

Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Report MMWR Week 13 Week Ending 03/31/2017



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

24 counties submitted reports this week.
1 county reported no activity.
8 counties reported ILI activity only.
14 counties reported flu by rapid test.
1 county reported both A and B confirmed by PCR.
In Region 8, activity for this period is decreased from week 12.

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

Two new outbreaks were reported during week 13. Both occurred in long-term care facilities.

Summary

Influenza (flu) activity has 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 public health and hospital laboratories and patient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) marginally decreased.

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