

Respiratory virus activity in BC:

Weekly summary – November 13, 2025

Reporting period: November 2-8, 2025 (Epi-week 45)

The [Viral Respiratory Outcomes](#) dashboard has undergone a system transition. For more information, please visit the dashboard.

Current respiratory activity is measured in consideration of recent past respiratory seasons.

COVID-19 activity is moderate; influenza and RSV remain low.

Influenza

Influenza test positivity has shown recent signs of increase but remains low. Wastewater viral loads are stable and low in most sites.

RSV

RSV test positivity is slowly increasing among children. Wastewater viral loads are overall low but have increased in one site.

COVID-19

SARS-CoV-2 test positivity has decreased in recent weeks and is at moderate levels. Wastewater viral loads are decreasing or remain stable at moderate levels in most sites. Severe outcomes remain low.

Health care visits

The proportions of emergency department and primary care visits for respiratory illness have increased over recent weeks. Trends remain comparable to the same period of the prior season.

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- [Influenza strain characterization in preparation for the 2025/2026 influenza season](#)

Key takeaway: Since the start of the 2025-2026 respiratory season that began in epi-week 35 (Aug 24 – 30, 2025), most subtyped influenza A samples have been H1 (75%). During the more recent epi-weeks 42 and 43, H3 represented a greater proportion of subtyped viruses at 33% and 36%, respectively.

National and international context¹

Influenza

- In Canada, indicators of influenza activity remain at interseasonal levels but have increased in recent weeks.²
- In the European Union/European Economic Area (EU/EEA), influenza circulation is still low but is becoming more widespread with an increasing trend that has begun three to four weeks earlier than in the last two seasons. Influenza A is dominant, with A(H3) accounting for most of the subtyped

¹ Recent U.S. data is not available.

² Canadian Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report, <https://health-infobase.canada.ca/respiratory-virus-surveillance/>. Last updated: November 7, 2025.

detections this week.³

RSV

- In Canada, indicators of RSV activity remain at interseasonal levels.²
- In the EU/EEA, RSV circulation is increasing from low levels in a few countries.³

COVID-19

- In Canada, indicators of COVID-19 activity decreased or remained stable in the most recent reporting week.²
- In the EU/EEA, SARS-CoV-2 circulation continues to decrease.³

² Canadian Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report, <https://health-infobase.canada.ca/respiratory-virus-surveillance/>. Last updated: November 7, 2025.

³ European Respiratory Virus Surveillance Summary (ERVISS), <https://erviss.org/>. Accessed on November 12, 2025.