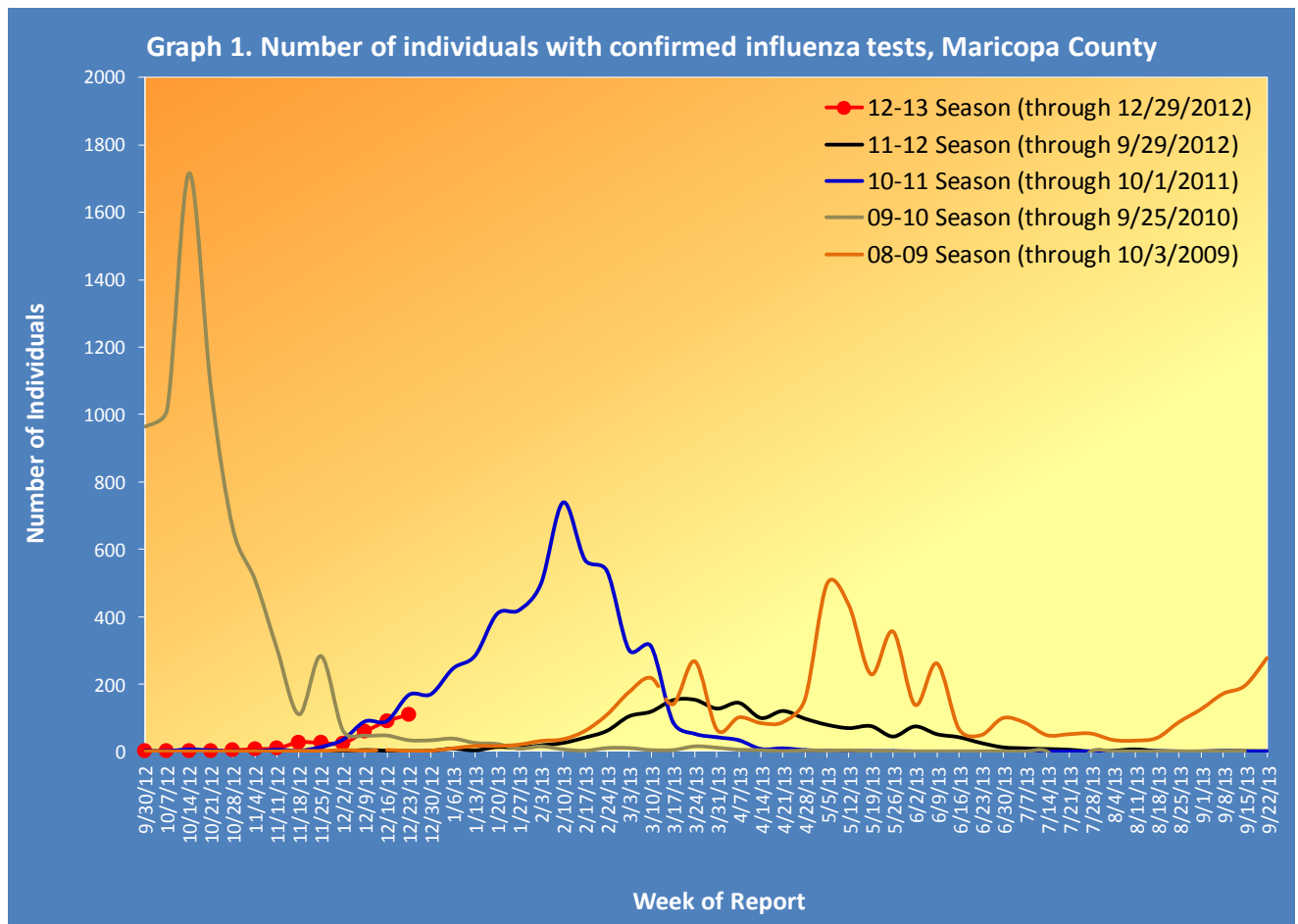


**Maricopa County Department of Public Health
INFLUENZA UPDATE
September 30, 2012 through December 29, 2012
Posted January 4, 2013**

Individuals with Laboratory Confirmed Influenza

This influenza season (2012-13), there have been 356 individuals confirmed with an influenza test. On October 30th, 2012, the first locally-acquired influenza case was confirmed at the Arizona State Public Health Laboratory. The state of Arizona continues to report regional activity. The chart below shows tests each week for the current season (red) and previous seasons.



Types of Influenza

This influenza season, three types of influenza have been reported. Table 1 shows the number and percentage of tests reported by influenza type and subtype.

Table 1. Types/Subtypes of Influenza by Test, 2012-2013 Season, Maricopa		
Total	356	100.0%
Type A	273	76.7%
<i>Subtype 2009 H1N1</i>	3	1.1%
<i>Subtype H3</i>	119	43.6%
<i>Subtyping not performed or unknown</i>	151	55.3%
Type B	77	21.6%
Type Unknown	6	1.7%

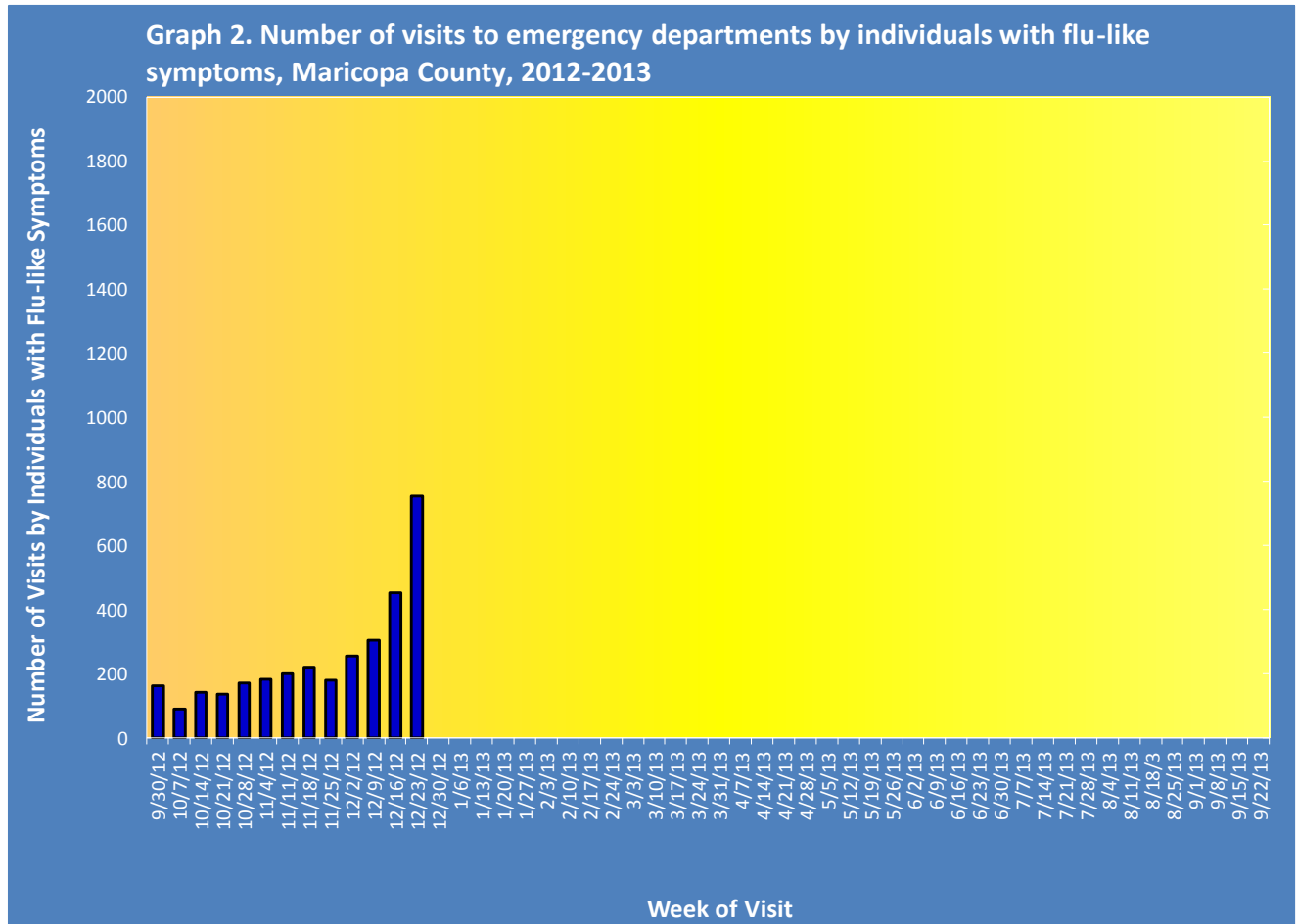
Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Deaths

This influenza season, there have been 294 pneumonia and influenza (P&I) deaths (including 2 pediatric deaths (none attributed to influenza)). This is nearly equivalent to last season's total of 292 P&I deaths (including 3 pediatric deaths (none attributed to influenza)). Table 2 shows the number of P&I deaths and the number of influenza deaths that occurred this season and last season.

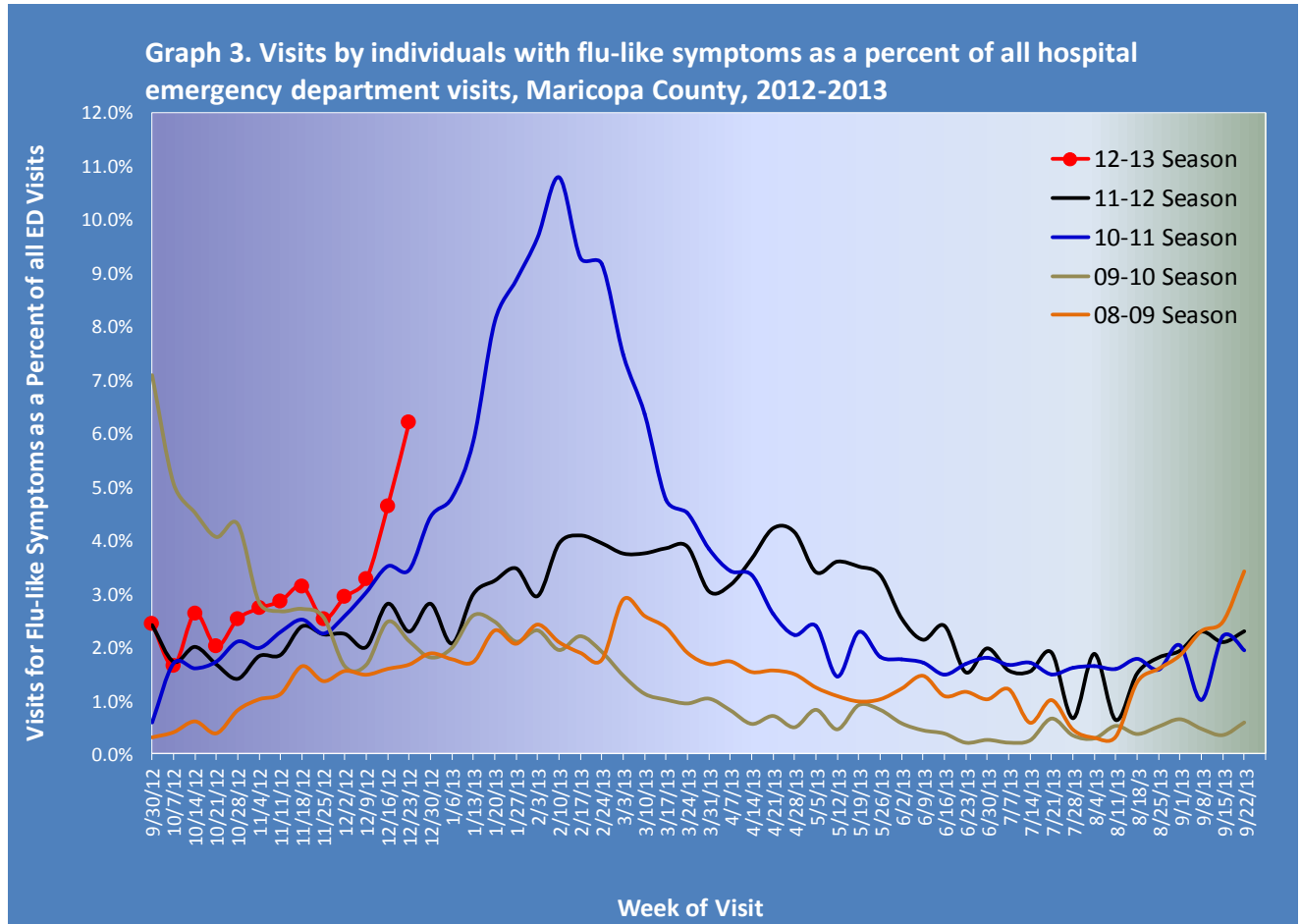
Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Deaths, 2011-12 & 2012-13 Seasons, Maricopa County				
	Current Season (2012-2013) As of [12/29/2012]		Last Season (2011-2012) As of [12/31/2011]	
	Pneumonia and Influenza	Influenza	Pneumonia and Influenza	Influenza
Pediatric (Under Age 18)	2	0	3	0
Adult (18 and Over)	292	2	289	0

Respiratory Illness Activity at Hospital Emergency Departments

This influenza season, there have been 3,244 visits to emergency departments by individuals with flu-like symptoms. To be counted as an individual with flu-like symptoms, the patient must have both fever and cough or sore throat. Graph 2 shows the number of patients with flu-like symptoms seen at 12 emergency departments.

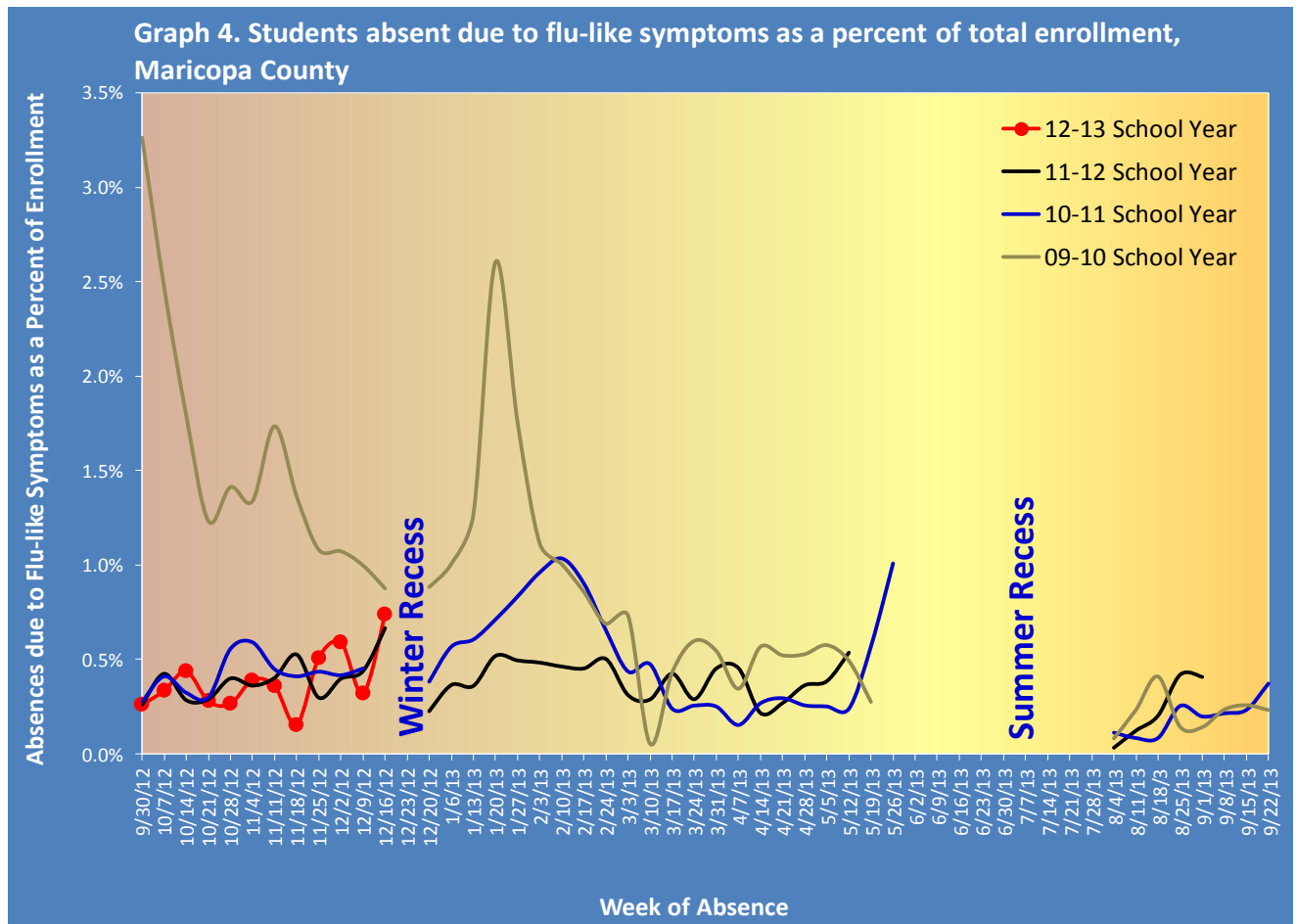


Graph 3 shows what percent of all emergency department visits were individuals with flu-like symptoms (fever and cough/sore throat). The graph shows the trend week by week, with the current season in red.



Respiratory Illness Activity at Schools

Graph 4 shows the percent of enrolled students in selected public schools who were absent due to flu-like symptoms. To be counted as a student absent with flu-like symptoms, the student must be kept home from school and reported (usually by a parent) to have both a fever and cough or sore throat. The chart shows the trend week by week, for the current school year (red) and previous school years.



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***Information on influenza activity for the state, the U.S. and the world may be found
at the following websites:***

<http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/oids/epi/flu/index.htm> (ADHS)
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm> (CDC)
http://www.who.int/influenza/gisrs_laboratory/updates/en/index.html (WHO)