

Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Report MMWR Week 52 Weeks Ending 12/30/16



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 18 counties for this two-week period.
One county reported no activity.
One county reported ILI activity only.
Fifteen counties reported flu by rapid test.
One county reported flu confirmed by PCR.
In Region 8, activity for this period was increased from week 51.

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

Three outbreaks are currently under investigation. Two are within correctional facilities and one is in a nursing home. No hospitalizations or deaths have been reported in association with any of these outbreaks.

Summary

Influenza activity remained about the same in Texas. Compared to the previous week, the percentage of specimens testing positive for influenza reported by hospital laboratories slightly increased, while the percentage of specimens testing positive for influenza reported by public health laboratories and the percentage of patient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) marginally decreased. One ILI outbreak was reported. No influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported. In addition to flu, other respiratory viruses—especially RSV and rhinovirus/enterovirus—were detected in Texas during week 52.

Reminder:

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