

Respiratory virus activity in BC:

Weekly summary – January 16, 2025

Reporting period: January 5-11, 2025 (Epi-week 2)

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

Influenza

Influenza A test positivity continued to increase. Wastewater trends continued to increase or remain stable at varying levels across BC.

RSV

RSV test positivity continued to increase in adults but have decreased in children. Wastewater trends continued to increase across all sites in 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, indicators of influenza activity are increasing.¹
- In the USA, seasonal influenza activity remains elevated across the country.²
- In the European Union/European Economic Area (EU/EEA), influenza activity continues to increase.³

RSV

- In Canada, RSV percent positivity is stable.¹
- In the USA, RSV activity is very high in many areas of the country, particularly in young children.²
- In the EU/EEA, RSV activity has remained stable over the past few weeks after rising for several weeks.³

COVID-19

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

¹ Canadian Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report, <https://health-infobase.canada.ca/respiratory-virus-surveillance/>. Last updated: January 10, 2025.

² Respiratory Illnesses Data Channel, <https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/data/index.html>. Last updated: January 13, 2025.

³ European Respiratory Virus Surveillance Summary (ERVISS), <https://erviss.org/>. Accessed on January 15, 2025.