

Respiratory Watch

January 21-27, 2024 (MMWR Week 4)

COVID-19

- COVID-19 activity continues to decrease in Cuyahoga County. The current case rate is 140.6 cases per 100,000 residents. The current rate is above the state average (126.6) and represents an approximate 21.4% decrease from the previous reporting period.
- CCBH jurisdiction COVID-19 case report counts are decreasing. 501 cases were reported this week compared to 663 cases the previous week.
- The number of COVID-19 related hospitalizations decreased. 7 hospitalizations were reported this week compared to 10 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 2 the previous week.
- Wastewater monitoring data suggest viral gene copy concentration levels are steady at NEORSD Easterly and Southerly WWTCs and decreasing at NEORSD Westerly WWTC.

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

INFLUENZA

Cuyahoga County

Flu activity level decreased to 'minimal' this week.

5.3% of deaths reported were due to pneumonia. This represents an approximate 9.4% decrease from the previous week.

1 flu death was reported this week. There have been 3 flu deaths this season.

23 Influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported this week. There have been 554 hospitalizations for the flu season.

1.2% of emergency department visits were for flu like symptoms. This represents an approximate 61.3% decrease from the previous week.

Ohio

Flu activity for the State of Ohio remained 'high' for the 4th consecutive week.

498 Influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported this week.

2.0% 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

11.2% of antigen tests and 6.8% of PCR tests from participating laboratories in Ohio were positive for RSV (via 3 week moving average for week ending 1/27/24).

United States

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5.5% of antigen tests, 6.0% of PCR tests, and 18.8% of virus isolation tests from participating laboratories were positive for RSV (for week ending 1/27/24).