



Island County Respiratory Illness Report

CDC Week 13: March 24 - 30, 2024

COVID-19

- Activity is stable
- 0 new reported outbreak in schools
- 0 new reported outbreaks in long term care facilities

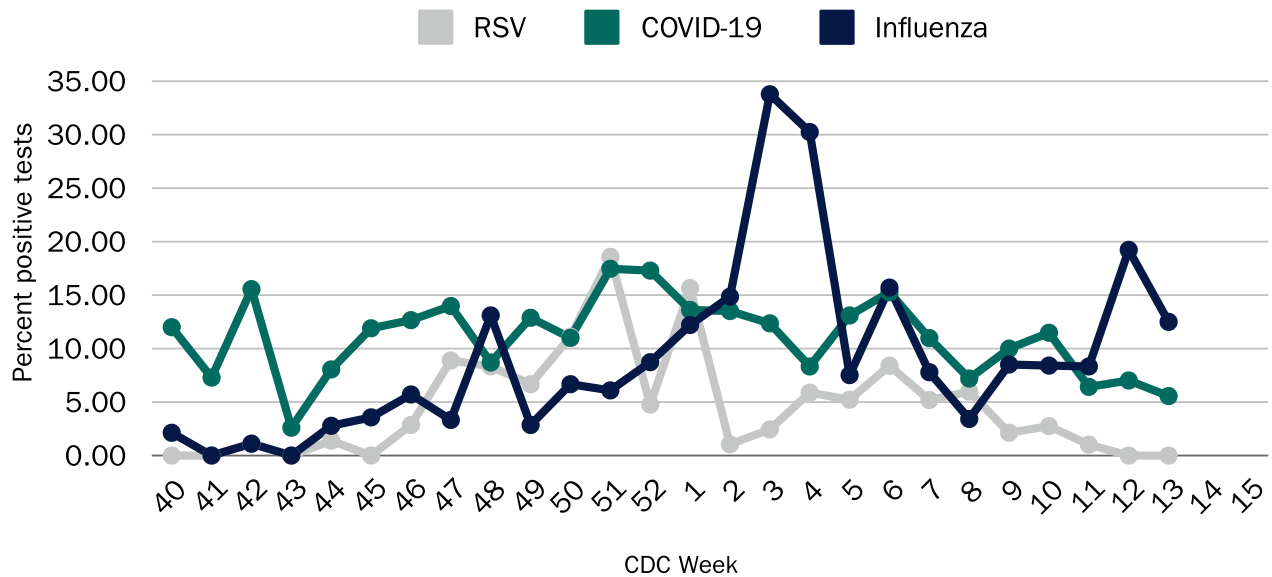
RSV

- Activity is at seasonal lows

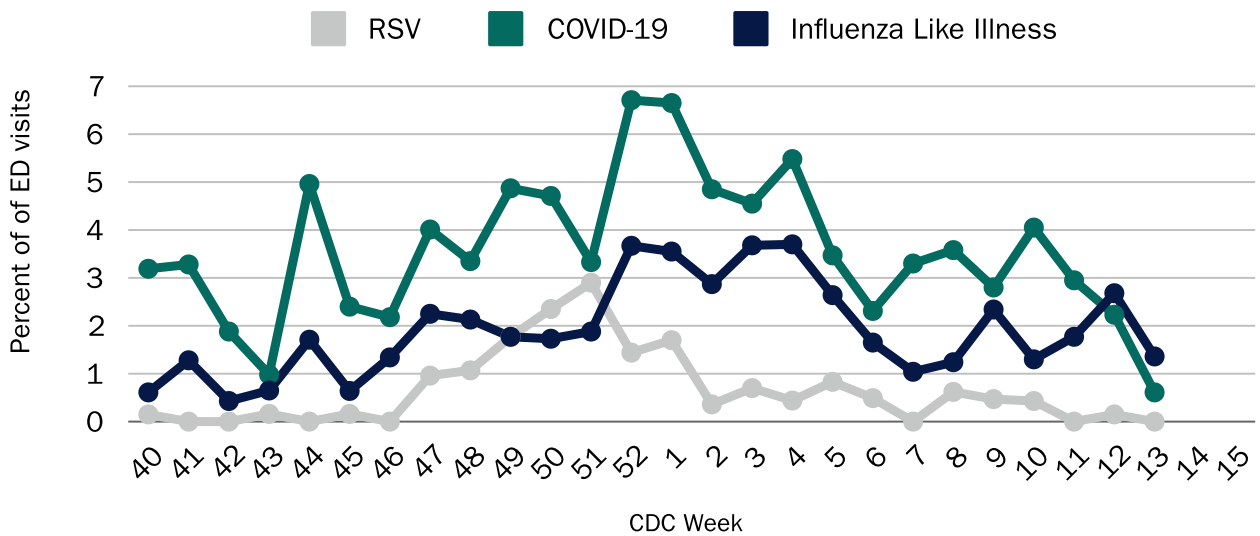
Influenza

- Activity is decreasing to seasonal lows
- 0 new reported outbreaks in schools
- 0 new reported outbreaks in long term care facilities

Percent of positive tests for Influenza, COVID-19, and RSV from WhidbeyHealth



Respiratory Illness in the Emergency Department for Island County Residents



UPDATE: The Omicron variant called JN.1 is showing to be better at evading our existing immunity than other variants currently in circulation. CDC estimates that JN.1 is currently responsible for about half of all COVID-19 infections nationally. JN.1 has been recently sequenced in Island County wastewater, so we know it is spreading locally as well. Fortunately, we expect existing vaccines, tests, treatments and current illness prevention guidance (such as frequent handwashing, masking in crowded areas, etc..) to be effective against this variant.

2023-24 COVID-19 STATS

COVID-19 hospital admissions levels are:

LOW

Reported outbreaks by setting:

6 Long Term Care Facilities

1 School Related

2023-24 INFLUENZA STATS

Influenza activity is:

MINIMAL

Most common influenza type identified:

A

Reported outbreaks by setting:

Percentage of people in Island County who have received all CDC recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses

Island County Washington

20%

18.4%

Percentage of people 60+ in Island County who have received the RSV vaccine for the 2023-24 season

Island County Washington

21.2%

19.7%

Percentage of people in Island County who have received at least one dose of the Influenza Vaccine for the 2023-24 season

Island County Washington

29.9%

30.7%

The CDC defines up-to-date COVID-19 vaccination as having all recommended doses. Information regarding COVID-19 vaccines can be found through [CDC's website](https://www.cdc.gov). Talk to your healthcare provider if you have questions about your vaccine status or personal situation.

Stop the spread of respiratory illness:

- Wash your hands often
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Wear a mask in crowds
- Stay home when sick
- Get your vaccines: seasonal flu, updated COVID-19, RSV if over 60

Additional resources:

- [Island County Seasonal Respiratory Illnesses](#)
- [WADOH Respiratory Illness Data Dashboard](#)
- [Snohomish County Respiratory Reports](#)
- [Skagit County Respiratory Illness Report](#)
- [CDC Weekly Viral Respiratory Illness Snapshot](#)

Graph 1: Summary data is provided by the WhidbeyHealth system and includes respiratory panels and individual tests, including lab tests and rapid tests from the hospital, all clinics, and the emergency department. Data is preliminary and subject to change. Percentages are calculated by dividing the number of positive tests by the total number of tests for each virus.

Graph 2: ESSENCE is a syndromic surveillance system that collects data from hospitals and clinics across the country. The graph displays data from emergency department visits made by Island County residents, including visits both within and outside of Island County. This data lags behind by two weeks, so data may be incomplete at the time of reporting.

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