Respiratory virus activity in BC:

Weekly summary – November 12, 2026

BC Centre for Disease Control
Provincial Health Services Authority

Reporting period: November 1-7, 2026 (Epi-week 44)

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.	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 are at moderate-to-high levels for most sites. Hospital admissions have remained low in recent weeks.	The proportions of emergency department and primary care visits for respiratory illness remain at low levels. There have been recent increases among children.

National and international context

Influenza

- In Canada, indicators of influenza activity were moderate and increasing in the most recent reporting week.[1]
- In the USA, seasonal influenza activity is increasing in many parts of the country.[2]
- In the European Union/European Economic Area (EU/EEA), influenza activity remains at low levels overall, but is increasing.[3]

RSV

- In Canada, indicators of RSV activity were stable at very low levels in the most recent reporting week.[1]
- In the USA, RSV activity is low in most areas of the country.[2]
- In the EU/EEA, RSV activity is very low.[3]

[1] Canadian Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report, https://health-infobase.canada.ca/respiratory-virus-surveillance/. Last updated on November 6, 2026.
[2] Respiratory Illnesses Data Channel, https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/data/index.html. Last updated on November 6, 2026.
[3] European Respiratory Virus Surveillance Summary (ERVISS), https://erviss.org/. Accessed on November 10, 2026.

COVID-19

- In Canada, indicators of COVID-19 activity were low and increasing in the most recent reporting week.[1]
- In the USA, COVID-19 activity is declining nationally.[2]
- In the EU/EEA, SARS-CoV-2 test positivity continues to increase.[3]

[1] Canadian Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report, https://health-infobase.canada.ca/respiratory-virus-surveillance/. Last updated on November 6, 2026.
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