

Health Service Region 8
Influenza Activity Report
MMWR Week 23
Week Ending 06/09/2017



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.
6 counties had no flu or ILI activity reported.
6 counties reported ILI activity only.
3 counties reported flu by rapid test.
1 county reported flu B confirmed by PCR.
In Region 8, activity for this period is decreased from week 22.

Antiviral Resistance

None.

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 decreased. The percentage of patient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) slightly increased. No new influenza 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 23.

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