

## Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Report MMWR Week 38, Week Ending 09/25/2015

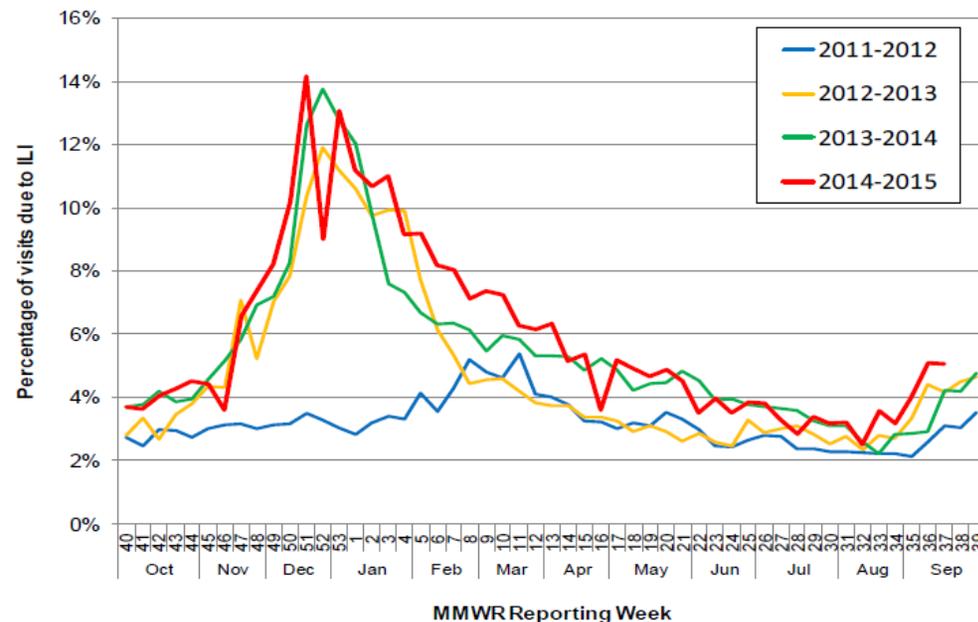


This report covers flu surveillance activities for the 28 counties that comprise Health Service Region 8: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Calhoun, Comal, De Witt, Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Jackson, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, La Salle, Lavaca, Maverick, Medina, Real,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

### Flu Activity:

Reports were received from 27 counties this week. Eleven counties reported no flu or ILI activity. Twelve counties reported ILI activity only. Four counties reported flu by rapid test. In Region 8, activity in week 38 was increased compared to last week.

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



### Pediatric Deaths:

No influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported during week 37. Seventeen 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.

### Variants Influenza Viruses

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

