

This report covers flu surveillance activities for the 28 counties that comprise Public Health 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 22 counties this week. Three counties reported flu by PCR. Thirteen counties reported flu by rapid test. Three counties reported influenza-like illness. Three counties reported no flu or ILI activity. Flu activity decreased since week 10.

### Variant Influenza Viruses

None this season.

### Pediatric Influenza Mortality

None this week.

### Institutional Outbreaks and School Closures

None reported this week.

### Statewide Summary

Influenza activity continues to decrease across the state of Texas. It appears that influenza activity peaked in late January. 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 hospital and public health laboratories has marginally decreased. In addition to flu, other respiratory viruses—especially rhinovirus/enterovirus—were detected in Texas during week 11.

