

Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Report MMWR Week 8 Week Ending 02/24/2017



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

- 23 counties submitted reports this week.
- 4 counties reported ILI activity only.
- 14 counties reported flu by rapid test.
- 2 counties reported flu A confirmed by PCR.
- 1 county reported flu B confirmed by PCR.
- 2 counties reported both flu A and B confirmed by PCR.
- In Region 8, activity for this period was decreased from week 7.

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 couple of weeks in Texas, but it is too soon to tell if flu activity has peaked for the season. Compared to the previous week, the percentage of specimens testing positive for influenza reported by hospital laboratories and patient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) slightly decreased while the percentage of specimens testing positive for influenza reported by public health laboratories increased. Two 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 rhino/enteroviruses—were detected in Texas during week 08.

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