Respiratory virus activity in BC:

Weekly summary – November 19, 2026

BC Centre for Disease Control
Provincial Health Services Authority

Reporting period: November 8-14, 2026 (Epi-week 45)

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

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

Influenza	Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
Influenza test positivity is at moderate levels. Wastewater levels are moderate and trends are stable or increasing.	RSV test positivity is increasing but remains low. Wastewater levels are stable and low.
COVID-19	**Health care visits**
SARS-CoV-2 test positivity is at moderate levels and has been increasing in recent weeks. Wastewater levels are at moderate or high levels for most sites. Hospital admissions have slowly increased in recent weeks and are at low-to-moderate levels.	The proportions of emergency department and primary care visits for respiratory illness remain at low levels. There have been recent increases in primary care visits 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]

[1] Canadian Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report, https://health-infobase.canada.ca/respiratory-virus-surveillance/. Last updated on November 13, 2026.
[2] Respiratory Illnesses Data Channel, https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/data/index.html. Last updated on November 13, 2026.
[3] European Respiratory Virus Surveillance Summary (ERVISS), https://erviss.org/. Accessed on November 18, 2026.

- In the EU/EEA, RSV activity is very low.[3]

COVID-19

- In Canada, indicators of COVID-19 activity were low and increasing or stable in the most recent reporting week.[1]
- In the USA, COVID-19 activity is low nationally.[2]
- In the EU/EEA, SARS-CoV-2 test positivity continues to increase in many countries, while others have passed their peaks.[3]

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