



# 2017-2018 Influenza Report Week 48 Nov. 26 – Dec. 2, 2017

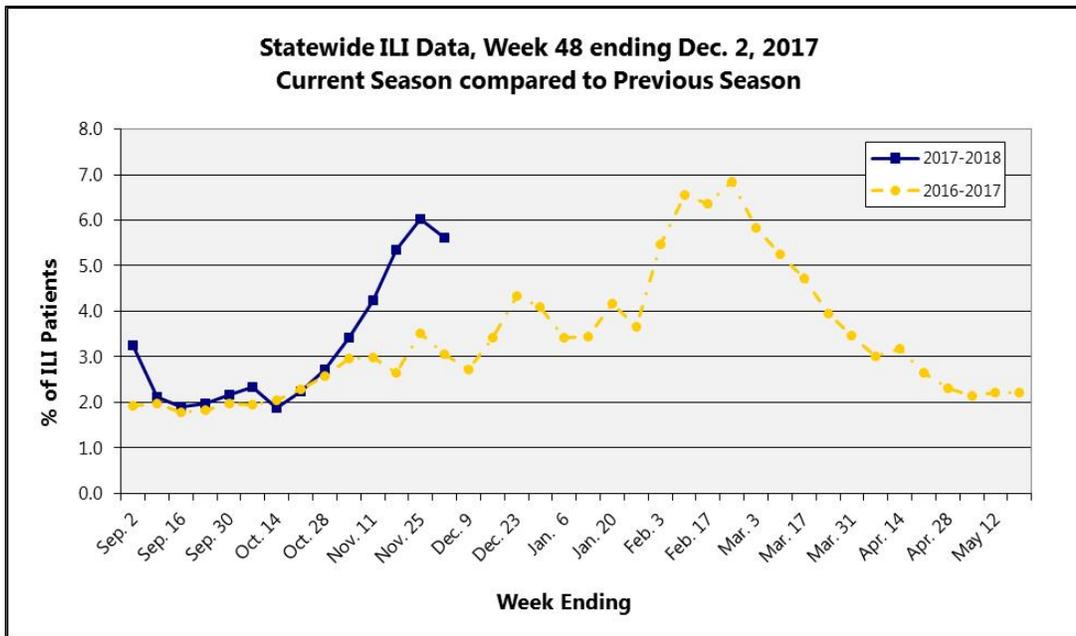
## About our flu activity reporting

MSDH relies upon selected sentinel health practitioners across the state to report the percentage of total patient visits consistent with an influenza-like illness (ILI: fever of 100°F or higher AND cough and/or sore throat). Also, providers are supplied with specimen collection kits. Samples are submitted to the Mississippi Public Health Laboratory for influenza PCR testing. Reports are used to estimate the state's ILI rate and the magnitude of the state's influenza activity. Reports represent only the distribution of flu in the state, not an actual count of all flu cases statewide. **Information is provisional only and may change depending on additional reporting from sentinel providers.**

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State ILI Surveillance



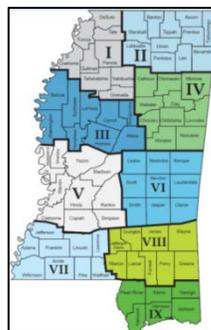
During week **48** (11/26/17-12/02/17), the overall state ILI rate (**5.6%**) **decreased slightly** from the previous week (**6.0%**), but was above this time last year (**3.1%**). |

Figure 1

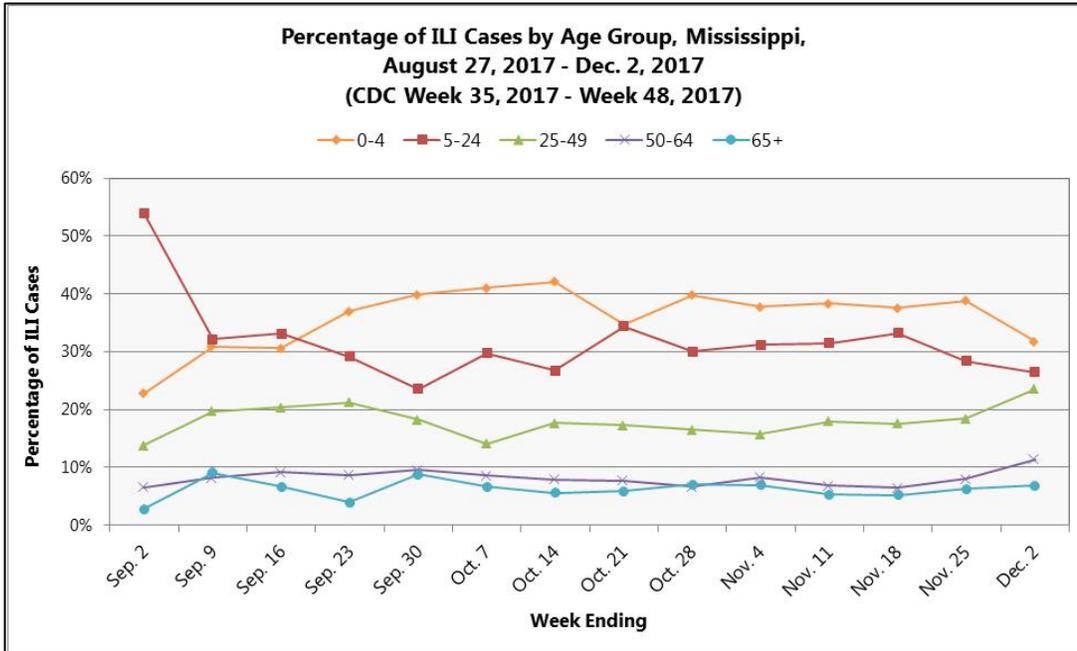
Total number of patients treated by sentinel providers in the last three weeks. | **Table 1**

2017-2018 Influenza Season					
CDC Week	Week Ending	Number of reports received from Sentinel Providers	Total patients	ILI symptoms	ILI Rate (%)
<b>48</b>	<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>18505</b>	<b>1039</b>	<b>5.6%</b>
47	Nov. 25	134	17479	1055	6.0%
46	Nov. 18	137	20057	1072	5.3%

During week **48**, **three** districts (2, 3, and 9) had an increase in ILI activity, while **four** districts (4, 5, 6, and 7) had a decrease. **Two** districts (1 and 8) remained about the same. *Information is provisional only and may change depending on additional reporting from sentinel providers.* | **Table 2**



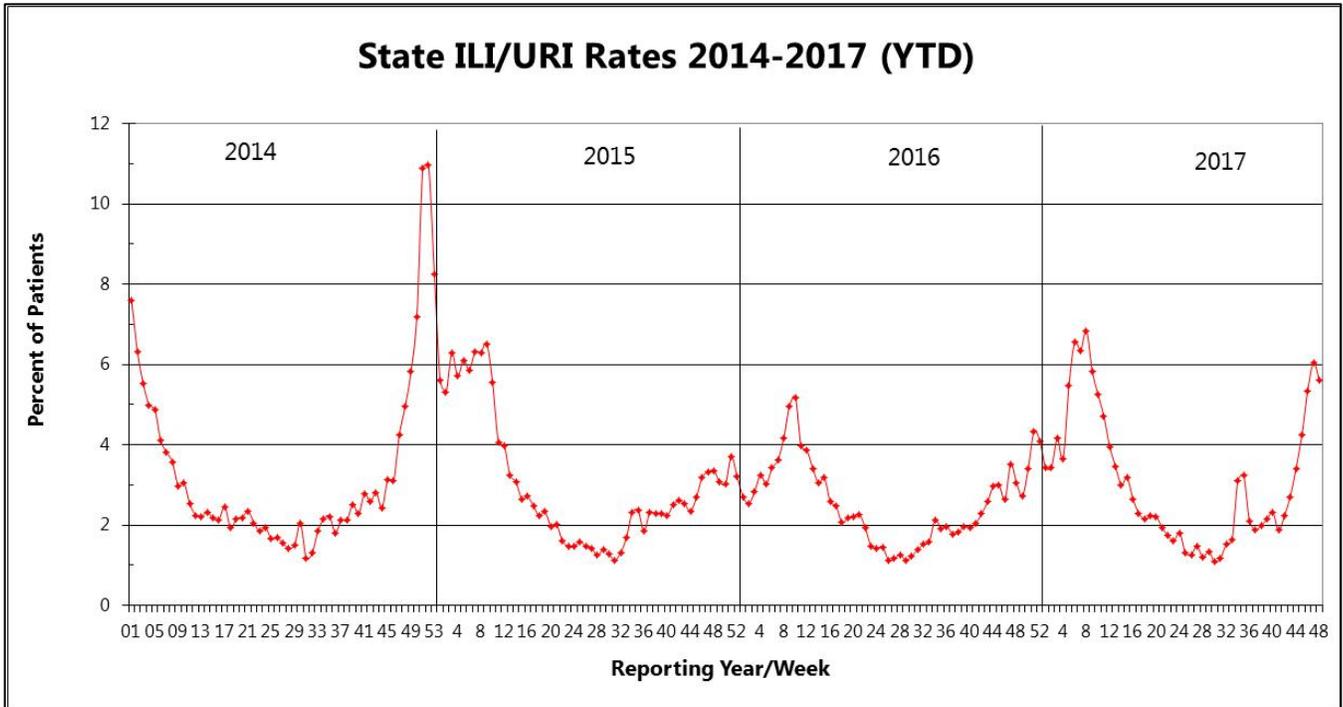
MSDH District ILI Rates (%) 2017-2018		
District	Week 47	Week 48
State	6.0	5.6
I	3.0	3.2
II	3.9	4.8
III	2.6	8.2
IV	5.8	5.0
V	6.6	4.9
VI	8.9	8.0
VII	12.7	9.2
VIII	3.4	3.5
IX	5.1	6.4



Overall, the percentage of reported ILI cases has been highest among those in the **0-4** and **5-24 years** of age groups. During week **48**, however, the percentage of reported ILI

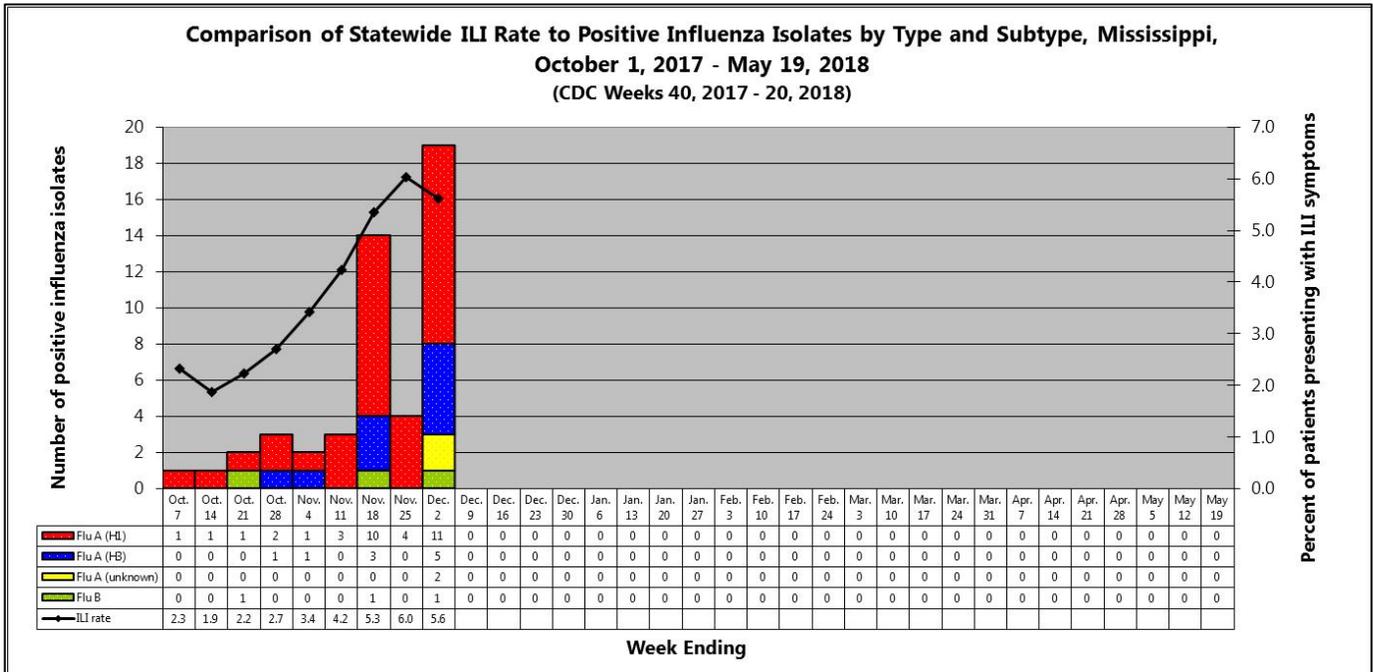
cases was highest among those in the **0-4 years** of age group. | [Figure 2](#)

Mississippi ILI Rates 2014-2017 | [Figure 3](#)



### Flu Testing Reports

Since week 40 (week ending October 7<sup>th</sup>), **49** laboratory confirmed influenza samples have been identified. Thirty-four (69%) were identified as influenza A (H1), 10 (20%) were identified as influenza A (H3), two (4%) were identified as influenza A, unknown subtype and three (6%) were identified as influenza B. | [Figure 4](#)



The influenza cases were identified from the following counties: Attala (1), Bolivar (2), Covington (5), Forrest (1), Hinds (4), Jasper (2), Jones (5), Kemper (1), Marion (1), Marshall (2), Neshoba (2), Oktibbeha (3), Pike (3), Prentiss (2), Quitman (1), Rankin (3), Tate (2), Warren (2), Wilkinson (1), Winston (3), and Yazoo (1). The counties for two of the cases were unknown.

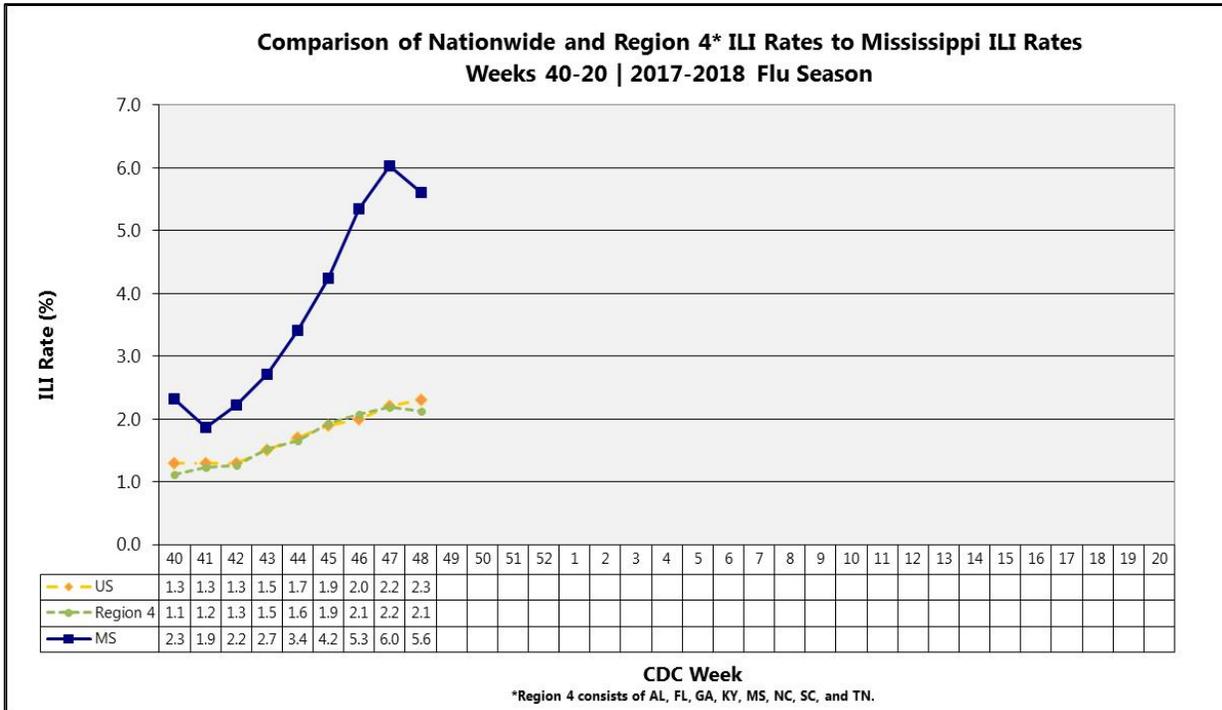
### National and Mississippi Pediatric Mortality Surveillance

Nationally, **two** influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported to CDC during week **48**. One death was associated with an influenza A (H3) virus and occurred during week 45 (week ending November 11<sup>th</sup>). One death was associated with an influenza B virus and occurred during week 47 (week ending November 25<sup>th</sup>). **Seven** influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported to CDC for the 2017-2018 season.

Mississippi has had no influenza-associated pediatric deaths reported during this influenza season. For additional information on influenza-associated pediatric deaths, please refer to the [CDC's FluView](#).

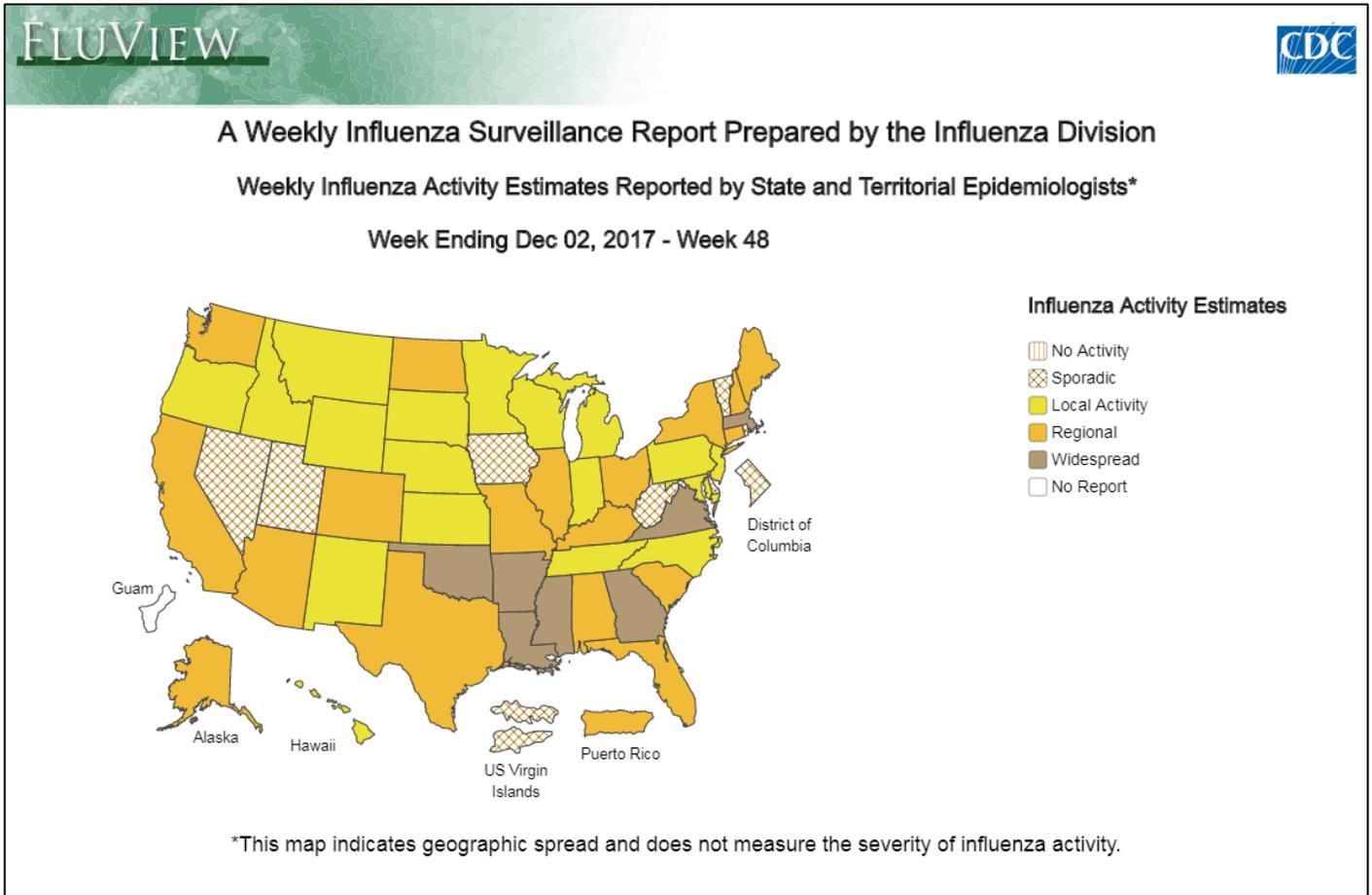
**National ILI Surveillance**

For week **48**, the MS ILI rate (5.6%) was **above** the national (2.3%) and Region 4 (2.1%) ILI rates. | [Figure 5](#)



US and Region 4 ILI rates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>.

During week **48**, influenza activity **increased slightly** in the United States.<sup>1</sup> | [Figure 6](#)



<sup>1</sup>For up-to-date information on flu activity nationwide, please refer to the CDC’s website: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>.

Mississippi reported “**Widespread**” for the influenza activity during week **48**. | [Table 3](#)

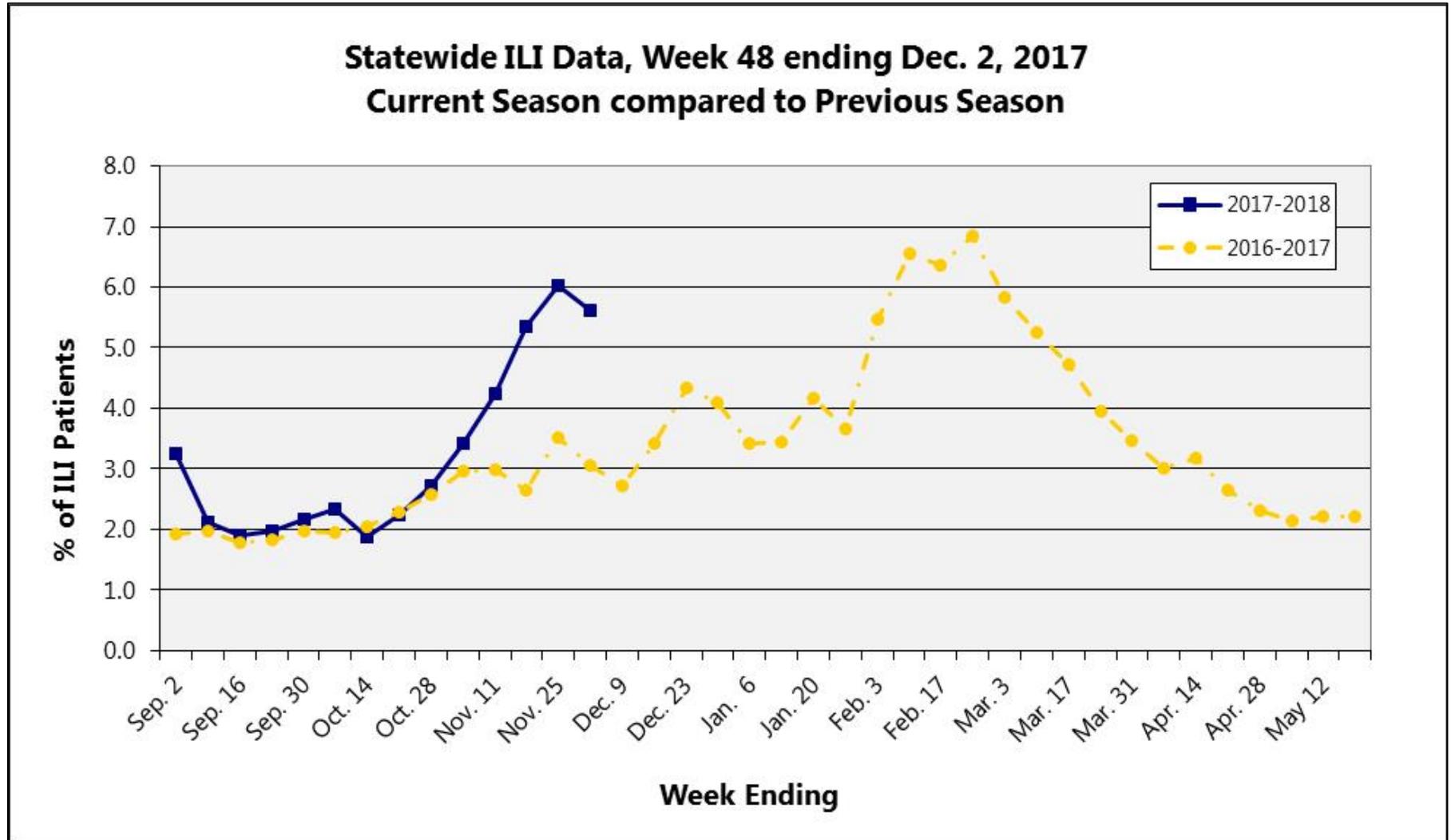
Level of Flu Activity	Definition
<b>No Activity</b>	Overall clinical activity remains low and there are no lab confirmed cases.
<b>Sporadic</b>	Isolated cases of lab confirmed influenza in the state; ILI activity is not increased <u>OR</u> A lab-confirmed outbreak in a single institution in the state; ILI activity is not increased.
<b>Local</b>	Increased ILI within a single region <b>AND</b> recent (within the past 3 weeks) laboratory evidence of influenza in that region. ILI activity in other regions is not increased <u>OR</u> two of more institutional outbreaks (ILI or lab confirmed) within a single region <b>AND</b> recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza in that region. Other regions do not have increased ILI and virus activity is no greater than sporadic in those regions
<b>Regional</b>	Increased ILI in at least 2 regions but fewer than half of the regions <b>AND</b> recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza in the affected regions <u>OR</u> Institutional outbreaks (ILI or lab confirmed) in at least 2 regions but fewer than half of the regions <b>AND</b> recent lab confirmed influenza in the affected regions.
<b>Widespread</b>	Increased ILI and/or institutional outbreaks (ILI or lab confirmed) in at least half of the regions <b>AND</b> recent (within the past 3 weeks) lab confirmed influenza in the state.

**Additional influenza information:**

<b>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</b>	<a href="http://cdc.gov/flu/">http://cdc.gov/flu/</a>
<b>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention FluView</b>	<a href="http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/">http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/</a>
<b>MSDH Flu and Pneumonia</b>	<a href="http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/14,0,199.html">http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/14,0,199.html</a>
<b>World Health Organization FluNet</b>	<a href="http://www.who.int/influenza/gisrs_laboratory/flunet/en/">http://www.who.int/influenza/gisrs_laboratory/flunet/en/</a>

## Appendix

Figure 1



**Figure 2**

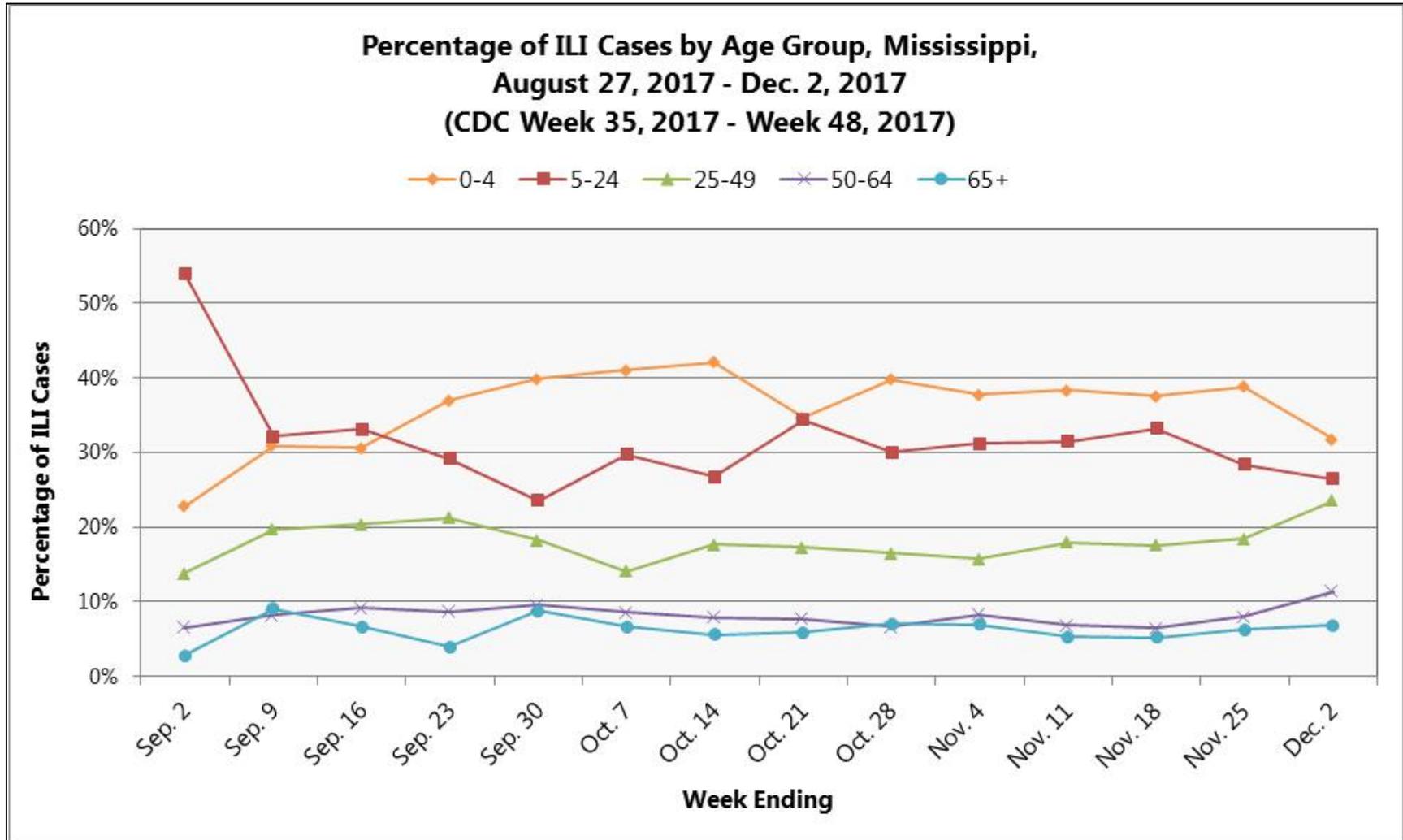


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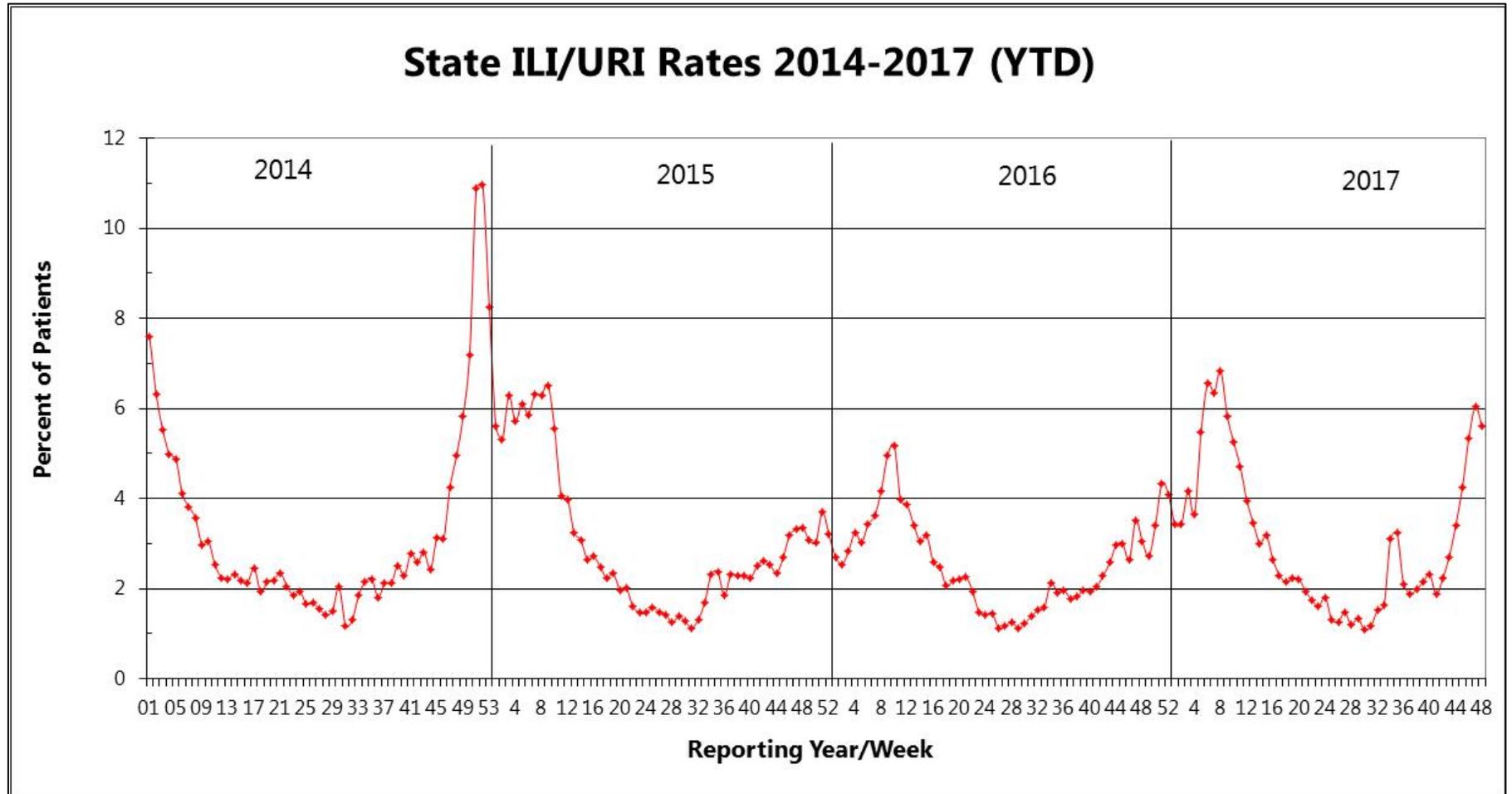
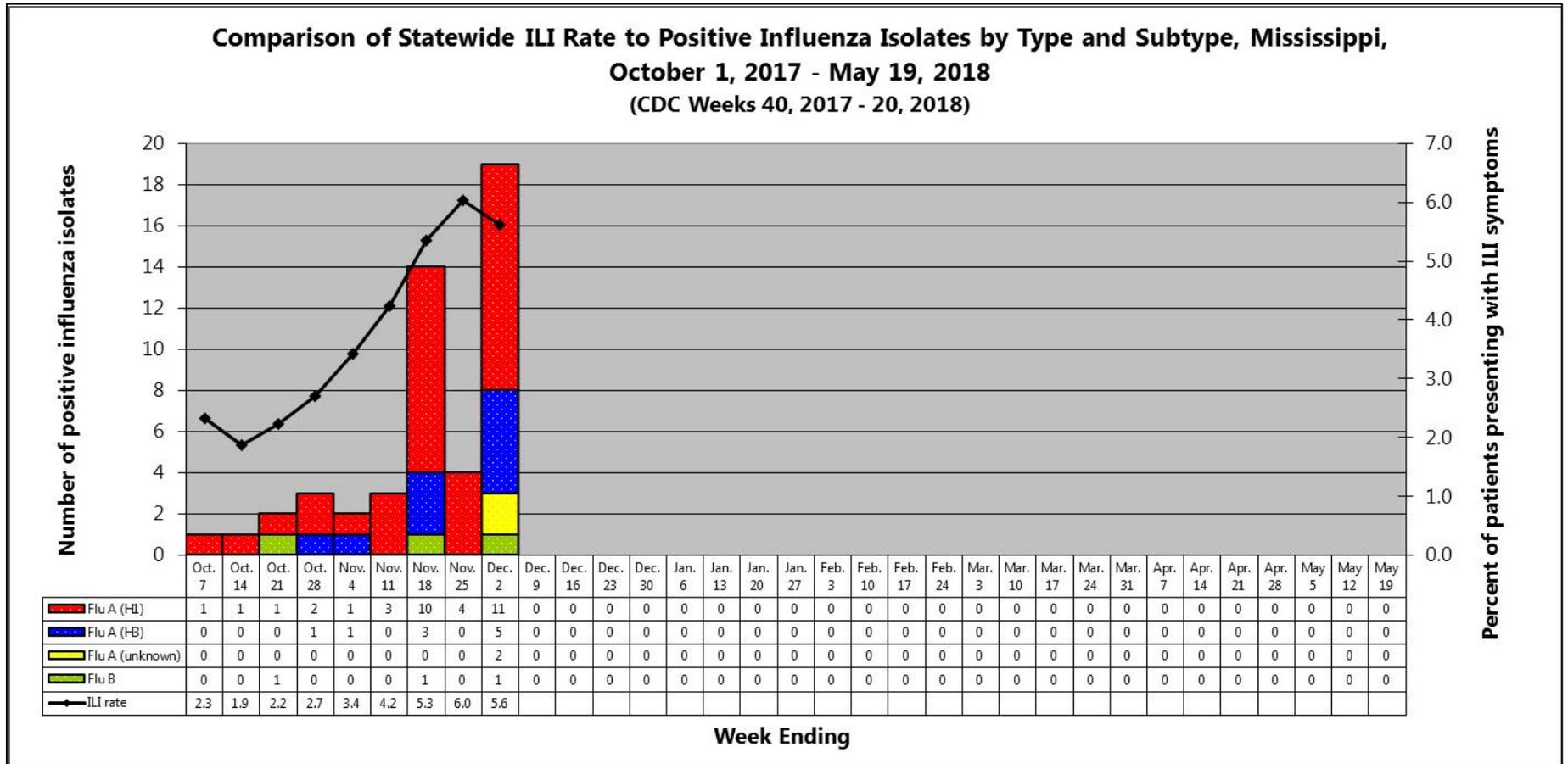


Figure 4



**Figure 5**

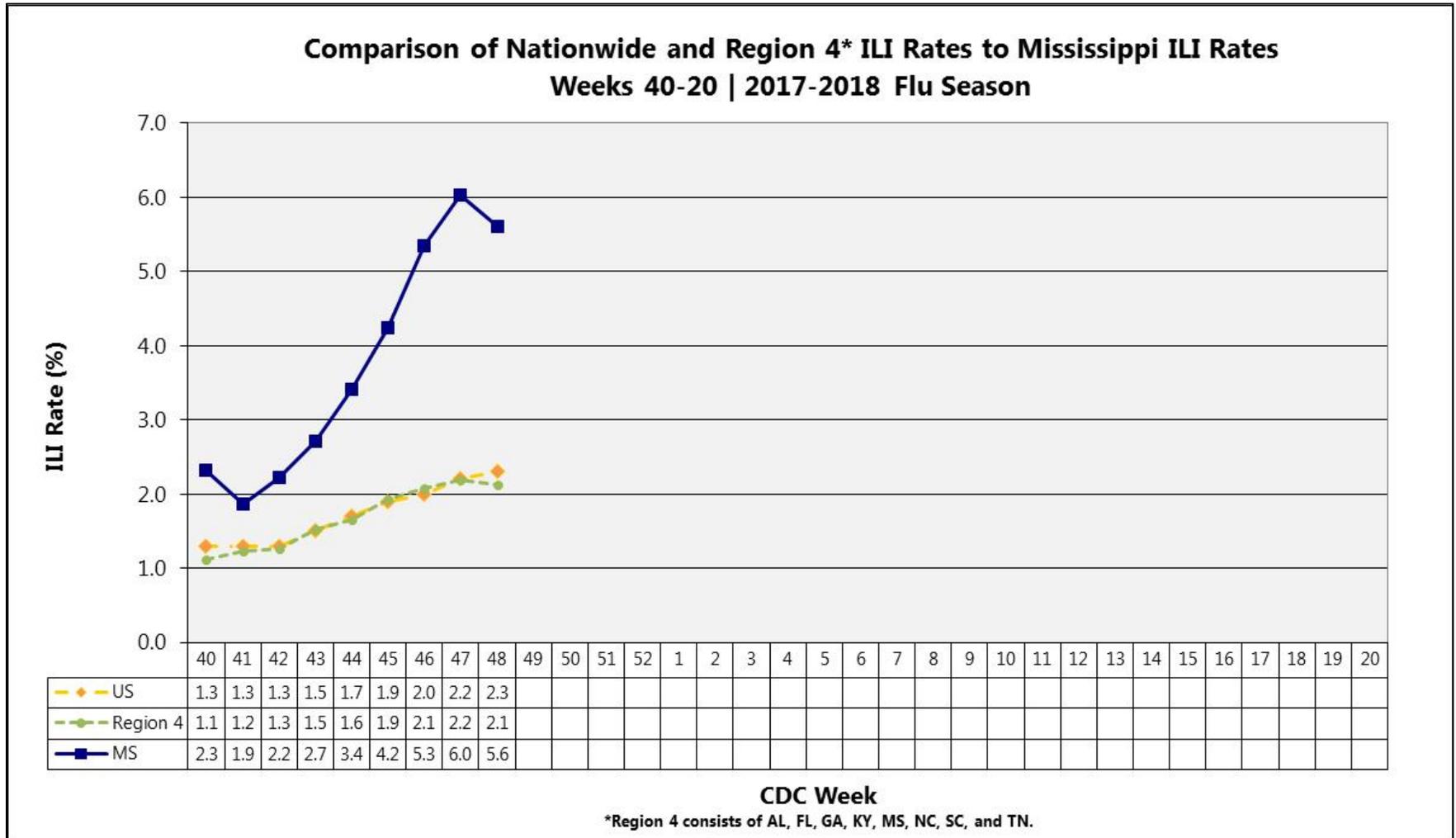


Figure 6

