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Long Term Care Late Breaker Session

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- Respiratory Virus Season Overview
- CDC Invasive Group A Streptococcus (iGAS) Guidance for Nursing Homes
- Enhanced Barrier Precautions
- NYSDOH/NY Medical Directors Assoc. – COVID-19 Resource Project

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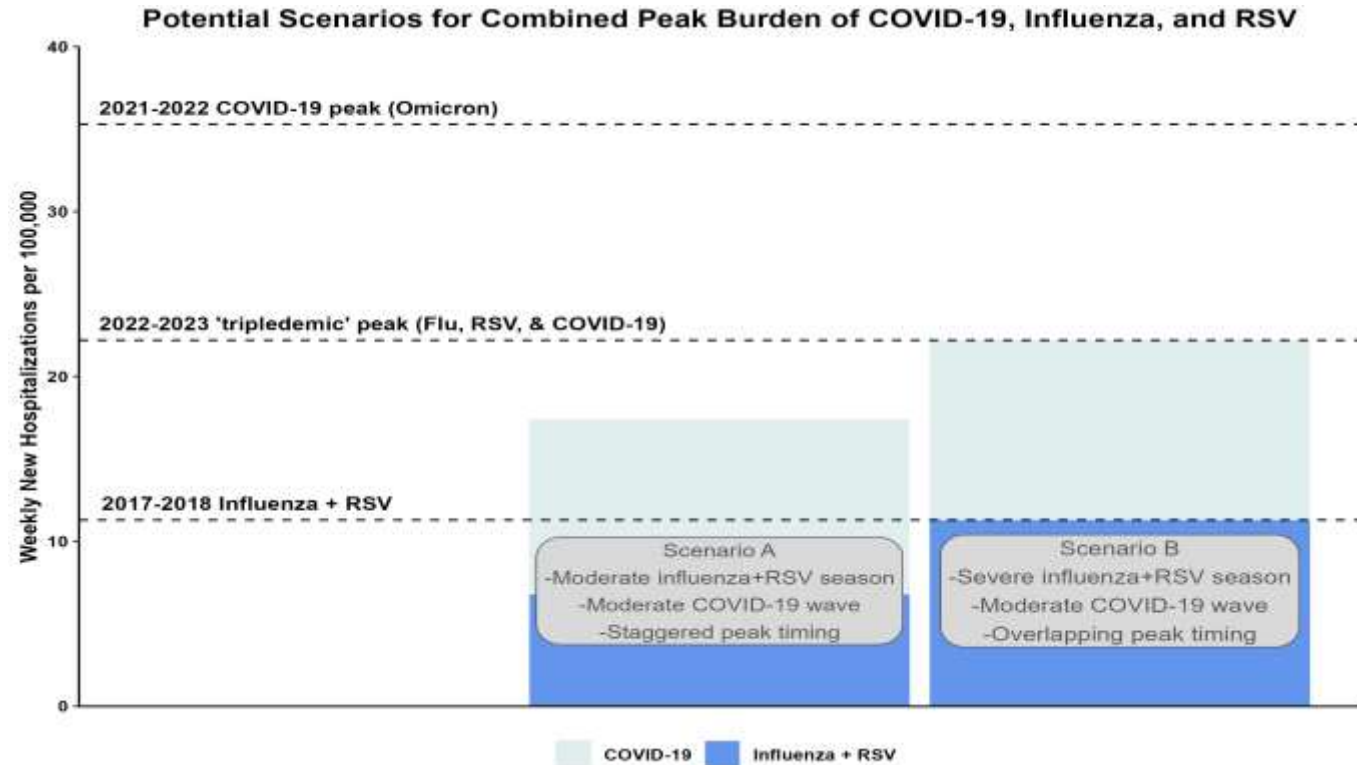
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Respiratory Viruses

CDC Respiratory Virus Updates

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CDC is posting updates on the respiratory illness season here every week.

Immunization Overview for Fall and Winter 2023-2024

September 29, 2023, 6:00 PM EDT

What CDC knows

Immunizations against COVID-19, flu, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) are available and can help protect people against severe illness during the fall and winter season, when these diseases are more common.

What CDC is doing

CDC has provided immunization recommendations for providers and the public and is continuing to communicate about who should get immunizations, the benefits of immunization, and how to find recommended immunizations.

<https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/whats-new/index.html>





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Healthcare Workers: Information on COVID-19

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Clinical Care Information for COVID-19

Key guidance and evidence for clinical considerations when diagnosing and managing patients infected with COVID-19

Clinical Care Considerations



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More Guidance and Research

- › COVID-19 Guidance by Topic
- › COVID Data Tracker
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<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/index.html>



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COVID Data Tracker

Maps, charts, and data provided by CDC, updates Mondays and Fridays by 8 p.m. ET.

[COVID-19 Home](#)



Effective September 29, 2023, weekly updates to maps, charts, and data provided by CDC for COVID Data Tracker will occur on Fridays by 12 p.m. ET. This change aligns with the timing of CDC's weekly updates for respiratory viruses (<https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/index.html>).

COVID-19 Update for the United States

Early Indicators

Test Positivity >

% Test Positivity

11.6%

(September 17 to September 23, 2023)

Trend in % Test Positivity

-1.1% in most recent week



Aug 5, 2023 Sep 23, 2023

Emergency Department Visits >

% Diagnosed as COVID-19

1.8%

(September 17 to September 23, 2023)

Trend in % Emergency Department Visits

-11.7% in most recent week



Aug 5, 2023 Sep 23, 2023

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

Severity Indicators

Hospitalizations >

Hospital Admissions

19,079

(September 17 to September 23, 2023)

Trend in Hospital Admissions

-3.1% in most recent week



Aug 25, 2023 Sep 23, 2023

Total Hospitalizations

6,368,333

Deaths >

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

2.7%

(September 17 to September 23, 2023)

Trend in % COVID-19 Deaths

+8% in most recent week



Aug 5, 2023 Sep 23, 2023

Total Deaths

1,144,539



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Influenza Activity, Surveillance and Reports

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) collects, compiles, and analyzes information on flu activity year-round in New York State (NYS) and produces a weekly report during the flu season (October through the following May).

Flu Mask Regulations

In view of persisting elevated influenza activity throughout NYS, NYSDOH is extending the surveillance season beyond May until influenza activity has decreased.

Health Care Providers

2022-2023 Influenza Season

Child Care Programs, Schools and Colleges

- [Current Week Influenza Activity Report](#) (PDF) (NYSDOH aims to update the weekly report by Friday afternoon)

Adult Immunization

- [Previous 2022-2023 Weekly Influenza Activity Reports](#)

Childhood and Adolescent Immunization

- Influenza data for laboratory-confirmed cases can be viewed and downloaded from [Health Data NY](#) and the [NYS Health Connector](#)

Educational Materials

- [U.S. Influenza Activity](#) - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- [International Influenza Activity](#) - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Flu Home Page

- [CDC Estimates of Disease Burden](#)

Other Influenzas

Previous Seasons

Avian Influenza (Bird Flu)

<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/surveillance/>



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Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report

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2022-2023 Influenza Season

Week 38 ending September 23, 2023

All data in this report are preliminary and may change as more reports are received.

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm>



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Recommendations for Follow-up of Respiratory Disease Outbreaks of Influenza and Influenza-like Illness in Health Care Facilities

New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) – Healthcare Epidemiology and Infection Control Program

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/infectioncontrol/healthcaresettings.htm>

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Clinical Practice Guidelines by the Infectious Diseases Society of America: 2018 Update on Diagnosis, Treatment, Chemoprophylaxis, and Institutional Outbreak Management of Seasonal Influenza

Published October 12, 2018

<https://www.idsociety.org/practice-guideline/influenza/>





Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infection (RSV)

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What you should do if you or a loved one is at high risk for severe RSV disease

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Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is recognized as one of the most common causes of childhood illness and is the most common cause of hospitalization in infants. It causes annual outbreaks of respiratory illnesses in all age groups. In most regions of the United States, RSV season starts in the fall and peaks in the winter, but the timing and severity of RSV season in a given community can vary from year to year.

Healthcare providers should consider RSV in the differential diagnosis of patients with respiratory illness, particularly during the RSV season. For more information about recommended infection prevention and control practices in healthcare settings, see [CDC's 2007 Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings](#).

[RSV vaccines](#) are available to protect older adults from severe RSV. RSV vaccines (administered during pregnancy) and monoclonal antibody products

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<https://www.cdc.gov/rsv/clinical/index.html>

The National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS)

NREVSS Home > Respiratory Syncytial Virus Surveillance

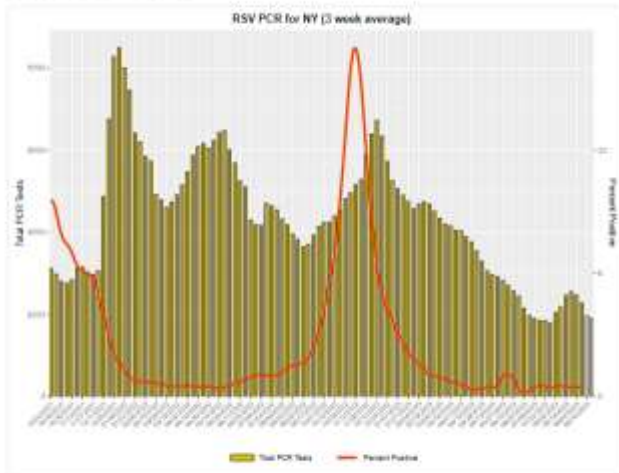
RSV State Trends

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Total PCR Tests



Data for recent weeks may be incomplete due to delays in reporting. These preliminary data are shaded gray and may change as more data become available.

Click on the map below to display RSV circulation in each state.

[Table: NY percent positive antigen detection RSV tests, by 3 week moving average](#)

[Table: NY percent positive RSV PCR tests, by 3 week moving average](#)

[Table: NY RSV detections, by 5 week average](#)



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<https://www.cdc.gov/surveillance/nrevss/rsv/state.html#NY>

Group A Streptococcal (GAS) Disease

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Investigation Tools

Increased Risk for Serious Outcomes

Group A Strep in Long-term Care Facilities: Identifying and Managing Outbreaks

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What you need to know

- Group A *Streptococcus* (GAS) infections are a serious cause of illness and death for adults 65 years of age or older in the United States.
- Residents of long-term care facilities (LTCFs) are particularly at risk for severe infection and death from GAS infections.
- Strong infection prevention and control practices are critical to stopping GAS transmission and preventing outbreaks in LTCFs.
- These investigation tools provide detailed approaches to investigating and controlling GAS outbreaks in LTCFs.

<https://www.cdc.gov/groupastrep/diseases-hcp/index.html>



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Preface

The Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) is a federal advisory committee chartered to provide advice and guidance to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) regarding the practice of infection control and strategies for surveillance, prevention, and control of healthcare-associated infections, antimicrobial resistance and related events in

<https://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/workgroup/EnhancedBarrierPrecautions.html>



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NYSDOH/NY Medical Directors Association COVID-19 Resources Project

- Available to NYS long term care medical directors to prepare for respiratory season
 - Focus on COVID-19
- Peer-to-peer education network
- Website under construction

THANK YOU!

Any questions?

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