



MARYLAND  
Department of Health

**Public Health Preparedness and Situational Awareness Report: #2021:25**

Reporting for the week ending 06/26/21 (MMWR Week #25)

**July 2nd, 2021**

**CURRENT HOMELAND SECURITY THREAT LEVELS**

**National:** No Active Alerts

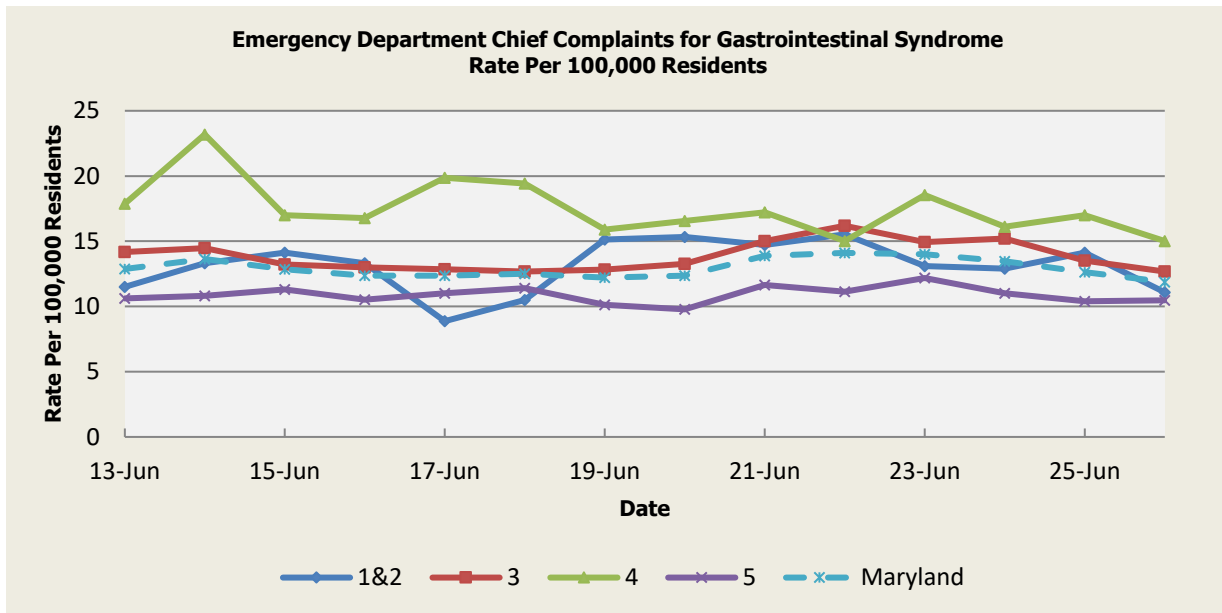
**Maryland:** **ENHANCED** (MEMA status)

**SYNDROMIC SURVEILLANCE REPORTS**

**ESSENCE (Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics):** Graphical representation is provided for all syndromes (excluding the “Other” category; see Appendix 1) by Health and Medical Regions (See Appendix 2). Emergency department chief complaint data is presented as rates per 100,000 residents using data from the 2010 census. Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics (ESSENCE). Baltimore, MD: Maryland Department of Health; 2021.

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# Gastrointestinal Syndrome



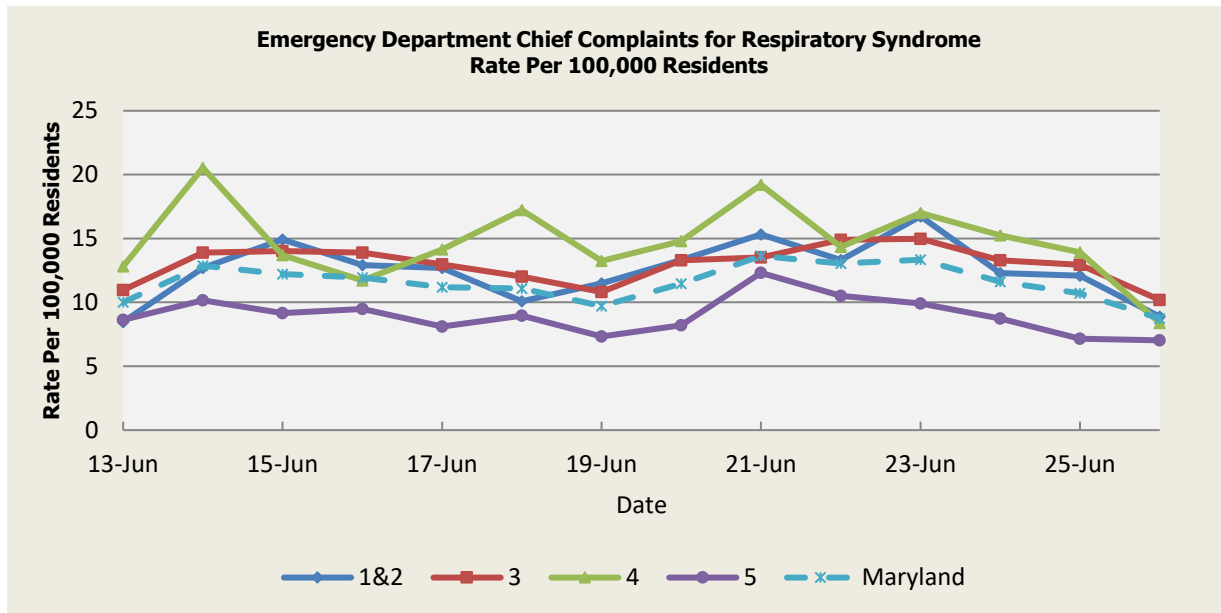
There were three (3) Gastrointestinal Syndrome outbreaks reported this week: three (3) outbreaks of Gastroenteritis in Daycare Facilities (Regions 3,4,5).

Gastrointestinal Syndrome Baseline Data January 1, 2010 - Present					
Health Region	1&2	3	4	5	Maryland
Mean Rate*	13.14	14.72	15.85	10.05	12.88
Median Rate*	13.11	14.61	15.46	10.00	12.83

\* Per 100,000 Residents

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## Respiratory Syndrome



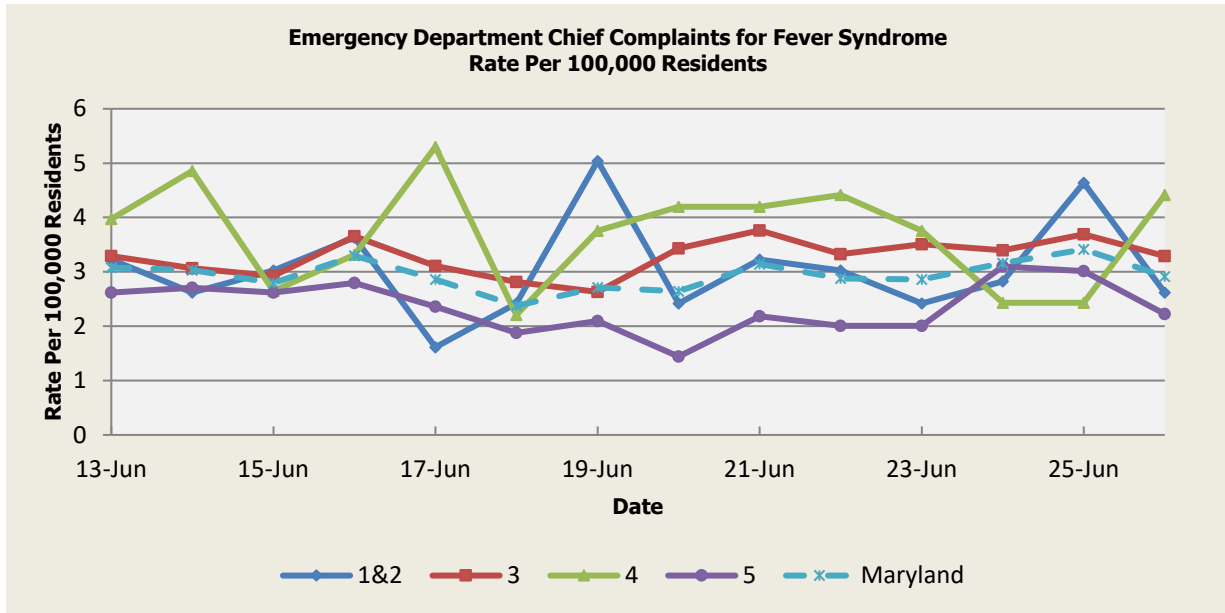
There were eleven (11) Respiratory Syndrome outbreaks reported this week: one (1) outbreak of COVID-19 in Assisted Living Facility (Region 5), One (1) outbreak of COVID-19 in a Behavioral Health Group Home (Region 5), one (1) outbreak of COVID-19 in a Correctional Facility (Region 3), two (2) outbreaks of COVID-19 in Group Homes (Region 3), one (1) outbreak of COVID-19 in a Hospital (Region 3), one (1) outbreak of COVID-19 in a School (Region 3), one (1) outbreak of COVID-19 in a Youth Camp (Region 4), one (1) outbreak of RSV in a Daycare Facility (Region 4), one (1) outbreak of RSV in a Hospital (Region 3).

Respiratory Syndrome Baseline Data January 1, 2010 - Present					
Health Region	1&2	3	4	5	Maryland
Mean Rate*	12.43	14.66	15.20	9.88	12.68
Median Rate*	12.10	13.99	14.35	9.47	12.13

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# Fever Syndrome



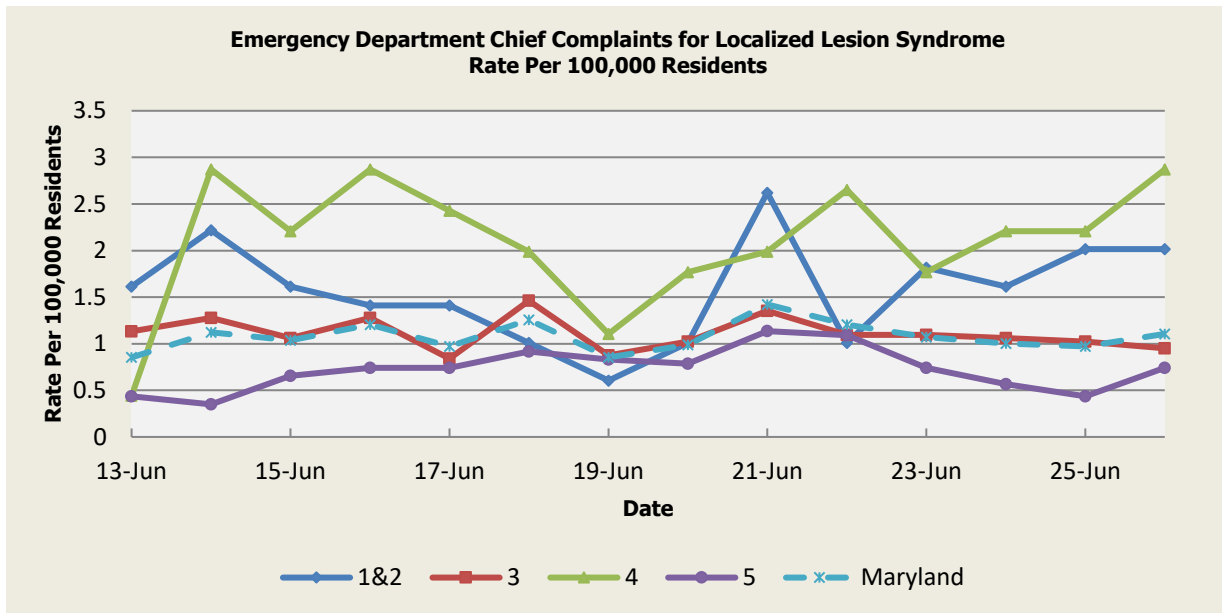
There were no Fever Syndrome outbreaks reported this week.

Fever Syndrome Baseline Data January 1, 2010 - Present					
Health Region	1&2	3	4	5	Maryland
Mean Rate*	3.03	3.87	4.10	2.98	3.48
Median Rate*	2.82	3.73	3.97	2.88	3.35

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# Localized Lesion Syndrome



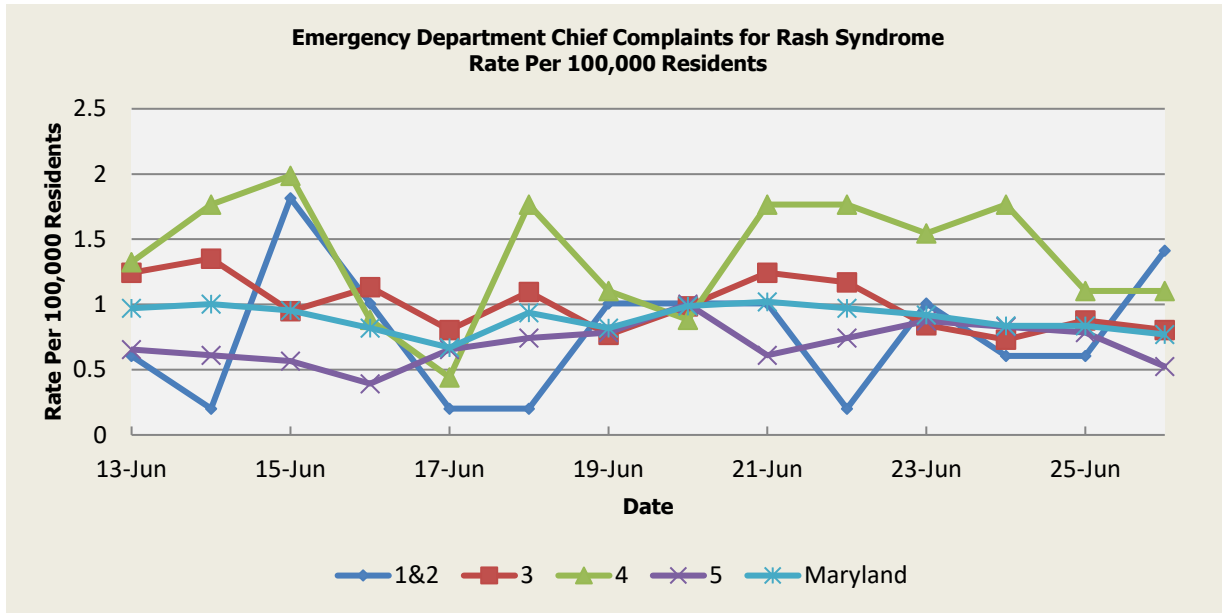
There were no Localized Lesion Syndrome outbreaks reported this week.

Localized Lesion Syndrome Baseline Data January 1, 2010 - Present					
Health Region	1&2	3	4	5	Maryland
Mean Rate*	1.16	1.66	1.95	0.85	1.33
Median Rate*	1.01	1.61	1.77	0.83	1.29

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# Rash Syndrome



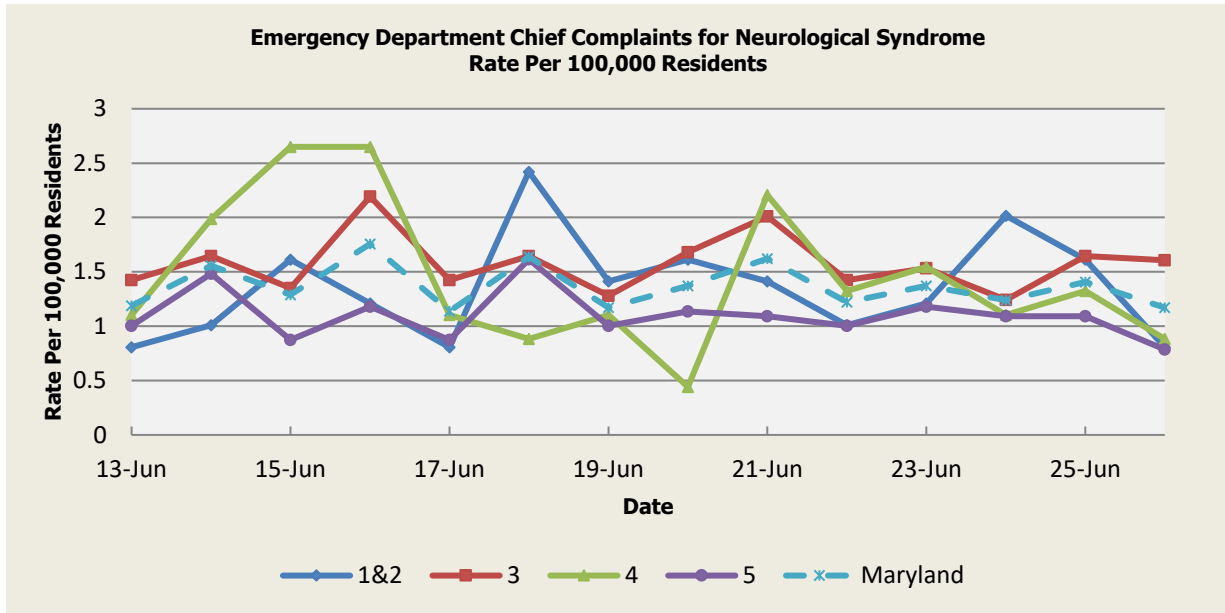
There was one Rash illness outbreaks reported this week: one (1) outbreak of MRSA in a Correctional Facility (Region 5).

Rash Syndrome Baseline Data January 1, 2010 - Present					
Health Region	1&2	3	4	5	Maryland
Mean Rate*	1.17	1.55	1.64	0.90	1.28
Median Rate*	1.01	1.50	1.55	0.87	1.25

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# Neurological Syndrome



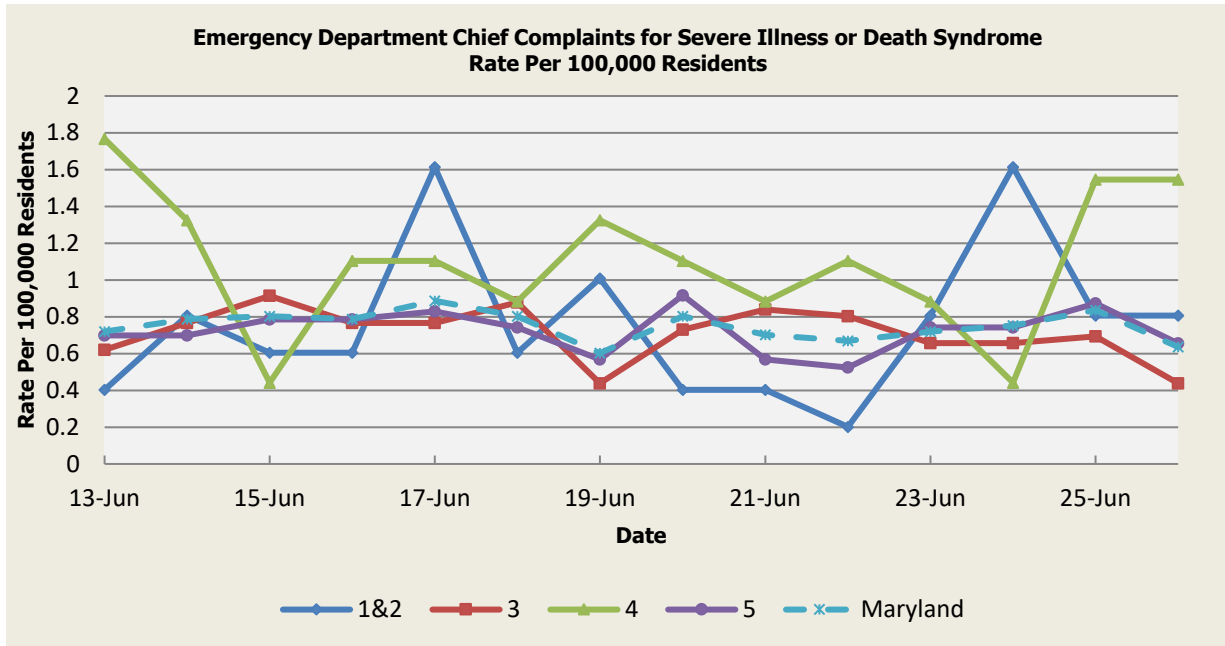
There were no Neurological Syndrome outbreaks reported this week.

Neurological Syndrome Baseline Data January 1, 2010 - Present					
Health Region	1&2	3	4	5	Maryland
Mean Rate*	0.83	1.03	0.96	0.66	0.87
Median Rate*	0.81	0.99	0.88	0.61	0.85

\* Per 100,000 Residents

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## Severe Illness or Death Syndrome



There were no Severe Illness or Death Syndrome outbreaks reported this week.

Severe Illness or Death Syndrome Baseline Data January 1, 2010 - Present					
Health Region	1&2	3	4	5	Maryland
Mean Rate*	0.66	0.87	0.85	0.55	0.73
Median Rate*	0.60	0.84	0.88	0.52	0.70

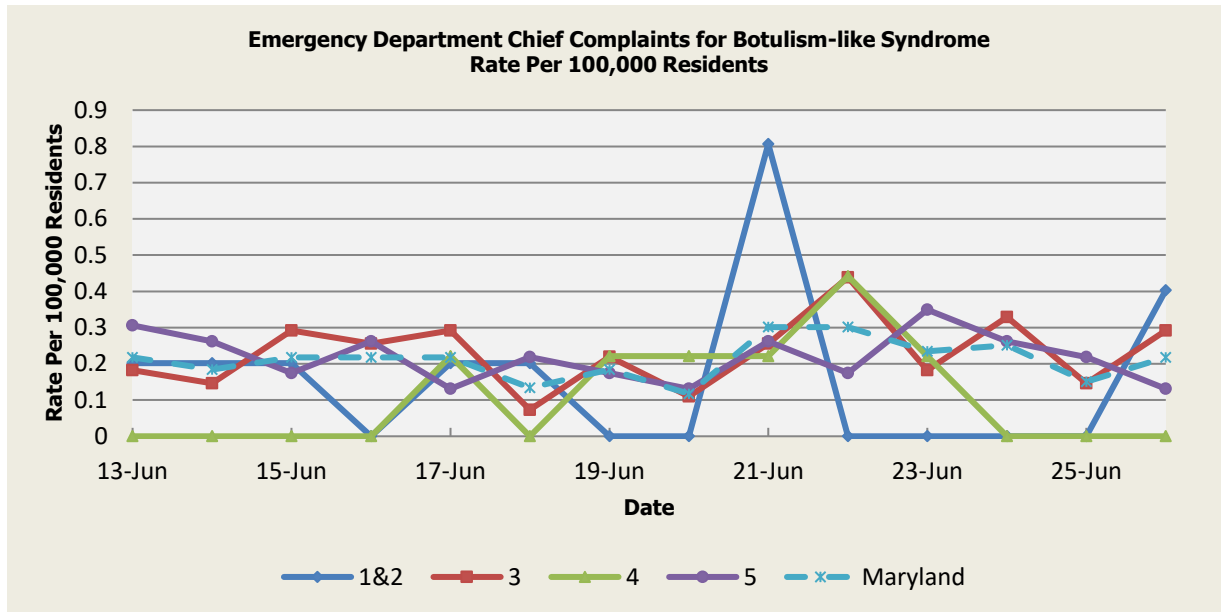
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## SYNDROMES RELATED TO CATEGORY A AGENTS

### Botulism-like Syndrome



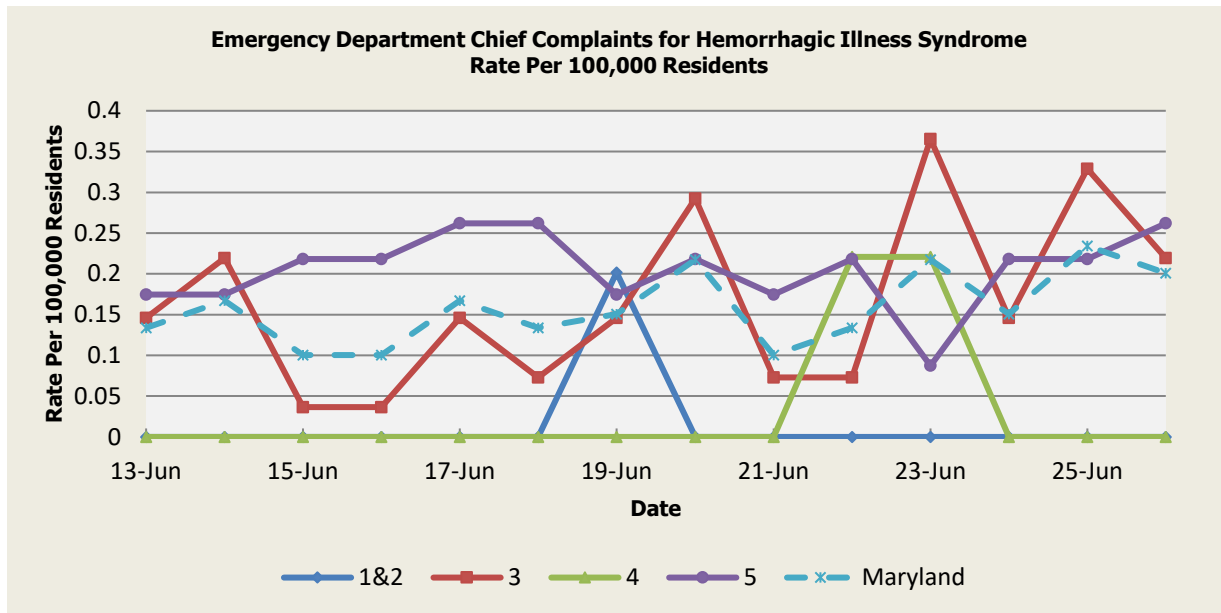
There was an appreciable increase above baseline in the rate of ED visits for Botulism-like Syndrome on 6/13 (Regions 1&2,5), 6/14 (Regions 1&2,5), 6/15 (Regions 1&2,3), 6/16 (Region 5), 6/17 (Regions 1&2,3,4), 6/16 (Region 5), 6/17 (Regions 1&2,3,4), 6/18 (Regions 1&2,5), 6/19 (Region 4), 6/20 (Region 4), 6/21 (Regions 1&2,4,5), 6/22 (Regions 3,4), 6/23 (Regions 4,5), 6/24 (Regions 3,5), 6/25 (Region 5), 6/26 (Regions 1&2,3). These increases are not known to be associated with any outbreaks.

<b>Botulism-like Syndrome Baseline Data January 1, 2010 - Present</b>					
Health Region	1&2	3	4	5	Maryland
Mean Rate*	0.08	0.14	0.07	0.09	0.11
Median Rate*	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.09	0.10

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## Hemorrhagic Illness Syndrome



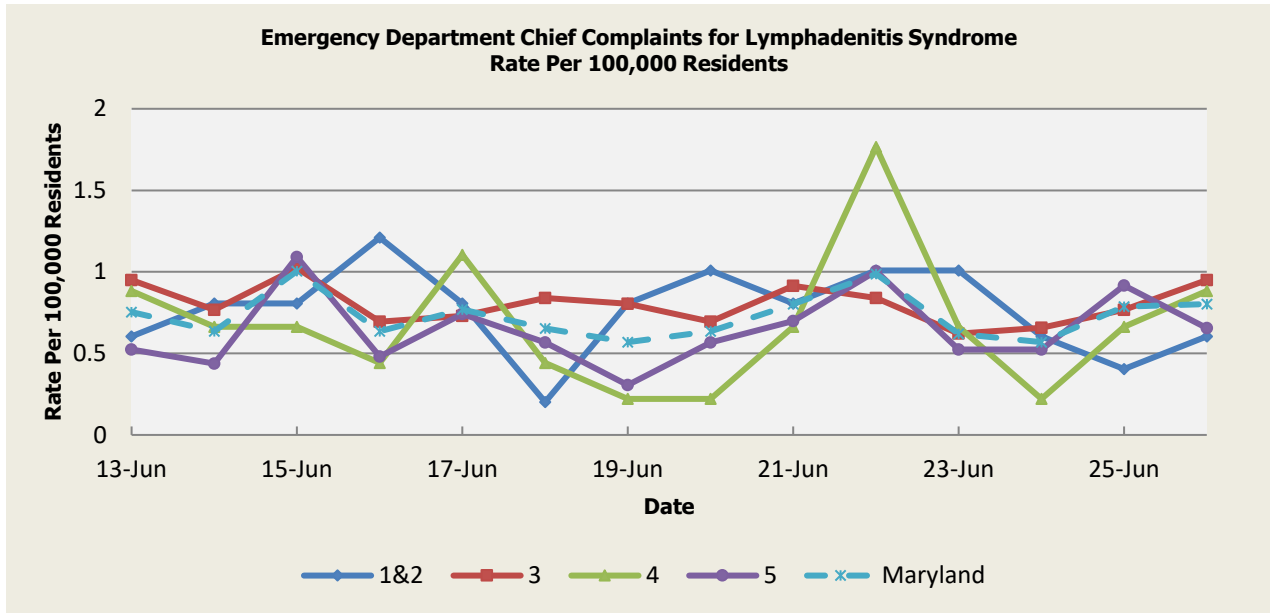
There was an appreciable increase above baseline in the rate of ED visits for Hemorrhagic Illness Syndrome on 6/19 (Regions 1&2), 6/22 (Region 4), 6/23 (Regions 3,4). These increases are not known to be associated with any outbreaks.

Hemorrhagic Illness Syndrome Baseline Data January 1, 2010 - Present					
Health Region	1&2	3	4	5	Maryland
Mean Rate*	0.05	0.17	0.04	0.15	0.14
Median Rate*	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.09	0.12

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# Lymphadenitis Syndrome



There was an appreciable increase above baseline in the rate of ED visits for Lymphadenitis Syndrome on 6/13 (Region 4), 6/15 (Region 5), 6/16 (Regions 1&2), 6/17 (Region 4), 6/20 (Regions 1&2), 6/22 (Regions 1&2,4,5), 6/23 (Regions 1&2), 6/25 (Region 5), 6/26 (Region 4). These increases are not known to be associated with any outbreaks.

Lymphadenitis Syndrome Baseline Data January 1, 2010 - Present					
Health Region	1&2	3	4	5	Maryland
Mean Rate*	0.41	0.61	0.41	0.40	0.50
Median Rate*	0.40	0.58	0.44	0.35	0.49

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## **MARYLAND REPORTABLE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE**

### **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Summary**

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Maryland Department of Health announced the first cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (abbreviated COVID-19) in the State of Maryland.

### **Confirmed COVID-19 Case Counts in Maryland by County (As of July 2nd, 2021)**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Confirmed Cases</b>
Allegany	7,057
Anne Arundel	43,986
Baltimore City	65,966
Baltimore County	53,146
Calvert	4,240
Caroline	2,352
Carroll	9,528
Cecil	6,351
Charles	10,970
Dorchester	2,851
Frederick	19,841
Garrett	2,045
Harford	16,661
Howard	19,338
Kent	1,361
Montgomery	71,209
Prince George's	85,556
Queen Anne's	3,010
St. Mary's	6,065
Somerset	2,625
Talbot	2,184
Washington	14,668
Wicomico	7,732
Worcester	3,697
<b>Total</b>	<b>462,439</b>

The most up-to-date information may be found on the Maryland Department of Health website at <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov>.

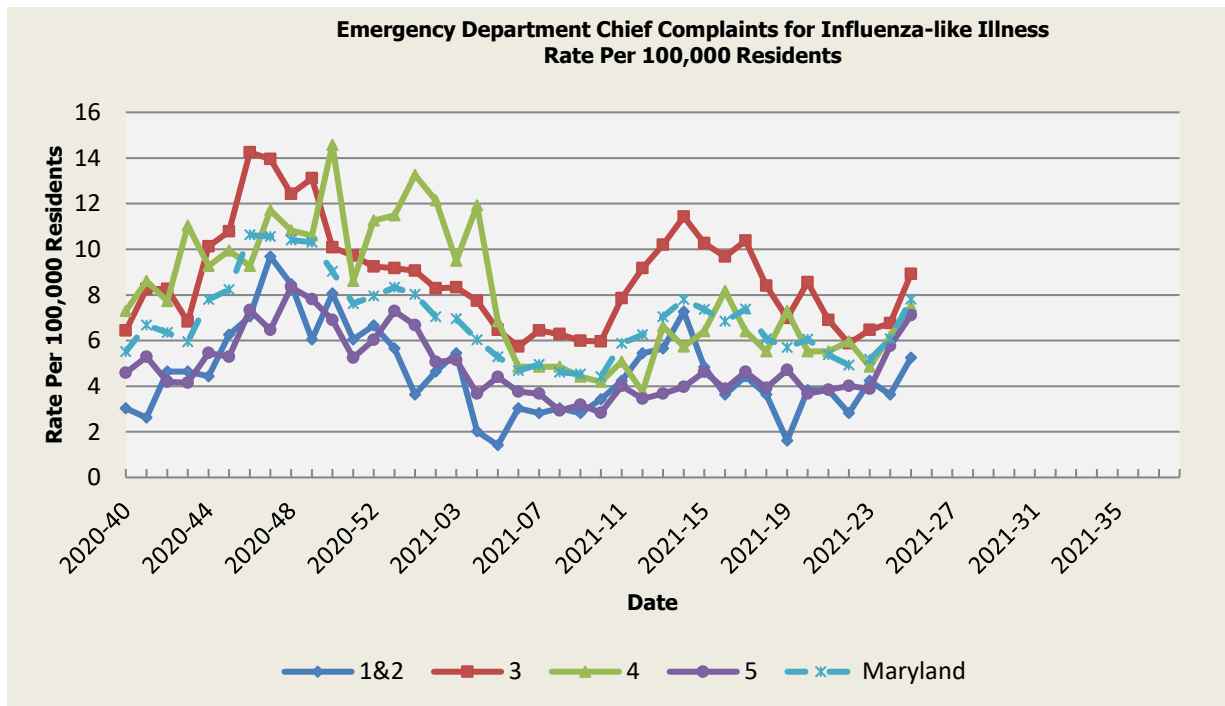
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## SYNDROMIC INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE

Seasonal Influenza reporting occurs from MMWR Week 40 through MMWR Week 20 (October 2020 through May 2021). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, influenza reporting will be extended to the beginning of the 2021-2022 reporting season (MMWR Week 40/Week Ending October 9, 2021).

Seasonal Influenza activity for Week 25:

### Influenza-like Illness

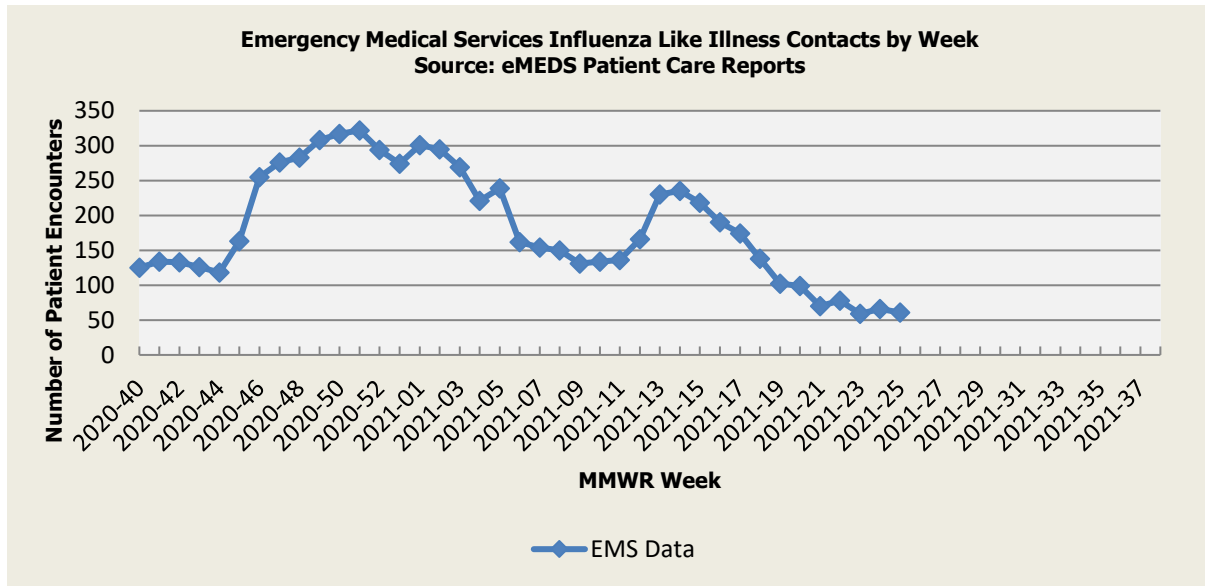


<b>Influenza-like Illness Baseline Data Week 1 2010 - Present</b>					
Health Region	1&2	3	4	5	Maryland
Mean Rate*	9.96	13.80	13.10	11.49	12.55
Median Rate*	7.26	10.16	9.27	8.29	9.07

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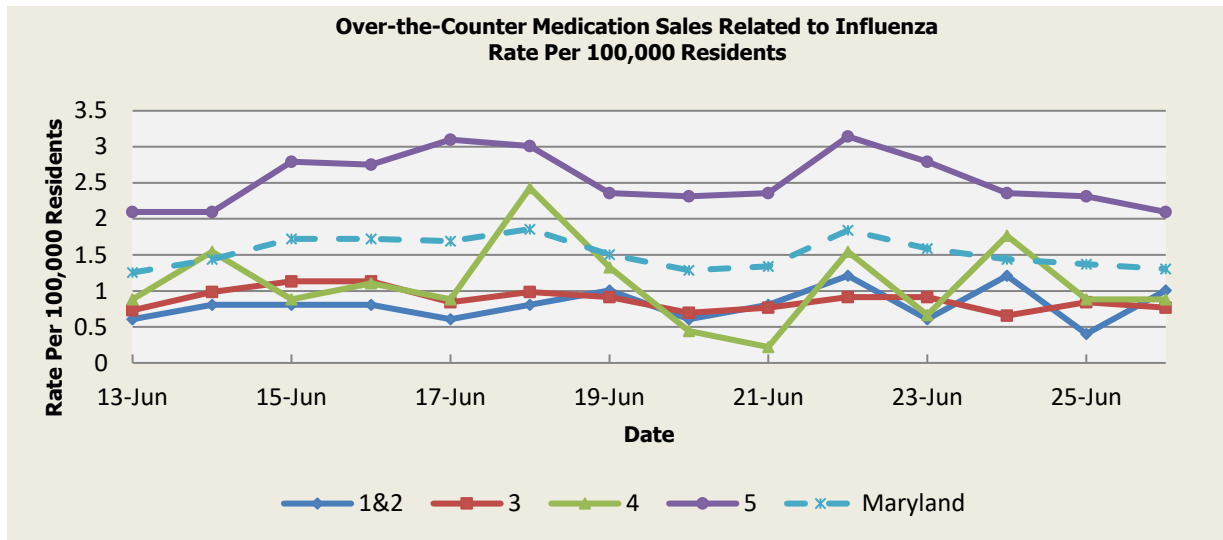
## Influenza-like Illness Contacts by Week



**Disclaimer on eMEDS flu related data:** These data are based on EMS Pre-hospital care reports where the EMS provider has selected “flu like illness” as a primary or secondary impression of a patient’s illness. This impression is solely based on the signs and symptoms seen by the provider, not on any diagnostic tests. Since these numbers do not include all primary or secondary impressions that may be seen with influenza the actual numbers may be low. These data are reported for trending purposes only.

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## Over-the-Counter Influenza-Related Medication Sales



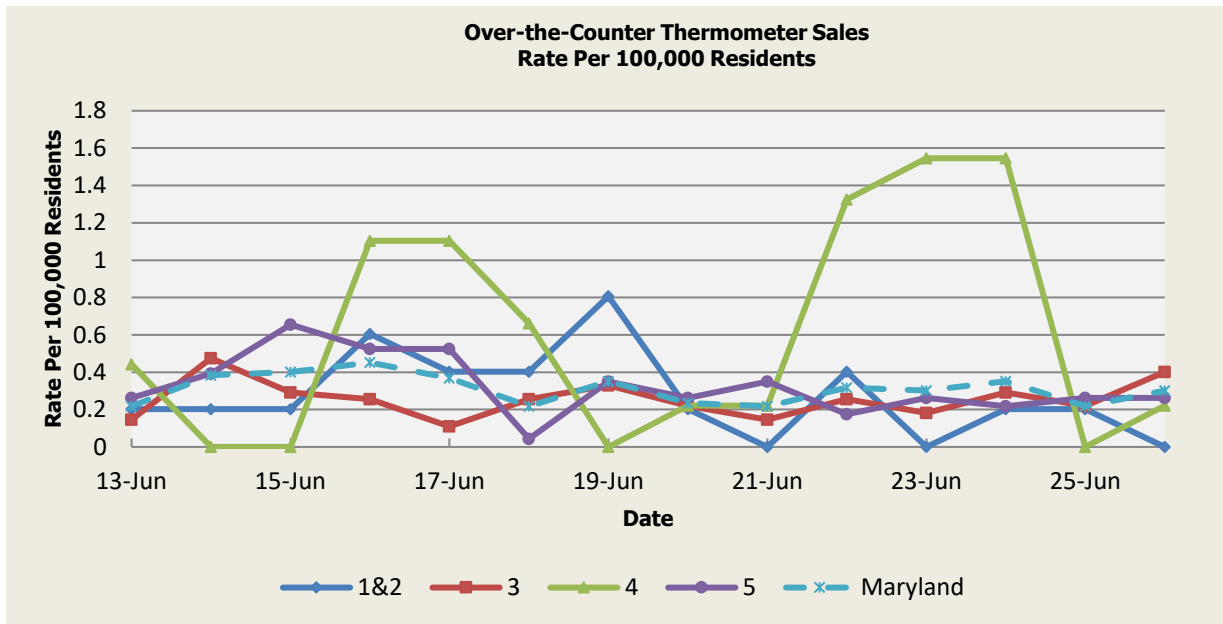
There was no appreciable increase above baseline in the rate of OTC Medication Sales during this reporting period.

OTC Medication Sales Baseline Data January 1, 2010 - Present					
Health Region	1&2	3	4	5	Maryland
Mean Rate*	3.15	4.00	2.45	7.26	5.06
Median Rate*	2.42	3.00	1.99	6.29	4.13

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## Over-the-Counter Thermometer Sales



There was no appreciable increase above baseline in the rate of OTC Thermometer Sales during this reporting period.

Thermometer Sales Baseline Data January 1, 2010 - Present					
Health Region	1&2	3	4	5	Maryland
Mean Rate*	2.61	2.47	2.03	3.27	2.75
Median Rate*	2.42	2.45	1.99	3.32	2.79

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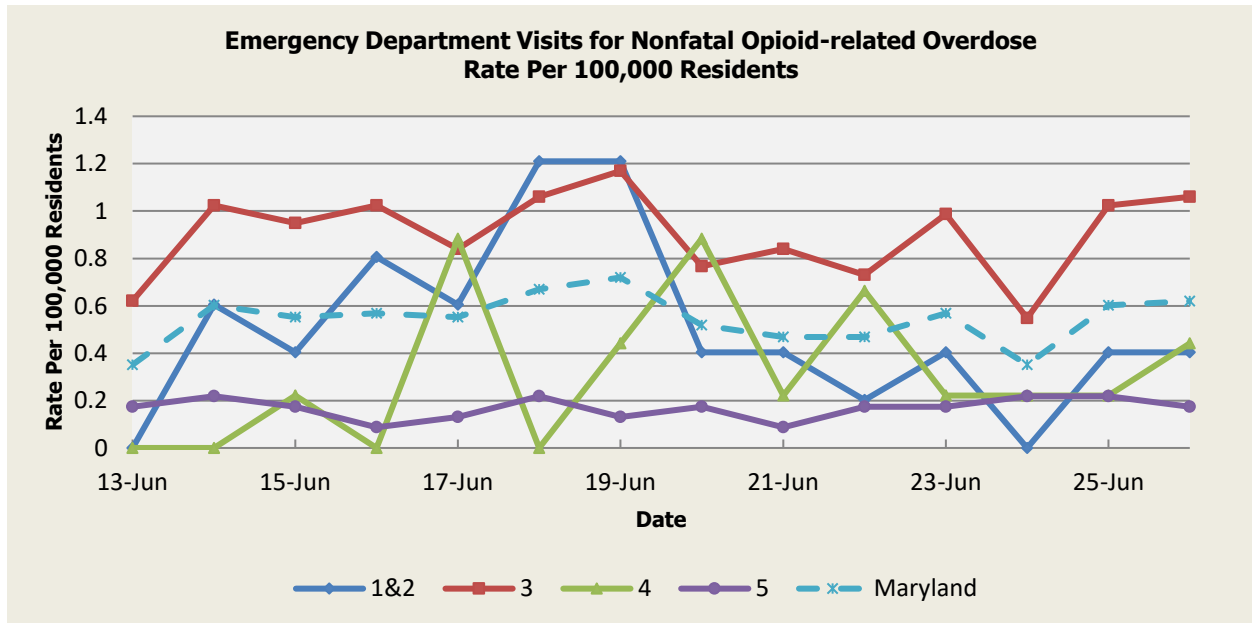
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## SYNDROMIC OVERDOSE SURVEILLANCE

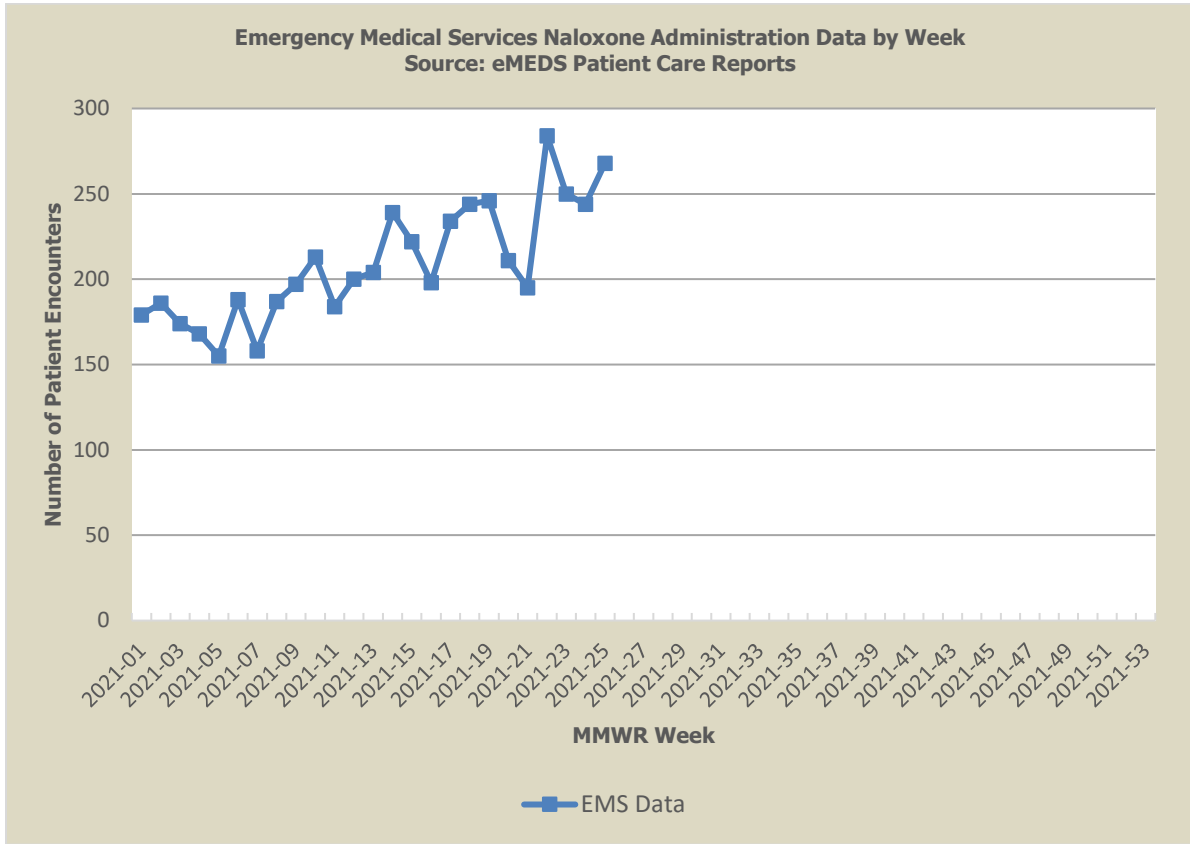
The purpose of this section is to characterize nonfatal overdose trends among Maryland residents captured by ESSENCE data, including emergency department (ED) chief complaint and discharge diagnosis as well as emergency medical services (EMS) patient care reports. Maryland uses ESSENCE data to track trends in nonfatal drug overdoses as a critical strategy for surveillance and tailoring prevention resources to populations most affected in the state.

### Nonfatal Opioid-related Overdose



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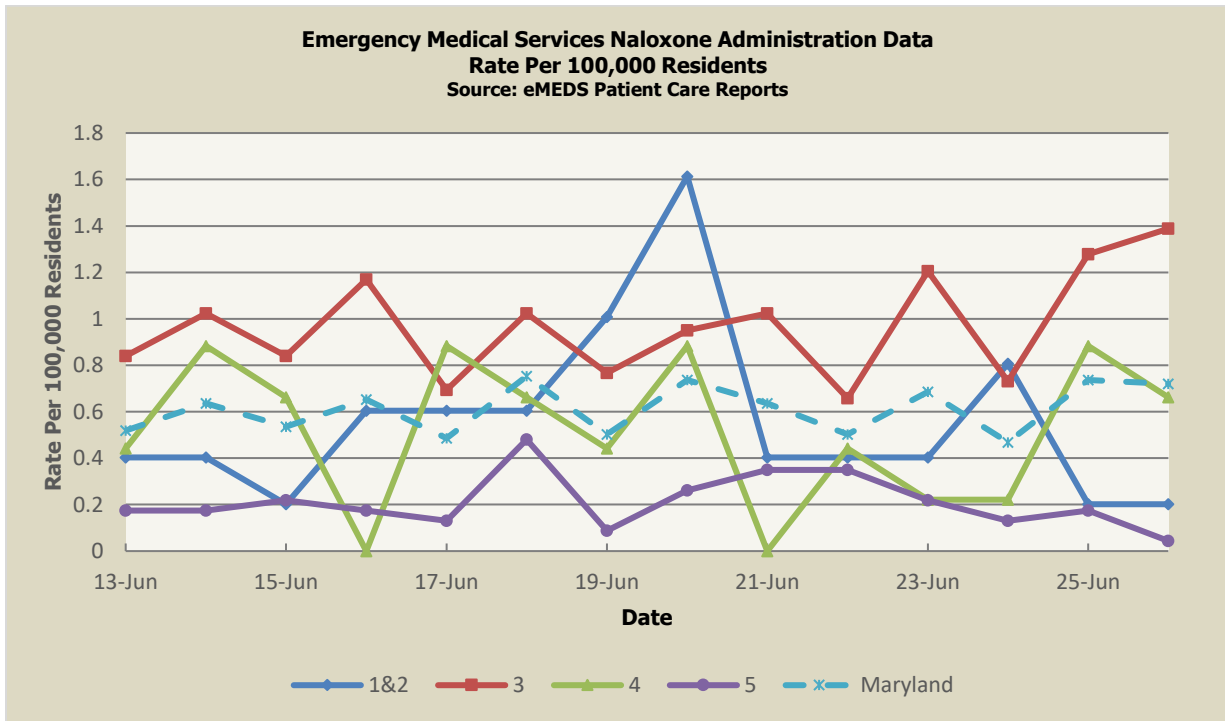
# Naloxone Administration Data by Week



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## **PANDEMIC INFLUENZA UPDATE / AVIAN INFLUENZA-RELATED REPORTS**

**WHO update:** The current WHO phase of pandemic alert for avian influenza is ALERT. Currently, the avian influenza H5N1 virus continues to circulate in poultry in some countries, especially in Asia and northeast Africa. This virus continues to cause sporadic human infections with some instances of limited human-to-human transmission among very close contacts. There has been no sustained human-to-human or community-level transmission identified thus far.

Influenza A (H7N9) is one of a subgroup of influenza viruses that normally circulate among birds. Until recently, this virus had not been seen in people. However, human infections have now been detected. Presently, there is limited information about the scope of the disease the virus causes and about the source of exposure. The disease is of concern because most patients have been severely ill. There is no indication thus far that it can be transmitted between people, but both animal-to-human and human-to-human routes of transmission are being actively investigated.

**Alert phase:** This is the phase when influenza caused by a new subtype has been identified in humans. Increased vigilance and careful risk assessment, at local, national, and global levels are characteristic of this phase. If the risk assessments indicate that the new virus is not developing into a pandemic strain, a de-escalation of activities towards those in the interpandemic phase may occur. As of July 2nd, 2021, the WHO-confirmed global total (2003-2020) of human cases of H5N1 avian influenza virus infection stands at 862, of which 455 have been fatal. Thus, the case fatality rate for human H5N1 is approximately 53%.

### **AVIAN INFLUENZA**

**AVIAN INFLUENZA (TOGO)**, 1 July 2021, Epidemiological comments: Two infected farms, which are approximately 5 km apart as the crow flies, each with a population of 1000 layers. Read More: <https://promedmail.org/promed-post/?id=8489408>

**AVIAN INFLUENZA (CHINA)**, 28 June 2021, Highly pathogenic influenza A viruses (inf. with) (non-poultry including wild birds), China. Read More: <https://promedmail.org/promed-post/?id=8480747>

### **HUMAN AVIAN INFLUENZA**

*There were no relevant human avian influenza reports this week*

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## **NATIONAL DISEASE REPORTS**

**MELIOIDOSIS (USA)**, 1 July 2021, Multistate investigation of non-travel associated *Burkholderia pseudomallei* infections (melioidosis) in 3 patients: Kansas, Texas, and Minnesota, 2021. Read More: <https://promedmail.org/promed-post/?id=8489365>

**POWASSAN VIRUS ENCEPHALITIS (MAINE)**, 1 July 2021, The 1st case of the tick-borne Powassan virus has been confirmed this year [2021], according to the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Read More: <https://promedmail.org/promed-post/?id=8487680>

**RABIES (USA)**, 30 June 2021, The US is banning the importation of dogs from more than 100 countries for at least a year because of a sharp increase in the number of puppies imported into the country with fraudulent rabies vaccination certificates. Read More: <https://promedmail.org/promed-post/?id=8487313>

**SHIGELLOSIS (KANSAS)**, 30 June 2021, Kansas state health officials and health officials from Sedgwick County continue to investigate cases of illness of shigellosis associated with Tanganyika Wildlife Park in Goddard, Kansas, just outside of Wichita. Read More: <https://promedmail.org/promed-post/?id=8486452>

**SALMONELLOSIS, SEROTYPE WELTEVREDEN (USA)**, 28 June 2021, A small outbreak of *Salmonella* cases linked to frozen cooked shrimp began a nationwide recall of 8 brands, including name brand Chicken of the Sea and the house brands of Whole Foods Market, Safeway, Meijer, and Hannaford. Read More: <https://promedmail.org/promed-post/?id=8481022>

**E. COLI EHEC (USA)**, 25 June 2021, Another person has been confirmed infected in an *E. coli* O157 outbreak linked to organic yogurt from Pure Eire Dairy in Washington State. Read More: <https://promedmail.org/promed-post/?id=8475463>

**LEGIONELLOSIS (OREGON)**, 25 June 2021, Residents at an apartment building in North Portland are still getting sick with Legionnaires' disease, a severe form of pneumonia or lung infection, despite efforts to fix the building's water system. Read More: <https://promedmail.org/promed-post/?id=8475267>

## **INTERNATIONAL DISEASE REPORTS**

**CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 UPDATE (224) (INDONESIA)**, 30 June 2021, Two physicists have claimed that physical distancing rules designed to curb the spread of COVID-19 may be inadequate for people standing outdoors near major pollen sources such as trees and grass. Read More: <https://promedmail.org/promed-post/?id=8486852>

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER (MEXICO)**, 29 June 2021, There have been several large RMSF outbreaks in Mexico over the past 60 years, as well as large outbreaks of RMSF on American Indian reservations where dogs are also allowed to roam freely and are not frequently treated to control ticks. Read More: <https://promedmail.org/promed-post/?id=8482161>

## **OTHER RESOURCES AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

More information concerning Public Health and Emergency Preparedness can be found at the Office of Preparedness and Response website: <http://preparedness.health.maryland.gov/> or follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MarylandOPR](http://www.facebook.com/MarylandOPR).

More data and information on influenza can be found on the MDH website: <http://phpa.health.maryland.gov/influenza/fluwatch/Pages/Home.aspx>

Please participate in the Maryland Resident Influenza Tracking System (MRITS): <http://flusurvey.health.maryland.gov>

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**NOTE:** This weekly review is a compilation of data from various surveillance systems, interpreted with a focus on a potential BT event. It is not meant to be inclusive of all epidemiology data available, nor is it meant to imply that every activity reported is a definitive BT event. International reports of outbreaks due to organisms on the CDC Critical Biological Agent list will also be reported. While not "secure", please handle this information in a professional manner. Please feel free to distribute within your organization, as you feel appropriate, to other professional staff involved in emergency preparedness and infection control.

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## Appendix 1: ESSENCE Syndrome Definitions and Associated Category A Conditions

Syndrome	ESSENCE Definition	Category A Conditions
Botulism-like	(Botulism or (DifficultyFocusing and DifficultySpeaking) or (DifficultySpeaking and DifficultySwallowing) or (DifficultySwallowing and DifficultyFocusing) or DoubleVision or FacialParalysis or GuillainBarre or Ptosis) and not GeneralExclusions	Botulism
Fever	(Chills or (FeverPlus and (Drowsiness or Seizure)) or FeverOnly or SepsisGroup or ViralSyndrome) and not GeneralExclusions	N/A
Gastrointestinal	(AbdominalCramps or AbdominalPainGroup or Diarrhea or FoodPoisoning or Gastroenteritis or GIBleeding or Peritonitis or Vomiting) and not (GeneralExclusions or Gynecological or Obstetric or Reproductive or UrinaryTract)	Anthrax (gastrointestinal)
Hemorrhagic Illness	(FeverOrChills and (AcuteBloodAbnormalitiesGroup or BleedingFromMouth or BleedingGums or GIBleeding or Hematemesis or Hemoptysis or Nosebleed or Petechiae or Purpura)) and not GeneralExclusions	Viral Hemorrhagic Fever
Localized Lesion	(Boils or Bump or Carbuncle or DepressedUlcer or Eschar or Furuncle or InsectBite or SkinAbscess or (SkinSores and not AllOverBody) or SkinUlcer or SpiderBite) and not (GeneralExclusions or Decubitus or Diabetes or StasisUlcer)	Anthrax (cutaneous) Tularemia
Lymphadenitis	(BloodPoisoning or Bubo or CatScratchDisease or SwollenGlands) and not GeneralExclusions	Plague (bubonic)
Neurological	(([Age<75] and AlteredMentalStatus) or (FeverPlus and (Confusion or Drowsiness or Petechiae or StiffNeck)) or Delirium or Encephalitis or Meningitis or UnconsciousGroup) and not GeneralExclusions	N/A
Rash	(ChickenPox or Measles or RashGeneral or Roseola or (Rubella and not Pregnancy) or Shingles or (SkinSores and AllOverBody) or Smallpox) and not GeneralExclusions	Smallpox
Respiratory	(Anthrax or Bronchitis or (ChestPain and [Age<50]) or Cough or Croup or DifficultyBreathing or Hemothorax or Hypoxia or Influenza or Legionnaires or LowerRespiratoryInfection or Pleurisy or Pneumonia or RespiratoryDistress or RespiratoryFailure or RespiratorySyncytialVirus or RibPain or ShortnessOfBreath or Wheezing) and not (GeneralExclusions or Cardiac or (ChestPain and Musculoskeletal) or Hyperventilation or Pneumothorax)	Anthrax (inhalational) Tularemia Plague (pneumonic)
Severe Illness or Death	CardiacArrest or CodeGroup or DeathGroup or (Hypotension and FeverPlus) or RespiratoryArrest or SepsisGroup or Shock	N/A

## Appendix 2: Maryland Health and Medical Region Definitions

Health and Medical Region	Counties Reporting to ESSENCE
Regions 1 & 2	Allegany County Frederick County Garrett County Washington County
Region 3	Anne Arundel County Baltimore City Baltimore County Carroll County Harford County Howard County
Region 4	Caroline County Cecil County Dorchester County Kent County Queen Anne's County Somerset County Talbot County Wicomico County Worcester County
Region 5	Calvert County Charles County Montgomery County Prince George's County St. Mary's County

