

Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Report MMWR Week 10 Week Ending 03/10/2017



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

19 counties submitted reports this week.
4 counties reported no flu activity.
3 counties reported ILI activity only.
10 counties reported flu by rapid test.
2 counties reported both flu A and B confirmed by PCR.
In Region 8, activity for this period was decreased from week 8.

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

None this week.

Summary

Influenza (flu) activity has slightly decreased the past few weeks in Texas; it appears to have peaked in mid-February. Compared to the previous week, the percentage of specimens testing positive for influenza reported by hospital and public health laboratories and patient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) marginally increased. Four outbreaks due to influenza were reported. No influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported. In addition to flu, other respiratory viruses—especially rhino/enteroviruses—were detected in Texas during week 10.

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