

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 21 counties this week. Two counties reported flu by PCR. Eight counties reported flu by rapid test. Nine counties reported influenza-like illness. Two counties reported no flu or ILI activity. Activity for week 14 was about the same as week 13.

### 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. Compared to the previous week, the percentage of patient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) marginally decreased. The percentage of specimens testing positive for influenza reported by public health and hospital laboratories has marginally decreased. In addition to flu, other respiratory viruses— especially rhinovirus/enterovirus— were detected in Texas during week 14.

