

Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Report MMWR Week 23-24 Weeks Ending 06/10 & 6/17/16



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 21 counties during this two-week period. Six counties reported no flu or ILI activity. Four counties reported ILI activity only. Eleven counties reported flu by rapid test. In Region 8, activity in weeks 23 and 24 was decreased from week 22.

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

Influenza activity is low across the state of Texas. Compared to the previous week, the percentage of specimens positive for influenza and the percentage of patient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) decreased. No influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported. As single ILI outbreak in a long term care facility was reported. In addition to flu, other respiratory viruses—especially rhinovirus and parainfluenza—were detected in Texas during week 24.

