

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 24 counties this week.  
Five counties reported flu by PCR.  
Sixteen counties reported flu by rapid test.  
Three counties reported influenza-like illness.  
In Region 8, activity in week 6 was about the same as week 5.

### Antiviral Resistance

None

### Variant Influenza Viruses

None this season.

### Pediatric Influenza Mortality

None in Region 8 this week.

### Institutional Outbreaks and School Closures

No new outbreaks reported this week.

### Statewide Summary

Influenza activity remains high across the state of Texas although activity has slightly decreased over the past few weeks. 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 marginally decreased. One influenza-associated pediatric death was reported. Fourteen ILI or influenza-associated outbreaks were reported. In addition to flu, other respiratory viruses—especially rhinovirus/enterovirus—were detected in Texas during week 06. It is too early to tell if influenza activity has peaked for the season in Texas.

