

Respiratory virus activity in BC:

Weekly summary – November 20, 2025

Reporting period: November 9-15, 2025 (Epi-week 46)

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 been slowly increasing but remains low. Wastewater viral loads are stable and low in most sites.

RSV

RSV test positivity is increasing among children. Wastewater viral loads have shown recent signs of increase in a few sites but remain low.

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, particularly among children. Trends remain comparable to the same period of the prior season.

National and international context

Influenza

- In Canada, indicators of influenza activity are increasing and approaching seasonal levels.¹
- In the USA, seasonal influenza activity remains low but is increasing.²
- In the European Union/European Economic Area (EU/EEA), influenza circulation is increasing, continuing a trend that began three to four weeks earlier than in the previous two seasons.³

RSV

- In Canada, indicators of RSV activity remain at interseasonal levels.¹
- In the USA, RSV activity is increasing in the Southeastern and Southern areas of the country with emergency department visits increasing among children 0-4 years old.²
- In the EU/EEA, RSV circulation has increased in recent weeks but remains low. Detections are primarily seen in children under five years of age.³

¹ Canadian Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report, <https://health-infobase.canada.ca/respiratory-virus-surveillance/>. Last updated: November 14, 2025.

² Respiratory Illnesses Data Channel, <https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/data/index.html>. Last updated: November 14, 2025.

³ European Respiratory Virus Surveillance Summary (ERVISS), <https://erviss.org/>. Accessed on November 19, 2025.

COVID-19

- In Canada, indicators of COVID-19 activity decreased or remained stable in the most recent reporting week.¹
- In the USA, COVID-19 activity is low.²
- In the EU/EEA, SARS-CoV-2 indicators are stable or decreasing.³

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