

Health Service Region 8  
Influenza Activity Report  
MMWR Weeks 35  
Week Ending 09/01/17

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**

Reporting for this period is significantly down, due to area flooding and office closures associated with hurricane activity. 3 counties reported no activity. 4 counties reported ILI activity only. 1 counties reported flu by rapid test.

**Antiviral Resistance**

No antiviral resistant flu reported in Region 8.

**Variant Influenza Viruses**

No variant or novel influenza viruses were detected this week.

**Pediatric Influenza Mortality**

No pediatric influenza-related mortality occurred this week.

**Institutional Outbreaks and School Closures**

No outbreaks this week in Region 8.

**Statewide Summary**

Influenza (flu) activity is low across the state of Texas. Compared to the previous week, the percentage of specimens testing positive for influenza reported by public health laboratories and the percentage of patient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) marginally decreased. The percentage of specimens testing positive for influenza reported by hospital laboratories slightly increased. No influenza-associated outbreaks 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 35.

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