

Respiratory Illness Report - Week ending November 11, 2023

Overview

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Influenza: Statewide influenza severity is currently low. All health department jurisdictions in Utah (including Davis County) report minimal influenza-like illness (ILI) activity. The only exception is Bear River (Box Elder, Cache, and Rich counties), which currently reports moderate ILI activity.

COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance: As of November 7, overall statewide levels of viral concentrations in wastewater remain high, and have increased since last week. In Davis County, three sewer districts are in the Elevated category: North Davis, Central Davis, and South Davis – North. The remaining site, South Davis – South (North Salt Lake area), is in the Watch category. No sites are in the Low category.

Elementary school absenteeism data is unavailable this week.

Influenza-Like Illness

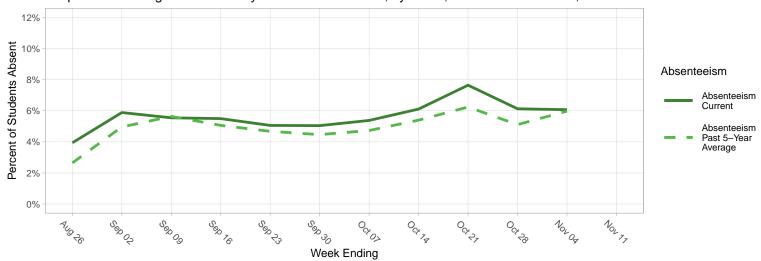
Graph 1 displays the weekly percentage of outpatient visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI). For comparison, the dashed line shows the previous 5-year average (2018-2022) of ILI activity. This week's ILI rate was 2.3%.



Graph 1. Percent of Outpatient Visits due to Influenza-Like Illness, by Week, Davis County, Utah

School Absenteeism

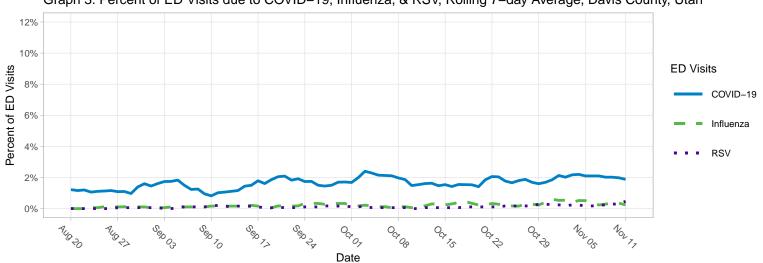
Graph 2 displays the weekly percentage of elementary school absenteeism in Davis School District. For comparison, the dashed line shows the absenteeism rate of the previous 5 school years (school years beginning 2018-2022).



Graph 2. Percentage of Elementary School Absenteeism, by Week, Davis School District, Utah

Emergency Department Visits

Graph 3 displays the rolling 7 day average of the percent of emergency department (ED) visits due to COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). These data are obtained from syndromic surveillance and only consider the diagnosis discharge codes for each condition. Table 1 presents two data points for each virus: the current trend of ED visits (increasing, decreasing, or no change), and the percent of ED visits due to each during the currently reported week.



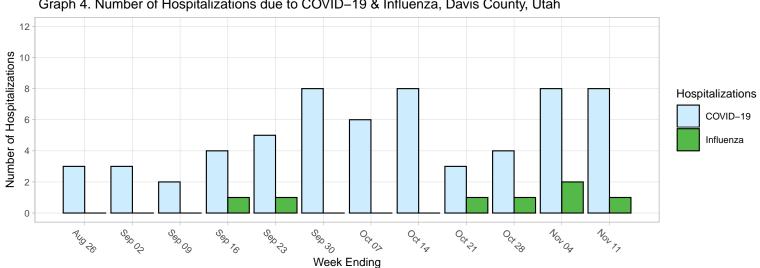
Graph 3. Percent of ED Visits due to COVID-19, Influenza, & RSV, Rolling 7-day Average, Davis County, Utah

Table 1: Recent Trends of ED Visits, Davis County, Utah, for Week Ending Nov 11, 2023

Virus	Trend	Percent of ED Visits
COVID-19	Plateau/no trend (last 14 days)	1.9 %
Influenza	Plateau/no trend (last 14 days)	0.2 %
RSV	Plateau/no trend (last 14 days)	0.5~%

Hospitalizations

Graph 4 displays the weekly number of hospitalizations due to COVID-19 and influenza.



Graph 4. Number of Hospitalizations due to COVID-19 & Influenza, Davis County, Utah