



## Respiratory Illnesses

# Respiratory Virus Activity Levels

Provides an update on how COVID-19, influenza, and RSV may be spreading nationally and in your state.

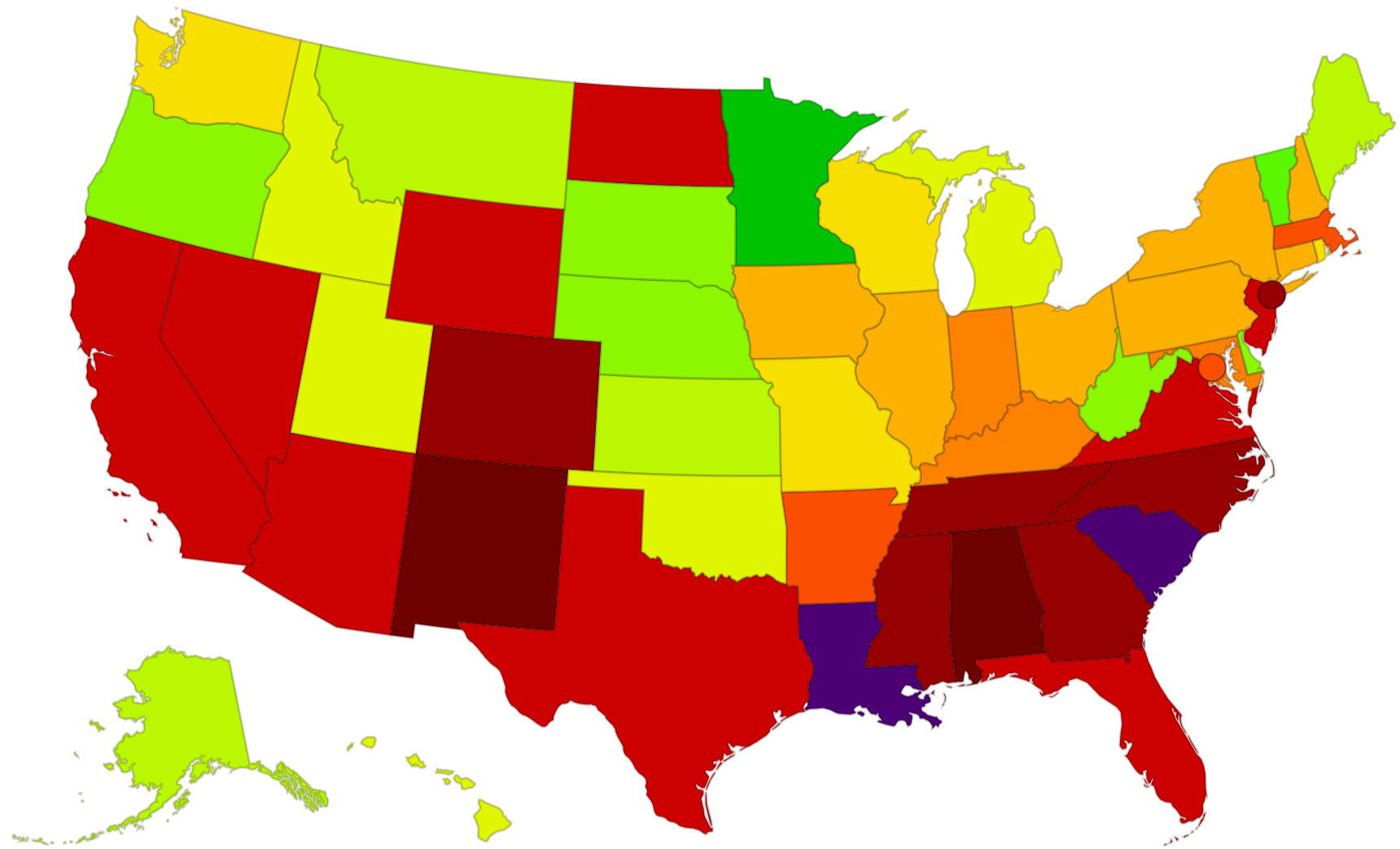
### Activity Levels Update:

- The amount of respiratory illness (fever plus cough or sore throat) causing people to seek healthcare is elevated or increasing across most areas of the country.
- Nationally, emergency department visits due to influenza are increasing, especially among school-aged children. COVID-19 visits remain elevated. RSV visits continue to increase in some areas of the country but are decreasing in Southeastern states.
- Laboratory test positivity for influenza increased across all regions of the country. Test positivity for COVID-19 and RSV were stable compared to the previous week.

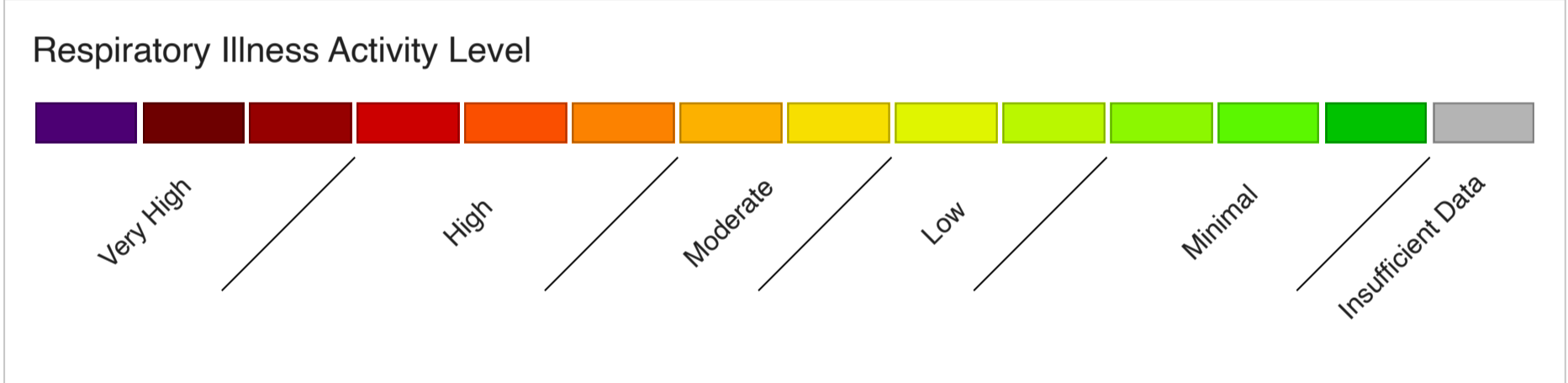
*Reported on Friday, December 22nd, 2023.*

## Level of Respiratory Illness Activity

*Activity levels determined weekly based on the percentage of visits to enrolled outpatient healthcare providers or emergency departments for fever and cough or sore throat reported to [ILINet](#). Visits can be attributed to a variety of respiratory pathogens that cause these symptoms. Activity levels reflect how the percentage in the most recent week compares to what that jurisdiction typically experiences during low circulation periods. Trend information for the percentages used to calculate activity levels can be found at: [National, Regional, and State Level Outpatient Illness and Viral Surveillance \(cdc.gov\)](#).*



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Data Table		
Location	Respiratory Illness Level	Respiratory Illness Level
Alabama	Level 12	Very High
Alaska	Level 4	Low
Arizona	Level 10	High
Arkansas	Level 9	High
California	Level 10	High
Colorado	Level 11	Very High
Connecticut	Level 7	Moderate
Delaware	Level 3	Minimal
District Of Columbia	Level 9	High
Florida	Level 10	High
Georgia	Level 11	Very High
Hawaii	Level 5	Low
Idaho	Level 5	Low

Location ▲	Respiratory Illness Level	Respiratory Illness Level
● Illinois	Level 7	Moderate
● Indiana	Level 8	High
● Iowa	Level 7	Moderate
● Kansas	Level 4	Low
● Kentucky	Level 8	High
● Louisiana	Level 13	Very High
● Maine	Level 4	Low
● Maryland	Level 8	High
● Massachusetts	Level 9	High
● Michigan	Level 5	Low
● Minnesota	Level 1	Minimal
● Mississippi	Level 11	Very High
● Missouri	Level 6	Moderate
● Montana	Level 4	Low
● Nebraska	Level 3	Minimal
● Nevada	Level 10	High
● New Hampshire	Level 7	Moderate
● New Jersey	Level 10	High
● New Mexico	Level 12	Very High
● New York	Level 7	Moderate
● New York City	Level 11	Very High
● North Carolina	Level 11	Very High
● North Dakota	Level 10	High
● Ohio	Level 7	Moderate
● Oklahoma	Level 5	Low
● Oregon	Level 3	Minimal
● Pennsylvania	Level 7	Moderate
● Puerto Rico	Level 2	Minimal
● Rhode Island	Level 6	Moderate
● South Carolina	Level 13	Very High
● South Dakota	Level 3	Minimal
● Tennessee	Level 11	Very High
● Texas	Level 10	High
● U.S. Virgin Islands	Level 3	Minimal
● Utah	Level 5	Low
● Vermont	Level 2	Minimal
● Virginia	Level 10	High
● Washington	Level 6	Moderate
● West Virginia	Level 3	Minimal
● Wisconsin	Level 6	Moderate
● Wyoming	Level 10	High

Data table showing data for the United States Map figure.

## Data Notes: Level of Respiratory Illness Activity



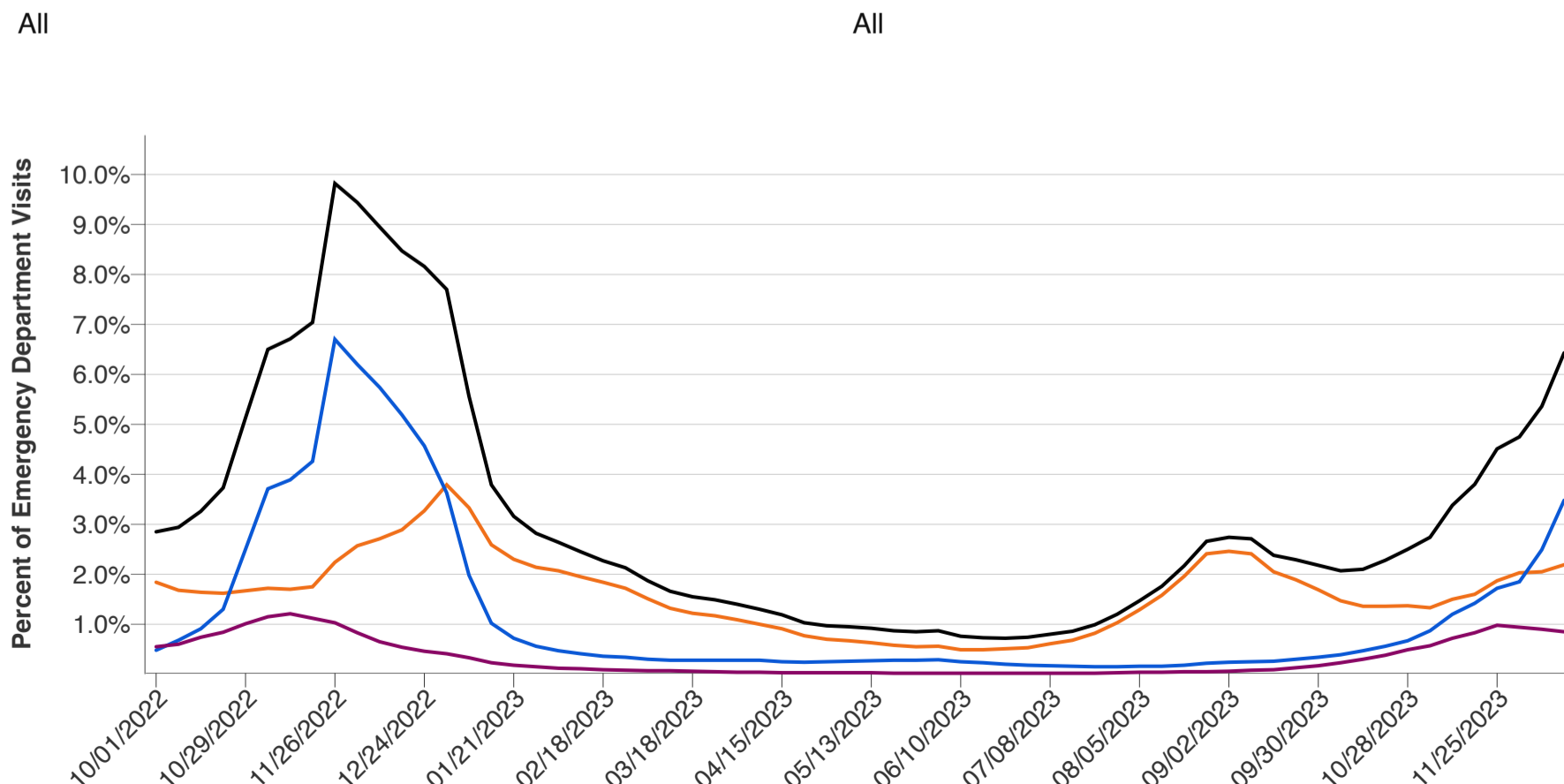
- **Source:** U.S. Outpatient Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet).
- Additional information available at: [Outpatient Illness Surveillance methods section](#).
- This system monitors visits for respiratory illness that includes fever plus a cough or sore throat, (also referred to as influenza-like illness, or ILI), not laboratory confirmed infections; therefore, patient visits due to a variety of respiratory pathogens that cause similar symptoms may be captured.
- The activity levels compare the mean reported percent of visits due to ILI during the current week to the mean reported percent of visits due to ILI during non-influenza weeks. The 13 activity levels correspond to the number of standard deviations below, at, or above the mean for the current week compared with the mean during non-influenza weeks.
- This map uses the proportion of visits to enrolled outpatient healthcare providers or emergency departments for respiratory illness to measure the activity level within a state. It does not, however, measure the extent of geographic spread of respiratory illness within a state. Therefore, outbreaks occurring in a single city could cause the state to display high activity levels.
- Data collected in ILINet may disproportionately represent certain populations within a state depending on enrolled providers, and therefore may not accurately depict the full picture of respiratory virus activity for the whole state.
- The data presented in this map is preliminary and may change as more data is received.
- Differences in the data presented by CDC and state health departments likely represent differing levels of data completeness with data presented by the state likely being the more complete.

## Emergency Department Visits for Viral Respiratory Illness

Weekly percent of total emergency department visits associated with COVID-19, influenza, and RSV.

State:  County:

Health Service Area:  Counties Represented:



Week Ending

● Combined ● COVID-19 ● Influenza ● RSV

Data presented through: 12/16/2023; Data as of: 12/20/2023

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Data Table				
Week Ending	Combined	COVID-19	Influenza	RSV
10/01/2022	2.9%	1.8%	0.5%	0.6%
10/08/2022	2.9%	1.7%	0.7%	0.6%
10/15/2022	3.3%	1.6%	0.9%	0.7%
10/22/2022	3.7%	1.6%	1.3%	0.8%
10/29/2022	5.1%	1.7%	2.5%	1.0%
11/05/2022	6.5%	1.7%	3.7%	1.2%
11/12/2022	6.7%	1.7%	3.9%	1.2%
11/19/2022	7.0%	1.8%	4.3%	1.1%
11/26/2022	9.8%	2.2%	6.7%	1.0%
12/03/2022	9.4%	2.6%	6.2%	0.8%
12/10/2022	9.0%	2.7%	5.7%	0.7%
12/17/2022	8.5%	2.9%	5.2%	0.5%
12/24/2022	8.2%	3.3%	4.6%	0.5%
12/31/2022	7.7%	3.8%	3.6%	0.4%
01/07/2023	5.6%	3.3%	2.0%	0.3%
01/14/2023	3.8%	2.6%	1.0%	0.2%
01/21/2023	3.2%	2.3%	0.7%	0.2%
01/28/2023	2.8%	2.1%	0.6%	0.2%
02/04/2023	2.6%	2.1%	0.5%	0.1%
02/11/2023	2.5%	2.0%	0.4%	0.1%
02/18/2023	2.3%	1.8%	0.4%	0.1%
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03/25/2023	1.5%	1.2%	0.3%	0.1%
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04/15/2023	1.2%	0.9%	0.3%	0.0%
04/22/2023	1.0%	0.8%	0.2%	0.0%
04/29/2023	1.0%	0.7%	0.3%	0.0%
05/06/2023	1.0%	0.7%	0.3%	0.0%
05/13/2023	0.9%	0.6%	0.3%	0.0%
05/20/2023	0.9%	0.6%	0.3%	0.0%
05/27/2023	0.9%	0.6%	0.3%	0.0%
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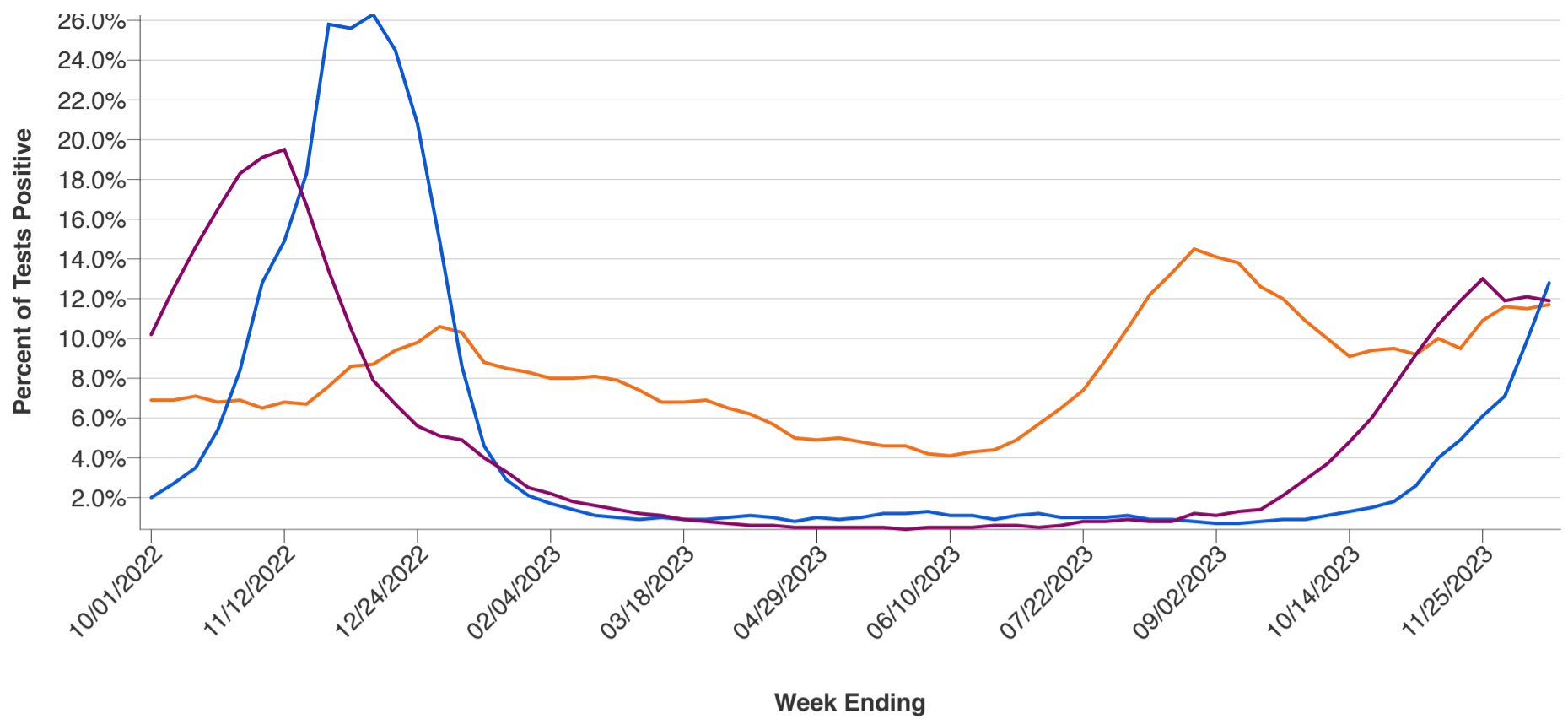
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### Data Notes: Emergency Department Visits for Viral Respiratory Illness

- **Source:** National Syndromic Surveillance Program: <https://www.cdc.gov/nssp/index.html>
- There are no data available for the following states/territories: Guam, Missouri, New Hampshire, South Dakota, and Washington.
- Combined is the sum of COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) emergency department visits.
- Additional information available at: [Companion Guide: NSSP Emergency Department Data on Respiratory Illness](#)

## 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.*



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## Data Notes: Percent of Tests Positive for Viral Respiratory Pathogens



- **Sources:** COVID-19 and RSV: National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS), a sentinel network of laboratories located through the US, includes clinical, public health and commercial laboratories; additional information available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/surveillance/nrevss/index.html>. Influenza: Clinical laboratory test results from NREVSS and U.S. World Health Organization collaborating laboratories; more details about influenza virologic surveillance are available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/overview.htm>.
- COVID-19: The condition caused by infection with severe acute respiratory syndromic coronavirus type-2 (SARS-CoV-2).
- All data are provisional and subject to change.
- The data are from across the country in all regions.
- The percent of tests positive is calculated by dividing the number of positive tests by the total number of tests administered, then multiplying by 100 [(# of positive tests/total tests) x 100].
- Data represent laboratory tests performed, not individual people.
- RSV and COVID-19 are limited to nucleic acid amplification tests (NAATs), also listed as polymerase chain reaction tests (PCR).
- Participating laboratories report weekly to CDC the total number of RSV tests performed that week and the number of those tests that were positive. The RSV trend graphs display the national average of the weekly % test positivity for the current, previous, and following weeks in accordance with the recommendations for assessing RSV trends by percent ( <https://academic.oup.com/jid/article/216/3/345/3860464> ).
- COVID-19 laboratory data are available for download here: <https://data.cdc.gov/Laboratory-Surveillance/Percent-Positivity-of-COVID-19-Nucleic-Acid-Amplif/gvsb-yw6g>
- RSV laboratory data are available for download here: <https://data.cdc.gov/Laboratory-Surveillance/Percent-Positivity-of-Respiratory-Syncytial-Virus-/3cxc-4k8q>

## Explore deeper data

State Map of Outpatient Respiratory Illness Activity

Outpatient Illness and Viral Surveillance

State Map of Emergency Department Use for COVID-19

COVID-19 Testing, Hospitalization, and Death Trends

Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report

RSV Testing Trends in the U.S.



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