

# Respiratory Watch

November 19-25, 2023 (MMWR Week 47)

# COVID-19

- COVID-19 activity is increasing in Cuyahoga County. The current case rate is 139.9 cases per 100,000 residents. The current rate is slightly below the state average (145.0) and represents an approximate 18% increase from the previous reporting period.
- CCBH jurisdiction COVID-19 case report counts decreased slightly. 628 cases were reported this week compared to 651 cases the previous week.
- The number of COVID-19 related hospitalizations decreased. 12 hospitalizations were reported this week compared to 20 the previous week.
- The number of COVID-19 related deaths within Cuyahoga County also decreased. 0 COVID-19 related deaths were reported this week compared to 4 the previous week.
- Wastewater monitoring data suggest viral gene copy concentration levels are increasing at NEORSD Southerly WWTC and are steady at NEORSD Easterly and Westerly WWTCs.

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



#### **INFLUENZA**

#### **Cuyahoga County**

Flu activity level was elevated to 'low' this week.

8.1% of deaths reported were due to pneumonia. This represents an approximate 58.8% increase from the previous week.

0 flu deaths were reported this week. There has been 1 flu death this season.

9 Influenza-associated hospitalization was reported this week. There have been 26 hospitalizations for the flu season.

2.9% of emergency department visits were for flu like symptoms. This represents an approximate 16.4% increase from the previous week.

## Ohio

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

50 Influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported this week.

1.9% 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.

