

This report covers flu surveillance activities for the 28 counties that comprise Health Service Region 8: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Calhoun, Comal, Dewitt, Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Jackson, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, La Salle, La Vaca, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Wilson, and Zavala.

Flu Activity:

Reports were received from 17 counties this week. Seven counties reported no flu or ILI activity; 8 counties reported ILI activity only; 3 counties reported flu by rapid test. Activity for week 19 was about the same as week 18.

Pediatric Deaths:

No influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported during week 19.

Sixteen influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported in Texas during the 2014-2015 influenza season. Cases of influenza-associated pediatric mortality (children <18 years of age) are reportable year-round and by law in Texas.

Institutional & School Outbreaks

No outbreaks reported during this period.

Antiviral Resistance

No antiviral resistant flu reported.

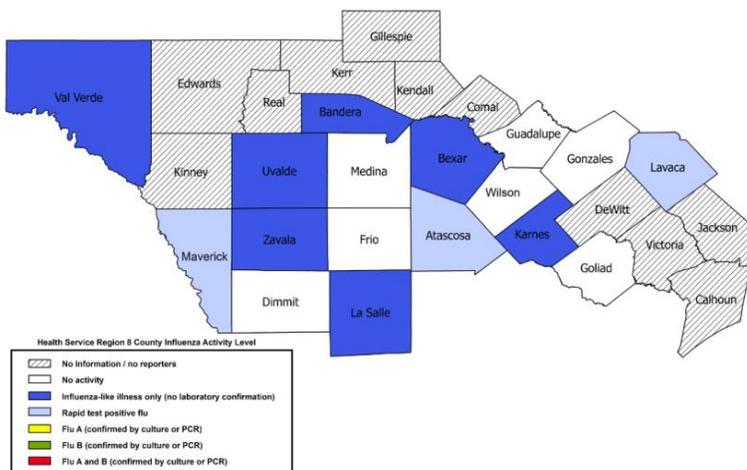
Variant Influenza Viruses

No variant or novel influenza viruses have been detected in Texas.

Flu Notes

Influenza activity remains low in Texas. The percentage of specimens positive for influenza decreased compared to last week. Influenza-like illness (ILI) activity slightly increased compared to last week, but remained below the 2014-2015 state ILINet baseline of 5.42%.

Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Map



Percentage of Visits Due to Influenza-like Illness Reported by Texas ILINet Participants, 2011–2015 Seasons

