



# Dallas County Health and Human Services 2024–2025 Influenza Surveillance Report

Week 8 ending February 22, 2025

## Epidemiologic Summary

- 17.1% of Influenza tests returned positive during week 8.
- Ninety-one Influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported during week 8.
- Zero influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported during the 2024-2025 season in Dallas County.
- The overall school absenteeism rate was 9.8%; out of the total enrollment, 0.2% of absences were attributed to influenza-like illness during week 8 of schools reporting within Dallas County.
- 5.2% of RSV tests returned positive during week 8.

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

Week Ending	1/18	1/25	2/1	2/8	2/15	2/22	9/15/24– Present
CDC Week	3	4	5*	6*	7*	8*	
<b>Total Influenza PCR Tests</b>	3,415	3,111	3,506	5,023	2,806	3,016	57,225
Number of positive PCR tests	842	1,117	1,361	1,612	662	521	8,755
Percent of positive PCR tests	24.7	35.9	38.8	32.1	23.6	17.3	
<b>Total Rapid Influenza Diagnostic Tests</b>	581	718	903	747	585	495	9,335
Number of positive RIDTs	151	219	295	218	144	79	1,640
Percent of positive RIDTs	26.0	30.5	32.7	29.2	24.6	16.0	
<b>Total Influenza Tests Performed</b>	3,996	3,829	4,409	5,770	3,391	3,511	66,560
Total positive influenza tests <sup>1</sup>	993	1,336	1,656	1,830	806	600	10,395
Percent positive influenza tests	24.8	34.9	37.6	31.7	23.8	17.1	
Positive influenza A tests <sup>2</sup>	970	1,306	1,627	1,784	758	554	10,003
Positive influenza B tests	23	30	29	46	48	46	392

<sup>1</sup> Includes positive rapid antigen, PCR, DFA, or culture results

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

<sup>3</sup> 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	1/18	1/25	2/1	2/8	2/15	2/22	9/15/24– Present
CDC Week	3	4	5*	6*	7*	8*	
Influenza hospitalizations <sup>4</sup>	172	185	231	310	139	91	1,552
Influenza ICU admissions <sup>4</sup>	25	38	26	50	15	16	233
Confirmed pediatric deaths <sup>5</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	

<sup>4</sup> Reflects all influenza-associated hospitalizations reported from 10 hospitals located within Dallas County by week of any positive influenza tests.

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

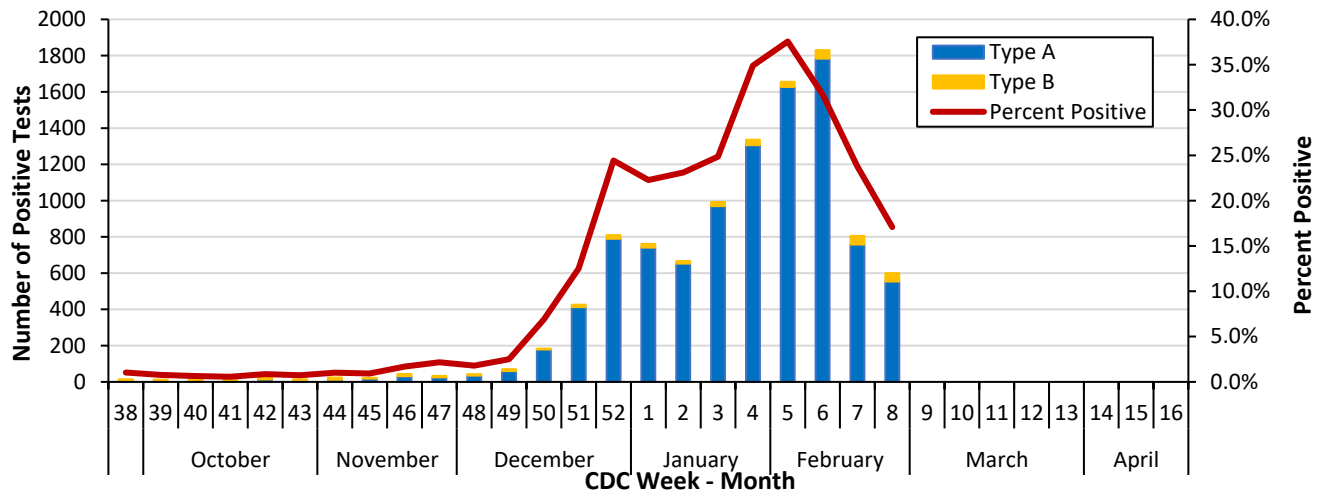
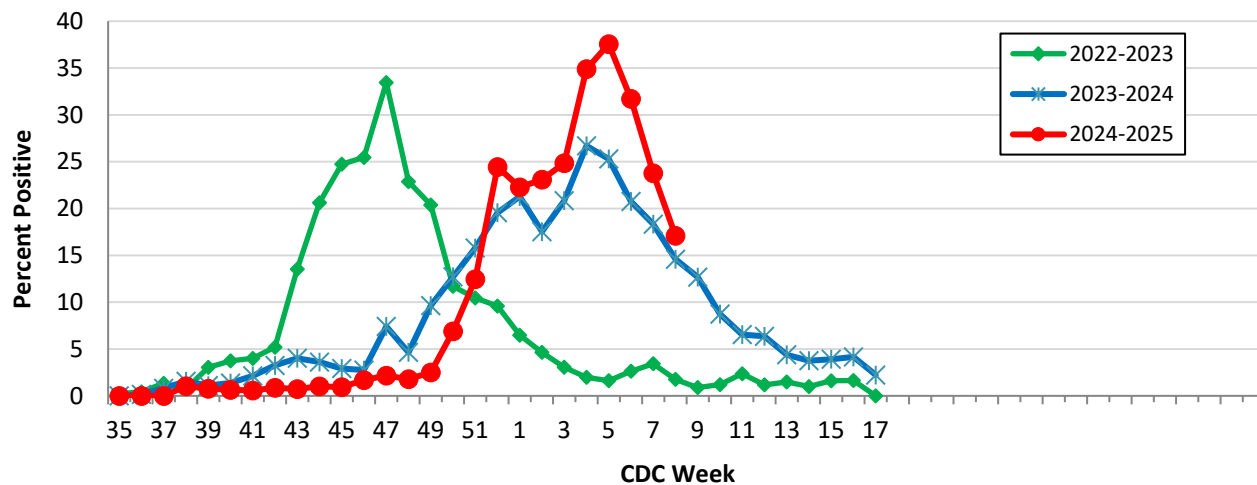
**Table 3.** Confirmed Influenza-associated Pediatric and Adult Deaths, Dallas County: 2018–2025 Seasons

	2018–2019	2019–2020	2021–2022	2022–2023	2023–2024	2024–2025
Pediatric	1	3	0	1	0	0
Adult	21	22	2	-	-	-**

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

\*\*The Data is not accurately available. Adult death is not reportable condition, and not all adult deaths are reported to DCHHS.

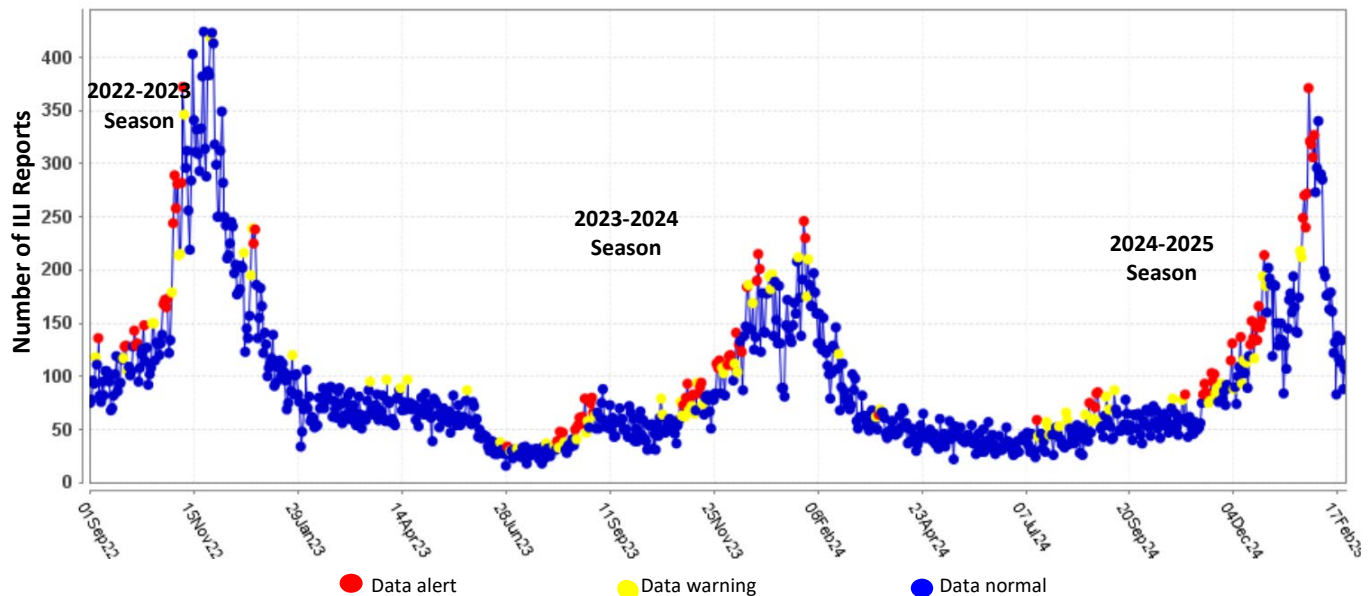
\*Indicates preliminary results which are subject to change with late-arriving data from surveillance sites designated for DCHHS' seasonal influenza program

**Figure 1.** Influenza Positive Tests Reported to DCHHS by Hospital Laboratories: 2024—2025 Season**Figure 2.** Influenza Positive Tests Reported to DCHHS by Hospital Laboratories: 2022-2025 Seasons**Table 4.** Influenza Typing and Subtyping from Cumulative Dallas County, Texas, and U.S. Laboratory Surveillance Data: 2024—2025 Season

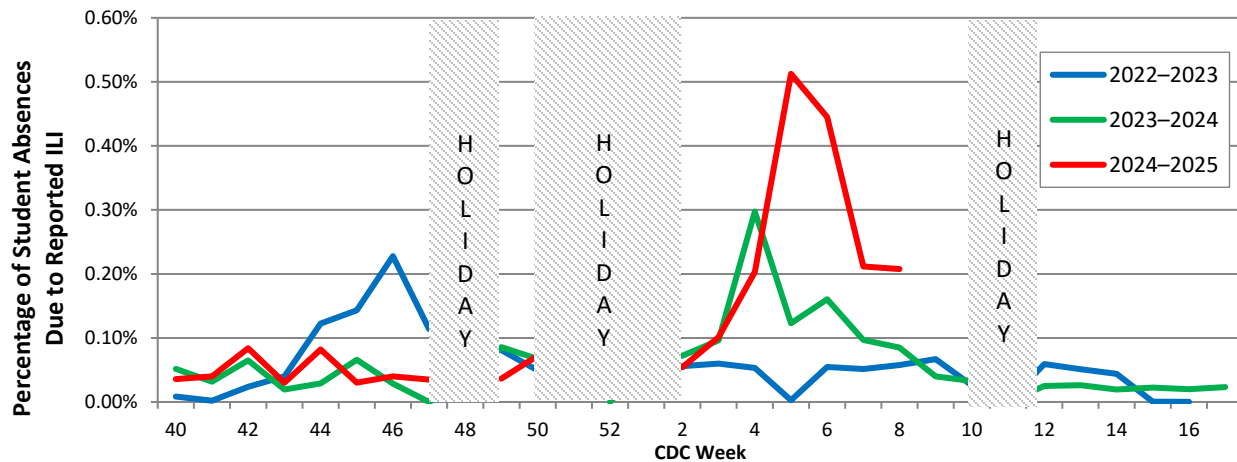
	Dallas <sup>1</sup> (n=225)	Texas <sup>2</sup> (n=2,003)	U.S. <sup>3</sup> (n=91,904)
Influenza A	160 (99.4%)	831 (99.9%)	59,337 (97.3%)
H1N1 2009 subtype	64 (40.0%)	312 (37.6%)	25,846 (50.2%)
H3N2 subtype	96 (60.0%)	518 (62.3%)	25,580 (49.7%)
H5	NA	NA	80* (0.1%)
Not subtyped	0	1	7,360
Influenza B	1 (0.6%)	1 (0.1%)	1,651 (2.7%)
Victoria lineage	1 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)	735 (100.0%)
Not lineaged	0	1	916

<sup>1</sup> 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<sup>2</sup> DSHS 2024–2025 Texas Influenza Surveillance Information Activity Report available at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-respiratory-virus-surveillance-report><sup>3</sup> CDC FluView Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report available at <https://www.cdc.gov/fluview/>

\*This data reflects specimens tested and the number determined to be positive for influenza viruses at the public health labs (specimens tested is not the same as cases). It does not reflect specimens tested only at CDC and could include more than one specimen tested per person. The guidance for influenza A/H5 testing recommends testing both a conjunctival and respiratory swab for people with conjunctivitis which has resulted in more specimens testing positive for influenza A/H5 than the number of human H5 cases.

**Figure 3.** Syndromic Surveillance of Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI), Dallas County: September 1, 2022 –February 22, 2025

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.

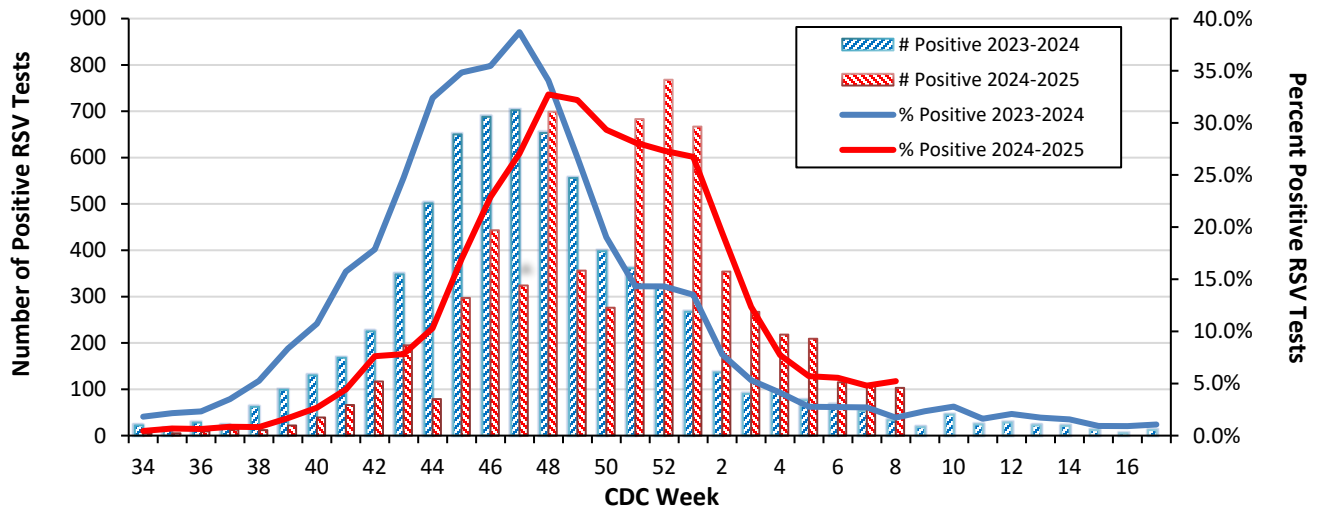
**Figure 4.** Percentage of Student Absences Due to ILI by Week, Dallas County: 2022-2025 Seasons

Data source: Voluntary reporting from Independent School Districts, private, and charter School representing over 600 elementary, middle, and secondary schools and over 345,000 students in Dallas County

**Table 5.** Non-Influenza Respiratory Virus Testing by North Texas Laboratories Reported to NREVSS, Week 8

Virus	Number of Laboratories Reporting*	Tests Performed	Total Positive Tests	Percentage of Tests Positive
Adenovirus (respiratory)	2	875	39	4.5
HMPV	2	875	46	5.3
Parainfluenza virus	2	875	21	2.4
Rhinovirus/Enterovirus	2	875	249	28.5
RSV	2	1,972	103	5.2
COVID-19	2	1,931	67	3.5

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

**Figure 5.** Number and Percent Positive RSV Rapid Antigen and PCR Tests by Week, NREVSS Surveillance Data, North Texas: 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Seasons

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

**Table 6.** Number and Percent Positive RSV Rapid Antigen and PCR Tests by Week, NREVSS Surveillance Data, North Texas: September 15, 2024 – February 22, 2025

Week Ending	1/18	1/25	2/1	2/8	2/15	2/22	9/15/24– Present
CDC Week	3	*	5*	6*	7*	8*	
RSV tests performed weekly	2,164	2,823	3,668	2,073	2,234	1,972	44,080
Total positive RSV tests	267	218	209	115	107	103	6,416
Percent positive RSV tests	12.3	7.7	5.7	5.6	4.8	5.2	

\*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:

- **Deaths of pediatric patients with confirmed influenza** (any subtype). We are requesting all pediatric influenza-associated deaths to be reported to facilitate specimen procurement and testing. (Please report *within 1 workday*).
- Suspected influenza infections involving institutional **outbreaks** (Please report *immediately*).
- Patients with **Novel influenza**. (Please report *immediately*).

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