

# Respiratory virus activity in BC:

Weekly summary – January 23, 2025

Reporting period: January 12-18, 2025 (Epi-week 3)

## Influenza activity is increasing; RSV activity remains elevated; COVID-19 activity is low

### Influenza

Influenza A test positivity continues to increase in children. Wastewater trends continue to increase and remain high in most sites across BC.

### RSV

RSV test positivity remains stable in the past week. Wastewater trends continue to increase and remain high in most sites across BC.

### COVID-19

COVID-19 activity remains relatively stable at low levels.

### Health care visits

The proportion of health care visits for respiratory illness remains elevated.

## National and international context

### Influenza

- In Canada, most indicators of influenza activity remained stable from the previous week.<sup>1</sup>
- In the USA, seasonal influenza activity remains elevated across the country.<sup>2</sup>
- In the European Union/European Economic Area (EU/EEA), influenza activity remains high.<sup>3</sup>

### RSV

- In Canada, RSV percent positivity is stable.<sup>1</sup>
- In the USA, RSV activity has peaked in many areas of the country.<sup>2</sup>
- In the EU/EEA, RSV activity has decreased over the past few weeks.<sup>3</sup>

### COVID-19

- In Canada, indicators of COVID-19 activity have been stable.<sup>1</sup>
- In the USA, COVID-19 activity has increased in most areas of the country.<sup>2</sup>
- In the EU/EEA, COVID-19 activity has continued to decrease or remain stable in recent weeks.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Canadian Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report, <https://health-infobase.canada.ca/respiratory-virus-surveillance/>. Last updated: January 17, 2025.

<sup>2</sup> Respiratory Illnesses Data Channel, <https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/data/index.html>. Last updated: January 17, 2025.

<sup>3</sup> European Respiratory Virus Surveillance Summary (ERVISS), <https://erviss.org/>. Accessed on January 22, 2025.