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Reporting information and data caveats

The start of RSV season is the first of two consecutive weeks with $\geq 10\%$ of tests positive, and the end is the last of two consecutive weeks with $\geq 10\%$ of tests positive.

"The percentage of positive detections reflects test ordering practices and might not directly reflect disease burden." *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Respiratory Syncytial Virus-United States, July 2007-June 2011. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR). September 2011; 60 (35):1203-1206.*

National and state RSV analyses typically rely on antigen test data.

Regional-level results may not be reliable if the number of RSV tests performed each week is small or if reporting is inconsistent.

There are no RSV data reporters in Region 10 (Upper Rio Grande/El Paso), Region 9 (West Texas/Midland/Odessa), and

RSV is not a notifiable condition in Texas. Sentinel laboratories voluntarily enter their RSV data weekly into the CDC National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS), and these data are compiled to create the Texas Weekly RSV Report.