

# Respiratory Watch

# February 18 - 24, 2024 (MMWR Week 8)

# COVID-19

- COVID-19 activity is stable in Cuyahoga County. The current case rate is 109.5 cases per 100,000 residents. The current rate is above the state average (103.3) and represents an approximate 1.8% decrease from the previous reporting period.
- CCBH jurisdiction COVID-19 case report counts are also stable. 481 cases were reported this week compared to 493 cases the previous week.
- The number of COVID-19 related hospitalizations is stable. 11 hospitalizations were reported this week as well as the previous week.
- The number of COVID-19 related deaths within Cuyahoga County is also stable. 1 COVID-19 related death was reported this week as well as 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 remained 'low' for the 7th consecutive week.

6.5% of deaths reported were due to pneumonia. This represents an approximate 20.6% increase from the previous week.

0 flu deaths were reported this week. There have been 7 flu deaths this season.

43 Influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported this week. There have been 787 hospitalizations for the flu season.

3.4% of emergency department visits were for flu like symptoms. This represents an approximate 17.2% increase from the previous week.

#### Ohio

Flu activity for the State of Ohio remained 'very high' for the 3rd consecutive week.

726 Influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported this week.

2.6% 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 not investigating any RSV outbreaks.

### Ohio

3.2% of antigen tests and 5.7% of PCR tests from participating laboratories in Ohio were positive for RSV (via 3 week moving average for week ending 2/24/24).

#### **United States**

3.7% of antigen tests, 3.8% of PCR tests, and 0.0% of virus isolation tests from participating laboratories were positive for RSV (for week ending 2/24/24).