

Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Report MMWR Week 25 and 26



Weeks Ending 06/24/16 and 07/01/16

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. Six counties reported no flu or ILI activity. Eight counties reported ILI activity only. Five counties reported flu by rapid test. In Region 8, activity in weeks 25 and 26 was decreased from week 24.

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 remains 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) slightly decreased. No influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported. No ILI or influenza outbreaks were reported. In addition to flu, other respiratory viruses—especially rhinovirus/enterovirus and parainfluenza virus—were detected in Texas during week 25.

