

Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Report MMWR Week 48 Weeks Ending 12/02/16



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 22 counties for this two-week period.
Five counties reported no activity.
Ten counties reported ILI activity only.
Six counties reported flu by rapid test.
One county reported flu confirmed by PCR.
In Region 8, activity for this period was about the same as week 47.

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 continues to be 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) slightly increased. 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 48.

Reminder:

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