

NPAIHB Weekly Update

November 26, 2024

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Information for Today's Call

Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction: Nancy Bennett
- Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Sessions
- Events, Resources & Announcements
- NPAIHB Legislative & Policy Updates: Rebecca Descombes
- IHS / State Partner Updates
- Questions & Comments

Guidelines

- Please place yourself on mute unless speaking
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- Use the chat box for questions, for Q&A after updates and announcements



Upcoming Indian Country ECHO Telehealth Opportunities

- **Care and Access for Pregnant People ECHO** – 4th Tuesday of every month at 11am PT
 - Tuesday, November 26th at 11am PT
 - Topic: *Rural obstetric care and Obstetric Readiness in the Emergency Department (ObRED)*
 - To learn more and join:
<https://www.indiancountryecho.org/program/pregnancy-care-echo-program/>

NPAIHB 2025 Community Health Representative (CHR) Courses:

Core CHR Course – online, 8 weeks

Apply by February 28, 2025

Advanced CHR Course – online, 6 weeks

Apply by January 10, 2024

Get paid while you learn and earn a certificate for the CHR Program at no cost – scholarship funding available!

Contact the CHR team to learn more at:

mlouie@npaihb.org



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**BECOME A
COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE (CHR)**

WHAT IS THE CHR PROGRAM?

The Community Health Representative (CHR) Program is a unique concept for providing health care, health promotion, and disease prevention services. CHRs have demonstrated how they assist and connect with the community, and their work has become essential to the spectrum of Tribal community-oriented primary health care services. CHRs are great advocates, in part because they come from the communities they serve and have tribal cultural competence. Their dedicated work has assisted many to meet their healthcare needs. The health promotion and disease prevention efforts that CHRs provide have also helped people from the community improve and maintain their health. By providing health education and reducing hospital readmissions, CHRs have contributed to lowering mortality rates. The demand for CHRs continues to grow. **CHRs are frontline public health workers who are trusted members of the community with a close understanding of the community, language, and traditions.**

EXAMPLES OF CHR TASKS

- ▶ Provides health screenings and basic medical care
- ▶ Helps patients fill out medical forms
- ▶ Transports patients to and from appointments
- ▶ Advocates for individuals and communities
- ▶ Home checks for elders
- ▶ Coordinates care for community members
- ▶ Provides patient outreach

LEARN MORE

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions!



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BENEFITS



**Career
Advancement**

Apply your knowledge as a CHR to advance in any discipline in the community health field! CHR topics apply to students of any age and a wide spectrum of health career paths.



**Education
Pathways**

CHR is a great place to advance in the Community Health Program. Recruiting for Community Health Aides, Behavioral Health Aides, and Dental Health Aides often happens through the CHR program.



**Community
Health**

Keep indigenous talent in your community and Tribal Health Organization rather than having it drawn out of the community. A thriving CHR program supports the entire health delivery system.

CORE COURSE



AT A GLANCE

Designed for students who are new to the medical field and are looking for an entry level position.

- Students receive educational supplies as part of student support.
- Northwest students receive priority enrollment.

Course Information:

Start Date: **March 13th, 2025**

Completed over **8 weeks**

37 hours of online coursework

12 hours of interactive live Zoom sessions

8 live Zoom sessions on **Thursdays, 3-4:30pm PT**

Get paid while you learn!

New students are eligible to receive up to **\$2,950** in scholarship funding

COURSE TOPICS

Boundaries in Health Care

Cultural Competency

Communication Skills

Health Disparities

Outreach and Advocacy

Health Literacy

Interviewing

Health Insurance

Tribal Health Systems

Self-Care

Health Equity

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Now recruiting!
Apply by **February 28th, 2025**

ADVANCED COURSE



Eligible for 40 hours of CEUs

AT A GLANCE

Designed for students who are already CHR's looking to advance their education into becoming a **Community Health Aide (CHA), Behavioral Health Aide (BHA), or Dental Health Aide (DHA).**

- Students receive educational supplies as part of student support.
- Northwest students receive priority enrollment.

Course Information:

Start Date: **January 14th, 2025**

Completed over **6 weeks**

38 hours of online coursework

18 hours of interactive live Zoom sessions

12 live Zoom sessions on **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-4:30pm PT**

Get paid while you learn!

New students and returning students from the CHR Core Course are eligible for up to **\$2,200** in scholarship funding

COURSE TOPICS

Introduction to CHA, BHA, and DHA

Ethics and Professionalism

Medical-Legal Informations

Indigenous Oral Health

Healing from Historical Trauma

Health & Wellness

Vital Signs

Emergency Preparedness

Aging and Elder Issues

Diabetes

Now recruiting!
Apply by **January 10th, 2025**

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AI/AN Community Health Profiles



The latest Community Health Profiles for American Indians/Alaska Natives in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington State are now available!

Visit www.npaihb.org/idea-nw or click on the links below:

[Idaho](#)

[Oregon](#)

[Washington](#)

The state-level reports can be used to:

- help identify health priorities
- apply for funding
- develop policy
- guide program planning
- prioritize research to close data gaps
- create targeted and culturally relevant interventions
- track health outcomes over time



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Weekly Update Schedule Preview: November-December

December 3: Public Health Update – Vaccine Updates

December 10: Public Health Update – Pertussis, Noni Ehmann, OHA

December 17: NWTEC Data & Surveillance Update

December 24: No NPAIHB Weekly Update – Holiday Closure

December 31: No NPAIHB Weekly Update – Holiday Closure



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Visit www.npaihb.org/weeklyupdate for upcoming topics, past presentations, and more!

LEGISLATIVE &
POLICY
UPDATE



 NPAIHB Monthly
Tuesday, November, 26 2024



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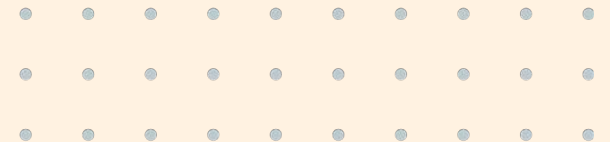




Election Results & Capitol Hill



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3 Native American Candidates will go on to serve in the 119th Congress.

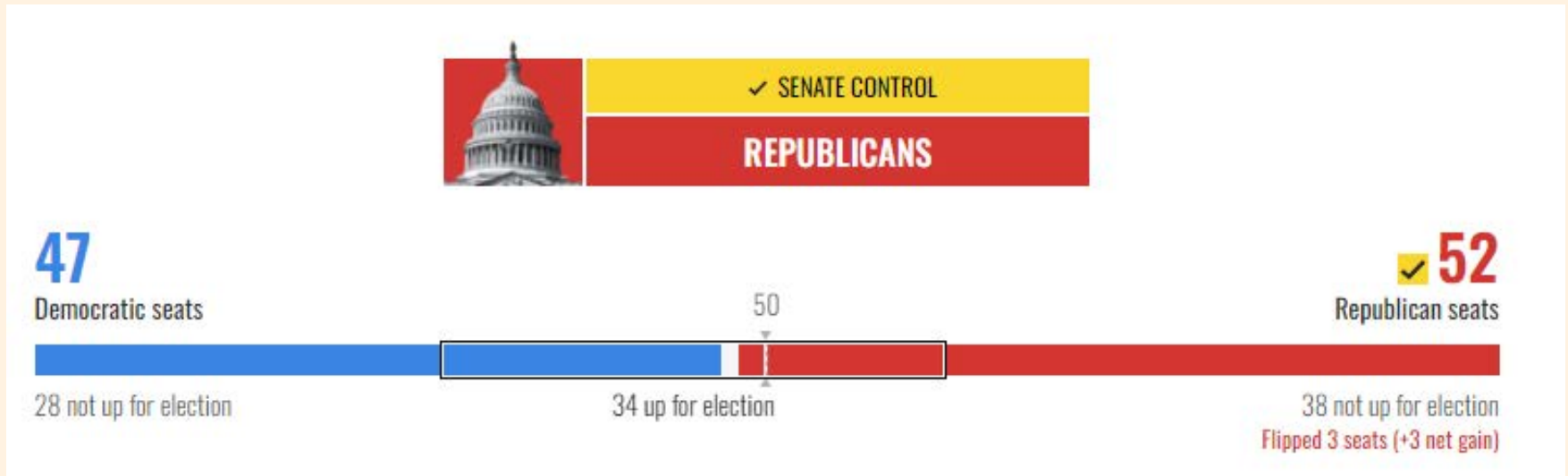


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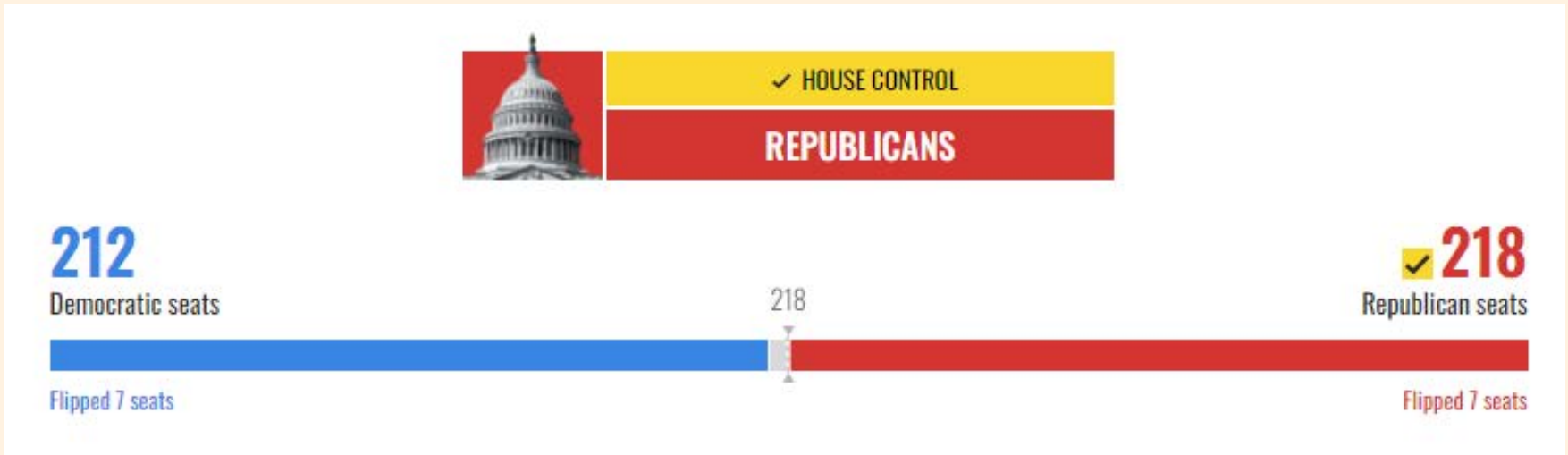
 DENNIS BAKER <i>Muscogee Nation & Euchee Oklahoma, 1st congressional district Democrat</i>	 JOSH BRECHEEN <i>Choctaw Oklahoma, 2nd congressional district Republican</i>
 SHARON CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE <i>Navajo New Mexico, 3rd congressional district Republican</i>	 TOM COLE <i>Chickasaw Oklahoma, 4th congressional district Republican</i>
 SHARICE DAVIDS <i>Ho-Chunk Kansas, 3rd congressional district Democrat</i>	 YVETTE HERRELL <i>Cherokee New Mexico, 2nd congressional district Republican</i>
 MADISON HORN <i>Cherokee Oklahoma, 5th congressional district Democrat</i>	 JONATHAN NEZ <i>Navajo Arizona, 2nd congressional district Democrat</i>
 MARY PELTOLA <i>Yup'ik Alaska, At-Large Democrat</i>	

Still Counting

Senate



House



Traditional Healing Summit 2024

- HHS hosted the Traditional Healing Summit "Culture is Medicine" November 18-19 in Washington D.C.
- Speakers included tribal, state, and federal leaders
- Topics included: Reflections from 2019 Summit; Traditional Healing Policy in Action; Traditional Healing and Medicaid; Holistic Support for Maternal Health
- North Star Model was mentioned



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H.R. 10078

- Amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act
- <https://www.congress.gov/118/bills/hr10078/BILLS-118hr10078ih.pdf>

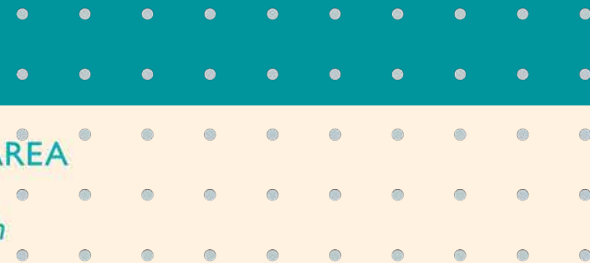


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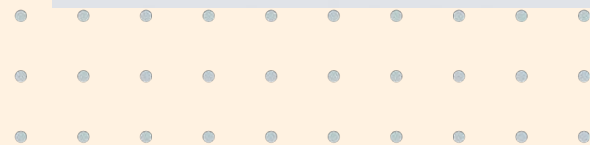


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CMS Final Rule: 4 Wall Issue Exception

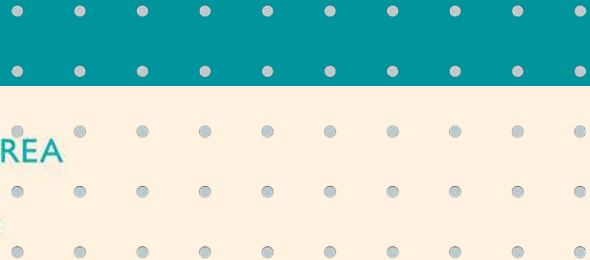
- Creates a permanent fix that will allow Tribal facilities to bill Medicaid for services provided outside the four walls of a facility without the need for a grace period.
- Creates an add on Medicare payment for high-cost drugs in addition to the AIR; and
- Commits to working with the CMS TTAG on its priority to allow all tribal clinics to bill Medicare at the Outpatient AIR.



Dear Tribal Leader Letter Announcements



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Updated IHS Tribal Consultation Policy

On November 12, 2024, IHS Director signed and updated Indian Health Service Tribal Consultation Policy as Part 6, Chapter 6 in the Indian Health Manual.



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Combined Fiscal Years (FYs) 2020 and 2021 Report to Congress on the Administration of the Indian Health Service Tribal Self-Governance Program.

On October 24, 2024 The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act at Title 25 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 5394 requires that, prior to submitting the report to Congress, IHS must seek your comments and views.

Comments Due: December 23, 2024

Email: consultation@ihs.gov

Subject Line: **Tribal Self-Governance Report to Congress – FYs 2020 and 2021**

NPAIHB hosted a Tribal Caucus on Thursday, November 14. A draft letter will be sent at a later date.



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2026 IHS and Tribal Health Care Facilities' Needs Assessment Report to Congress

October 9, 2024 An updated report of Indian Health Service (IHS) and Tribal health care facilities' needs report is due in 2026. The report includes renovation and expansion needs identified by Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and the IHS. The report is updated in close collaboration with the Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board, and with assistance from the Facilities Needs Assessment Workgroup.

Data report due: December 31, 2024

Report sent to:

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2025 Policy Priorities Survey



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Upcoming National & Regional Meetings

- ❖ **December 2:** NIHB 4th Quarter Board Meeting; Virtual
- ❖ **December 2:** TTAG AIAN Health Equity Subcommittee; Virtual
- ❖ **December 3:** MMPC IHS – Tribal Workgroup; Virtual
- ❖ **December 3-4:** TLDC Meeting; Tucson, AZ
- ❖ **December 4:** HRSA TAC; Virtual
- ❖ **December 16-17:** IHS TSGAC Meeting; Washington, DC
- ❖ **January 22-23:** FY 2027 National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup Area Report Webinar



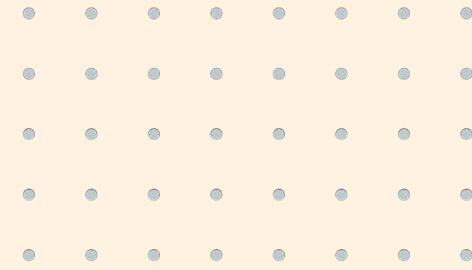
Upcoming Consultations, Listening Sessions, Written Comments

- ❖ **Tribal Caucus: December 3, 2024 1:00PM** SAMHSA Tribal Consultation Policy
- ❖ **Comments Due: December 7, 2024** for Health IT Modernization Site Training & Readiness
- ❖ **Comments Due: December 13, 2024** HRSA UDS+
- ❖ **Report Due: December 31st, 2024** 2026 IHS Identified Healthcare Facility Needs.



Weekly

Monthly



Legislative and Policy
Update Email

NPAIHB Weekly Update
4th Tuesdays via Zoom

Cindy Darcy's D.C.
Legislative Updates

NPAIHB POLICY RESOURCES

Quarterly Board Meeting
Update



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Quarterly

POLICY TEAM



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THANK YOU!

Please reach out if you have any questions.



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Portland Area IHS Update

GENIEL HARRISON, MD
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NOVEMBER 26, 2024

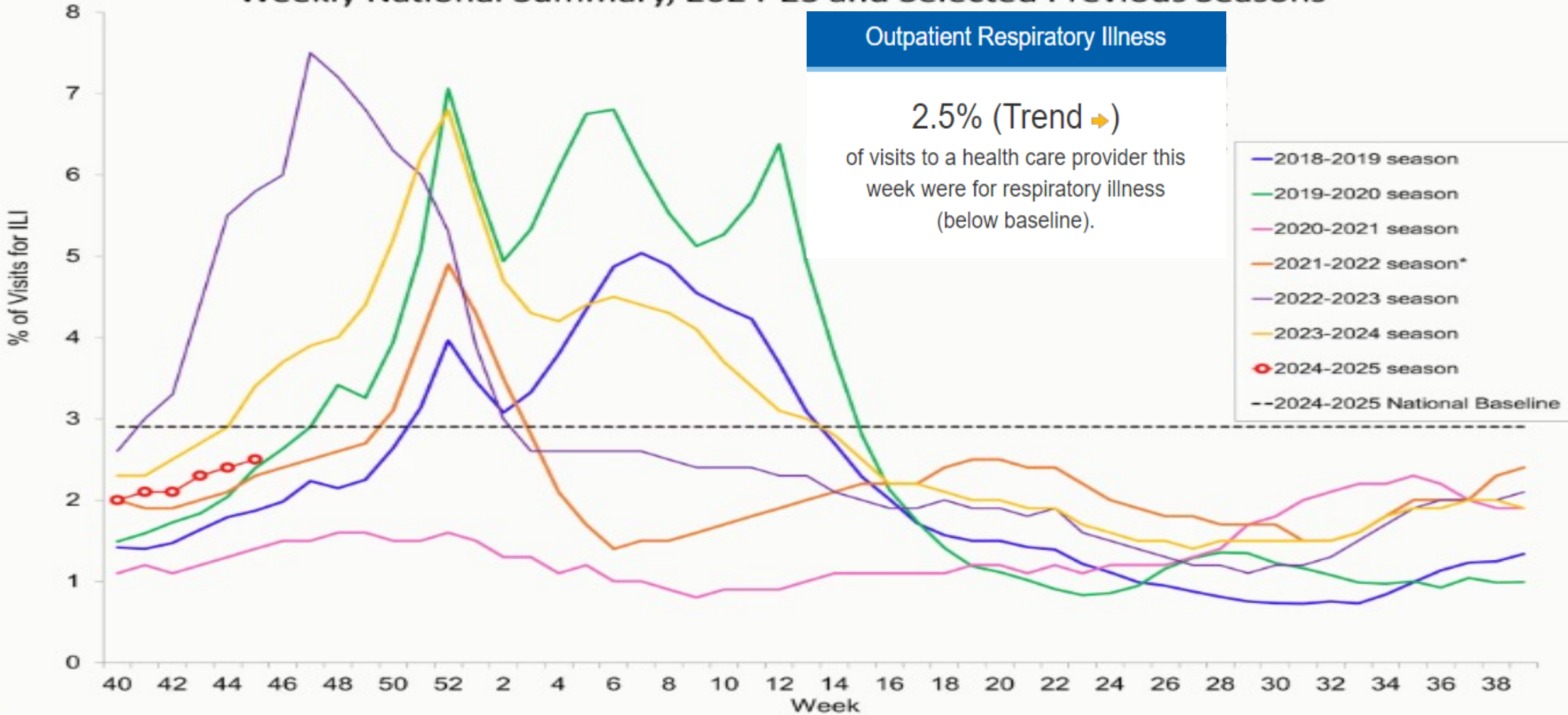


Topics for Today

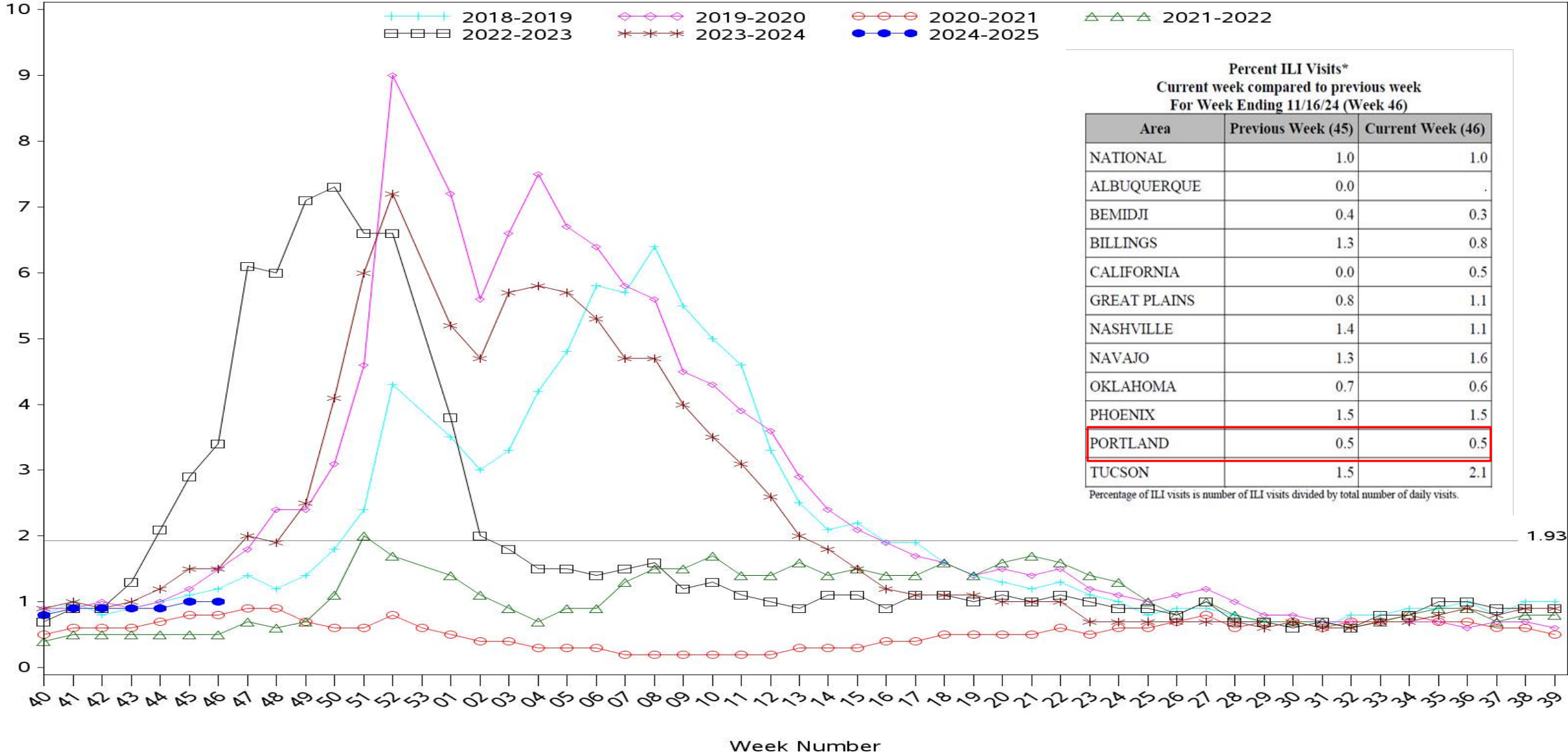
Current Situation Report –

- Outpatient ILI Activity
- Influenza
- COVID-19
- RSV

Percentage of Outpatient Visits for Respiratory Illness Reported By The U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), Weekly National Summary, 2024-25 and Selected Previous Seasons



**All Reporting IHS Areas
Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) for Current Surveillance Year and Previous Six Surveillance
Years Percentage of Visits for ILI Visits per Week**



**Percent ILI Visits*
Current week compared to previous week
For Week Ending 11/16/24 (Week 46)**

Area	Previous Week (45)	Current Week (46)
NATIONAL	1.0	1.0
ALBUQUERQUE	0.0	.
BEMIDJI	0.4	0.3
BILLINGS	1.3	0.8
CALIFORNIA	0.0	0.5
GREAT PLAINS	0.8	1.1
NASHVILLE	1.4	1.1
NAVAJO	1.3	1.6
OKLAHOMA	0.7	0.6
PHOENIX	1.5	1.5
PORTLAND	0.5	0.5
TUCSON	1.5	2.1

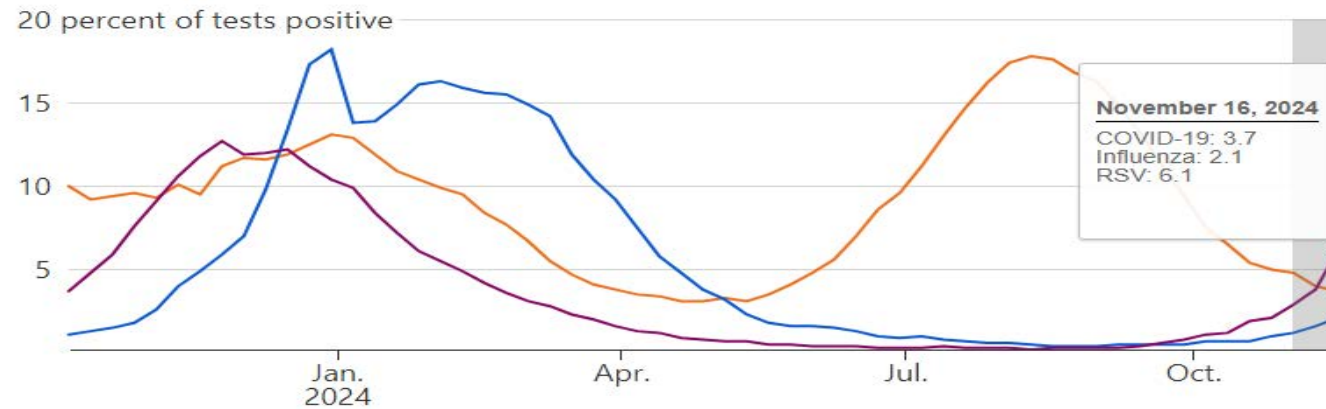
*Percentage of ILI visits is number of ILI visits divided by total number of daily visits.

1.93

Respiratory Viruses

Percent of Tests Positive for Respiratory Viruses

Weekly percent of tests positive for the viruses that cause COVID-19, influenza, and RSV at the national level. Preliminary data are shaded in gray. Refer to [data notes](#) for more details.



Respiratory Virus

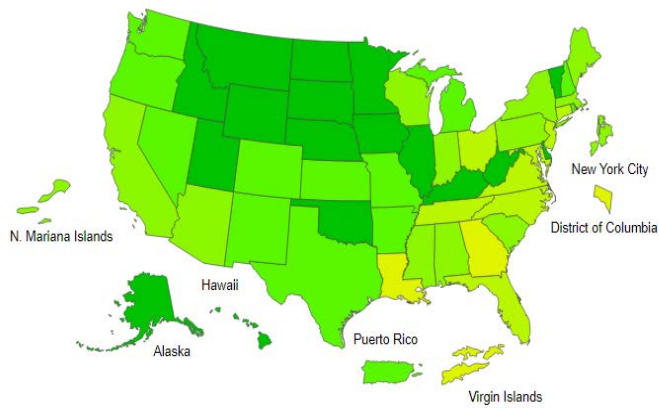
● COVID-19 ● Influenza ● RSV

Data last updated on November 21, 2024 and presented through November 16, 2024. [View this dataset](#) on data.cdc.gov.

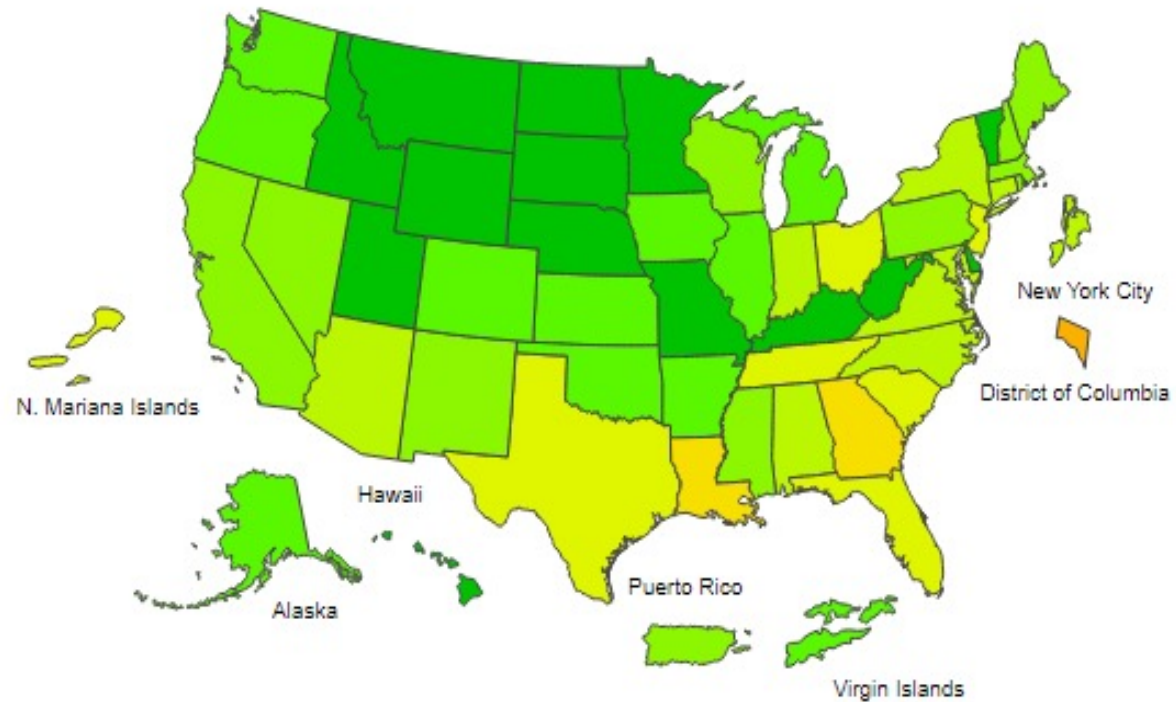
Influenza 2024-25

Week 44

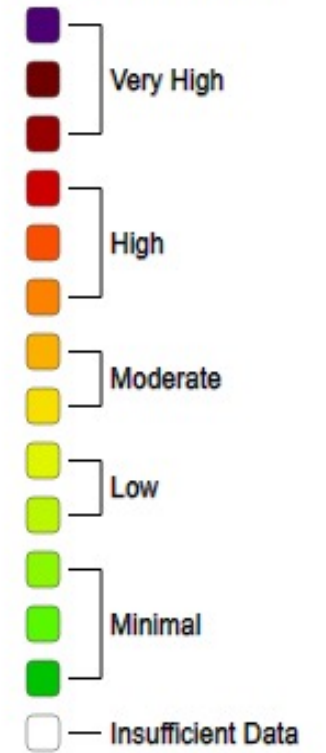
2024-25 Influenza Season Week 45 ending Nov 09, 2024



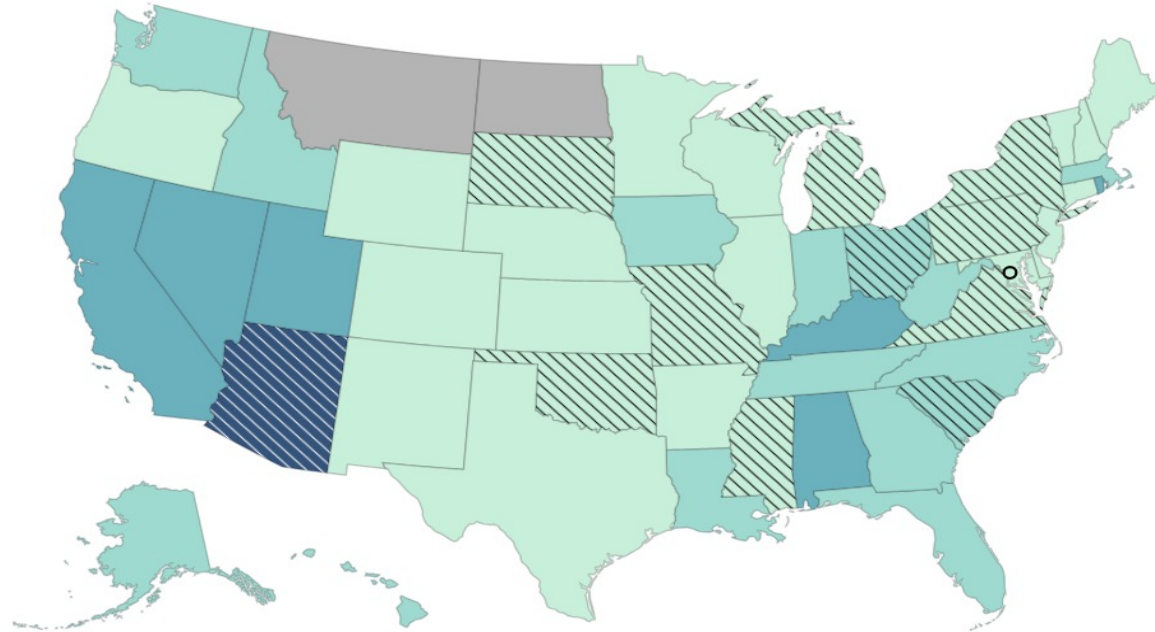
2024-25 Influenza Season Week 46 ending Nov 16, 2024



ILI Activity Level



Influenza A Wastewater Viral Activity

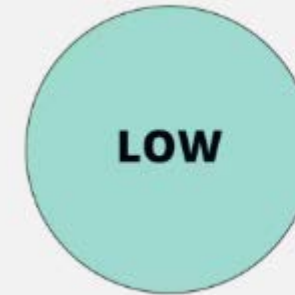


Territories GU VI

Influenza A Wastewater Viral Activity Levels

Select a level to add or remove from map.

Very High High Moderate Low Minimal No Data *Limited Coverage



Nationally, the wastewater viral activity level for influenza A is currently **low**.

NW Influenza A Wastewater Activity Level

Time Period: November 10 - November 16, 2024

In Oregon, the wastewater viral activity level for influenza A is currently Minimal .

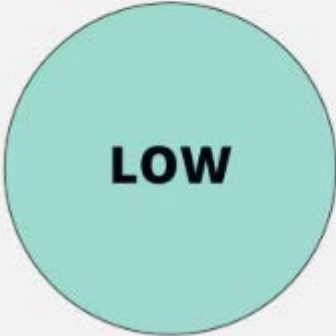
Sites reporting in the last week: 26
Sites reporting in the last 30 days: 33



MINIMAL

In Washington, the wastewater viral activity level for influenza A is currently Low .

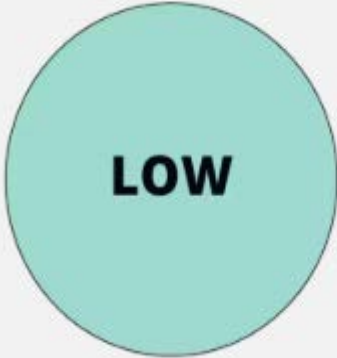
Sites reporting in the last week: 24
Sites reporting in the last 30 days: 29



LOW

In Idaho, the wastewater viral activity level for influenza A is currently Low .

Sites reporting in the last week: 4
Sites reporting in the last 30 days: 4

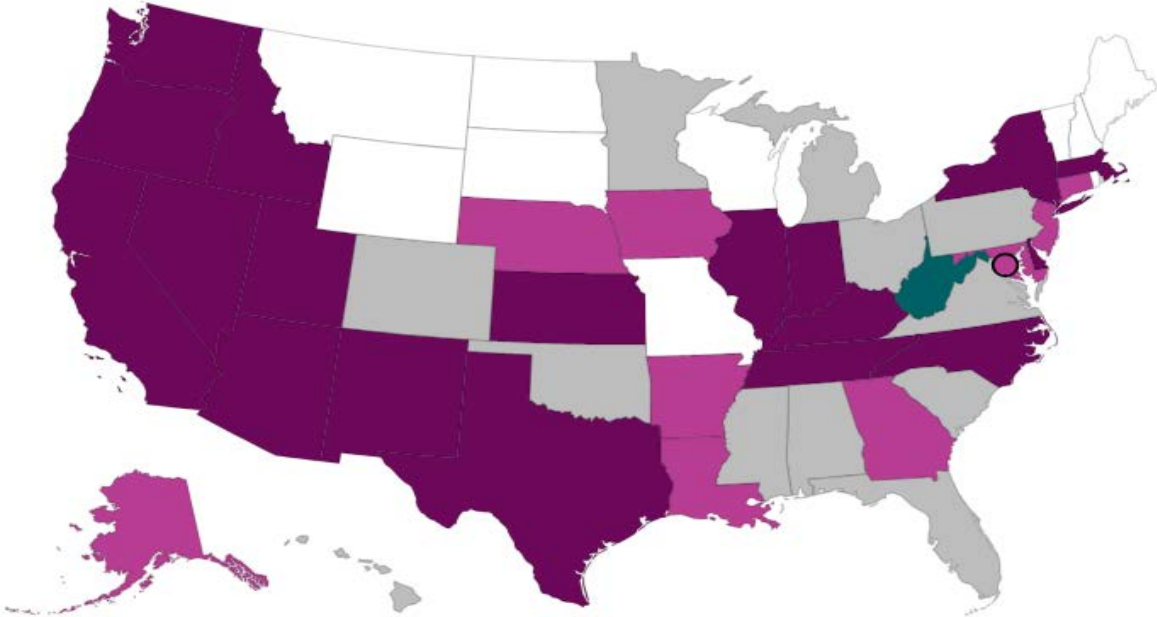
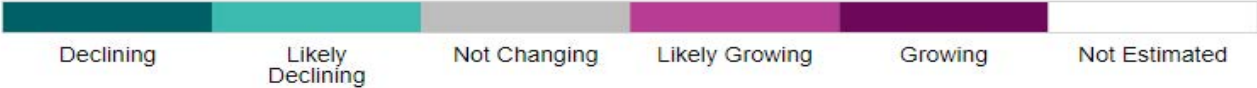


LOW

Influenza Epidemic Trends

Influenza ▾

Epidemic Trend



COVID-19 Update in the US

COVID-19 Update for the United States

Early Indicators

Test Positivity >

% Test Positivity

3.7%

Week ending November 16, 2024
Previous week 4%



Nov 25, 2023 Nov 16, 2024

Emergency Department Visits >

% Diagnosed as COVID-19

0.5%

Week ending November 16, 2024
Previous week 0.5%



Nov 25, 2023 Nov 16, 2024

Severity Indicators

Hospitalizations >

Rate per 100,000 population

1.7

Week ending November 2, 2024
Previous week 2.0



Nov 11, 2023 Nov 2, 2024

Deaths >

% of All Deaths in U.S. Due to COVID-19

1.0%

Week ending November 16, 2024
Previous week 1%



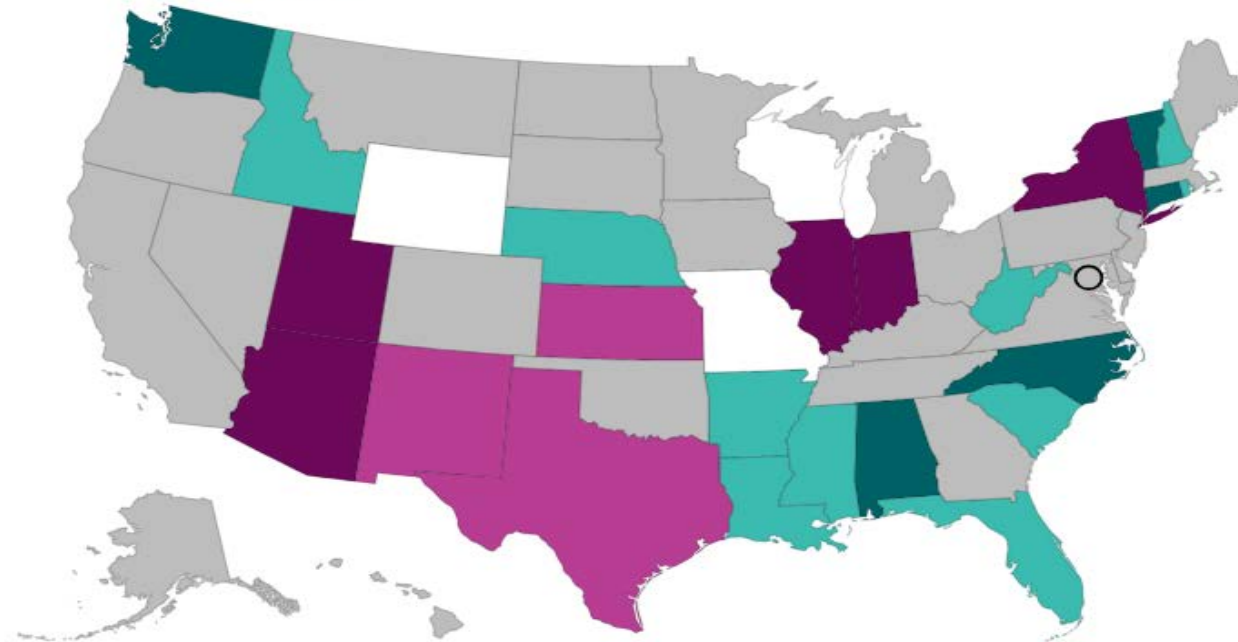
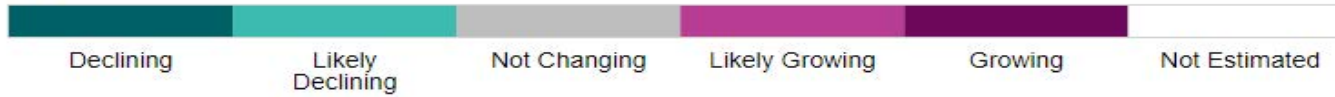
Nov 25, 2023 Nov 16, 2024

These early indicators represent a portion of national COVID-19 tests and emergency department visits. [Wastewater](#) information also provides early indicators of spread.

COVID Epidemic Trends

COVID-19 ▾

Epidemic Trend

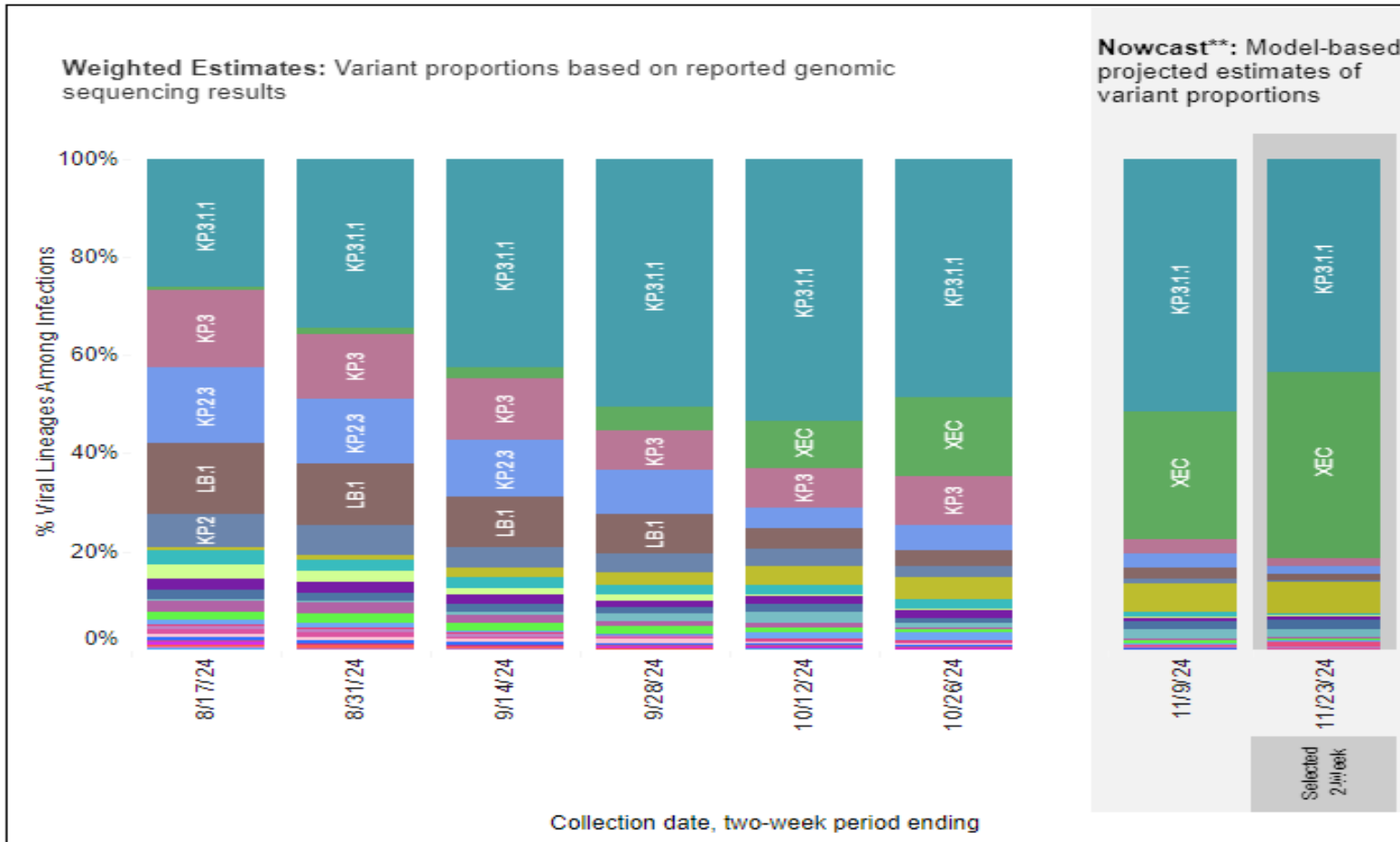


Variants

Weighted and Nowcast Estimates in United States for 2-Week Periods in 8/4/2024 – 11/23/2024

Nowcast Estimates in United States for 11/10/2024 – 11/23/2024

 Hover over (or tap in mobile) any lineage of interest to see the amount of uncertainty in that lineage's estimate.

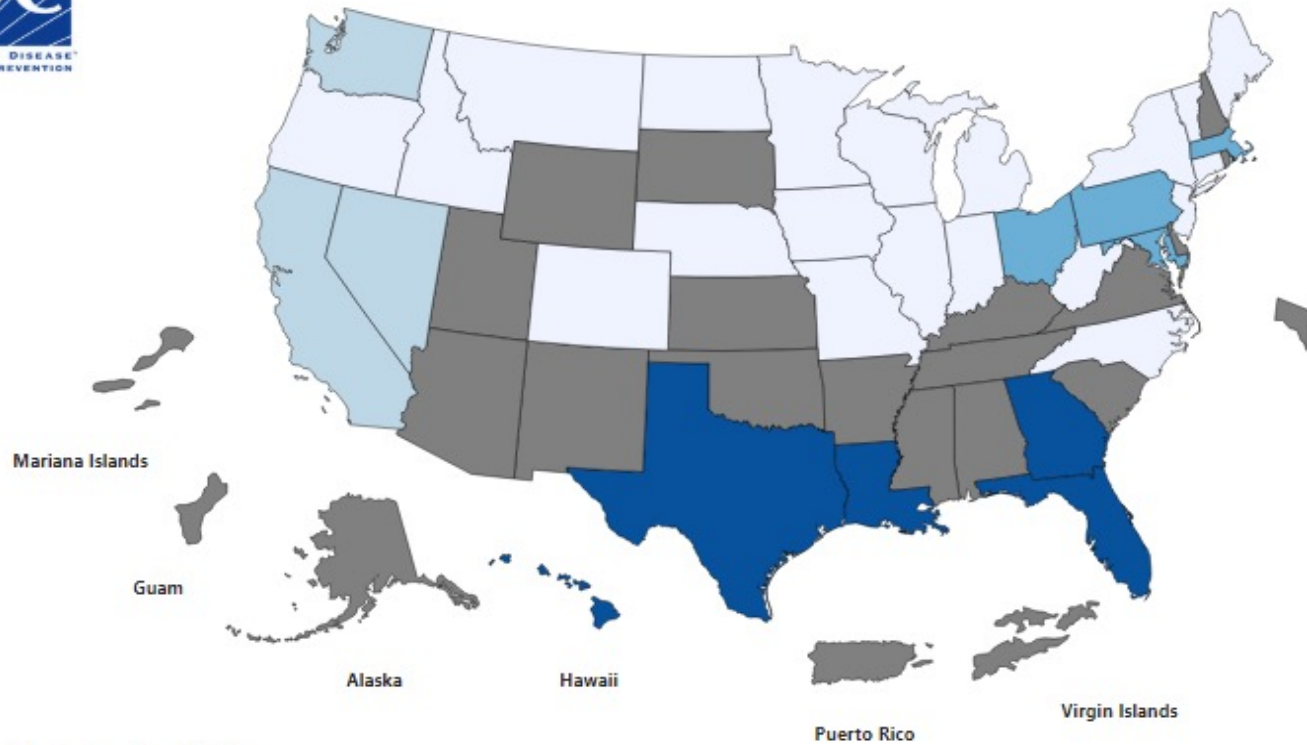
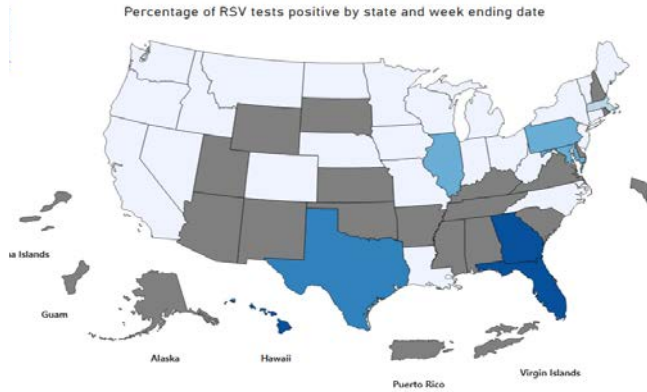


USA			
WHO label	Lineage #	%Total	95%PI
Omicron	KP.3.1.1	44%	39–49%
	XEC	38%	33–42%
	MC.1	6%	5–8%
	JN.1.16.1	2%	1–5%
	LB.1.3.1	2%	1–3%
	KP.2.3	2%	1–2%
	KP.3	2%	1–2%
	LB.1	1%	1–2%
	JN.1.13	1%	0–9%
	JN.1	1%	0–2%
	KP.2	1%	0–1%
	KP.1.1.3	0%	0–1%
	JN.1.18	0%	0–1%
	LP.1	0%	NA
	JN.1.11.1	0%	NA
	KP.1.1	0%	NA
	KS.1	0%	NA
	KP.2.15	0%	NA
	LF.3.1	0%	NA
JN.1.16	0%	NA	

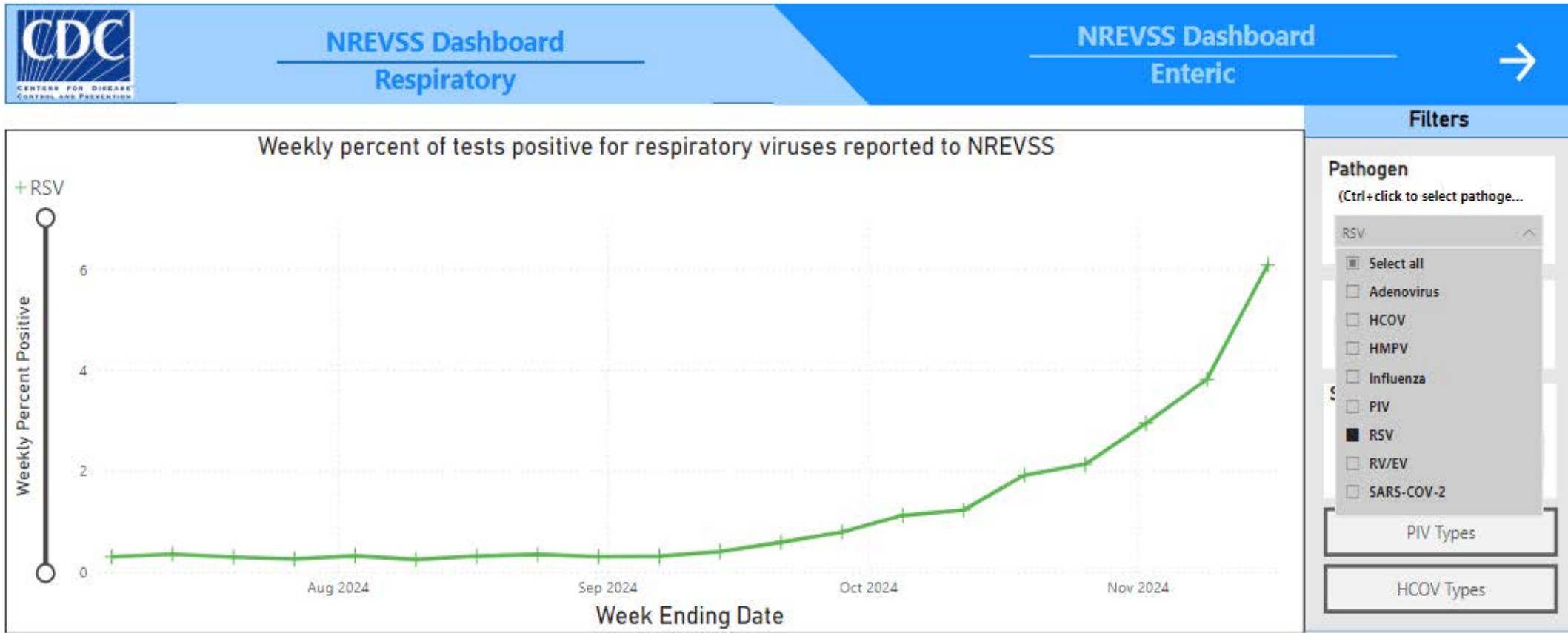
RSV



Percentage of RSV tests positive by state and week ending date

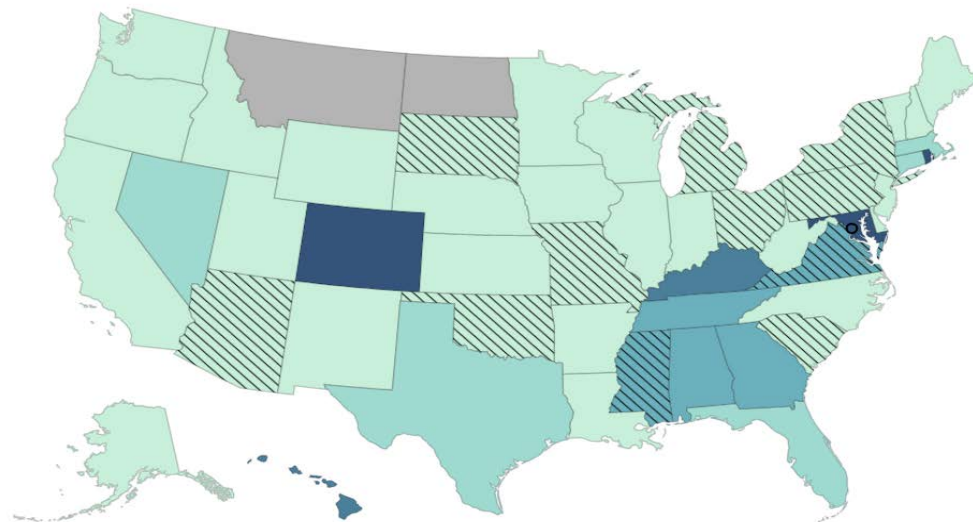


RSV Percent Positive



Wastewater RSV National Trends

Time Period: November 10 - November 16, 2024



Territories **GU** **VI**

RSV Wastewater Viral Activity Levels

Select a level to add or remove from map.

● Very High ● High ● Moderate ● Low ● Minimal ● No Data ☒ *Limited Coverage



Nationally, the wastewater viral activity level for RSV is currently **minimal**.





State Partner Updates

Comments & Questions



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