

## Fall and Winter Virus Season: Tools for Communication

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## Respiratory Illnesses Data Channel

This site is updated on Fridays. New data will be added throughout the fall.

#### WHAT TO KNOW

- As of November 15, 2024, the amount of acute respiratory illness causing people to seek healthcare is low nationally.
- COVID-19 activity is stable or declining in most areas. Seasonal influenza activity remains low nationally.
- RSV activity is elevated and continues to increase in the southern and eastern United States, particularly in young children.
- Respiratory infections caused by the bacterium Mycoplasma pneumoniae have continued to increase in young children in the United States.



#### Your community snapshot

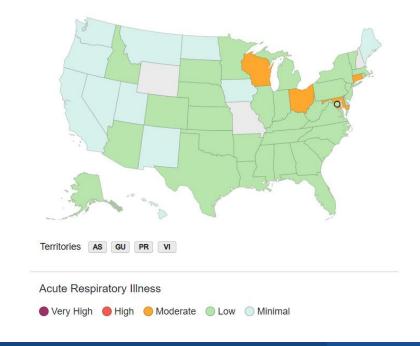
Select your state / territory and your county to receive information on COVID-19, flu, and RSV in your community



# Respiratory Virus Activity Levels

## Level of Respiratory Illness Activity

Respiratory illness activity is monitored using the acute respiratory illness (ARI) metric. ARI captures a broad range of diagnoses from emergency department visits for respiratory illnesses, from the common cold to severe infections like influenza, RSV and COVID-19. It captures illnesses that may not present with fever, offering a more complete picture than the previous influenza-like illness (ILI) metric. Refer to data notes for more details.





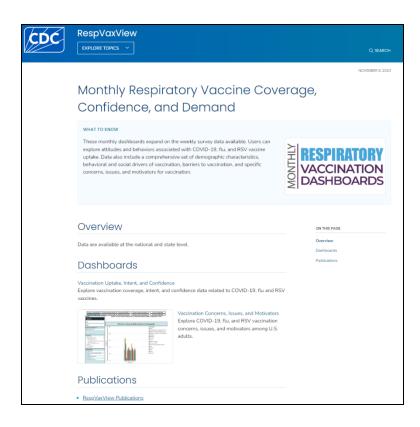
## Stages of Change approach to messaging

- Precontemplation (Awareness)
- Contemplation (Preparation)
- Action
  - Vaccinate
  - Other core prevention strategies
  - Test and Treat
- Maintenance
  - Other core prevention strategies
  - Test and Treat



## Data to inform communication

- RespVaxView has three dashboards that are updated weekly:
  - COVID-19
  - Flu
  - RSV
- The respiratory vaccination dashboard is updated monthly and includes
  - Vaccination uptake, intent, and confidence
  - Vaccination concerns, issues, and motivators



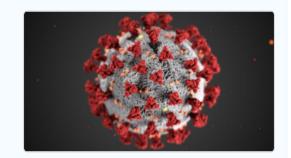
## **NCIRD Bulletin**

## SARS-CoV-2 Variant XEC Increases as KP.3.1.1 Slows

November 1, 2024, 12:00 PM EDT

#### WHAT TO KNOW

- SARS-CoV-2 viruses, which cause COVID-19, are constantly changing.
- New variants continually displace previous variants to which we've built up immunity through prior infection or vaccination.
- The COVID-19 vaccine was updated for 2024–2025 to help protect us from these new variants.
- CDC anticipates that the 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccines will work well against the variants circulating now.



## Seasonal Influenza Campaigns

#### Wild to Mild Campaign

- Based on consumer research with goal to reset public expectations focusing on preventing flu's serious outcomes
- Emphasis on at-risk groups such as pregnant women, older adults and children

#### Play Defense Against the Flu

- o Emphasis on Black and Hispanic audiences
- Public Service Announcements to highlight how antibodies from a flu vaccination work to protect people from the flu





## Risk Less. Do More. HHS Campaign



## **Campaign Ads**

This page includes some recent advertisements from the *Risk Less. Do More.* campaign. The ads are organized by the audience. If you are interested in using these in your outreach efforts, please contact us.

#### Adults 60+

The advertisements below include a mix of social media graphics and digital videos for adults ages 60 and older. Advertisements include tailored messaging for general market, Black, Latino, and rural audiences. Additional television, radio, digital, and print ads may be available upon request.







## **Respiratory Virus Guidance Snapshot**

## **Core Prevention Strategies**











## **Additional Prevention Strategies**

Masks







## \*Stay home and away from others until,



and



Your symptoms are getting better

You are fever-free (without meds)

#### for 24 hrs



Then take added precaution for the next 5 days

#### Layering prevention strategies can be especially helpful when:

- √ Respiratory viruses are causing a lot of illness in your community
- ✓ You or those around you have risk factors for severe illness
- √ You or those around you were recently exposed, are sick, or are recovering

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## **Fall and Winter** Immunization Guide

COVID-19 and Flu **Updated 2024-25 Vaccines** 

**Everyone 6 months** and older



**RSV Immunization** to Protect Babies

Vaccine

**Pregnant parents** during weeks 32-36 of pregnancy during RSV season

OR

Monoclonal Antibodies **Babies entering or** born during the RSV season

#### **RSV Vaccine** for Older Adults

(currently, older adults only need to get the RSV vaccine once; not annually)

People ages 60 and over at high risk of severe RSV

AND

**Everyone ages 75 and** older



cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/prevention/immunizations.html

\*The COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule can vary per person, those who are immunocompromised or adults 65 years and older may receive another dose of the 2024-2025 vaccine 6 months after receiving their first dose

## Thank you!

For more information, contact CDC 1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)
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