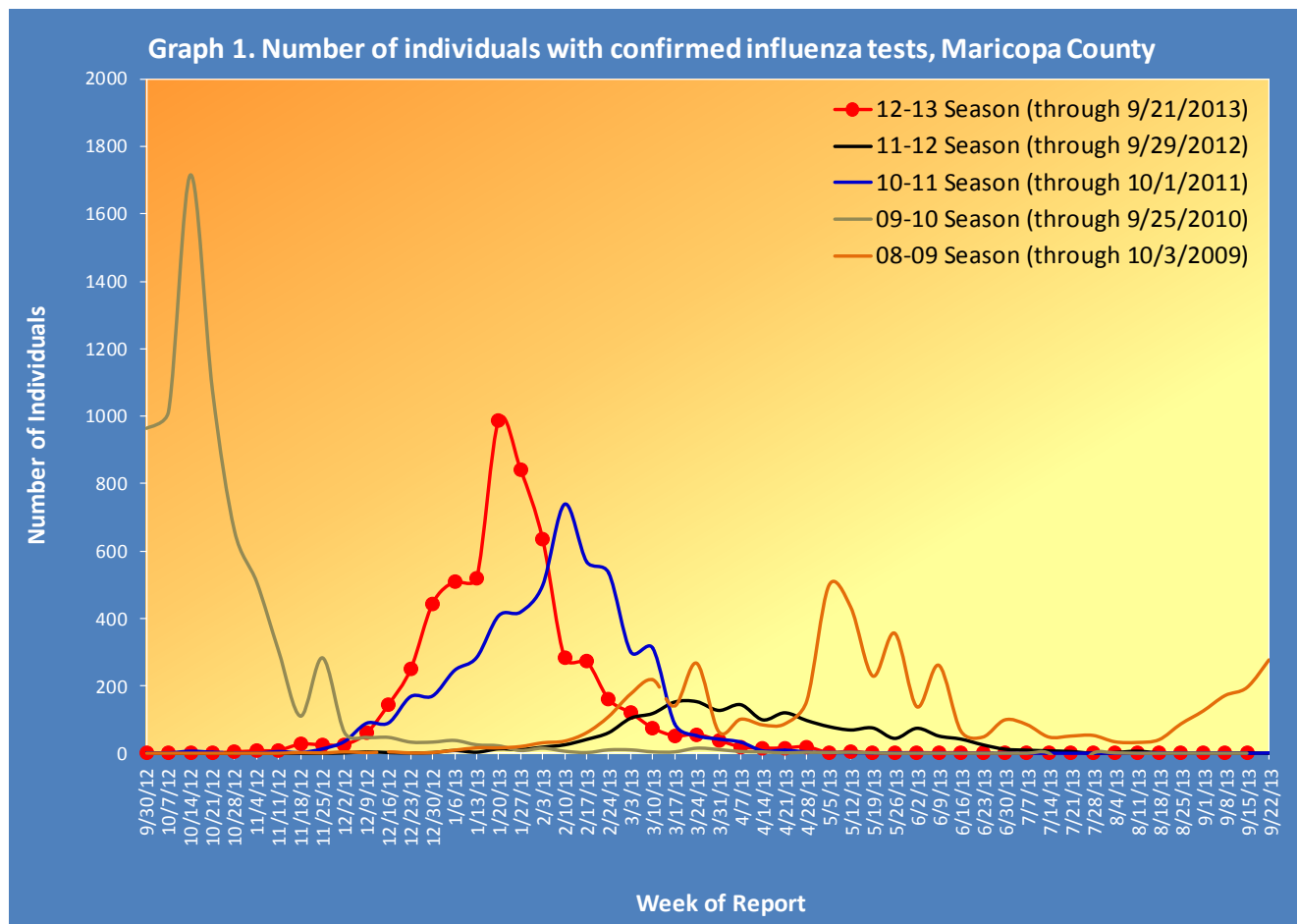


Maricopa County Department of Public Health INFLUENZA UPDATE

September 30, 2012 through September 21, 2013 Posted September 27, 2013

Individuals with Laboratory Confirmed Influenza

This influenza season (2012-13), there have been 5,633 individuals confirmed with an influenza test; no new cases have been reported in the past two weeks. On October 30th, 2012, the first locally-acquired influenza case was confirmed at the Arizona State Public Health Laboratory. The state of Arizona reported **no** activity for weeks 37 and 38. 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	5633	100.0%
Type A	4086	72.5%
<i>Subtype 2009 H1N1</i>	32	0.8%
<i>Subtype H3</i>	909	22.2%
<i>Subtyping not performed or unknown</i>	3145	77.0%
Type B	1477	26.2%
Type Unknown	70	1.2%

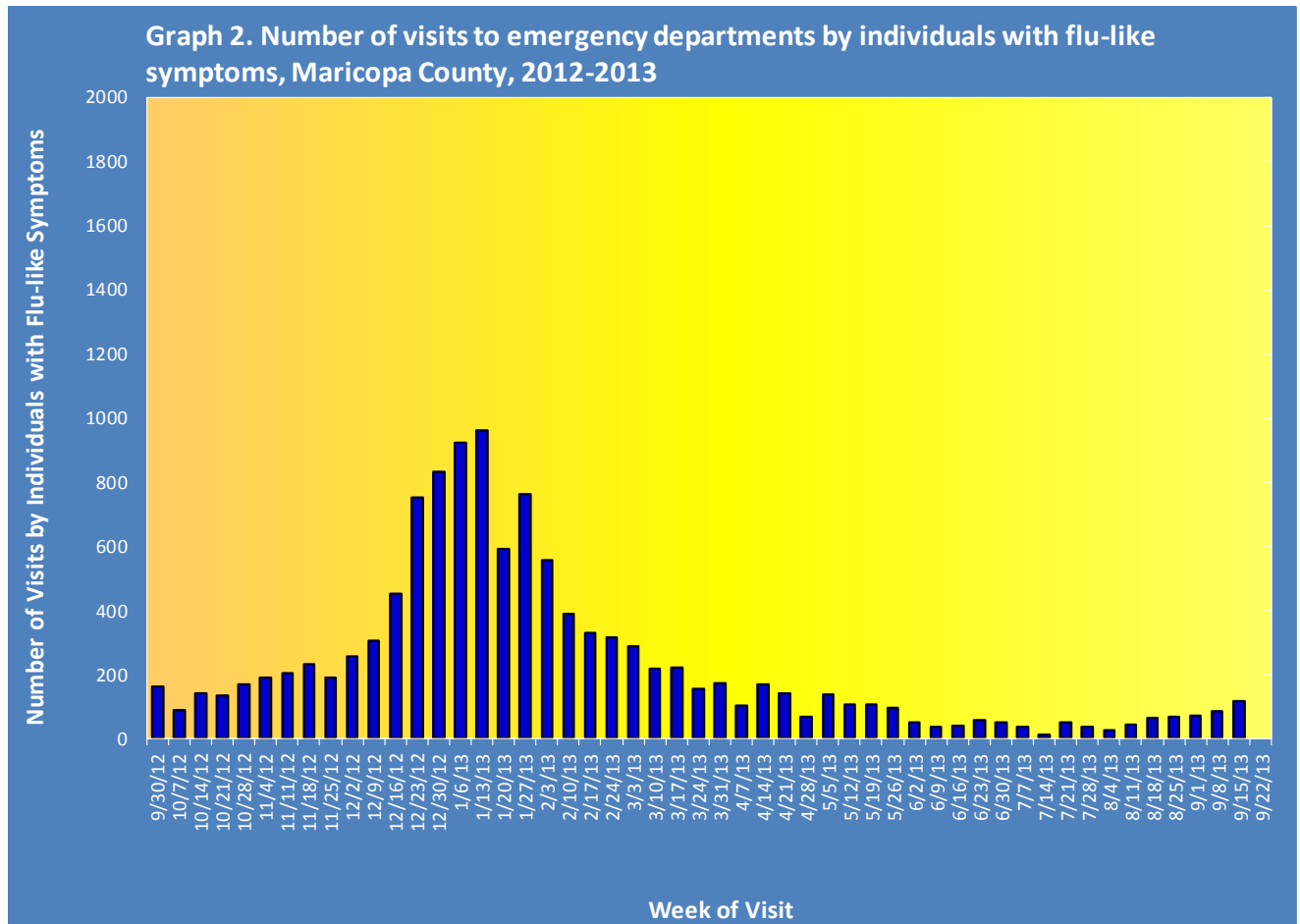
Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Deaths

This influenza season, there have been 1,335 pneumonia and influenza (P&I) deaths (including 11 pediatric deaths (none attributed to influenza)). There have been 26 adult influenza deaths reported this season. This has increased from last season's total of 1,274 P&I deaths (including 12 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.

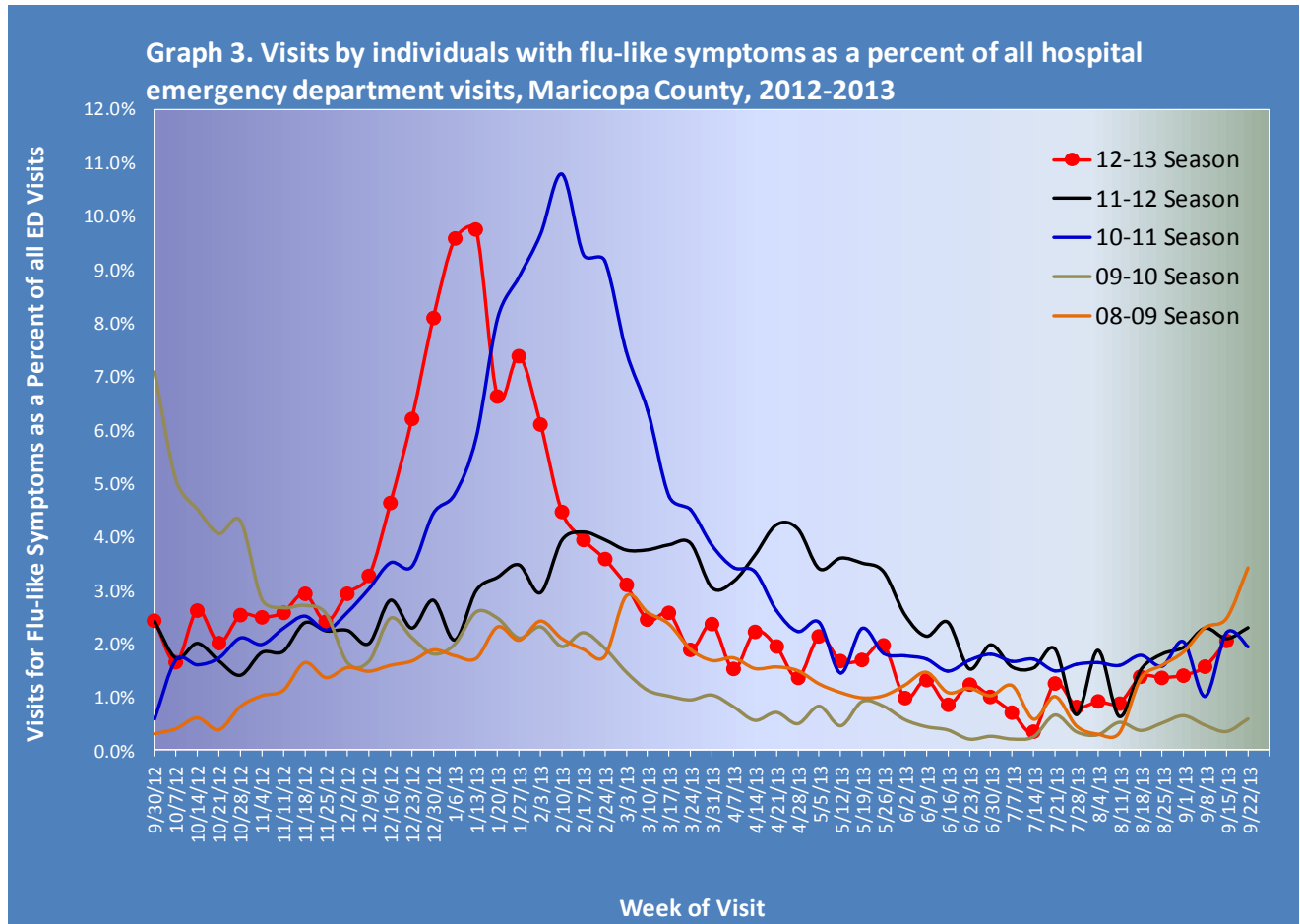
Table 2. Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Deaths, 2011-12 & 2012-13 Seasons, Maricopa County				
	Current Season (2012-2013) As of [09/21/2013]		Last Season (2011-2012) As of [09/22/2012]	
	Pneumonia and Influenza	Influenza	Pneumonia and Influenza	Influenza
Pediatric (Under Age 18)	11	0	12	0
Adult (18 and Over)	1324	26	1262	5

Respiratory Illness Activity at Hospital Emergency Departments

This influenza season, there have been 11,782 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.

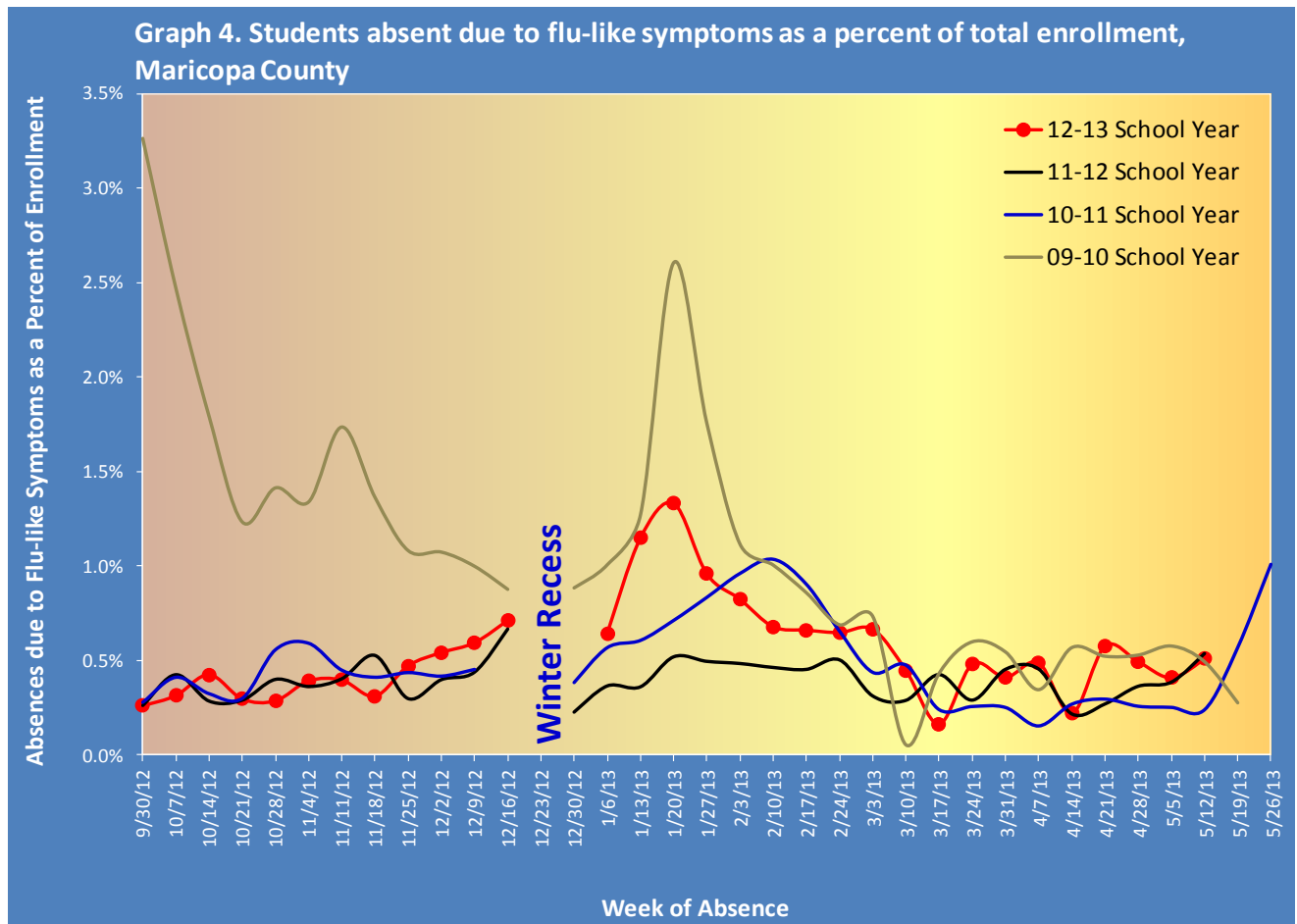


Graph 3 shows what percent of all emergency department visits were individuals with flu-like symptoms (fever and cough/sore throat). The graph shows the trend week by week, with the current season in red.



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)