

Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Report MMWR Week 16 04/21/17

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

21 counties submitted reports over this two-week period.
 1 county reported no flu activity.
 9 counties reported ILI activity only.
 10 counties reported flu by rapid test.
 1 county reported both flu A and B confirmed by PCR.
 In Region 8, activity for this period was about the same as week 15.

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 decreased the past couple months in Texas; it appears to have peaked in mid-February. 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 decreased. Compared to the previous week, the percentage of patient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) has marginally increased. Five outbreaks due to influenza were reported. One influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported. In addition to flu, other respiratory viruses—especially rhino/enteroviruses—were detected in Texas during week 16.

Your flu report can be submitted by email, fax, or through the weekly survey link. Please remember to submit only the information requested on the form/survey, and do not provide individual patient data.

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