



Vesta Bowden Award

Influenza and COVID Vaccinations

RESIDENTS: I would plan to vaccinate RESIDENTS for influenza in November. If there is an outbreak in the community, we might want to start earlier.

COVID vaccinations can also be done now or wait until you perform Influenza vaccinations. REMEMBER – Those over 65 y/o who are considered immunocompromised should be offered a second dose about 3-6 months after the first dose. Many of our residents might be considered immunocompromised. I think it is best to offer the second vaccination. Titers from COVID vaccination begin to decay at about 6 months.

[Antibody responses to SARS-CoV-2 vaccine in nursing home residents support a Bi-annual update schedule – PubMed](#)

EMPLOYEES: Vaccinations for influenza can start now.



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- Hospitalizations
- Syndromic Surveillance
- Sentinel Lab Positivity
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- Emerging Infections Program
- Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome
- Wastewater
- Vaccine Data

Viral Respiratory Diseases Data

Colorado monitors statewide influenza, COVID-19, and respiratory syncytial virus activity throughout the year. For influenza and RSV, Colorado conducts additional enhanced monitoring each viral respiratory season between October and May. Currently, all statewide COVID-19 surveillance activities are conducted year-round. The viral respiratory season surveillance period officially ended on Saturday, May 23, 2026.

This Week's Overview

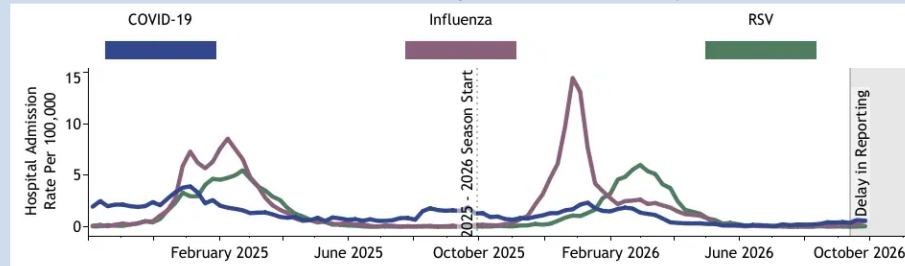
Overall respiratory illness activity in Colorado is **Very Low**

For more information, visit [CDC's Respiratory Illness Data Channel](#)

Hospital Admission Rates

Syndromic Data

Colorado COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV Hospital Admission Rates by Week of Admission



Key Metric Changes This Week Compared to Last Week

Pathogen	ED Visits Diagnosed	Weekly Sentinel Positivity Rate
COVID-19	0.28% (▼0.02)	3.08% (▼0.35)
Influenza	0.26% (▲0.07)	2.93% (▲0.52)
RSV	0.00% (▼0.01)	0.12% (▼0.06)

Wastewater Surveillance Data

SARS-CoV-2	Influenza	RSV
Increasing SARS-CoV-2 trends in 18 out of 21 monitored utilities.	Influenza detected in 1 out of 21 monitored utilities.	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) detected in 1 out of 21 monitored utilities.

[Link to Prevention Guidance](#)

Illness data are updated weekly at about 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and includes cases reported through the previous week. Wastewater data is updated on Wednesdays and Fridays. All data, for dates past and present, are recalculated weekly. **Last Update: 10/2/2026**



Infection Prevention and Long-term Care Facility Residents

- [Nursing Home Infection Preventionist Training](#)
 - [PPE in Nursing Homes](#)
 - [PPE in Nursing Homes to Prevent MDROs](#)
 - [PPE in Nursing Homes: FAQs about Enhanced Barrier Precautions](#)
 - [Respiratory Virus Toolkit](#)
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Pharmacy Services and Psychotropic Medications

What the CMS State Operations Manual (Appendix PP, 2025 revision) requires under F755, F756, F757, and the former F758 requirements now located at F605

[PRN antipsychotic update in 2025 state operations manual – docShepherd](#)

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