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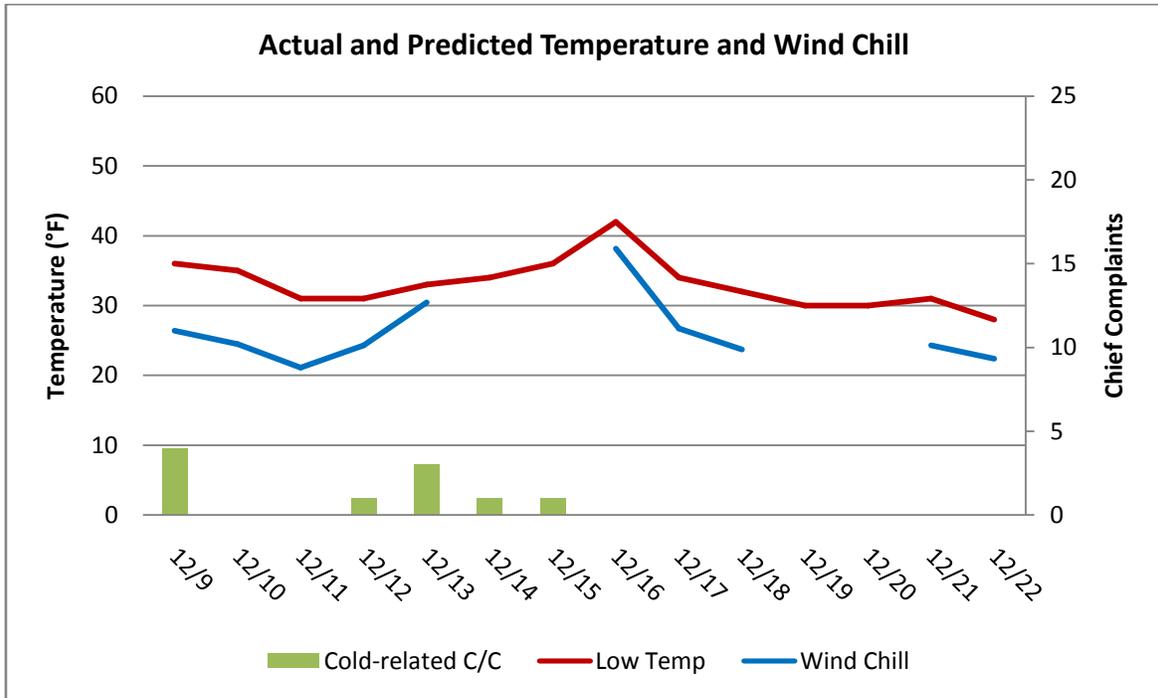
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Weekly Cold-related Illness Surveillance Report

December 17, 2014

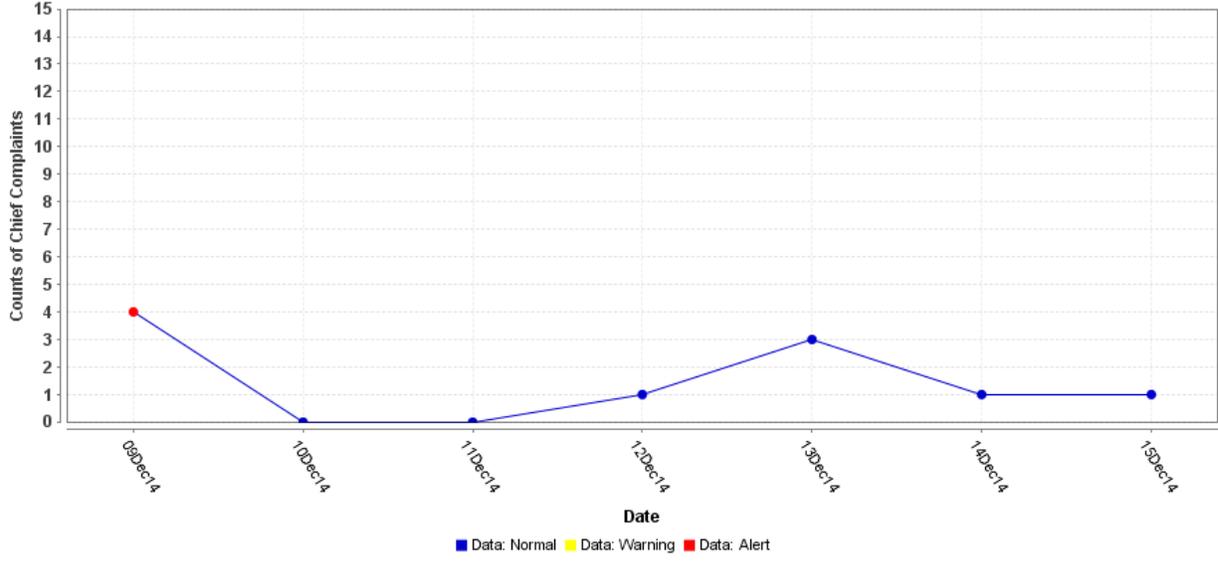
Reporting for 12/9/14 through 12/15/14

National Weather Service Forecast: No extreme cold forecast.
Cold Advisories Declared During the Previous Week: 0
Total Cold Advisories Declared This Winter: 0

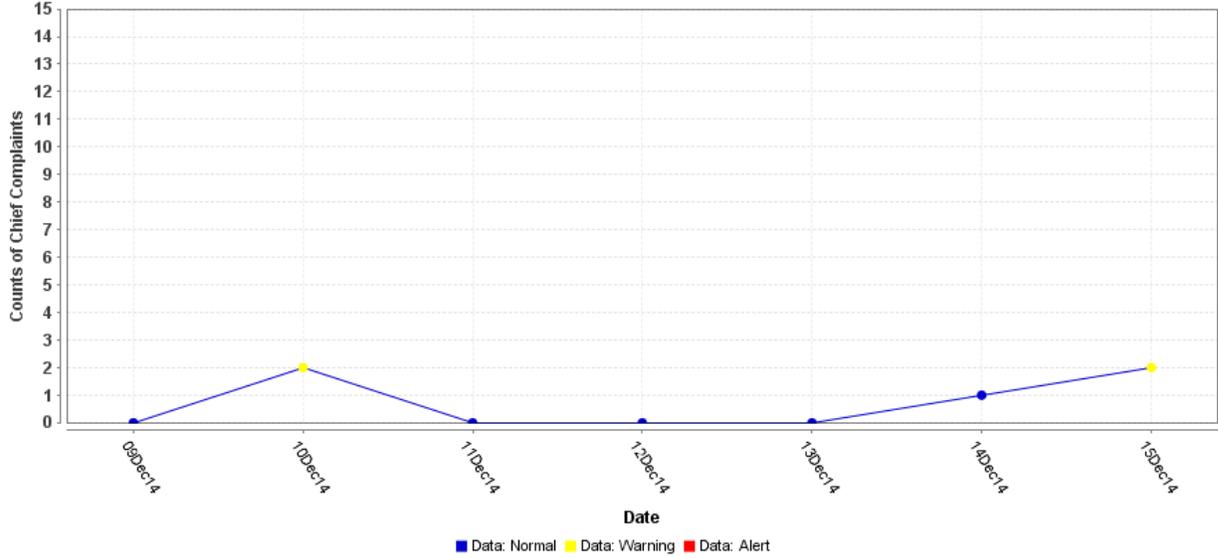


Note: Wind Chill is only calculated for temperatures below 50°F and wind speeds above 3 mph

Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness



Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure

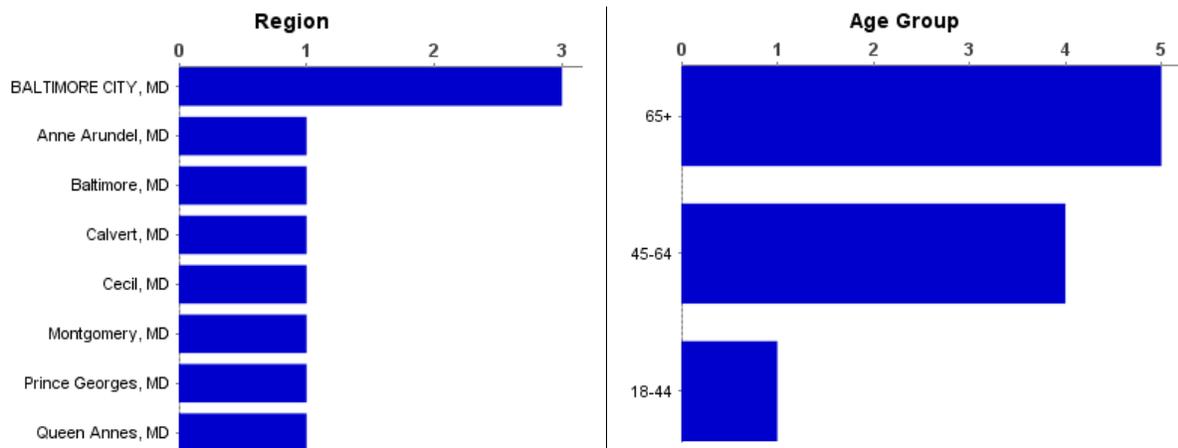


Date	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illness	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure
December 9	4	0
December 10	0	0
December 11	0	1
December 12	1	0
December 13	3	0
December 14	1	0
December 15	1	0

***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 9, 2014 through December 15, 2014



Total Number of Cold-related Deaths	Jurisdiction*	Age Group	Gender
5	Frederick	18-44	Male
	Anne Arundel	18-44	Male
	Wicomico	65+	Male
	Prince George's	65+	Male
	Carroll	65+	Female

*Refers to the jurisdiction where the death occurred.

There were 5 cold-related deaths reported this week.

There have been a total of 5 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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