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## Weekly Cold-related Illness Surveillance Report

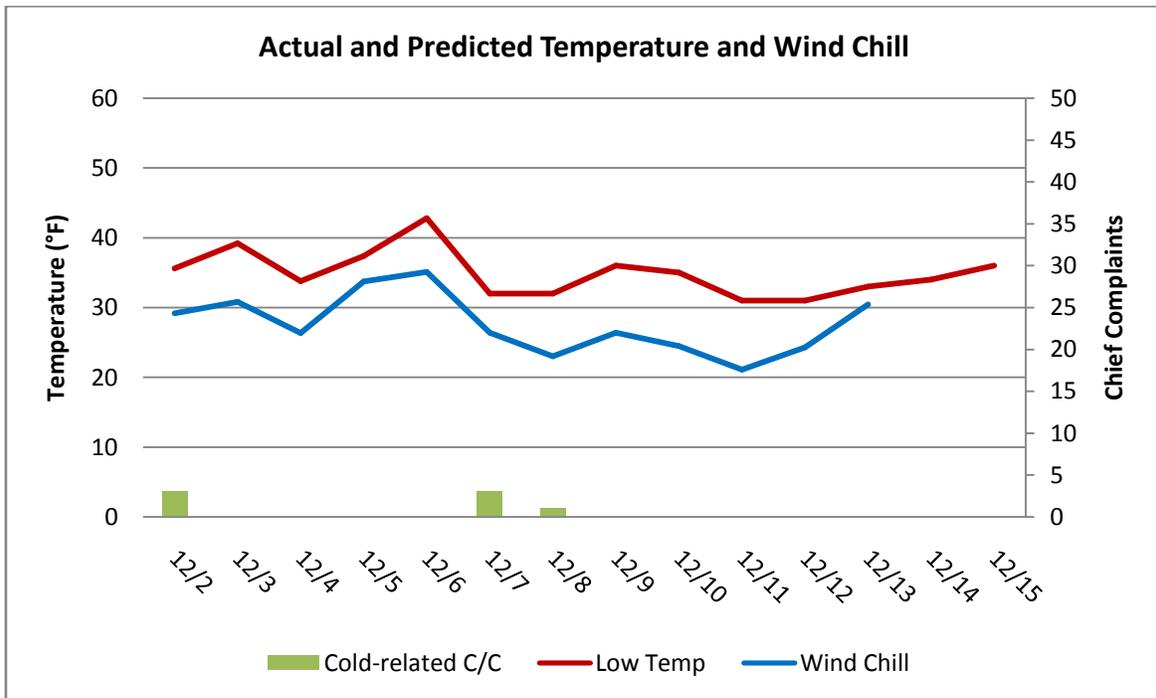
December 10, 2014

Reporting for 12/02/14 through 12/08/14

**National Weather Service Forecast:** No extreme cold forecast.

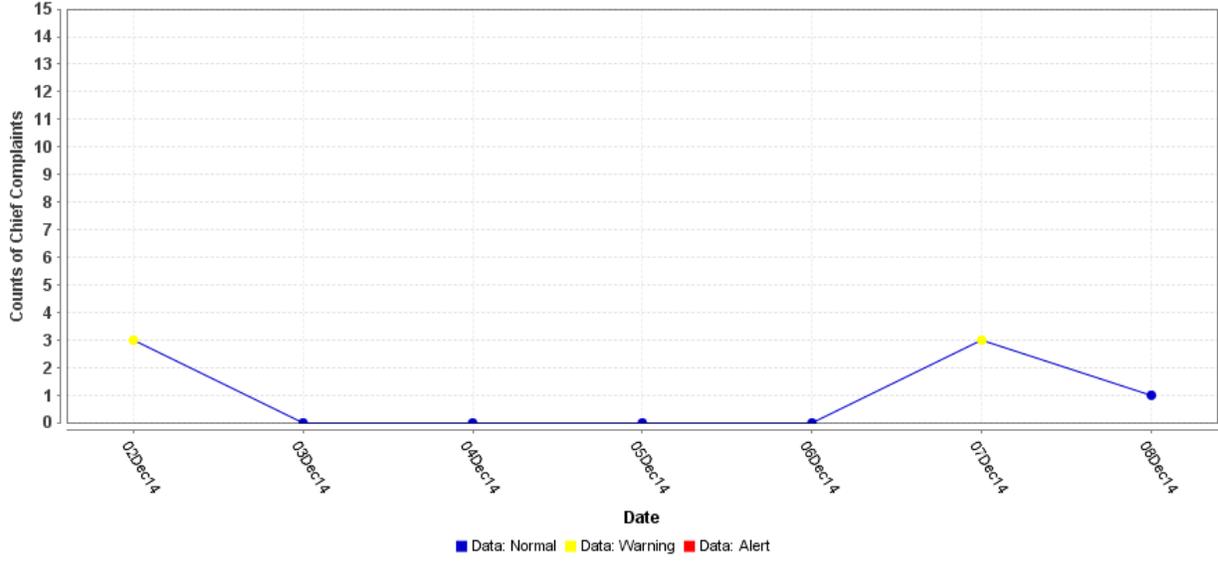
**Cold Advisories Declared During the Previous Week:** 0

**Total Cold Advisories Declared This Winter:** 0

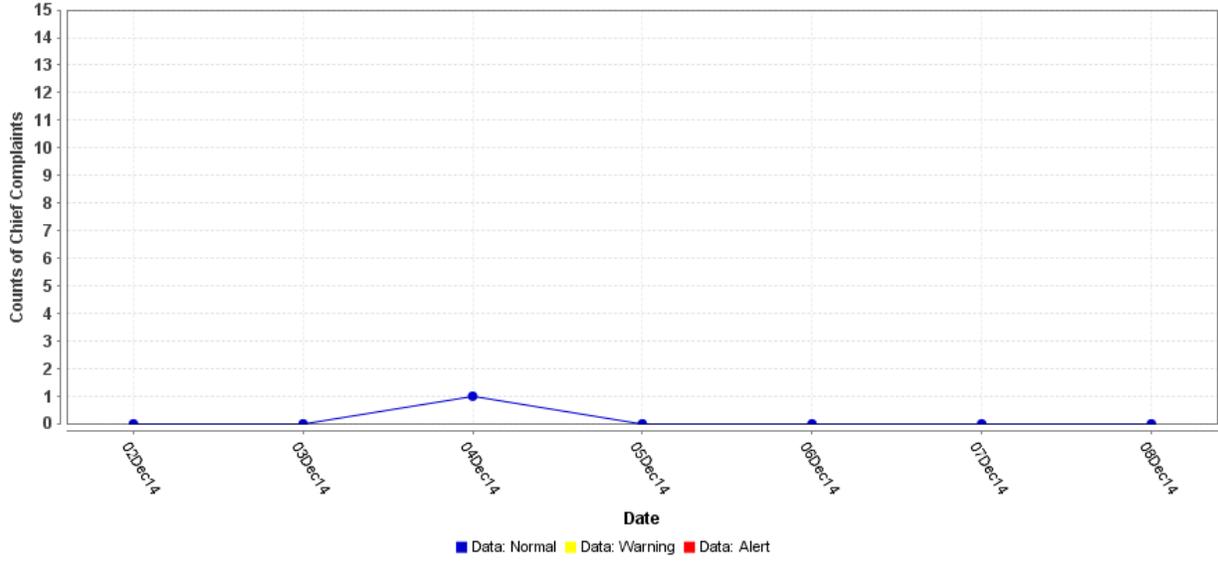


*Note: Wind Chill is only calculated for temperatures below 50°F and wind speeds above 3 mph*

Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness



Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide

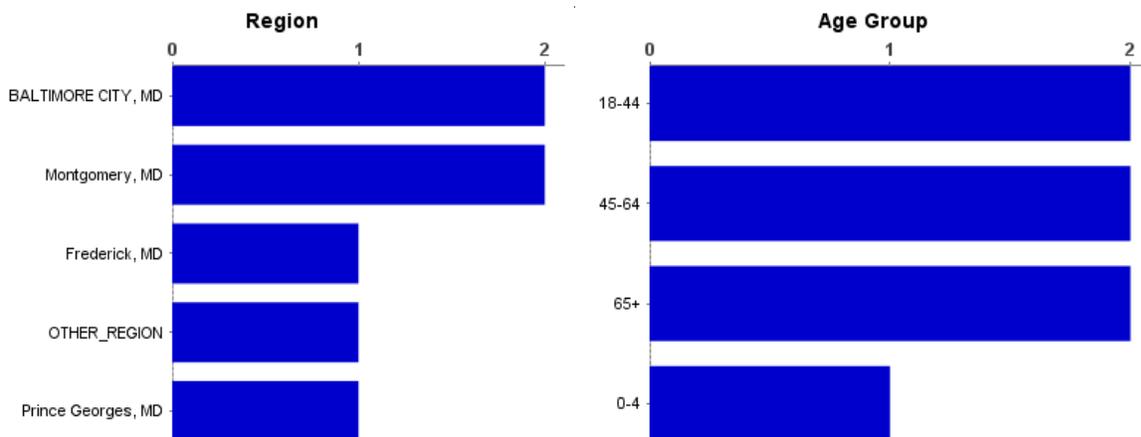


Date	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure
December 2	3	0
December 3	0	0
December 4	0	1
December 5	0	0
December 6	0	0
December 7	3	0
December 8	1	0

**\*Note:** ESSENCE chief complaint query for cold-related illness contains the following terms: frostbite, frostnip, hypothermia, chilblain, and trench foot

There were no chief complaint clusters identified during the week.

### Geographical and Age Group Distribution of Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness for December 2, 2014 through December 8, 2014



<b>Total Number of Cold-related Deaths</b>	<b>Jurisdiction*</b>	<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Gender</b>
0	n/a	n/a	n/a

\*Refers to the jurisdiction where the death occurred.

There were no cold-related deaths reported this week.

There have been a total of zero cold-related deaths during the reporting period this winter.

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**Wind Chill Advisory/Warning Criteria:** The National Weather Service issues a Wind Chill Advisory for projected wind chill factors of -5°F to -20°F, and a Wind Chill Warning when the projected wind chill is for -20° or less.

**Note:** The cold report will be released on Wednesdays, with the reporting period being the previous Tuesday through Monday. The results from the query used in ESSENCE to track cold-related illnesses may be an overestimation of the actual burden of illness due to cold weather.

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