

Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Report MMWR Week 43 Week Ending 09/30/16



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 this week. One county reported no flu or ILI activity. Fourteen counties reported ILI activity only. Five counties reported flu by rapid test. One county reported flu confirmed by PCR. In Region 8, activity in week 43 was slightly increased from week 42.

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 Texas. Hospital and public health laboratories reported a small percentage of specimens testing positive for influenza. Compared to the previous week, the percentage of patient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) 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—were detected in Texas during week 43.

Reminder:

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