# Health Service Region 8
# Influenza Activity Report
# MMWR Week 6
# Week Ending 02/10/2017

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**
22 counties submitted reports this week.
1 county reported no activity.
4 counties reported ILI activity only.
14 counties reported flu by rapid test.
1 county reported flu A confirmed by PCR.
2 counties reported both A and B confirmed by PCR.
In Region 8, activity for this period is increased from week 5.

**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**
Multiple reports of higher than usual flu activity have been received. We are monitoring activity closely. During week 6, one school closed in Medina County due to high absenteeism, and one school closed in Kerr County due to Flu A.

**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 and public health laboratories and patient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) slightly increased. Five school closures due to ILI and 5 outbreaks due to influenza or influenza-like illness were reported. One influenza-associated pediatric death was reported. In addition to flu, other respiratory viruses—especially RSV and rhino/enteroviruses—were detected in Texas during week 06.

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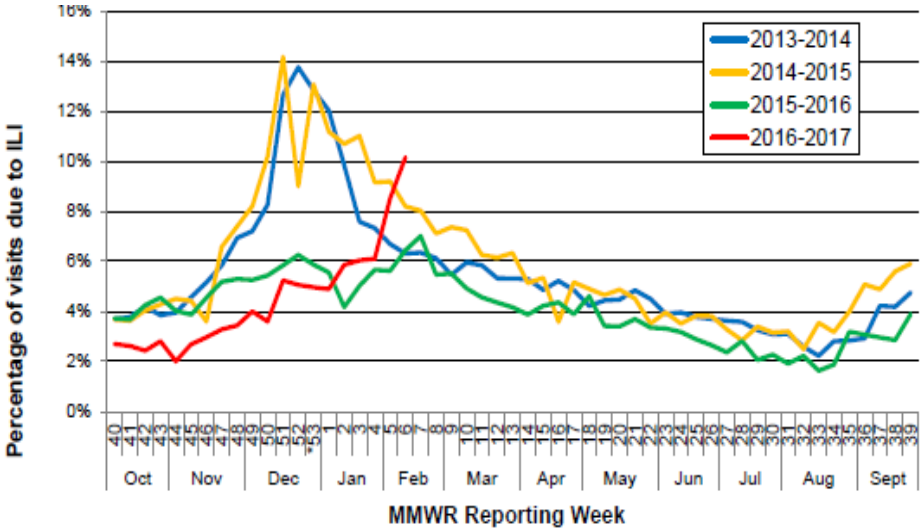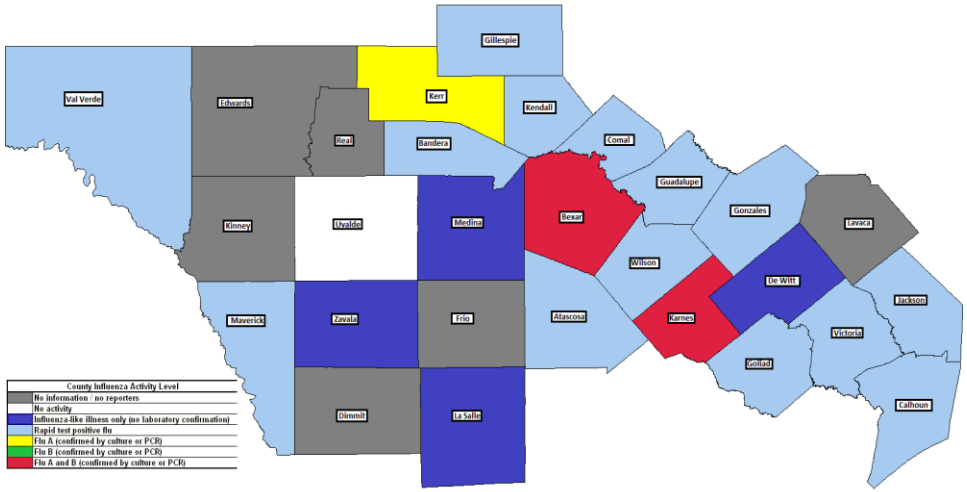
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