

Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Report MMWR Weeks 30-31 Weeks Ending 7/28/17 and 8/4/17

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

14 counties submitted reports this week.
3 counties reported no activity.
3 counties reported ILI activity only.
7 counties reported flu by rapid test.
1 county reported flu A by PCR.
In Region 8, activity for this period was about the same as week 29.

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. No influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported. In addition to flu, other respiratory viruses—especially rhino/enteroviruses—were detected in Texas during week 31.

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