

Weekly Disease Surveillance Report



2021 Reporting Week 23 : June 6 - June 12

This weekly report is produced by the DOH-Okaloosa Epidemiology Section to provide situational awareness to community partners. Data is subject to change as additional information is gathered.

Reminder: Reporting of COVID-19 for Health Care Providers and Facilities June 16, 2021

Recently, the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) announced the removal of the specific requirement for healthcare facilities to report COVID-19 information into the emergency status system (ESS).

However, the Florida Department of Health (DOH) is providing this reminder and clarification that **COVID-19-diagnoses and reporting of all COVID-19 testing results, as well as any outbreaks of COVID-19, are STILL subject to mandatory reporting to the DOH under section 381.0031, Florida Statutes, Chapter 64D-3, Florida Administrative Code and Emergency Rule No. 64DER21-8.**

A copy of the guidance provided by DOH can be found on [page 5](#) of this Weekly Disease Surveillance Report.

The Okaloosa CHD EPI services continue to be staffed 7 days a week. Please do not hesitate to contact us for questions regarding COVID-19 or any other FL reportable diseases and or conditions. Information on how to report diseases via phone or fax can be found in the adjacent yellow box.

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Total ED Visits by Syndrome

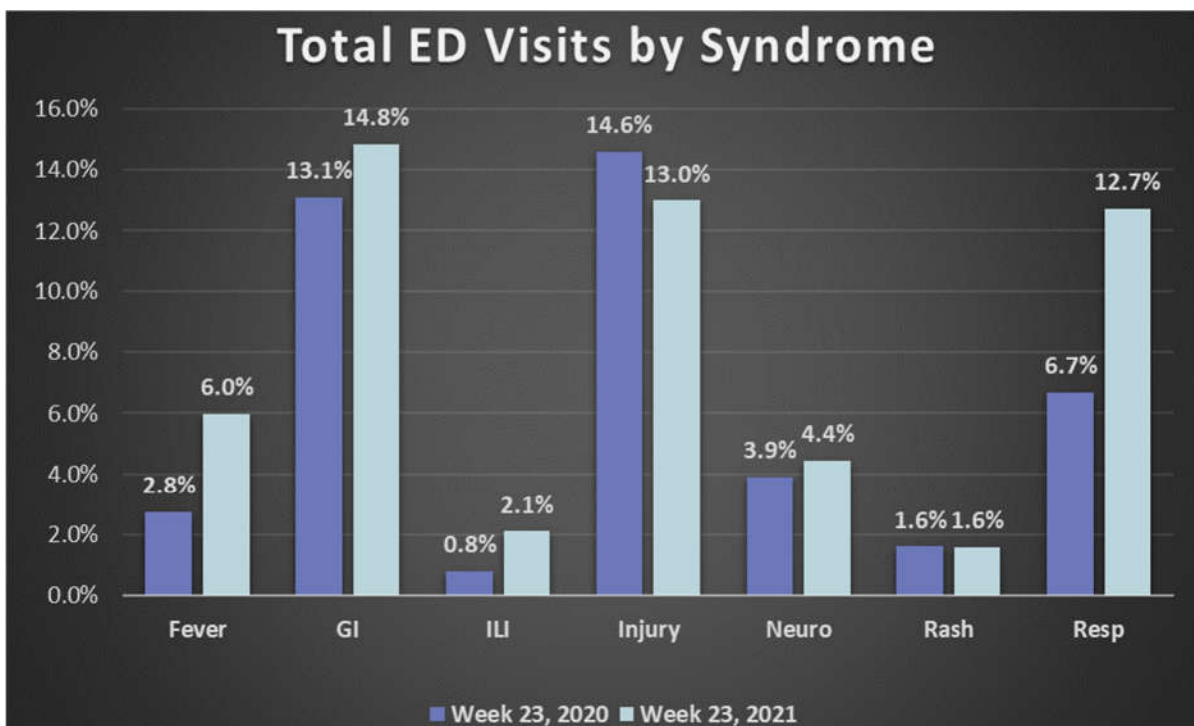


Figure 1:

Hospital Emergency Department (ED) visits from 2021 Week 23 by select syndrome category. Percentages calculated based on total number of ED visits (n=2608). Some syndrome categories are not represented; therefore, represented percentages will not total 100%.

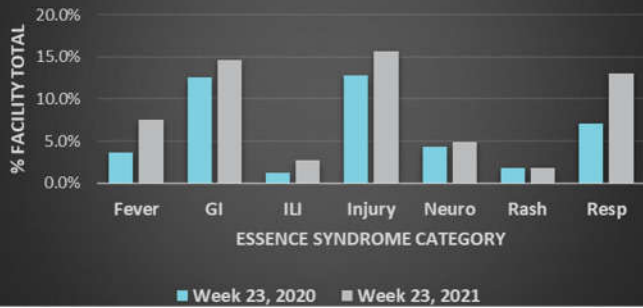
Data source:
ESSENCE



Syndromic Surveillance

Okaloosa Hospital Emergency Department (ED) Visits

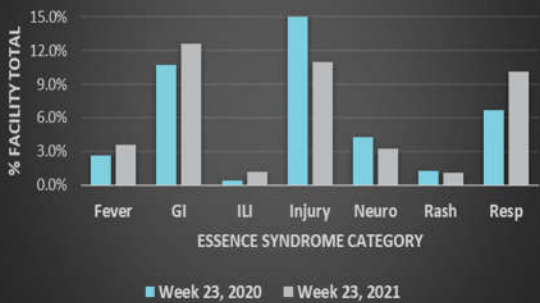
Fort Walton Beach Medical Center ED Presentations



Week 23—Fort Walton Beach Medical Center

Age Range	Top Syndrome	Total ED Visits for Syndrome
0-4	FEVER	67
5-19	INJURY	31
20-34	GI	49
35-54	GI, INJURY	39, 39
55-74	GI	35
75+	INJURY	23

North Okaloosa Medical Center ED Presentations



Week 23—Okaloosa County

Age Group	Top Syndrome
0-4	FEVER
5-19	INJURY
20-34	GI
35-54	GI
55-74	GI
75+	INJURY

Week 23—North Okaloosa Medical Center

Age Range	Top Syndrome	Total ED Visits for Syndrome
0-4	RESP	16
5-19	INJURY	10
20-34	GI	30
35-54	GI	21
55-74	INJURY	20
75+	RESP	11

Twin Cities Hospital ED Presentations



Week 23—Twin Cities Hospital

Age Range	Top Syndrome	Total ED Visits for Syndrome
0-4	FEVER	11
5-19	GI	11
20-34	RESP	16
35-54	GI	19
55-74	GI	19
75+	INJURY	12

Destin ED Presentations



Week 23—Destin Emergency Room

Age Range	Top Syndrome	Total ED Visits for Syndrome
0-4	RESP	11
5-19	INJURY	12
20-34	GI	13
35-54	GI	12
55-74	INJURY	11
75+	INJURY	3



COVID-19 Fully
Vaccinated =
No Quarantine

COVID-19 in Okaloosa County

Week 23 Review

Resident Case Count	85
Resident Case Count per 100K Population	41.18
Average Resident Cases per Day	12.1
Percent Positivity	6.06%
Deaths	2
Cumulative Cases since March 2020	21033
Cumulative Deaths since March 2020	370

COVID-19 Community Risk Level

Community Risk Level	New Cases per 100K Population per Week	% Positivity per Week
Low	<10	<5%
Moderate	10-49	5-7.9%
Substantial	50-99	8-9.9%
High	>100	>10%

Week 22 Risk Level

MODERATE	41.18	6.06%
PREVIOUS WEEK RISK LEVEL: MODERATE		

Community risk level is the color of the higher risk level for the two indicators. Data Source : CDC [Community Indicators at the County Level](#)

Vaccination Impact in Okaloosa

Fully Vaccinated Okaloosa Residents	
Age Group	% Fully Vaccinated
12-14	3.4%
15-24	13.6%
25-44	19.3%
45-64	42.2%
65-74	72.9%
75-84	75.9%
85 +	78.8%
12 - 85+	38.5%

COVID-19 Vaccinations: Okaloosa vs. US

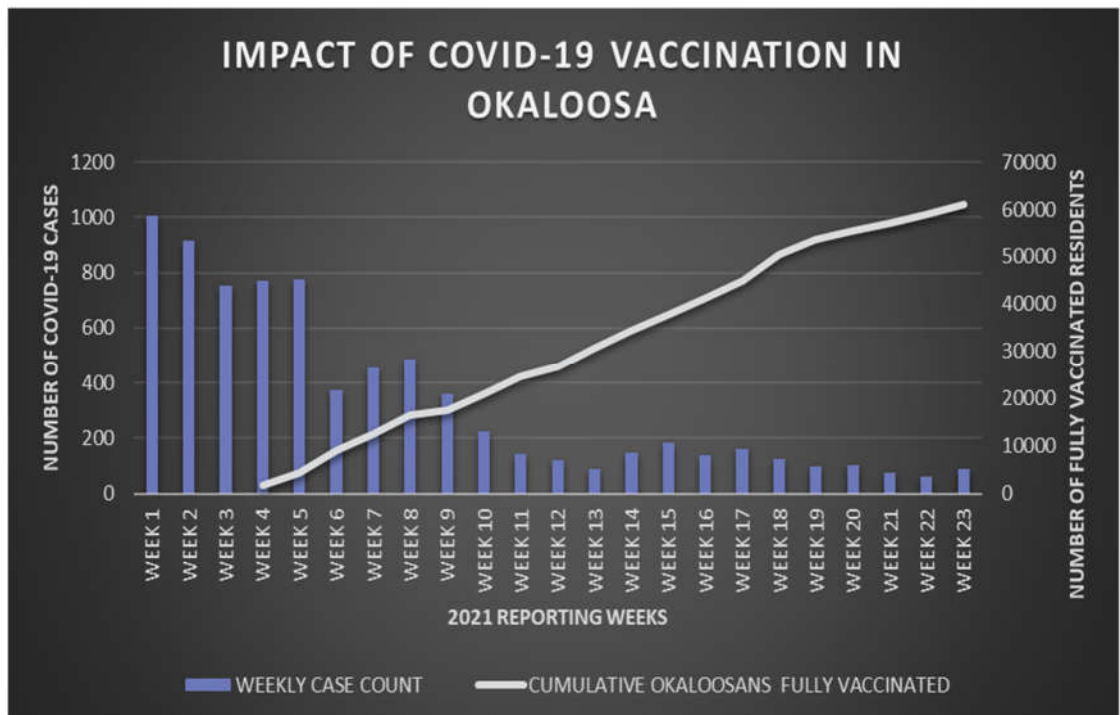
	OKALOOSA	US
% of Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	38.5%	51.4%
% of Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	75.2%	76.5%

Data reported through previous Sunday. Data Source: CDC [COVID Data Tracker](#)

Figure 2:

Cumulative number of fully vaccinated Okaloosa residents as compared to COVID-19 cases per week. Data reported through previous Sunday.

Data Source: Merlin Database



Influenza-Like Illness (ILI)

Influenza-like Illness (ILI): Fever greater than or equal to 100°F AND cough and/or sore throat in the absence of another known cause.

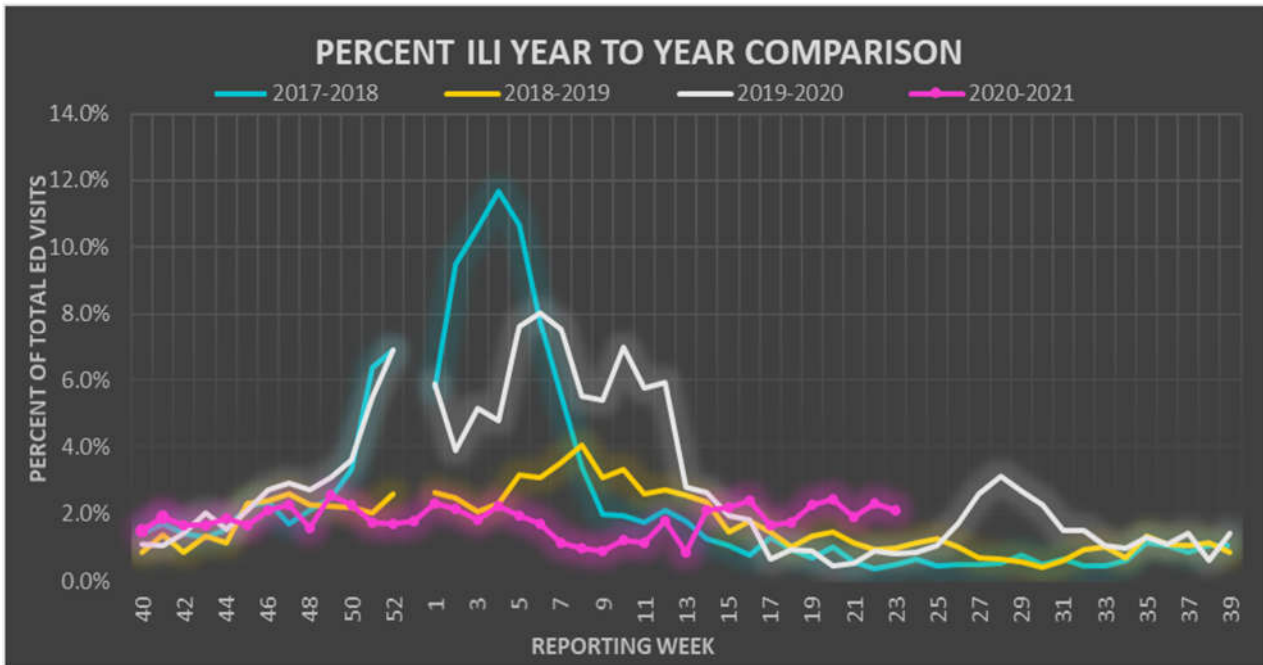


Figure 3: Annual comparison of the percent of all hospital ED visits due to ILI for Okaloosa county for the 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 influenza seasons by week. Data source: ESSENCE

ANALYSIS: During Week 23, flu reporting partners and ESSENCE (a syndromic surveillance system) reported a plateau in ILI activity for Okaloosa County. The percentage of ILI ED visits in Okaloosa County slightly decreased from 2.23% during Week 22 to 2.11% during Week 23. Flu partners reported no positive rapid influenza tests this week. Over the past three weeks, 3 out of 68 influenza specimens submitted to the state lab were positive (2 Influenza A unspecified and 1 Influenza B unspecified). There were no reported ILI admissions, outbreaks, or deaths reported this week. The percentage of total ILI ED visits for Week 23 is higher than that of Week 23 last year. *Note:* Other respiratory syndromes can be represented by increased ILI case numbers. Data Source: ESSENCE

% ILI by Age Group Week 23, 2021			
Age Range	ILI Visits	Total ED Visits	% Total ILI Visits
0-4	35	226	15.49%
5-19	7	326	2.15%
20-34	7	568	1.23%
35-54	6	630	0.95%
55-74	0	519	0.00%
75+	0	297	0.00%

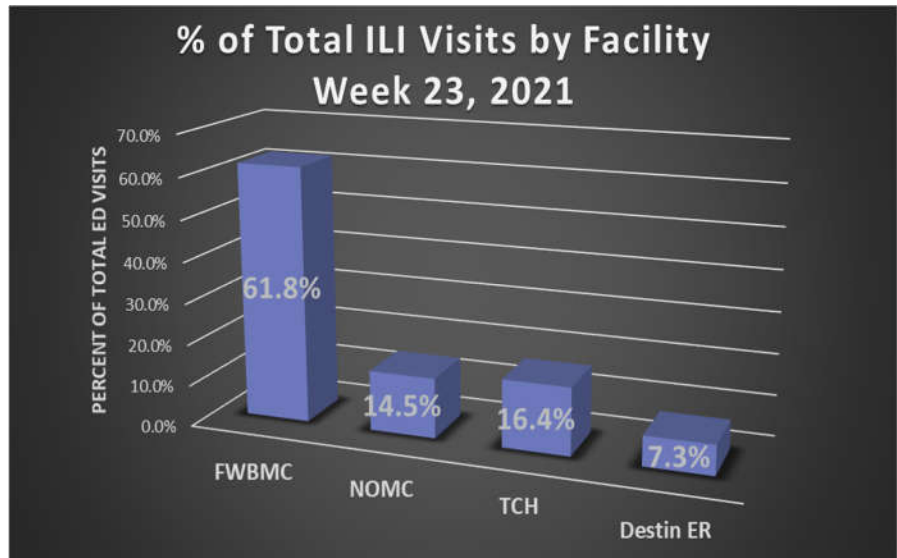


Figure 4: Hospital ED visits meeting ILI criteria stratified by facility. Percentages calculated based on total number of ILI ED visits. (n=2608). Data source: ESSENCE

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Governor

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State Surgeon General

Vision: To be the **Healthiest State** in the Nation

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COVID-19-positive patients and COVID-19 laboratory results are subject to mandatory reporting to the Florida Department of Health (Department) under section 381.0031, Florida Statutes, Chapter 64D-3, Florida Administrative Code and Emergency Rule No. 64DER21-8.

All positive, negative, and indeterminate COVID-19 laboratory results must be reported to the Department via electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) or by FAX within 24 hours. This includes all COVID-19 test types: polymerase chain reaction (PCR), other RNA, antigen, and antibody tests. If your facility is conducting in-house COVID-19 testing and needs to establish reporting through a Web portal or set up an ELR feed with the Department, please begin the enrollment process by visiting our enrollment website: <http://floridahealth.gov/electronicreportingregistration>. Until your ELR feed is in the Department's production, FAX results to your [county health department](http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/disease-reporting-and-management/chd-epi-contacts/) (www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/disease-reporting-and-management/chd-epi-contacts/).

Suspected or confirmed outbreaks of COVID-19 in long-term care facilities or similar group settings such as assisted living facilities, must be reported immediately and are defined as:

- One or more facility-acquired laboratory-confirmed¹ COVID-19 cases in a resident.
- Two or more laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases in staff with epidemiological linkage² who do not share a household and are not listed as a close contact³ of each other outside of the workplace during standard case investigation or contact tracing.

Patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 or close contact with a case should be provided the following resources to help prevent disease transmission:

- [Persons with confirmed COVID-19](#)
- [Self-isolation guidance](#)
- [Contact tracing for COVID-19](#)
- [Close contacts to COVID-19](#)

Resources

[Preparing for COVID-19 in Nursing Homes](#)
[Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel](#)
[What you need to know now about COVID-19 in Florida](#)

¹Laboratory confirmation: detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA in a clinical specimen using a PCR or antigen test.

²Epidemiological linkage: cases were present in the setting during the same time period (e.g. same classroom, school event, work shift or department) within 14 days prior to the event date and that there is no other more likely source of exposure for identified cases (e.g. same household).

³Close contact: being within six feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting two days before illness onset or specimen collection date (if asymptomatic) and during the infectious period.