

Respiratory Watch

November 12-18, 2023 (MMWR Week 46)

COVID-19

- COVID-19 activity is increasing in Cuyahoga County. The current case rate is 118.9 cases per 100,000 residents. The current rate is slightly below the state average (126.3) and represents an approximate 20% increase from the previous reporting period.
- CCBH jurisdiction COVID-19 case report counts increased slightly. 587 cases were reported this week compared to 539 cases the previous week.
- The number of COVID-19 related hospitalizations remains stable. 14 hospitalizations were reported this week compared to 13 the previous week.
- The number of COVID-19 related deaths within Cuyahoga County also remains stable. 3 COVID-19 related deaths were reported this week compared to 3 the previous week.
- Wastewater monitoring data suggest viral gene copy concentration levels are substantially increasing at NEORSD Southerly WWTC, increasing at NEORSD Easterly WWTC, and are steady at NEORSD Westerly WWTC.

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



INFLUENZA

Cuyahoga County

Flu activity remained 'minimal' for the 7th consecutive week.

5.1% of deaths reported were due to pneumonia.

1 flu death was reported this week. There has been 1 flu death this season.

1 Influenza-associated hospitalization was reported this week. There have been 10 hospitalizations for the flu season.

2.5% of emergency department visits were for flu like symptoms.

Ohio

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

29 Influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported this week.

1.8% 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, Mountain, and West Coast regions.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

RSV is not a reportable condition in Ohio.

CCBH monitors RSV activity via outbreaks reported by childcare centers/schools and long term care facilities.

Currently, CCBH is not investigating any RSV outbreaks.

Stay Healthy This Respiratory Season!

- Stay up to date on immunizations.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Wash hands often.

