

# Respiratory Watch

# November 5-11, 2023 (MMWR Week 45)

# COVID-19

- COVID-19 activity remains stable in Cuyahoga County. The current case rate is 99.3 cases per 100,000 residents. The current rate is slightly below the state average (110.7) and represents an approximate 1% decrease from the previous reporting period.
- CCBH jurisdiction COVID-19 case report counts increased slightly. 482 cases were reported this week compared to 441 cases the previous week.
- The number of COVID-19 related hospitalizations decreased. 6 hospitalizations were reported this week compared to 12 the previous week.
- The number of COVID-19 related deaths within Cuyahoga County remains stable. 0 COVID-19 related deaths were reported this week compared to 1 the previous week.
- Wastewater monitoring data suggest viral gene copy concentration levels are increasing at NEORSD Easterly WWTC and are steady for the Southerly and Westerly WWTCs.

Note: Numbers may change from week to week due to testing and reporting lag times.

## INFLUENZA

### Cuyahoga County

Flu activity remained 'minimal' for the 6th consecutive week.

3.1% of deaths reported were due to pneumonia.

0 flu deaths were reported this week. There have been no flu deaths so far this season.

1 Influenza-associated hospitalization was reported this week. There have been 8 hospitalizations for the flu season.

2.7% of emergency department visits were for flu like symptoms.

### Ohio

Flu activity for the State of Ohio is also 'minimal'.

25 Influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported this week.

1.7% of emergency department visits were flu like symptoms.

### **United States**

Seasonal influenza activity continues to increase in most parts of the country, most notably in the South Central, Southeast, and West Coast regions.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Stay Healthy This Respiratory Season!
	• Stay up to date on immunizations.
RSV is not a reportable condition in Ohio.	Stay home when you are sick.
CCBH monitors RSV activity via outbreaks reported by	Avoid touching your face.
childcare centers/schools and long term care facilities.	Cover coughs and sneezes.
Currently, CCBH is not investigating any RSV outbreaks.	• Wash hands often.
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