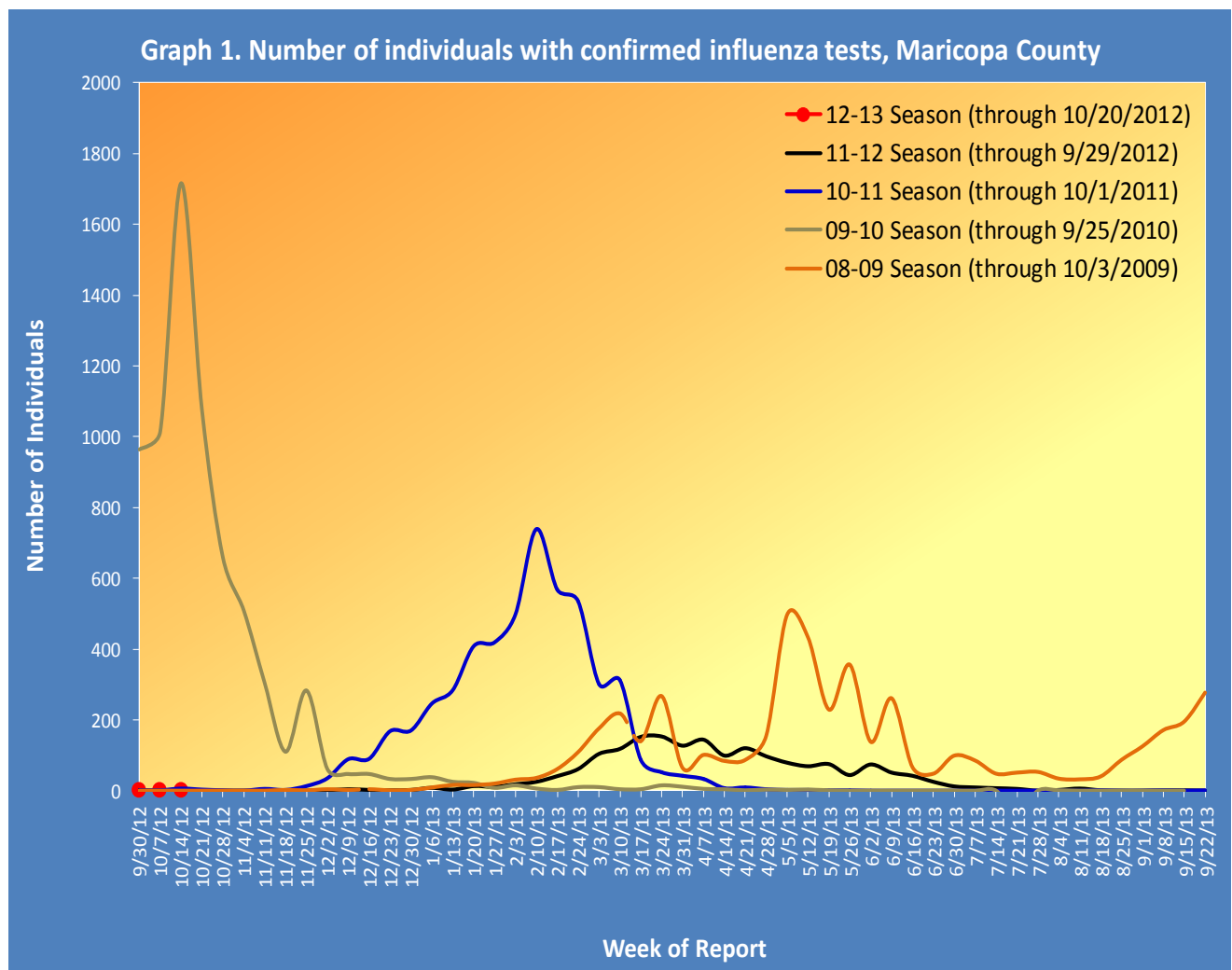


**Maricopa County Department of Public Health
INFLUENZA UPDATE
September 30, 2012 through October 20, 2012
Posted October 25, 2012**

Individuals with Laboratory Confirmed Influenza

This influenza season (2012-13), there has been 1 individual confirmed with an influenza test. This individual had travelled outside of Arizona. There have been no locally acquired cases to date. The chart below shows tests each week for the current season (red) and previous seasons.



Types of Influenza

This influenza season, one type of influenza has been reported. Table 1 shows the number and percentage of tests reported by influenza type.

Table 1. Types of Influenza, 2012-2013 Season, Maricopa County		
Swine flu (Influenza A, type H1N1)	0	0.0%
Seasonal influenza (Influenza A, type H3)	1	100.0%
Influenza B, all types	0	0.0%
		100%
No type determined	0	--
Total	1	--

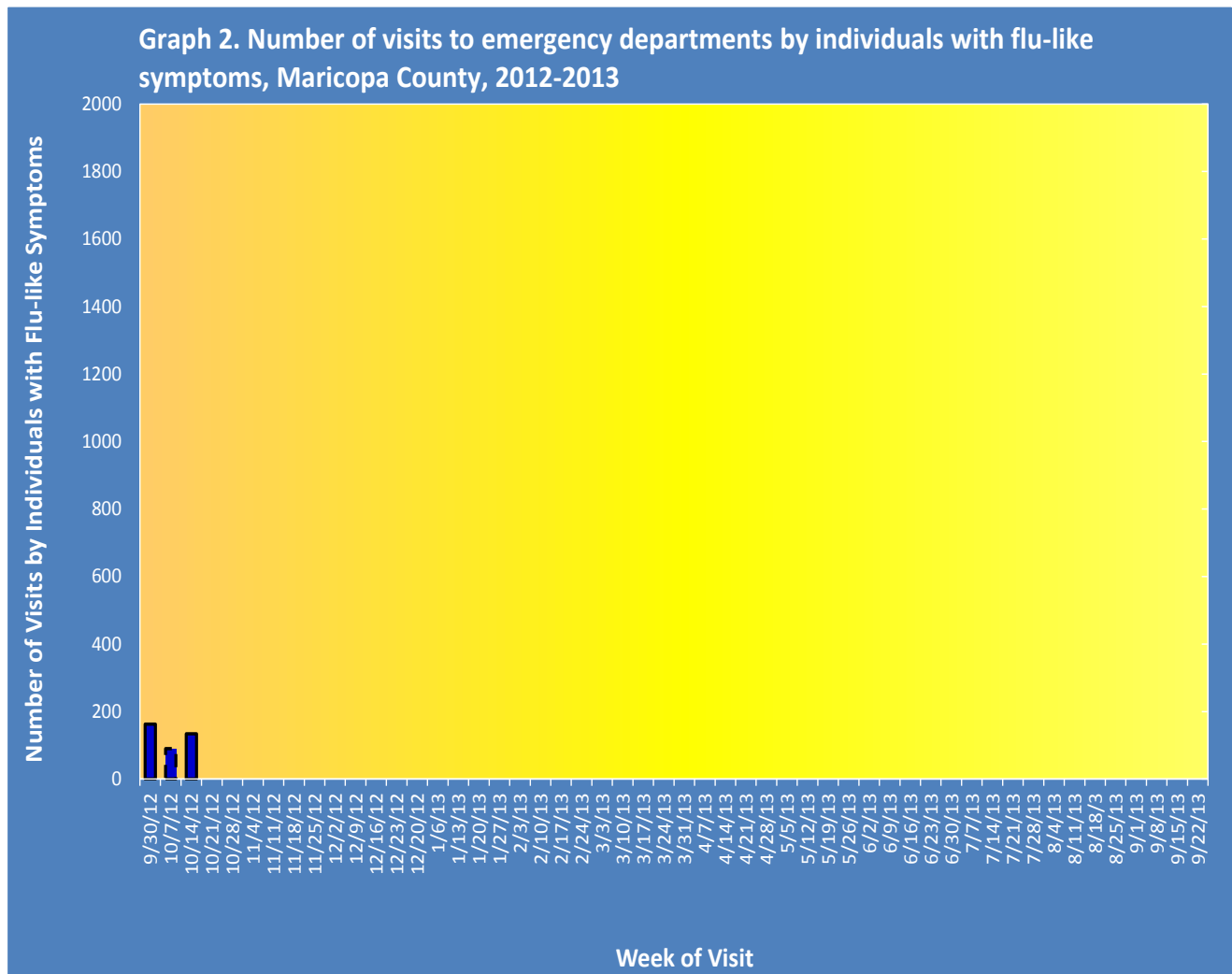
Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Deaths

This influenza season, there have been 79 pneumonia and influenza (P&I) deaths (including 0 pediatric deaths (none attributed to influenza)). This is up from last season's total of 64 P&I deaths (including 1 pediatric death (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.

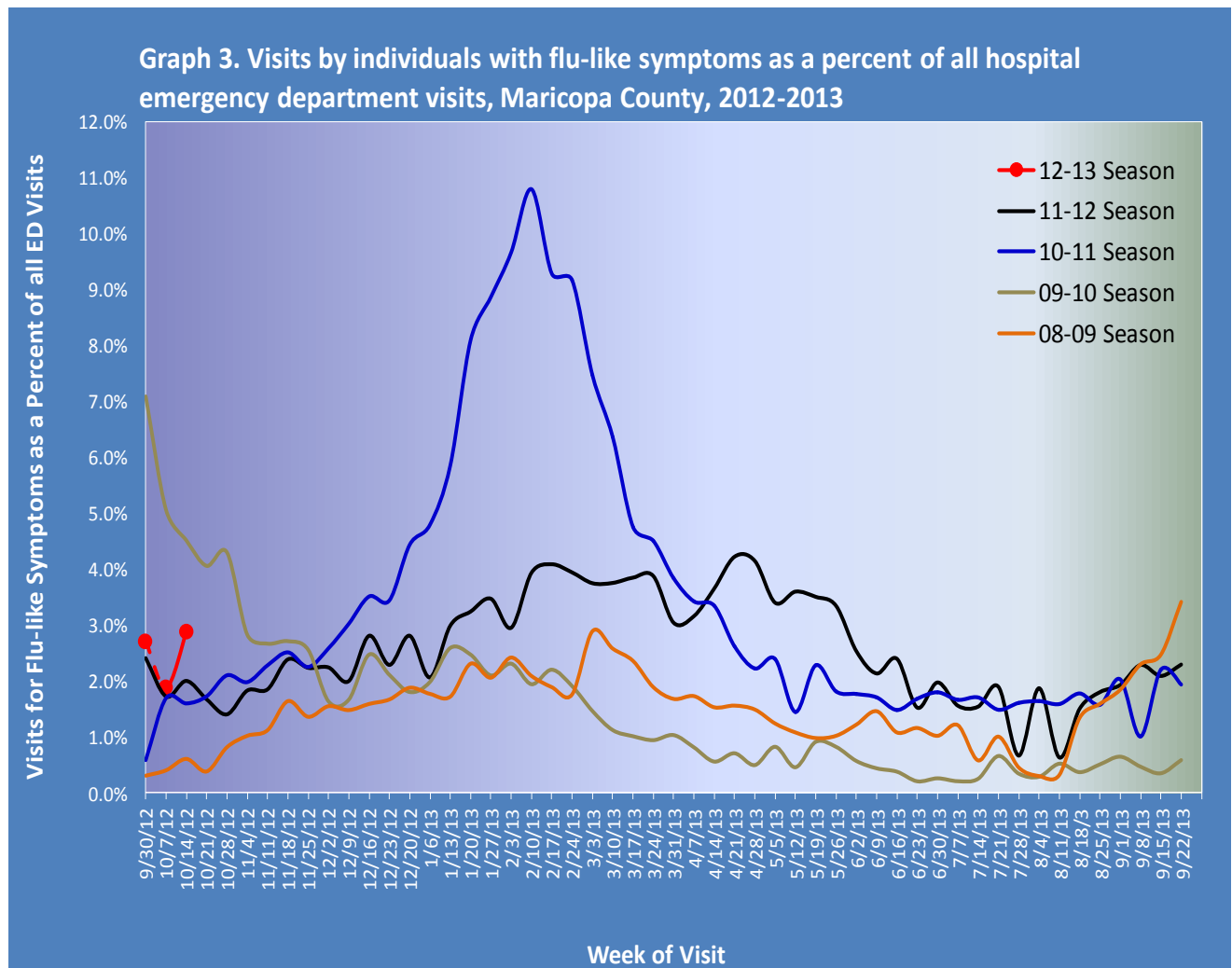
Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Deaths, 2011-12 & 2012-13 Seasons, Maricopa County				
	Current Season (2012-2013) As of [10/20/2012]		Last Season (2011-2012) As of [10/22/2011]	
	Pneumonia and Influenza	Influenza	Pneumonia and Influenza	Influenza
Pediatric (Under Age 18)	0	0	1	0
Adult (18 and Over)	79	0	63	0

Respiratory Illness Activity at Hospital Emergency Departments

This influenza season, there have been 387 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 9 emergency departments. The broken bars represent weeks for which all visits have not yet been collected.

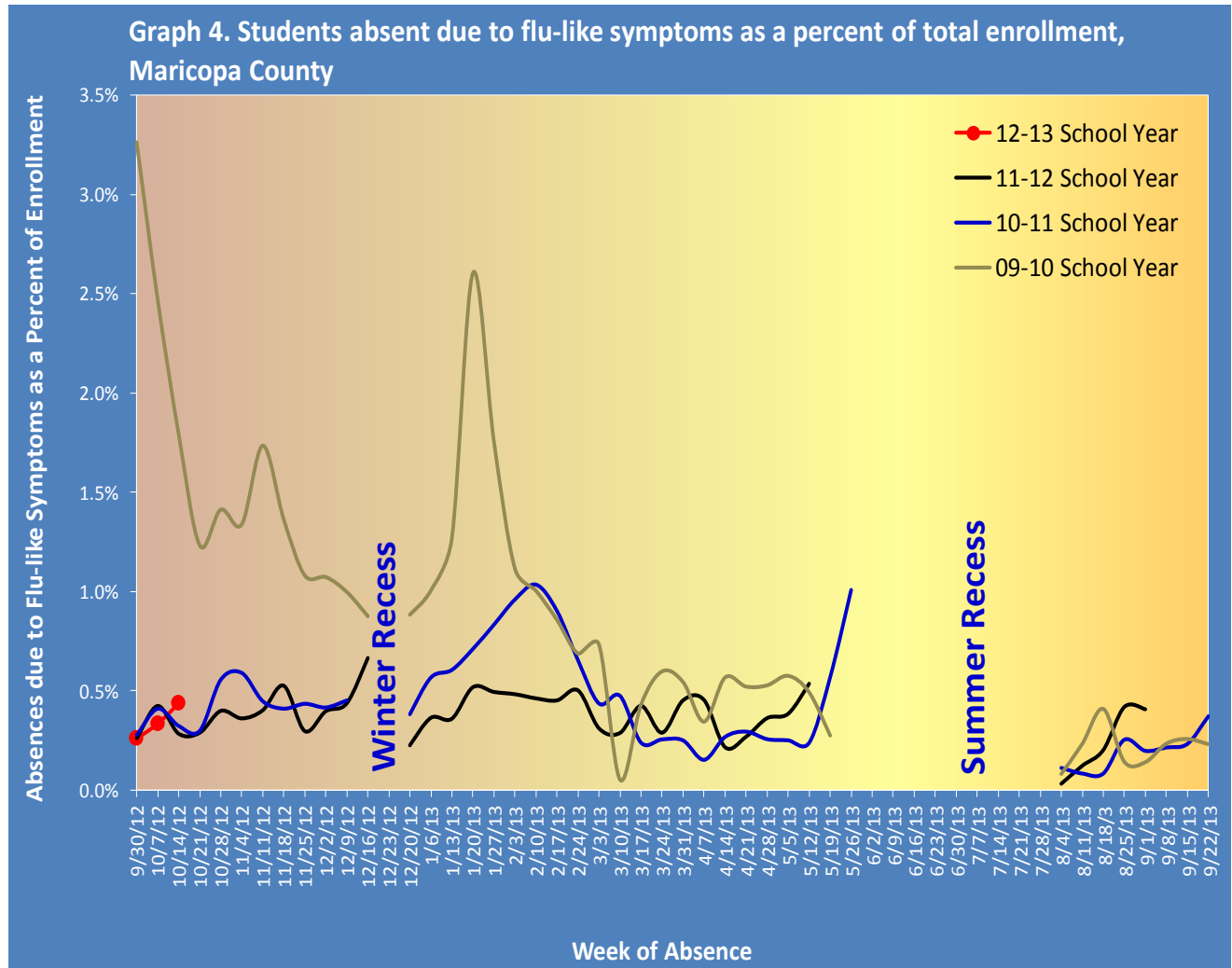


Graph 3 shows what percent of all emergency department visits were individuals with flu-like symptoms (fever and cough/sore throat). The graph shows the trend week by week, with the current season in red. The broken line represents weeks for which all visits have not been collected.



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)