



NEW YORK STATE AND ERIE COUNTY WEEKLY RESPIRATORY SURVEILLANCE REPORT WEEK ENDING MARCH 7, 2026

New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Respiratory Surveillance

A. NYSDOH Weekly Summary:

Influenza

- 7,961 laboratory-confirmed cases were reported this week. This is a 13% increase from the previous week.
- There have been twelve influenza-associated pediatric deaths reported this season.

COVID-19

- 3,119 laboratory-confirmed cases were reported this week. This is a 9% decrease from the previous week.
- There have been no COVID-19-associated pediatric deaths reported this season.

RSV

- 4,274 laboratory-confirmed cases were reported this week. This is a 14% decrease from the previous week.
- There have been no RSV-associated pediatric deaths reported this season.

Source: [NYSDOH Respiratory Surveillance Report](#)

Influenza Laboratory-Confirmed Cases²

	<u>Cases:</u>
Current Week:	7,961
Previous Week:	7,062
% Change from Previous Week:	13% ▲
Season-to-Date:	378,623

COVID-19 Laboratory-Confirmed Cases²

	<u>Cases:</u>
Current Week:	3,119
Previous Week:	3,411
% Change from Previous Week:	-9% ▼
Season-to-Date:	83,400

RSV Laboratory-Confirmed Cases²

	<u>Cases:</u>
Current Week:	4,274
Previous Week:	4,981
% Change from Previous Week:	-14% ▼
Season-to-Date:	77,201

Influenza Hospitalizations³

	<u>Hospitalizations:</u>
Current Week:	276
Previous Week:	328
% Change from Previous Week:	-16% ▼
Season-to-Date:	24,660

COVID-19 Hospitalizations³

	<u>Hospitalizations:</u>
Current Week:	447
Previous Week:	451
% Change from Previous Week:	-1% ▼
Season-to-Date:	9,699

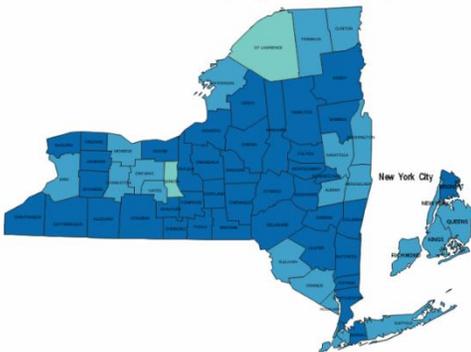
RSV Hospitalizations³

	<u>Hospitalizations:</u>
Current Week:	757
Previous Week:	851
% Change from Previous Week:	-11% ▼
Season-to-Date:	10,173

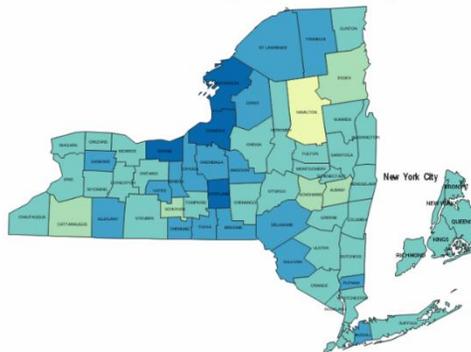
B. NYS County Summary:

Trend Since Last Report Legend: ▲ = Increasing ▼ = Decreasing ► = Stable

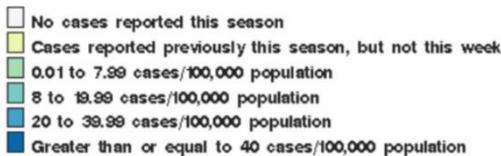
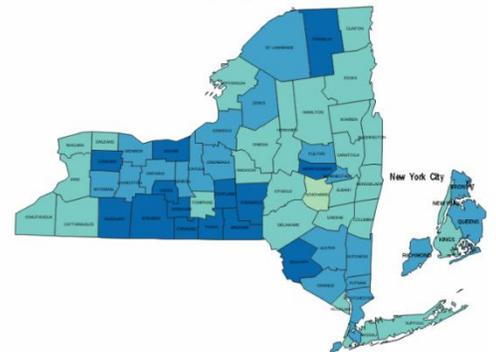
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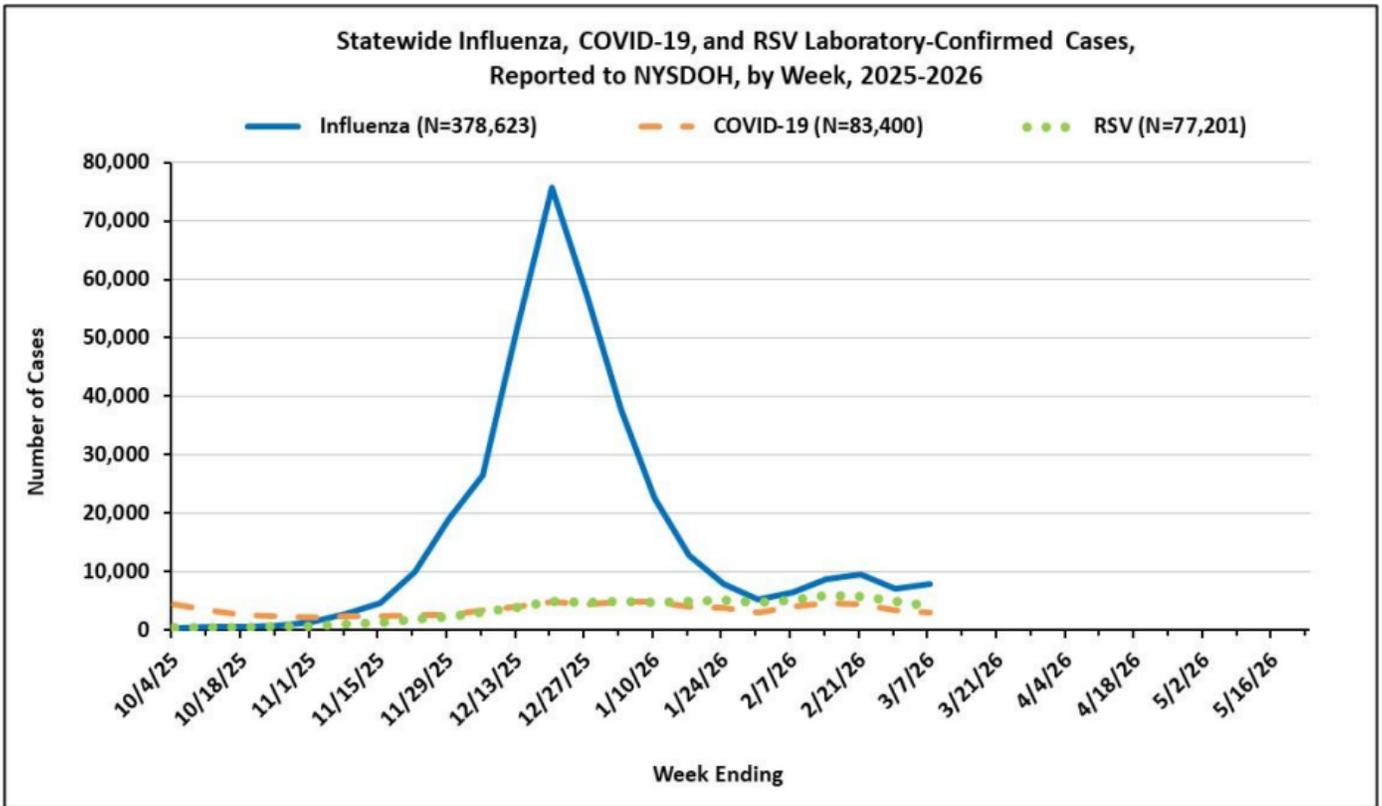
COVID-19 Geographic Activity



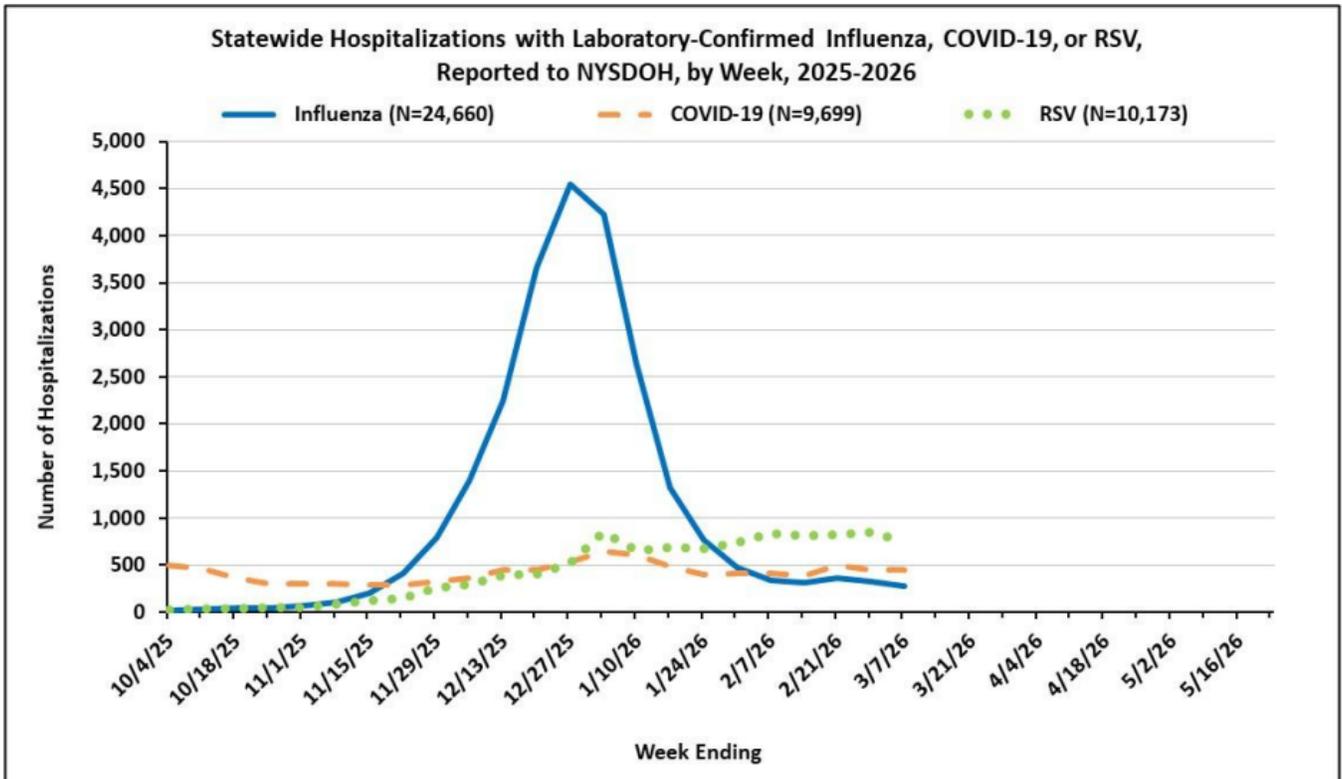
RSV Geographic Activity



C. NYS – Laboratory-Confirmed Cases of Influenza, COVID-19, and RSV



D. NYS – Hospitalizations with Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza, COVID-19, or RSV



Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) Respiratory Surveillance

A. ECDOH Weekly Summary:

Influenza

- 351 laboratory-confirmed cases were reported this week. This is a 9% increase from the previous week.
- Of 351 positive laboratory-confirmed influenza reports, 39 were positive for influenza A and 312 were positive for influenza B.
- There have been 0 influenza-associated pediatric deaths reported to Erie County this season.

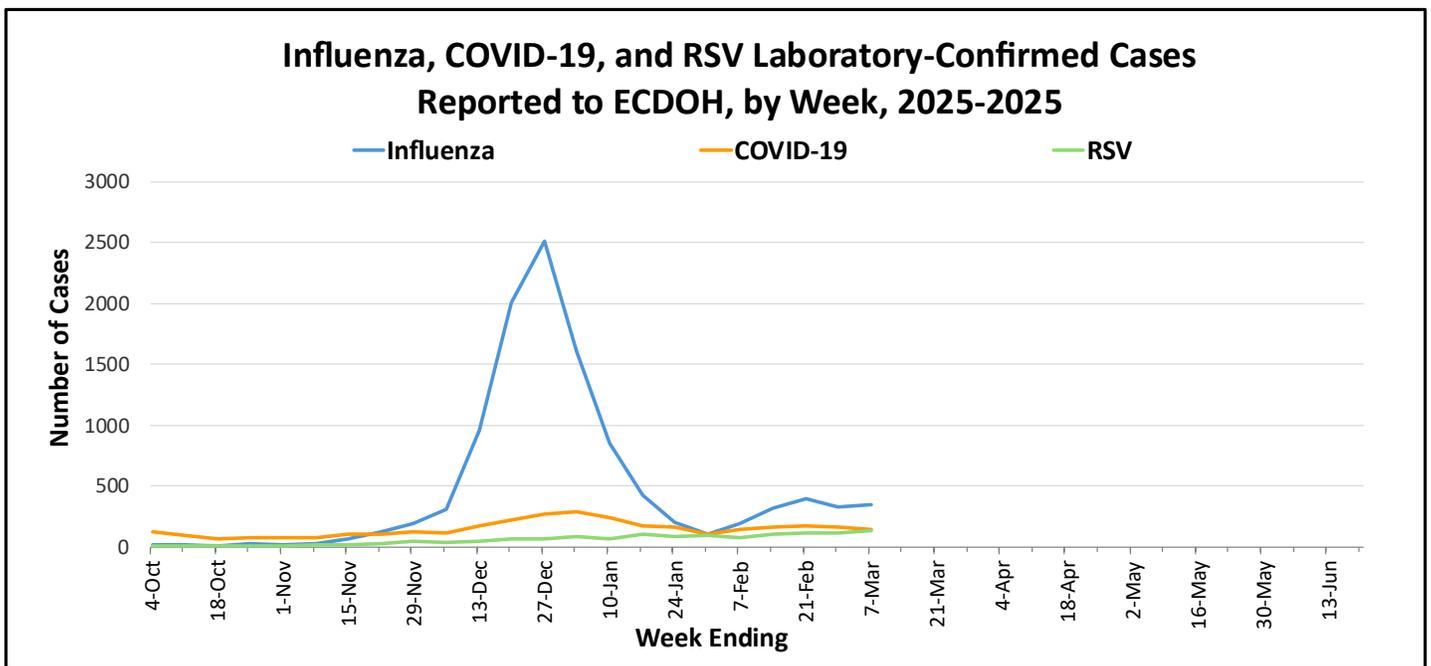
COVID-19

- 145 laboratory-confirmed cases were reported this week. This is a 9% decrease from the previous week.
- There have been 0 COVID-19-associated pediatric deaths reported to Erie County this season.

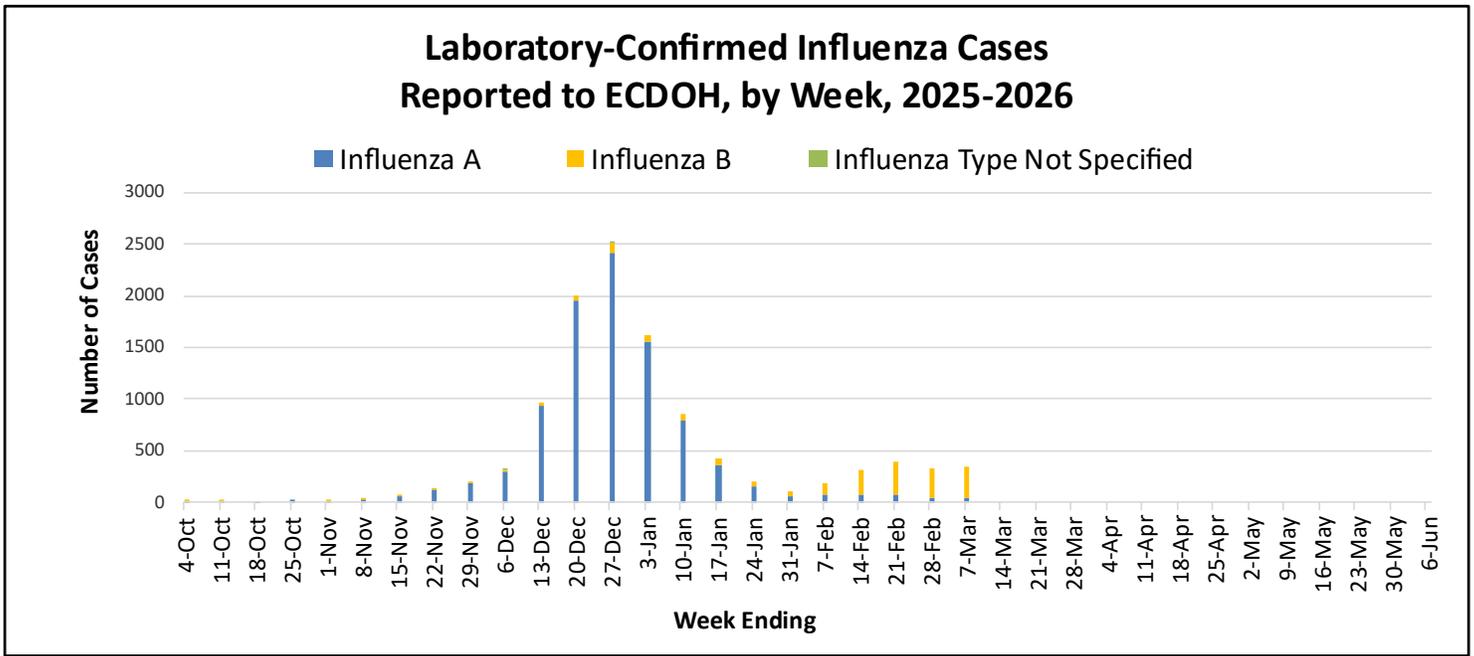
RSV

- 134 laboratory-confirmed cases were reported this week. This is an 18% increase from the previous week.
- There have been 0 RSV-associated pediatric deaths reported to Erie County this season.

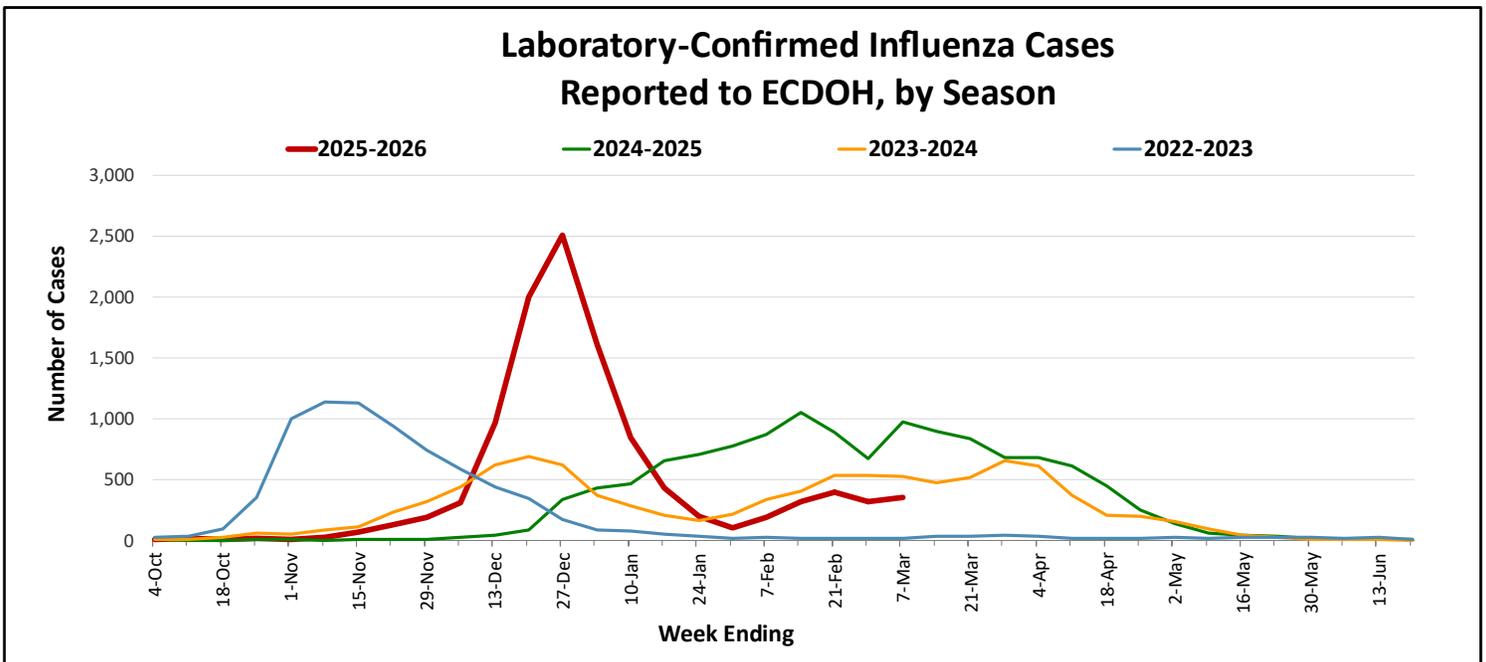
B. Erie County – Laboratory-Confirmed Cases of Influenza, COVID-19, and RSV



C. Erie County – Laboratory-Confirmed Cases of Influenza by Week



D. Erie County - Laboratory-Confirmed Cases of Influenza by Season



Influenza Data Sources and Methods:

Reporting of laboratory-confirmed influenza is mandated under the New York State Sanitary Code (10NYCRR 2.10) and Public Health Law (PHL 2102). Full-service licensed clinical laboratories, and optionally, other laboratories, electronically report positive influenza laboratory test results via the NYSDOH Electronic Clinical Laboratory Reporting System (ECLRS). Influenza data reported to ECLRS is not intended to represent all influenza illnesses as clinical diagnoses, diagnoses based on testing in doctors' offices (e.g., rapid tests), and diagnoses based on serology are not required to be reported to NYSDOH. Despite these limitations, the data can provide useful situational awareness (e.g, trend) information during an influenza season.

ECDOH collects, compiles, analyzes information on influenza activity and generates this report weekly during the influenza season (October through the following May).

For More Information:

- [Erie County Department of Health – Influenza \(Flu\) Information](#)
- [New York State Department of Health Influenza Activity Report](#)
- [New York State Department of Health Flu Tracker](#)

¹ Information about respiratory monitoring in New York City (NYC) is available from the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene website at: <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/doh/respiratory-illness-data/index.html#/>. National respiratory surveillance data are available on the CDC's Respiratory Illness Data Channel website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/data/index.html>.

² The [Electronic Clinical Laboratory Reporting System \(ECLRS\)](#) provides laboratories that serve New York State with a single electronic system for secure and rapid transmission of reportable disease information to the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), county health departments, and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH).

³ Hospitals report weekly the number of patients hospitalized with confirmed influenza, COVID-19, and RSV to the [Health Electronic Response Data System \(HERDS\)](#).