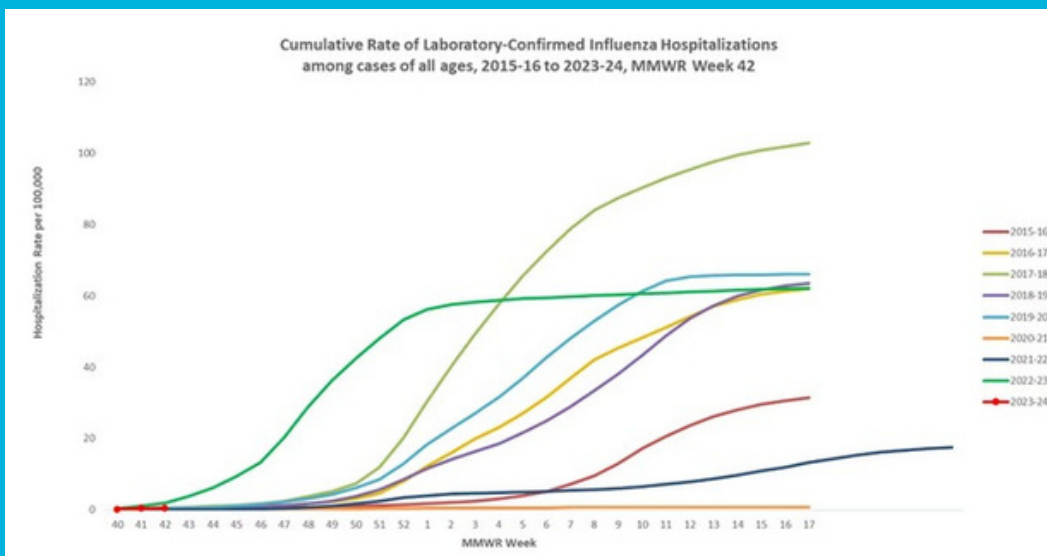


From the Desk: Public Health Talk

with Anthony Maldonado, MPH

As shown in the diagram above, we are currently in week 42. This is still the beginning and early respiratory season so we expect that in the coming months we will see an increase in influenza-like illness activities levels. Additionally, the map below shows that we typically see increases around week 48 and through the new year (weeks 1-4). The red dotted line indicates the current 2023-2024 year on the chart.



Lastly, wanted to close this newsletter by talking about vaccine safety and some misinformation that has been spread pertaining to vaccine effectiveness and safety recently. Misinformation has started circulating again via social media about vaccine effectiveness, safety, and adverse reaction from vaccines. The “Public Health Communication Collaborative”, has released some great information combating the misinformation spread recently so rather than writing again, I will link the article here. I encourage everyone to critically assess the information they encounter by following the linked articles and examining the sources to gain a better understanding of the content’s reliability.

If you are interested in continuing to receive this monthly newsletter please fill out this google form; Additionally, feel free to provide any feedback you have or would like to share here. I look forward to our talk next month.

Talk soon,
Anthony Maldonado, MPH