Respiratory virus activity in BC:

Weekly summary – October 29, 2026

BC Centre for Disease Control
Provincial Health Services Authority

Reporting period: October 18-24, 2026 (Epi-week 42)

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

Influenza activity is moderate; COVID-19 is low-to-moderate; RSV remains low.

Influenza	Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
Influenza test positivity is at moderate levels. Wastewater levels are low-to-moderate and have increased in some sites in recent weeks.	RSV test positivity remains low. Wastewater levels are stable and low.
COVID-19	**Health care visits**
SARS-CoV-2 test positivity is at low-to-moderate levels. Wastewater levels have increased in many sites in recent weeks and are at moderate-to-high levels. Hospital admissions have remained low.	The proportions of emergency department and primary care visits for respiratory illness remain at low levels.

National and international context

Influenza

- In Canada, indicators of influenza activity remain low but were increasing in the most recent reporting week.[1]
- In the USA, seasonal influenza activity is increasing in many parts of the country but remains low.[2]
- In the European Union/European Economic Area (EU/EEA), influenza activity is at baseline or low levels overall. Countries are reporting detections in primary and secondary care, with most secondary care detections among adults aged over 65 years.[3]

RSV

- In Canada, indicators of RSV activity are stable at very low levels in the most recent reporting week.[1]

[1] Canadian Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report, https://health-infobase.canada.ca/respiratory-virus-surveillance/. Last updated on October 23, 2026.
[2] Respiratory Illnesses Data Channel, https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/data/index.html. Last updated on October 23, 2026.
[3] European Respiratory Virus Surveillance Summary (ERVISS), https://erviss.org/. Accessed on October 28, 2026.

- In the USA, RSV activity is very low in most areas of the country.[2]
- In the EU/EEA, RSV activity is very low.[3]

COVID-19

- In Canada, indicators of COVID-19 activity are low and either increasing or stable in the most recent reporting week.[1]
- In the USA, COVID-19 activity remains elevated in some regions but is declining nationally.[2]
- In the EU/EEA, SARS-CoV-2 test positivity remains low in primary and secondary care in most countries, but there have been increases in the number of detections.[3]

[1] Canadian Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report, https://health-infobase.canada.ca/respiratory-virus-surveillance/. Last updated on October 23, 2026.
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