

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:

Compared to last week, flu activity in the region is about the same. Twenty-three counties submitted reports this week. Of the counties that reported, 16 counties reported influenza-like-illness. Three counties reported flu A by rapid test, one county reported flu B by rapid test, and sixteen counties reported both flu A and flu B by rapid test. Three counties had flu confirmed by PCR.

Pediatric Deaths:

No pediatric deaths have occurred in Region 8 this season. Statewide, six influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported in Texas during the 2014-2015 season.

Influenza-associated pediatric mortality (children <18 years of age) are reportable year-round and by law in Texas.

Institutional & School Outbreaks

Five outbreaks occurred in Region 8 during week 3. All are long term care facilities (in Bandera, Kerr, Calhoun, and Gillespie, and Lavaca Counties) and reported outbreaks of influenza A, confirmed by rapid test.

Antiviral Resistance

No antiviral resistant flu reported.

Variant Influenza Viruses

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

Highlighted areas indicate the highest level of influenza activity detected by county.

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

Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Map

