

Weekly Disease Surveillance Report

2021 Reporting Week 48: November 28 — December 4



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.

Influenza (Flu) and COVID-19 Updates (Omicron Variant Resource)

Influenza-like illness (ILI) activity in Okaloosa dropped yet again this week to 2.61%, closer to our usual average at this time. Providers are encouraged to review CDC's [Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Resources for Health Professionals](#) for counseling on co-administration of COVID-19 and flu vaccines, patient education, and the 2021-22 flu vaccine composition.

The Okaloosa COVID-19 positivity rate and number of COVID-19 cases increased during Week 48; however, the community risk level remains at MODERATE. The CDC and FDOH are monitoring for the Omicron variant which has been detected in at least 19 states, including Florida, at the time of this report. For more information, please visit [Omicron Variant: What You Need to Know](#). COVID-19 vaccinations continue to show positive trends with fully-vaccinated Okaloosans currently at 64.8% (115,742 individuals 12 and older). Please continue to promote the COVID-19 vaccine as it is highly effective at preventing severe disease and death.

COVID-19 Booster Shots and Monoclonal Antibody Resources

On October 21, 2021, the [CDC Expanded Eligibility for COVID-19 Booster Shots](#). The CDC recommends that certain people are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 **booster** shot, including those who received Moderna and J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccines. Additionally, CDC continues to recommend that [moderately and severely immunosuppressed people](#) who completed either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine series get a **third dose** of the same mRNA vaccine at least 28 days after the second dose as they may not build the same level of immunity to 2-dose vaccine series compared to people who are not immunocompromised.

FREE [Monoclonal Antibody Treatments](#) are available in Okaloosa for adult and pediatric patients (12 and older) either diagnosed or exposed to someone with COVID-19 and at high risk for severe illness, hospitalization, or death from COVID-19. Please follow the link for all locations.

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COVID-19 Snapshot

Week 48 Review		Difference from Wk47
Resident Case Count	91	+33
Resident Case Count per 100K Population	44.1	+16
Average Resident Cases per Day	13.0	+4.7
Percent Positivity	4.3%	+1.1

Data Source: Merlin Database

The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) provides the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with county COVID-19 data, including deaths.

Please visit the [COVID-19 Community Profile Report](#) webpage to obtain death data by downloading the most recent excel file and locating Okaloosa on the 'Counties' tab.

For questions related to COVID-19 death data, please contact the FDOH Office of Communications at 850-245-4111 or NewsMedia@flhealth.gov.

Week 48 Community Risk Level		
COVID-19 Community Risk Level	New Cases per 100K Population per Week	% Positivity per Week
MODERATE	44.1	4.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK RISK LEVEL: MODERATE		
Low	<10	<5%
Moderate	10-49	5-7.9%
Substantial	50-99	8-9.9%
High	>100	>10%

Community risk level is the color of the higher risk level for the two indicators.

Data Source : CDC [Community Indicators at the County Level](#)



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COVID-19 in Okaloosa County

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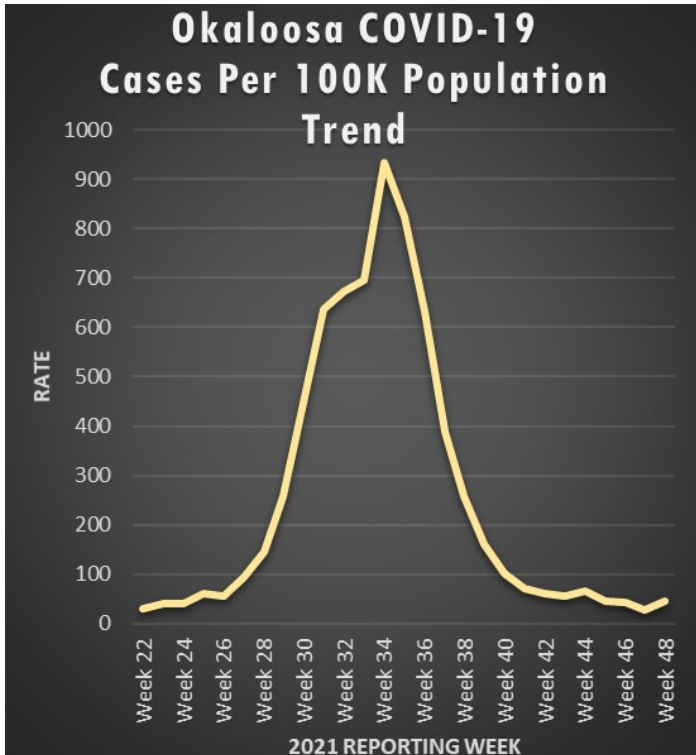


Figure 1: Trend of total COVID-19 cases by week. Data source: Merlin Database

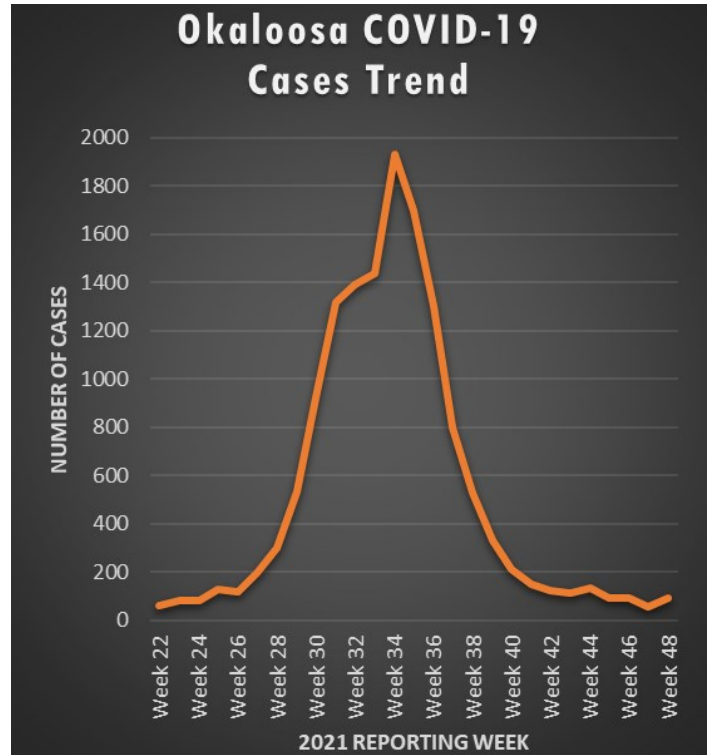


Figure 2: Trend of COVID-19 case rates by week. Data source: Merlin Database

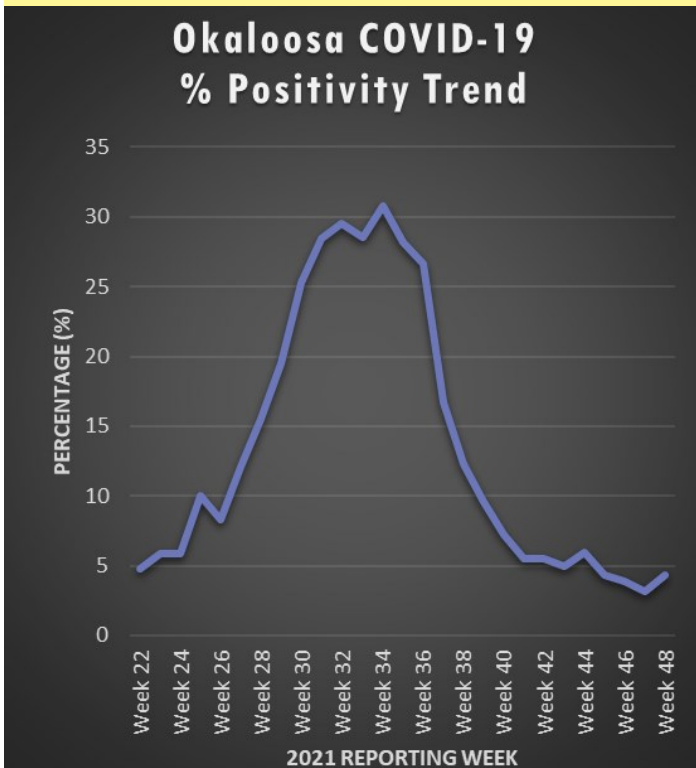


Figure 3: Trend of 7-day moving percent positivity of COVID-19 cases by week. Data source: Merlin Database

COVID-19 Cases by Age Group

Age Group	Okaloosa Resident Cases since 03/01/21 through Week 48	% by Age Group	Difference from Week 47
0-11	2073	12.9%	+8
12-14	718	4.5%	+5
15-24	2475	15.4%	+7
25-44	5519	34.2%	+40
45-64	3712	23.0%	+27
65-74	989	6.1%	+3
75-84	417	2.6%	+1
85+	213	1.3%	0
Unknown	6	0.0%	0
Total	16121	100%	+91

Data Source: Merlin Database



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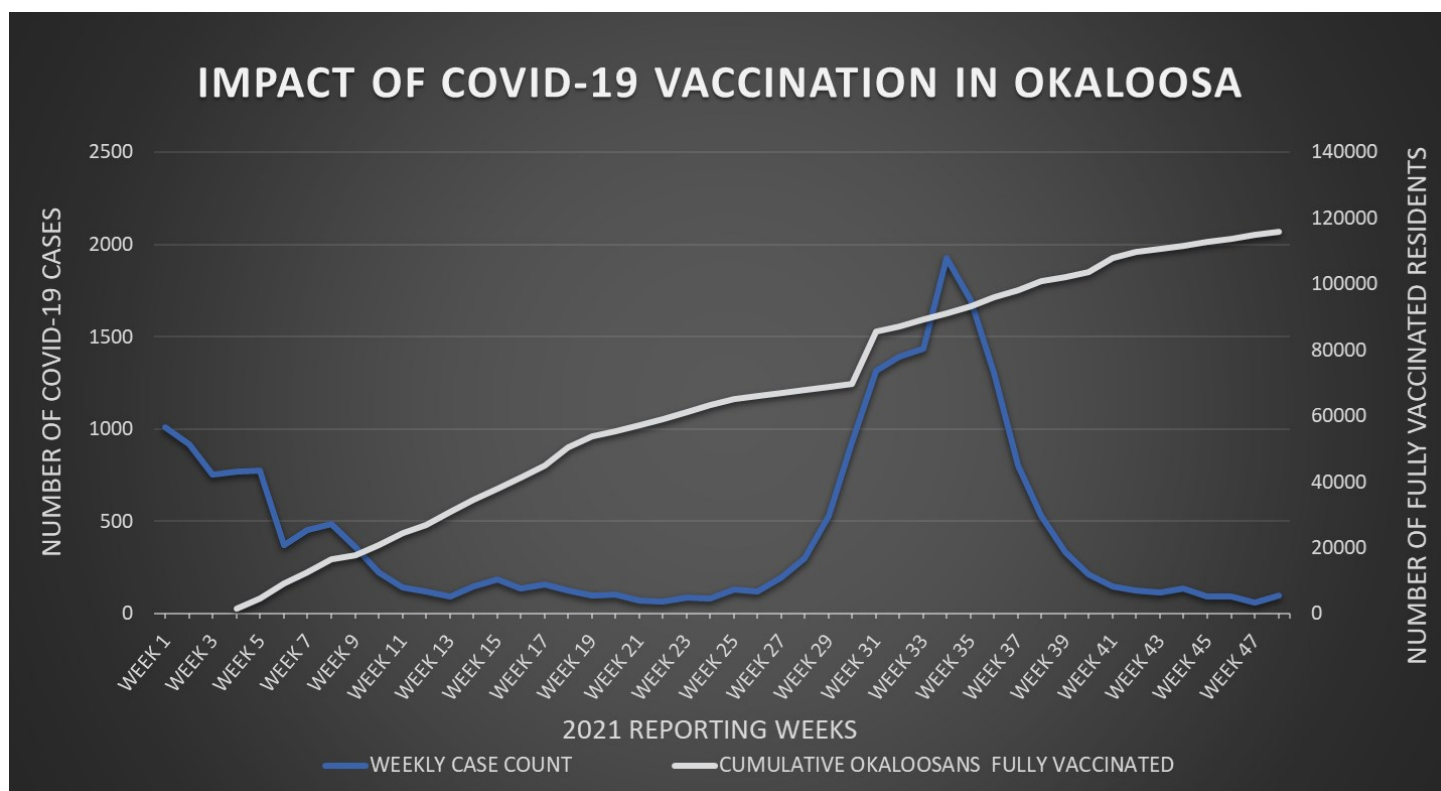


Figure 4: Cumulative number of fully vaccinated Okaloosa residents as compared to COVID-19 cases per week. Data reported through previous Sunday.
Data Source: Merlin & CDC [COVID Data Tracker](#)

VACCINATION DATA RESOURCE

The CDC COVID Data Tracker presents county level vaccination data that includes vaccinations from:

- FL SHOTS, including FL Department of Health, retail pharmacies, and long-term care facilities,
- Dialysis centers participating in the Federal Dialysis Center Program,
- Health Resources and Services Administration partner sites, and
- Federal entities such as Department of Defense, Veterans Health Administration, Indian Health Service and Bureau of Prisons.

Percentage of
Breakthrough
Infection in
Fully-Vaccinated
Individuals:

1.41%

Data Source: Merlin & CDC [COVID Data Tracker](#)

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Fully-Vaccinated Groups	OKALOOSA	US
% of Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	64.8%	69.7%
% of Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	67.5%	71.5%
% of Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	90.7%	86.5%

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



Influenza-Like Illness

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

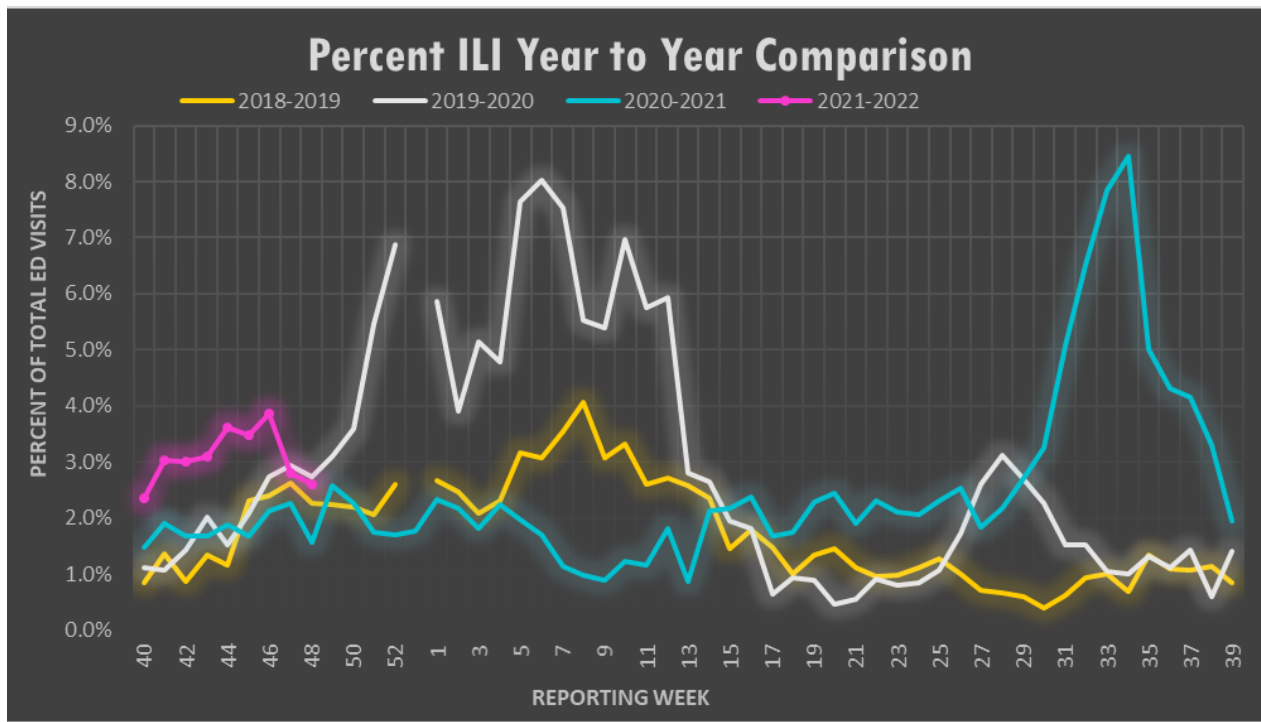


Figure 5: Annual comparison of the percent of all hospital ED visits due to ILI for Okaloosa county for the 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 influenza seasons by week. Data source: ESSENCE

ANALYSIS: During Week 48, flu reporting partners and ESSENCE (a syndromic surveillance system) reported a decrease in ILI activity for Okaloosa County. The percentage of ILI ED visits in Okaloosa County decreased from 2.79% during Week 47 to 2.61% during Week 48. Flu partners reported no positive rapid influenza tests this week. Over the past three weeks, 16 out of 140 influenza specimens submitted to the state lab were positive (9 Influenza A unspecified, 7 Influenza B unspecified). There were no ILI admissions, outbreaks, or deaths reported this week. The percentage of total ILI ED visits for Week 48 is higher than that of Week 48 last year.

Note: Other respiratory syndromes can be represented by increased ILI case numbers. Data Source: ESSENCE

% ILI by Age Group Week 48, 2021

Age Range	ILI Visits	Total ED Visits	% Total ILI Visits
0-4	23	182	12.64%
5-19	12	254	4.72%
20-34	7	468	1.50%
35-54	5	502	1.00%
55-74	5	433	1.15%
75+	4	301	1.33%

Data Source: ESSENCE

% of Total ILI Visits by Facility Week 48, 2021

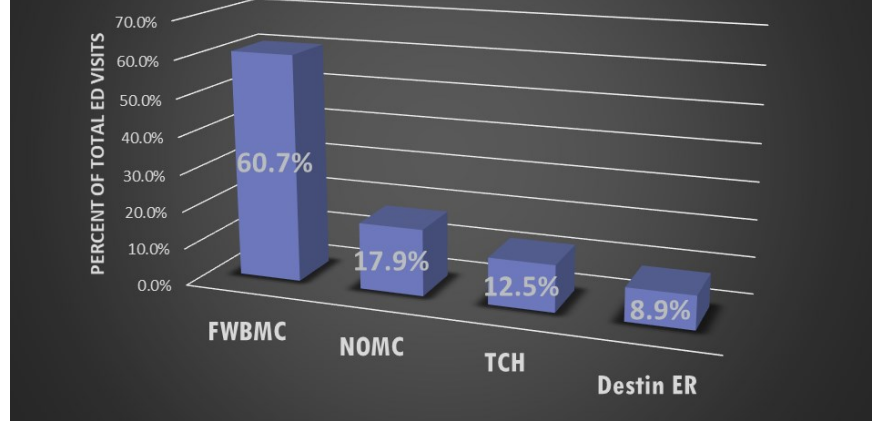


Figure 6: Hospital ED visits meeting ILI criteria stratified by facility. Percentages calculated based on total number of ILI ED visits. (n=56). Data source: ESSENCE



Syndromic Surveillance

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Total ED Visits by Syndrome

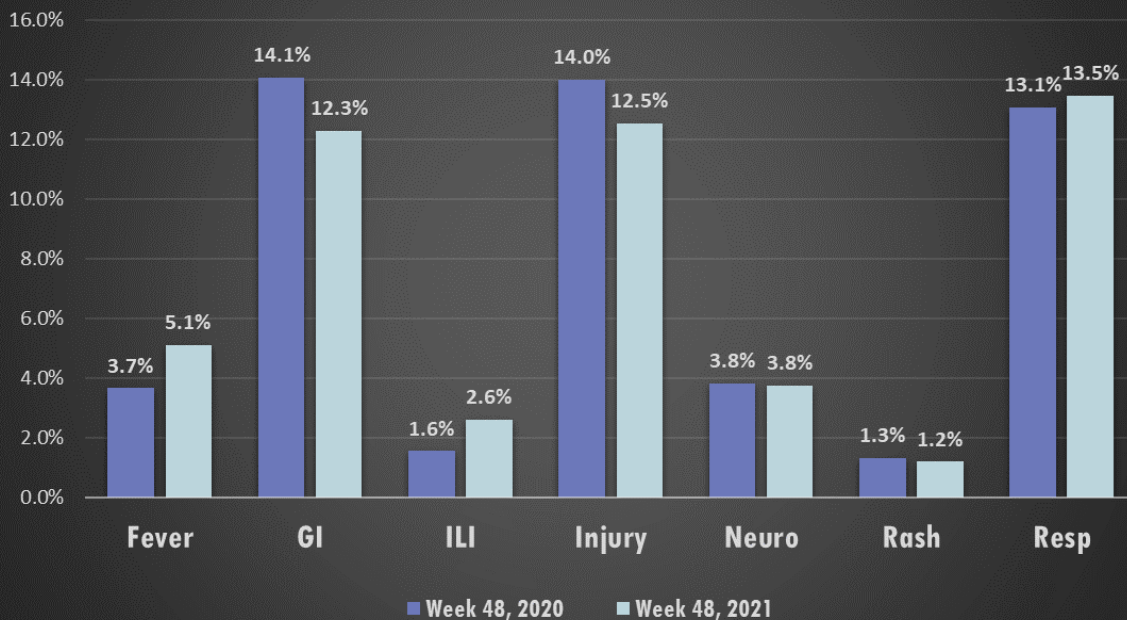
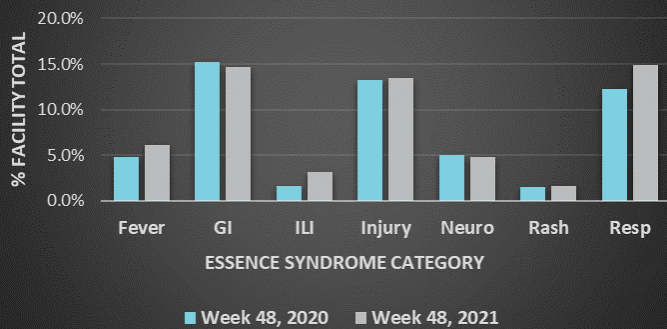


Figure 7: Hospital Emergency Department (ED) visits from 2021 Week 48 by select syndrome category. Percentages calculated based on total number of ED visits (n=2147). Some syndrome categories are not represented; therefore, represented percentages will not total 100%.

Data source: ESSENCE

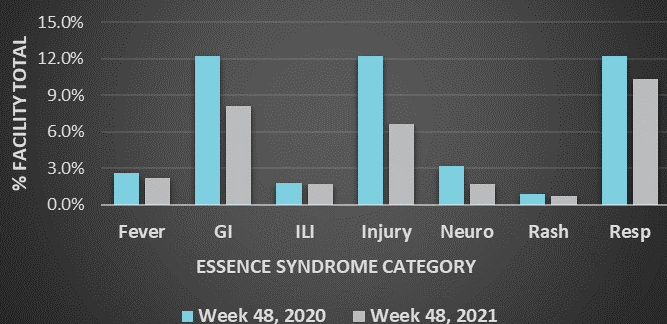
Fort Walton Beach Medical Center ED Presentations



Week 48—Fort Walton Beach Medical Center

Age Range	Top Syndrome	Total ED Visits for Syndrome
0-4	FEVER	37
5-19	RESP	32
20-34	GI	45
35-54	INJURY	39
55-74	GI	28
75+	INJURY	32

North Okaloosa Medical Center ED Presentations



Week 48—North Okaloosa Medical Center

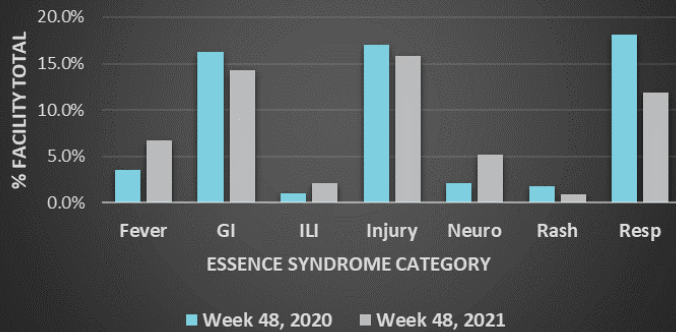
Age Range	Top Syndrome	Total ED Visits for Syndrome
0-4	RESP	9
5-19	RESP	10
20-34	GI	16
35-54	RESP	15
55-74	RESP	16
75+	INJURY	8



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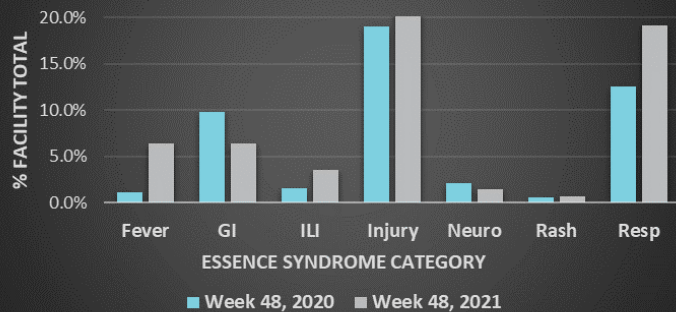
Twin Cities Hospital ED Presentations



Week 48—Twin Cities Hospital

Age Range	Top Syndrome	Total ED Visits for Syndrome
0-4	FEVER	9
5-19	INJURY	8
20-34	INJURY	9
35-54	GI	14
55-74	INJURY	12
75+	INJURY	13

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Week 48—Destin ER

Age Range	Top Syndrome	Total ED Visits for Syndrome
0-4	RESP	5
5-19	INJURY	3
20-34	INJURY	7
35-54	INJURY	10
55-74	RESP	10
75+	INJURY	6

Week 48—Okaloosa County

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



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