

Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Report MMWR Week 4 Week Ending 01/27/2017



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

20 counties submitted reports this week.
4 counties reported ILI activity only.
14 counties reported flu by rapid test.
1 county reported flu A confirmed by PCR.
1 county reported both A and B confirmed by PCR.
In Region 8, activity for this period is increased from week 3.

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

One new outbreak was reported in a long term care facility in Calhoun County.
Investigation is in progress.

Summary

Influenza activity has been increasing in Texas over the past few weeks. Compared to the previous week, the percentage of specimens testing positive for influenza reported by hospital laboratories and public health laboratories slightly increased, while the percentage of patient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) marginally decreased. Three influenza outbreaks were reported. No influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported. In addition to flu, other respiratory viruses—especially RSV and rhino/enteroviruses—were detected in Texas during week 04.

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