

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 23 counties this week. Two counties reported flu by PCR. Fourteen counties reported flu by rapid test. Seven counties reported influenza-like illness. In Region 8, activity in week 9 was about the same as week 8.

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 public health and hospital laboratories has marginally decreased. In addition to flu, other respiratory viruses—especially rhinovirus/enterovirus—were detected in Texas during week 09.

