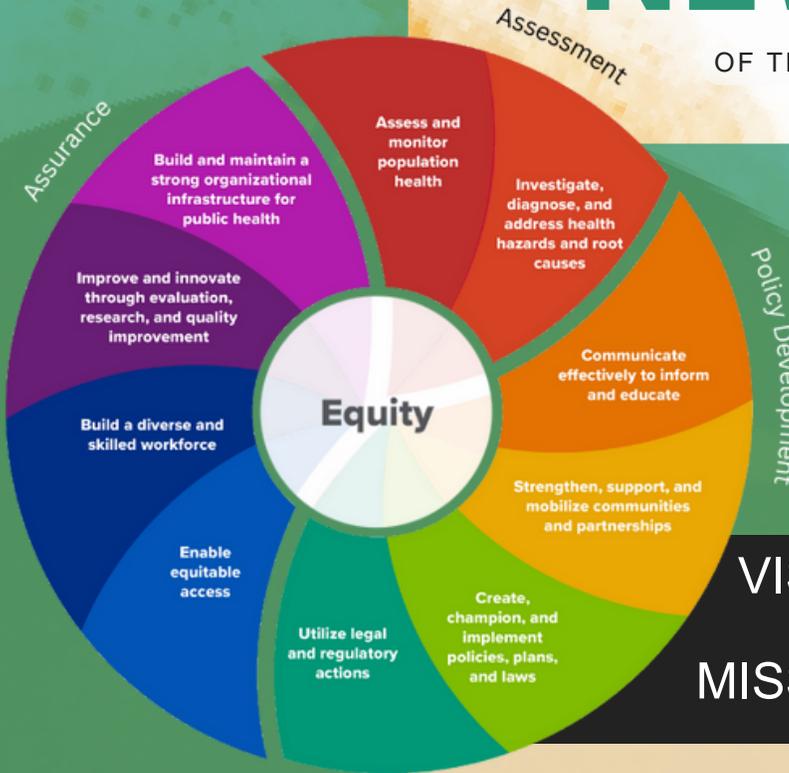
Saturday, March 16, 2024	2:00pm-10:00pm	201 S Walnut St	St. Patrick's Day Tent Party	Live Music	Matt Miller	(920) 573-0959
Saturday, May 4, 2024	4:00pm-10:00pm	201 S Walnut St	Kentucky Derby Party	Live Music	Matt Miller	(920) 573-0959
Sunday, May 5, 2024	11:00am-8:00pm	715 W Lawrence Street- 721 W Lawrence Street	Cinco de Mayo Celebration	Amplified Music/Sound	Sarah Gregory	(414) 687-2977
Friday, May 10, 2024	5:00pm-10:00pm	Jones Park, 301 W Lawrence Street and 355 W Lawrence Street	Mission: Possible... Veteran and Family Symposium	Amplified Music/Sound	Kelly Bales	(920) 832-5699
Saturday, May 11, 2024	5:00pm-10:00pm	Jones Park, 301 W Lawrence Street and 355 W Lawrence Street	Mission: Possible... Veteran and Family Symposium	Amplified Music/Sound	Kelly Bales	(920) 832-5699
Friday, May 17, 2024	5:00pm-10:00pm	Approved Special Event Route	Light the Night Market	Amplified Music/Sound	Carissa Hackel	(920) 954-9112
Saturday, May 18, 2024	12:00pm-4:00pm	501 E College Ave	Lawrence University Zoo Days	Live Music	Charlotte Newville	(630) 697-5976
Sunday, June 30, 2024	9:00am-9:00pm	1035 W Prospect Ave, Pierce Park	Mandala Yoga Festival	Amplified Music/Sound	Victoria Guns	(920) 540-6078
Saturday, July 13, 2024	10:00am-2:00pm	Memorial Park, 1313 Witzke Blvd.	Scheig Center Garden Walk	Amplified Music/Sound	De Dalum	(920) 735-1651
Friday, September 13, 2024	2:00pm-10:00pm	201 S Walnut St	Irish Fest	Live Music	Matt Miller	(920) 573-0959
Friday, September 13, 2024	2:00pm-10:00pm	Jones Park, 301 W Lawrence Street	Irish Fest of the Fox Cities	Live Music	Matt Miller	(920) 573-0959
Saturday, September 14, 2024	2:00pm-10:00pm	201 S Walnut St	Irish Fest	Live Music	Matt Miller	(920) 573-0959
Saturday, September 14, 2024	9:00am-10:00pm	Jones Park, 301 W Lawrence Street	Irish Fest of the Fox Cities	Live Music	Matt Miller	(920) 573-0959
Friday, September 20, 2024	7:00am-12:00pm	Approved Special Event Route	Community First Fox Cities Marathon	Amplified Music/Sound	Amanda Secor	(920) 427-8465
Friday, September 27, 2024	6:00pm-9:00pm	Approved Special Event Route	License to Cruise	Amplified Music/Sound	Aimee Herrck	(920) 740-9309
Saturday, September 28, 2024	9:00am-6:00pm	Approved Special Event Route	Octoberfest 2024	Amplified Music/Sound	Aimee Herrck	(920) 740-9309
Tuesday, November 19, 2024	6:00pm-7:30pm	Approved Special Event Route	Santa Scamper	Amplified Music/Sound	Ross McDowell	(920) 203-2904

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NEWSLETTER

OF THE APPLETON PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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VISION: Health for all, together.

Facilitate equitable community wellbeing through education, health promotion, and response to public health needs.

MISSION:

10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Each month, the Appleton Health Department Newsletter features stories about how we are achieving each of the 10 Essential Public Health Services. This month, we focus on:

Essential Public Health Service #6: Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES: MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS

The structure of the Appleton Weights and Measures program is unique within the state whereas we operate as a consortium of communities – currently a dozen cities, towns, and villages – all within the Appleton Health Department. Weights and Measures programs play a crucial role in benefiting the local communities and municipalities in several ways, but what does it have to do with Public Health?

Legal and regulatory actions provide the foundation for implementing measures aimed at safeguarding consumer health and well-being. These policies encompass various aspects such as food safety, product quality, and accurate labeling, or pricing. Simplest of all, Weights and Measures aims to ensure fair trade and to extend the buying power of your dollar, which helps everyone in the community.

People are empowered through the Weights and Measures program to make informed choices on the products and services they buy, to build trust in local businesses, and to be assured they are getting what they are paying for. By enforcing regulations and collaborating with stakeholders, consumer protection policies create a healthier and more equitable marketplace, serving as a critical component of public health infrastructure, ensuring protection from potential health hazards and injustices in our daily interactions as consumers.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

WISCONSIN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ASSOCIATION



Did you know that Appleton hosted the Fall Conference and annual business meeting for the Wisconsin Weights and Measures Association (WWMA) the past two years? Not only has the City of Appleton been an integral contributor to the WWMA for its 59-year history, but it was also a founding member. The WWMA is a forum for state officials and inspectors to discuss items like, “How do we test the accuracy of electric vehicle charging stations?” or “Do we have weights and measures policies in place for the sale of marijuana if it became legal in Wisconsin?”

Formed through collaboration with other local and tribal communities, the WWMA assists in enforcing standards that guarantee businesses accurately measure and label their products, preventing consumers from being misled or cheated. Additionally, the WWMA offers guidance and support to Appleton and other municipalities in implementing and enforcing Weights and Measures (W&M) regulations, aiding in compliance with evolving state and federal standards. The association also provides training programs to city and state officials involved in W&M enforcement, ensuring effective regulation of Wisconsin businesses. The WWMA advocates at the National Conference on Weights & Measures for policies that benefit the local community, fostering a transparent and equitable marketplace.

Eric Maggio, Appleton City Sealer and East Central Weights and Measures Consortium Administrator, is the current WWMA Vice President and has served as WWMA President. Todd Schmidt, Appleton Weights and Measures Specialist, has also served as president of the Wisconsin Weights and Measures Association.

RESOURCES

[CDC-10 Essential Public Health Services -Full](#)

[Wisconsin Weights and Measures Association](#)



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MEET TODD



Todd Schmidt has served Appleton and the East Central Weights and Measures Consortium municipalities for the last five years as a Weights and Measures Specialist. The scope of consumer protection program ranges from inspecting gas pumps, grocery scales, and price scanners to more unexpected items such as high school wrestling scales, linoleum length, and firewood. With such a variety of tasks Todd's curiosity keeps him engaged in the work and looking for answers. “Wisconsin is known as a consumer protection state. Chances are there is something in state Statue about almost any [weights and measures] question that comes up.”

When Todd isn't playing board games and video games with his three kids he also enjoys collecting vinyl records, backpacking, and he is planning his first bike-packing trip for this summer.

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