

Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Report MMWR Week 22 Week Ending 06/02/2017

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

16 counties submitted reports this week.
3 counties reported no activity.
7 counties reported ILI activity only.
5 counties reported flu by rapid test.
1 county reported flu confirmed by PCR.
In Region 8, activity in week 18 was about the same as week 18.

Antiviral Resistance

No antiviral resistant flu reported in Region 8.

Variant Influenza Viruses

None

Pediatric Influenza Mortality

None

Institutional Outbreaks and School Closures

None.

Summary

Influenza (flu) activity has decreased the past few 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 marginally increased. The percentage of patient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) slightly decreased. In addition to flu, other respiratory viruses—especially rhino/enteroviruses—were detected in Texas during week 22

The official flu season is October – May. However, flu viruses can circulate at any time of the year. While the majority of surveillance activities occur during the official flu season, HSR 8 Conducts flu surveillance year-round. Thank you for continuing to submit flu reports, even when activity is low. Contact Connie Alaniz at 830-401-5723 or Elise Rush at 210-949-2095 if you need information on flu reporting, or contact r08epiinfo@dshs.texas.gov

