



Dallas County Health and Human Services 2017–2018 Influenza Surveillance Report

Week 4 ending January 27, 2018

Epidemiologic Summary

- Influenza activity remains high in Dallas County with 26.9% of tests returning positive during week 4. Nationally, 26.1% of specimens reported to CDC were positive for influenza.
- During week 4, in Dallas County the most frequently identified influenza virus type was influenza A (57%). The predominant influenza A has been subtype A(H3N2) at 60%.
- Daily numbers of emergency department visits for influenza-like illness in Dallas County remains high and 274 influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported during week 4.
- Six influenza-associated deaths of an adult were reported in week 4. One influenza-associated pediatric death has been reported during the 2017-2018 season in Dallas County.
- RSV activity is circulating with 9.6% of tests from area surveillance sites testing positive.

Table 1. Summary of Influenza Surveillance from Dallas County Hospitals and Hospital Laboratories

Week Ending	12/23	12/30	01/06	01/13	01/20	01/27	9/10/17 – Present
CDC Week	51	52	1	2	3*	4*	
Total Influenza PCR Tests	1,400	1,532	1,743	1,901	1,669	1,776	18,316
Number of positive PCR tests	402	503	510	544	471	476	3,459
Percent of positive PCR tests	28.7	32.8	29.3	28.6	28.2	26.8	
Total Rapid Influenza Diagnostic Tests	3,259	3,694	3,514	4,336	3,912	4,710	34,025
Number of positive RIDTs	1,074	1,023	942	1,232	950	1,270	7,901
Percent of positive RIDTs	32.0	27.7	26.8	28.4	24.3	27.0	
Total Influenza Tests Performed	4,747	5,310	5,360	6,265	5,593	6,492	53,240
Total positive influenza tests ¹	1,476	1,526	1,453	1,782	1,421	1,746	11,367
Percent positive influenza tests	31.1	28.7	27.1	28.4	25.4	26.9	
Positive influenza A tests ²	1,310	1,328	1,181	1,367	973	988	8,771
Positive influenza B tests	166	198	272	415	448	758	2,596
Non-differentiated influenza tests ³	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

¹ Includes positive rapid antigen, PCR, DFA, or culture results

² Further subtyping is performed only by select hospital laboratories for specimens referred to DCHHS by institutions for PCR-testing

³ Non-differentiated refers to rapid test results which did not differentiate between influenza A and B

Table 2. Summary of Influenza Hospitalizations and Deaths from Dallas County Hospitals, Vital Statistics and Medical Examiner's Office

Week Ending	12/23	12/30	01/06	01/13	01/20	01/27	02/03	9/10/17 – Present
CDC Week	51	52	1	2	3*	4*	5*	
Influenza hospitalizations ⁴	241	278	320	357	247	274	N/A	2,046
Influenza ICU admissions ⁴	49	52	61	65	60	49	N/A	389
Confirmed pediatric deaths ⁵	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Confirmed adult deaths ⁶	3	2	17	11	8	6	0	53
Possible influenza-associated deaths ⁷	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3

⁴ Reflects all influenza-associated hospitalizations reported from hospitals located within Dallas County by week of any positive influenza tests; Data source: 14 Hospitals in Dallas County

⁵ Confirmed influenza-associated deaths of Dallas County residents <18 years of age

⁶ Confirmed influenza-associated deaths as defined by a positive laboratory test, compatible symptoms, and clear progression from illness to death, or determination by the County Medical Examiner's office (ME) of no alternate cause of death

⁷ Possible influenza-associated deaths are defined as cases with laboratory-confirmed influenza, but pending final autopsy results for determination of primary cause of death

Table 3. Confirmed Influenza-associated Pediatric and Adult Deaths, Dallas County: 2011–2018 Seasons

	2012–2013	2013–2014	2014–2015	2015–2016	2016–2017	2017–2018
Pediatric	3	3	0	1	1	1
Adult	6	55	19	14	16	53

Data source: Reports of confirmed influenza-associated deaths, as defined in Table 2.

*Indicates preliminary results which are subject to change with late-arriving data from surveillance sites designated for DCHHS' seasonal influenza program

Figure 1. Influenza Positive Tests Reported to DCHHS by Hospital Laboratories: 2017 - 2018 Seasons

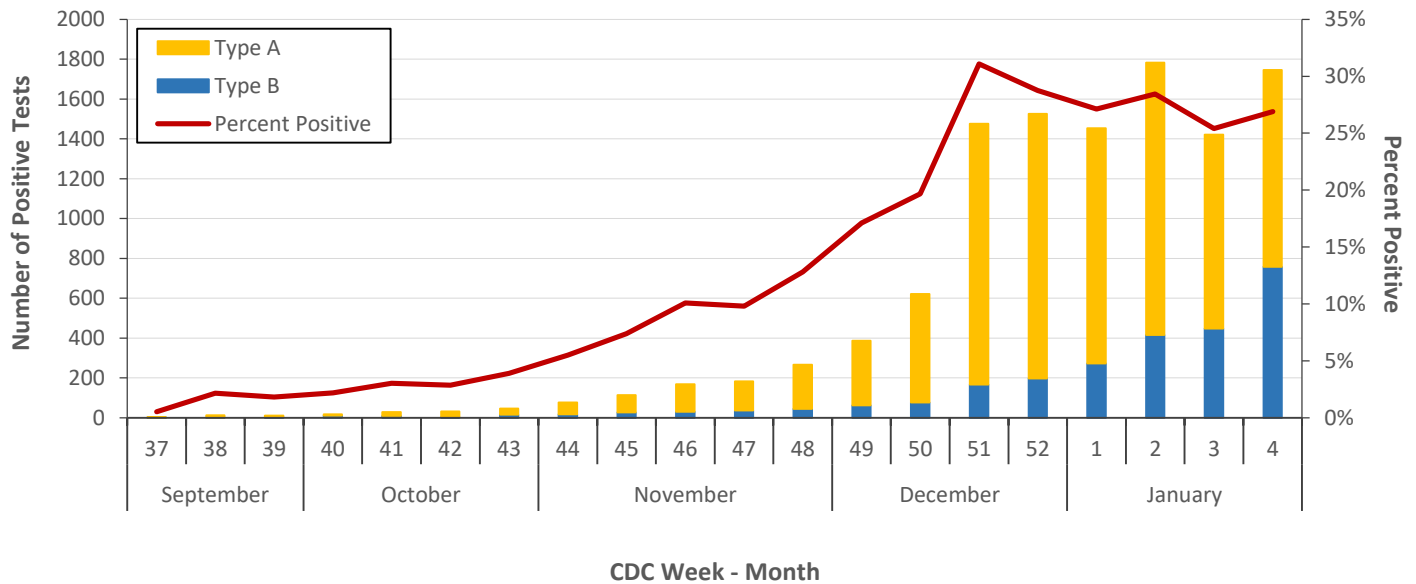
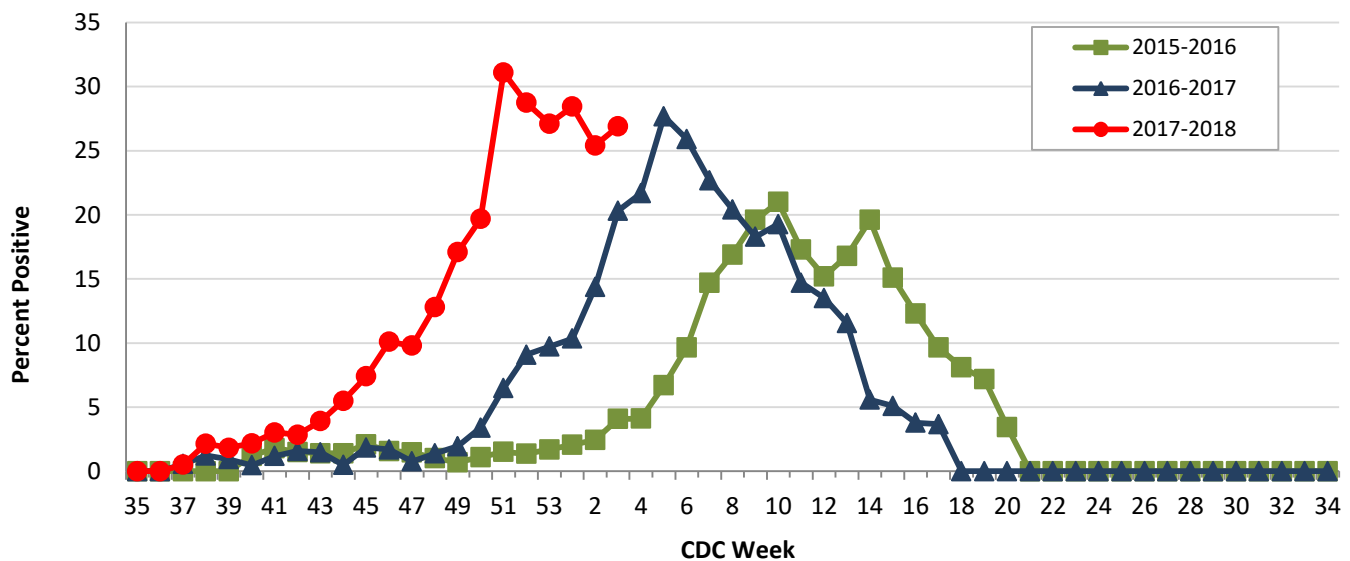


Figure 2. Influenza Positive Tests Reported to DCHHS by Hospital Laboratories: 2015–2018 Seasons



Note: For Figure 2 and all subsequent trend overlays there is no week 53 for the 2015-2016, 2016-17, or 2017-2018 influenza seasons, therefore week 53 data point for those seasons is an average of week 52 and week 1.

Table 4. Influenza Typing and Subtyping from Cumulative Dallas County, Texas, and U.S. Laboratory Surveillance Data: 2017-2018 Season

	Dallas ¹ (n=358)	Texas ² (n= 1,025)	U.S. ³ (n= 23,753)
Influenza A	325 (90.8%)	879 (86.1%)	20,312 (85.5%)
H1N1 2009 subtype	131 (40.4%)	230 (26.4%)	1,896 (9.5%)
H3N2 subtype	193 (59.6%)	642 (73.6%)	18,068 (90.5%)
Not subtyped	1	7	348
Influenza B	35 (9.8%)	142 (13.9%)	3,441 (14.5%)
Yamagata strain	35 (100%)	115 (81.0%)	2,292 (66.6%)

¹ DCHHS LRN laboratory PCR testing of designated Dallas County surveillance site isolates; counts may not sum to total as samples can test positive for multiple subtypes

² DSHS 2017–2018 Texas Influenza Surveillance Information Activity Report available at <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/influenza/surveillance/>

³ CDC FluView Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report available at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>

Figure 3. Influenza Hospitalizations by Week of Admission, Dallas County: 2013-2018 Seasons

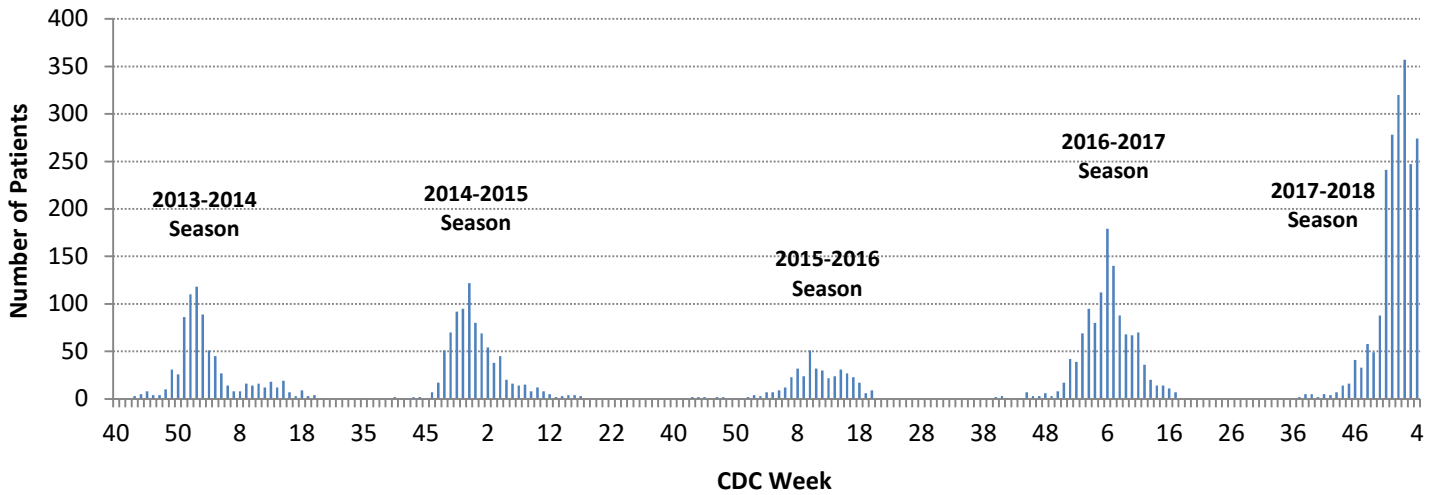


Figure 4. Intensive Care Unit Hospitalizations for influenza by Week of Admission, Dallas County: 2013-2018 Seasons

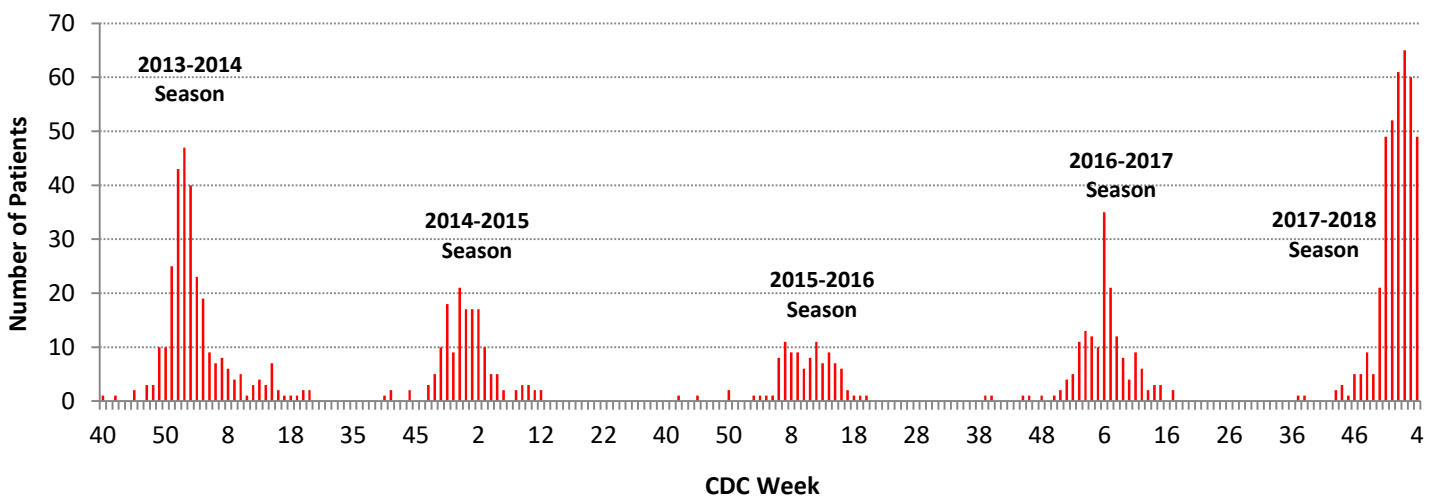
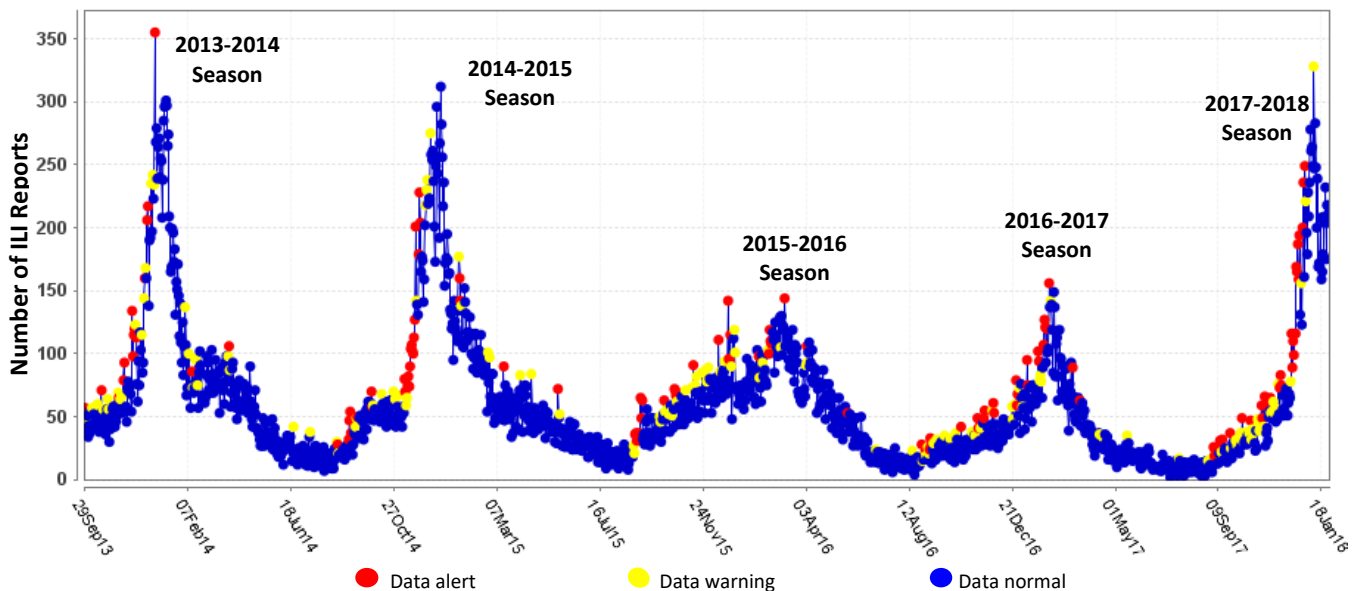


Figure 5. Syndromic Surveillance of Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI), Dallas County: September 29, 2013 – January 27, 2018



Data source: 18 emergency departments in Dallas County hospitals participating in the Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics (ESSENCE) voluntarily reporting the numbers of persons presenting with self-reported chief complaints of ILI.

Table 5. Characteristics of Influenza in Dallas County ICU Hospitalizations, September 12, 2017 to Date

ICU Admissions		N=345
Influenza A*		277 (80.3%)
Gender	Female	175 (50.7%)
	Male	170 (49.3%)
Race	Black	111 (32.6%)
	Hispanic	53 (15.5%)
	White	143 (41.9%)
	Other	34 (9.0%)
Median Age (Range)		64 (3 months - 99 years)
Presence of ≥ 1 underlying high risk medical conditions		288 (83.5%)
Mechanical Ventilation		115 (33.3%)
BiPAP		98 (28.4%)
ECMO		10 (2.9%)

Data Source(s): All Hospitalizations of Dallas County residents reported to DCHHS with any positive rapid antigen, PCR, DFA or culture result for influenza; * includes five patients co-infected with influenza A and type B; ¹ Available from the CDC website at https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/high_risk.htm

Figure 6. Percentage of Student Absences by Week, Dallas County: 2016-2017 and 2017-2018

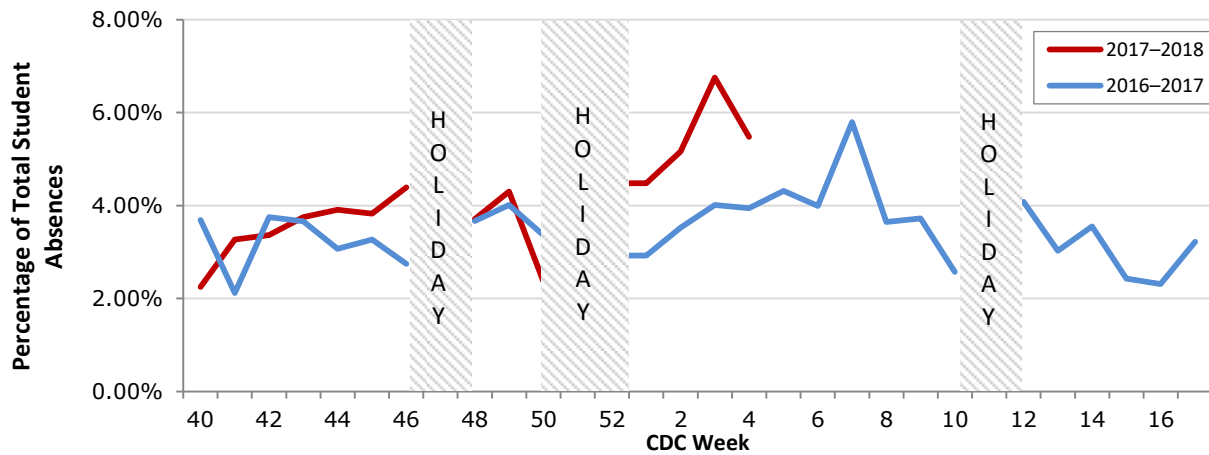
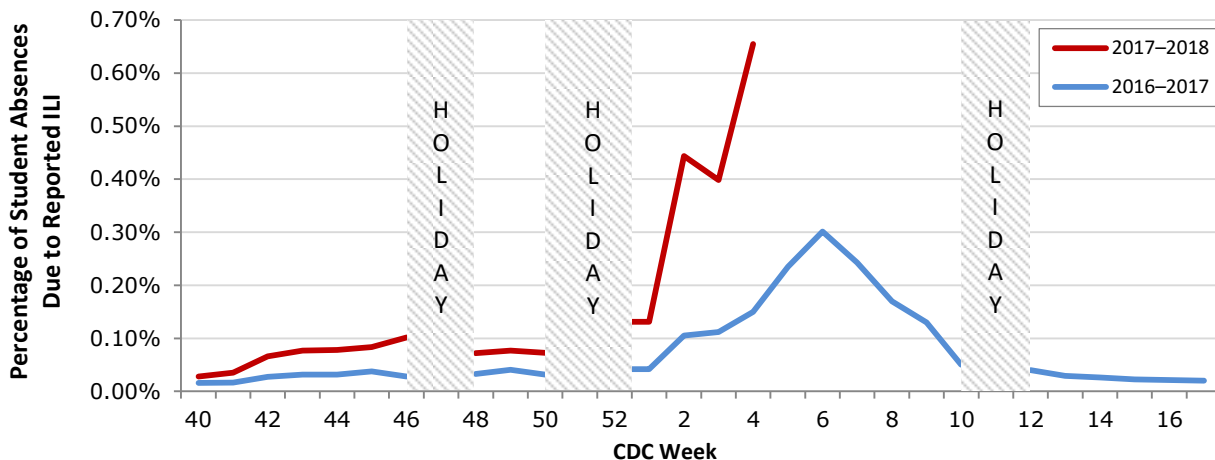


Figure 7. Percentage of Student Absences Due to ILI by Week, Dallas County: 2016-2017 and 2017-2018



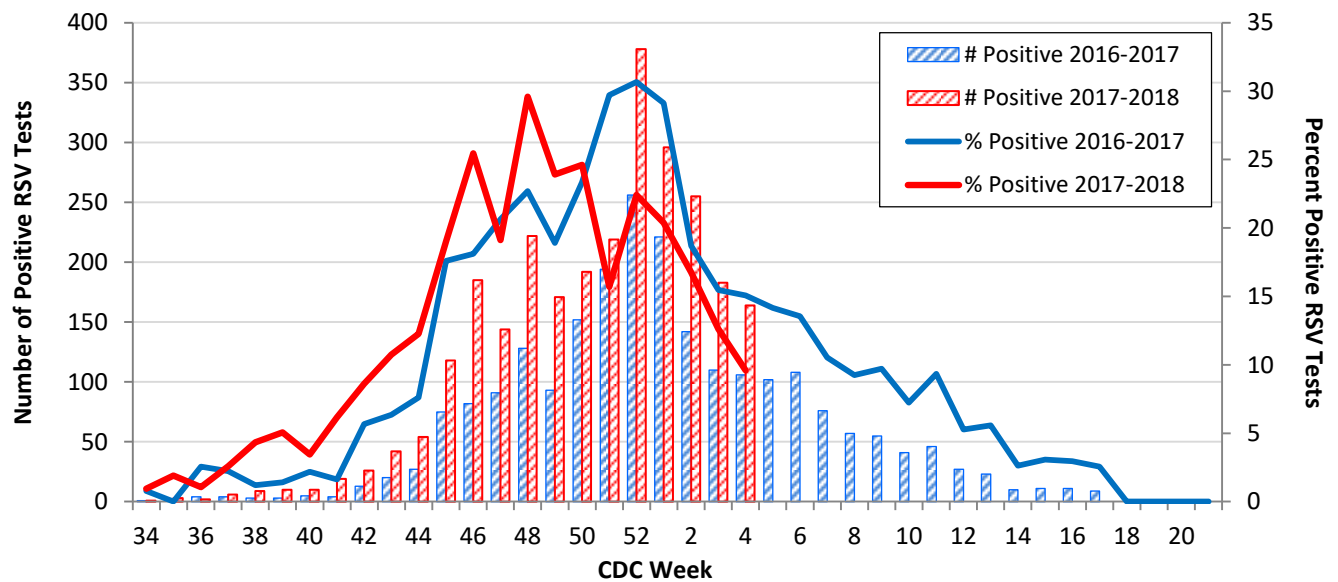
Data source: Voluntary reporting from Independent School Districts representing over 510 elementary, middle, and secondary schools and over 420,000 students in Dallas County

Table 6. Non-Influenza Respiratory Virus Testing by North Texas Laboratories Reported to NREVSS, Week 4

Virus	Number of Laboratories Reporting	Tests Performed	Total Positive Tests	Percentage of Tests Positive
Adenovirus (respiratory)	5	522	5	1.0%
HMPV	5	516	16	3.1%
Parainfluenza virus	5	522	4	0.8%
Rhinovirus/Enterovirus	5	516	75	14.5%
RSV	5	1,709	164	9.6%

Data source: National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) and hospitals reporting directly to DCHHS

Figure 8. Number and Percent Positive RSV Rapid Antigen and PCR Tests by Week, NREVSS Surveillance Data, North Texas: August 27, 2016 – January 27, 2017



Data source: National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) and hospitals reporting directly to DCHHS

Table 7. Number and Percent Positive RSV Rapid Antigen and PCR Tests by Week, NREVSS Surveillance Data, North Texas: August 26, 2017 – January 27, 2017

Week Ending	12/16	12/23	12/30	01/06	01/13	01/20	01/27	8/26/17–Present
CDC Week	50	51	52	1	2	3	4*	
RSV tests performed weekly	780	1,394	1,686	1,452	1,523	1,451	1,709	16,387
Total positive RSV tests	192	219	378	296	255	183	164	2,709
Percent positive RSV tests	24.6	15.7	22.4	20.4	16.7	12.6	9.6	

*Indicates preliminary results which are subject to change as adjustments are made for late-arriving data

Data source: National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS)

Please report any of the following patients to DCHHS within 1 working day:

- **Hospitalized patients with influenza** (any subtype). Confirmation can be by any laboratory test, rapid antigen, culture, PCR, DFA/IFA, or performed in an outpatient or inpatient laboratory.
- **Deaths of persons with confirmed influenza** (any subtype). We are requesting all pediatric influenza-associated deaths to be reported *immediately* to facilitate specimen procurement and testing.
- Suspected influenza infections involving institutional outbreaks or a resident of any **Long Term Care facility** (please report *immediately*).

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