

Public Health Region 8
Influenza Activity Report
MMWR Week 49
Week Ending 12/09/17

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

- 22 counties submitted reports this week.
- 4 counties reported ILI activity only.
- 14 counties reported flu by rapid test.
- 4 counties reported positive flu by PCR.

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

None in Region 8.

Statewide Summary

Influenza activity is increasing across the state of Texas. Compared to the previous week, the percentage of patient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) and the percentage of specimens testing positive for influenza reported by public health and hospital laboratories has slightly increased. No influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported. Two influenza-associated outbreaks were reported. In addition to flu, other respiratory viruses—especially respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)—were detected in Texas during week 49.

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