

Respiratory Watch

March 3 - 9, 2024 (MMWR Week 10)

COVID-19

- COVID-19 activity is decreasing in Cuyahoga County. The current case rate is 95.9 cases per 100,000 residents. The current rate is above the state average (77.1) and represents an approximate 10.0% decrease from the previous reporting period.
- CCBH jurisdiction COVID-19 case report counts are decreasing. 326 cases were reported this week compared to 448 cases the previous week.
- The number of COVID-19 related hospitalizations is also decreasing. 4 hospitalizations were reported this week compared to 18 the previous week.
- The number of COVID-19 related deaths within Cuyahoga County is stable. 0 COVID-19 related deaths were reported this week as well as the previous week.
- Wastewater monitoring data suggest viral gene copy concentration levels are steady at NEORSD Easterly, Southerly, and Westerly WWTCs.

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



INFLUENZA

Cuyahoga County

Flu activity level remained 'low' for the 7th consecutive week.

6.0% of deaths reported were due to pneumonia. This represents an approximate 116.8% increase from the previous week.

1 flu death was reported this week. There have been 9 flu deaths this season.

62 Influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported this week. There have been 948 hospitalizations for the flu season.

3.0% of emergency department visits were for flu like symptoms. This represents an approximate 7.6% decrease from the previous week.

Ohio

Flu activity for the State of Ohio remained 'very high' for the 5th consecutive week.

720 Influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported this week.

2.1% of emergency department visits were for flu like symptoms.

United States

Seasonal influenza activity remains elevated nationally with increases in some parts of the country.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

Cuyahoga County

CCBH is investigating a RSV outbreak at a long term care facility.

Ohio

3.3% of antigen tests and 3.5% of PCR tests from participating laboratories in Ohio were positive for RSV (via 3 week moving average for week ending 3/9/24).

United States

5.0% of antigen tests, 3.0% of PCR tests, and 13.3% of virus isolation tests from participating laboratories were positive for RSV (for week ending 3/9/24).