INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN DAVIS COUNTY

Influenza activity in Davis County is currently at a minimal level. The school absentee rate for Week 15 (6.50%) is higher when compared to the 5-year average (see Figure 1). There were eight influenza-associated hospitalizations reported in Week 15. Updated influenza-like illness (ILI) rates for this season can be found in Figure 2.

Figure 1. Elementary School Absence Rate, Davis County, 2021-22, 2019-20, 5-Year Average

Figure 2. Influenza-like-Illness rate and Hospitalized Influenza Cases, by subtype and admission date, Davis County, 2021-22
INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN UTAH*

Utah’s influenza severity was estimated at a low level during Week 15. There were 64 hospitalized influenza cases reported during Week 15 in the state of Utah, with a total of 780 hospitalizations so far this season.

Surveillance data for influenza testing in laboratories across Utah indicate that 863 specimens were positive for influenza during Week 15. The predominant virus currently circulating in the community is influenza A (H3N2).

*For more information regarding influenza activity in Utah, please visit: https://bit.ly/3qPBrtH.

INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES**

During Week 15, influenza activity varied by region. Influenza activity is highest in the northeast, south-central and mountain regions of the country. Thirty-seven states reported minimal activity, nine states (including Utah) reported low activity, two states reported moderate activity, and two states reported high activity (see Figure 3).

Collaborating clinical laboratories across the United States reported that 8.9% of respiratory specimens tested were positive for influenza in Week 15. Of those, 99.5% were typed as influenza A and 0.5% as influenza B.

CDC performs genetic and antigenic characterization of U.S. viruses submitted from state and local laboratories. The specimens are also tested for susceptibility of influenza virus to antiviral medications. H3N2 viruses identified so far this season are genetically closely related to the vaccine virus but there are some antigenic differences that have developed as H3N2 viruses have continued to evolve.

**For more information regarding influenza activity nationwide, please visit: https://bit.ly/3Lu3Hcm

VACCINE INFORMATION

CDC recommends that all persons older than 6 months of age receive an influenza vaccine by the end of October.

Flu shots are available at Davis County Health Department at no out-of-pocket cost for those with contracted health insurance.

For those without insurance:
- Adults (19—49) can receive the flu shot for $35.
- Adults and Seniors (50+ years) can receive the flu shot for $70.
- Children and adolescents (<19 years) may receive the vaccine for an $8 fee.

For additional information, call the Immunizations Hotline at (801) 525-5020.

Table 1. Influenza Positive Specimens Tested by Utah Laboratories, 2021-22

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Figure 3. Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates, Week 15 (April 10 — April 16, 2022)

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