



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:

Compared to last week, flu activity in the region is about the same. Twenty-four counties submitted reports this week. Of the counties that reported, 3 counties reported influenza-like-illness. Six counties reported flu A and 10 counties reported flu B, by rapid test with 4 counties reporting both A and B by rapid test. Two counties confirmed flu B by PCR testing.

Pediatric Deaths:

No influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported in HSR 8 this year. However, an influenza-associated pediatric death was reported in week 7 in HSR 2/3. The 13-year-old child had no underlying medical conditions. A specimen from the child was positive for influenza A H3 by PCR. The child was not vaccinated for influenza for the current season. Twelve influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported in Texas during the 2014-2015 influenza season.

Institutional & School Outbreaks

No new outbreaks were reported this week.

Antiviral Resistance

No antiviral resistant flu reported.

Variant Influenza Viruses

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

Highlighted areas indicate the highest level of influenza activity detected by county.

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

Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Map

