



**Texas Department of State Health Services
Weekly Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

Q: What is the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report?

A: The Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report combines the weekly Texas Influenza (Flu), Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), and COVID-19 Surveillance Reports into one report.

The report includes three sections: Flu, RSV, and COVID-19. Each section will contain the same information that is currently in the individual disease surveillance reports.

Q: Why was the Texas Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report created?

A: To assist Texas public health stakeholders (e.g., healthcare providers, local health department staff, the general public, etc.) find information about respiratory disease activity, especially flu, RSV, and COVID-19, in one place on the DSHS website. The combined report will provide an easy access to the three most common respiratory viral disease activity (flu, RSV, and COVID-19) in one place.

Q: Will this surveillance report replace the three individual DSHS surveillance reports for influenza, RSV, and COVID-19?

A: Yes. The Texas Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report will replace the three individual surveillance reports (i.e., Flu, RSV, and COVID-19). The data that were in the three individual DSHS surveillance reports will remain the same in the new combined report.

Q: When will the Texas Respiratory Surveillance Report replace the DSHS Flu, RSV, and COVID-19 Surveillance Reports?

A: Effective Friday, January 19, 2024, the Texas Respiratory Surveillance Report replaces the three individual reports (i.e., DSHS Flu, RSV, and COVID-19 Surveillance Reports).



Q: Where will the Texas Respiratory Disease Surveillance Report be posted on the DSHS website?

A: A new DSHS website was created to house the Texas Respiratory Disease Surveillance Report. The new web address is:
<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-respiratory-virus-surveillance-report>.

Q: When will the new Texas Respiratory Disease Surveillance Report website be functional (i.e., go live)?

A: The anticipated go live date for the website is January 19, 2024.

Q: When will the Texas Respiratory Disease Surveillance Report be posted on the DSHS website?

A: The report will be posted to the DSHS website weekly, by close of business (COB) Friday, except when a holiday falls on a Friday.