

This report covers flu surveillance activities for the 28 counties that comprise Health Service Region 8: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Calhoun, Comal, Dewitt, Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Jackson, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, La Salle, La Vaca, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Wilson, and Zavala.

### Flu Activity:

Reports were received from 17 counties this week. Nine counties reported no flu or ILI activity; 7 counties reported ILI activity only; 1 county reported flu by rapid test. Activity in week 19 was slightly less than week 18.

### Pediatric Deaths:

No influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported during week 19.

Sixteen influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported in Texas during the 2014-2015 influenza season. Cases of influenza-associated pediatric mortality (children <18 years of age) are reportable year-round and by law in Texas.

### Institutional & School Outbreaks

No outbreaks reported during this period.

### Antiviral Resistance

No antiviral resistant flu reported.

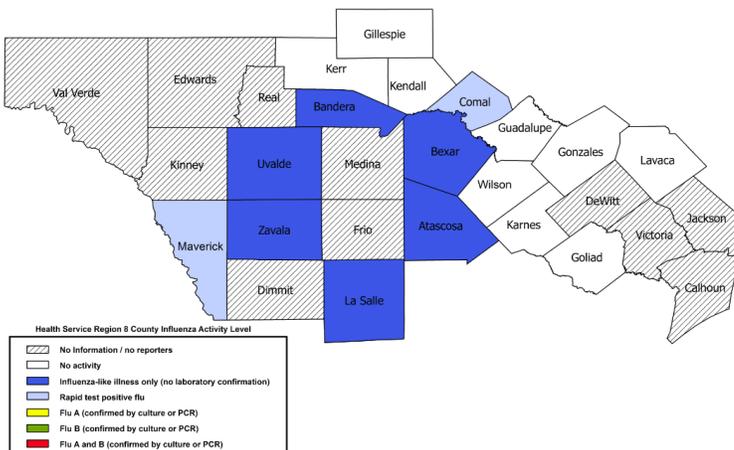
### Variant Influenza Viruses

No variant or novel influenza viruses have been detected in Texas.

### Flu Notes

Influenza activity remains low in Texas. The percentage of specimens positive for influenza decreased compared to last week. Influenza-like illness (ILI) activity slightly increased compared to last week, but remained below the 2014-2015 state ILINet baseline of 5.42%.

## Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Map



Percentage of Visits Due to Influenza-like Illness Reported by Texas ILINet Participants, 2011–2015 Seasons

