INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN DAVIS COUNTY

The school absentee rate for Week 2 (14.39%) is higher than what it has been in the past, which could be in part due to COVID-19 (see Figure 1). Fewer than five influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported in Week 2. Updated 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

![Elementary School Absence Rate Graph]

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

![Influenza-like Illness Rate Graph]
INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN UTAH*

Utah’s influenza severity estimate is currently at a low level during Week 1. There were 29 hospitalized influenza cases reported during Week 1 in the state of Utah, with a total of 140 hospitalizations so far this season.

Surveillance data for influenza testing in laboratories across Utah indicate that 716 specimens were positive for influenza during Week 1. The predominant virus currently circulating in the community is influenza A.

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

INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES**

During Week 1, influenza activity declined slightly in the United States, with all states reporting influenza activity. Twelve states reported minimal activity, five states reported low activity, 13 states reported moderate (including Utah) activity, 17 states reported high activity, and three states reported very high activity (see Figure 3).

Collaborating clinical laboratories across the United States reported that 2.2% of respiratory specimens tested were positive for influenza in Week 1. Of those, 97.9% were typed as influenza A and 2.1% 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. Virus characterization data will be updated later this season when a sufficient number of specimens have been tested.

**For more information regarding influenza activity nationwide, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/.

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

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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.