

## Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Report MMWR Week 21 Weeks Ending 05/27/16



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

### Flu Activity:

Reports were received from 19 counties during this two-week period. Five counties reported no flu or ILI activity. Five counties reported ILI activity only. Eight counties reported flu by rapid test. One county reported flu by PCR. In Region 8, activity in week 21 was decreased from week 20.

**Antiviral Resistance-** No antiviral resistant flu reported in Region 8.

**Variant Influenza Viruses-** No variant or novel influenza viruses have been detected in Texas.

### Pediatric Influenza Mortality

None this week.

### Institutional Outbreaks and School Closures

No new outbreaks reported.

### Summary

Overall, influenza activity continues to decrease across the state. Compared to the previous week, the percentage of specimens positive for influenza decreased and the percentage of patient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) marginally increased. One influenza-associated pediatric death was reported. No ILI or influenza outbreaks were reported. In addition to flu, other respiratory viruses—especially rhinovirus/enterovirus—were detected in Texas during week 21.

