

# Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Report MMWR Weeks 32 Weeks Ending 08/11/17

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

13 counties submitted reports this week.  
2 counties reported no activity.  
7 counties reported ILI activity only.  
4 counties reported flu by rapid test.  
In Region 8, activity for this period was about the same as week 31.

## 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 marginally increased. The percentage of specimens testing positive for influenza reported by hospital laboratories and the percentage of patient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) slightly decreased. 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 32.

Connie Alaniz - 830-401-5723  
[connie.alaniz@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:connie.alaniz@dshs.state.tx.us)  
Flu Reporting fax: 210-692-1457

Elise Rush - 210-949-2095  
[elise.rush@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:elise.rush@dshs.state.tx.us)

