



Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Report MMWR Week 40 Week Ending 10/6/2017



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:

Reports were received from 21 counties this week. Two counties reported no flu or ILI activity. Fourteen counties reported ILI activity only. Five counties reported flu by rapid test or PCR. In Region 8, flu activity in week 40 has slightly increased.

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

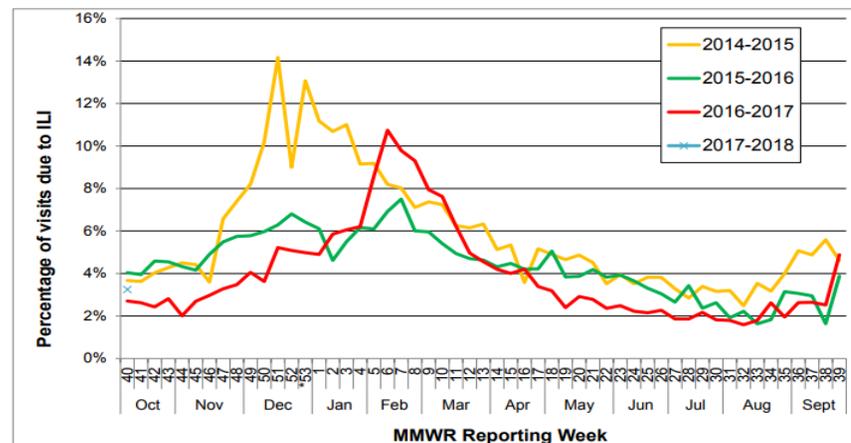
No new outbreaks reported.

Summary

Influenza activity is low across the state of Texas. Compared to the previous week, the percentage of patient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) decreased. No influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported. No ILI or influenza outbreaks were reported. In addition to flu, other respiratory viruses—especially rhinovirus/enterovirus—were detected in Texas during week 40.

Reminder:

Please submit your reports weekly using the online survey.



*There was a week 53 in the 2014-2015 influenza season, but there is not a week 53 for the 2017-2018 influenza season or the other previous seasons; therefore the week 53 data point for those seasons is an average of week 52 and 1.

