

About Us

The Two Rivers Public Health Department (TRPHD) serves a population of 97,423 across seven counties in South-Central Nebraska, spanning 4,663 square miles. TRPHD is the 4th largest health district in Nebraska, its population mostly clustered around the I-80 corridor. Over 3/4th of residents live in Buffalo & Dawson, 10% in Phelps, and 15% in Kearney, Harlan, Franklin and Gosper Counties in decreasing order. The largest cities are Holdrege (pop. 5,515), Lexington (pop. 10,348) and Kearney (pop. 33,790); over half of the residents of TRPHD live in these three cities, over a third in Kearney city alone. Currently, there are seven health systems reporting Influenza (Flu) and Influenza-like Illness (ILI) surveillance data across the district: three in Buffalo and Dawson, two in Phelps, one each in Franklin, Harlan, and Kearney, and none Gosper Counties.

TRPHD engages collaborative partners, community leaders, and the public to promote healthy and safe communities for all who live within the district. TRPHD envisions a health district where all are able to safely and actively live, learn, work, and play in their communities. TRPHD facilitates collaborative, partnerships, and unique approaches that educate, empower, and engage local community partners, health providers, political decision-makers, community leadership, and the public.

Report Summary

- One Influenza A case was reported in TRPHD over the past week in addition to 8 COVID cases.
- No cases of RSV or Flu B were recorded in Two Rivers in the past week.
- Two Rivers Public Health Department is deeply saddened to announce news regarding deaths of three community members due to complications related to COVID-19 during the 2025-2026 respiratory season. Our thoughts and condolences go out to the family and friends of the deceased during this difficult time.

Data Insights

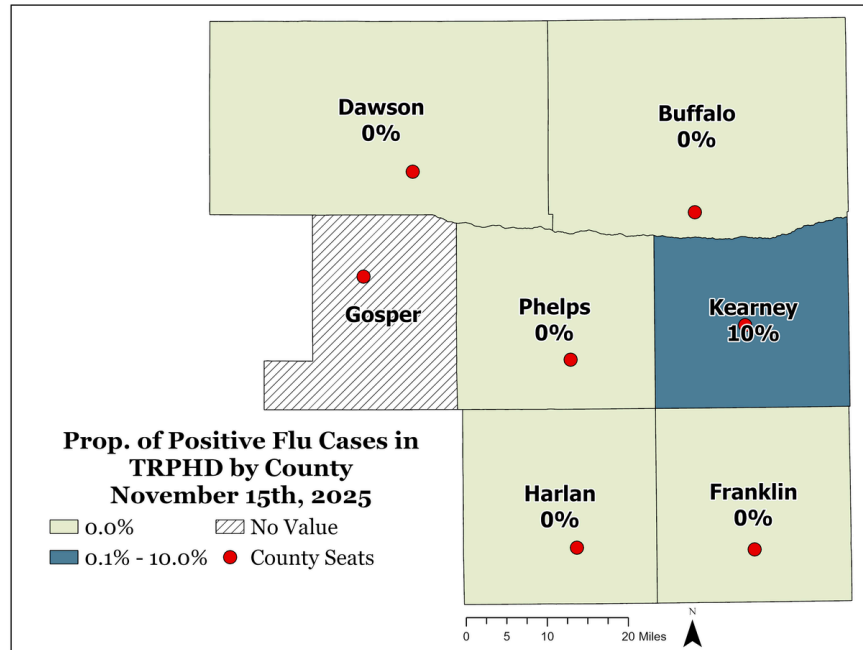
- Overall Respiratory Disease Positivity Rate is calculated by the following equation:
 - We applied a 3% overlap adjustment between Flu A and Flu B positive tests to account for the likelihood that a small percentage of individuals tested positive for both.

$$PR = \frac{((PosFluA + PosFluB - 0.03 \times (TotalFluTests)) + PosRSV + PosCOVID)}{(TotalFluTests + TotalRSVTests + TotalCOVIDTests)}$$

- Flu and RSV county data is collected from Nebraska Flu ILI Surveillance.
- COVID-19 county data is collected from the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS).
- Weekly Case counts of any infection exceeding 150% of the corresponding week in the previous year will trigger an alert for heightened incidence across the district.

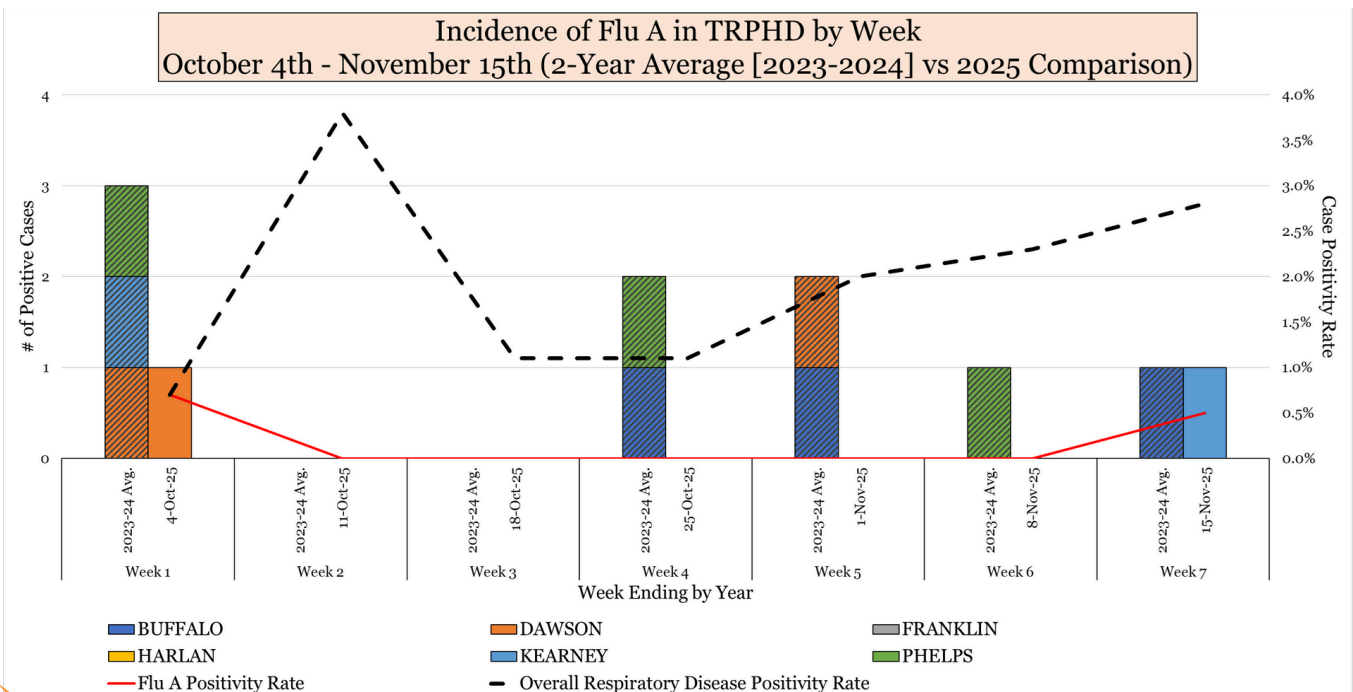
TRPHD Flu Cases

November 15, 2025



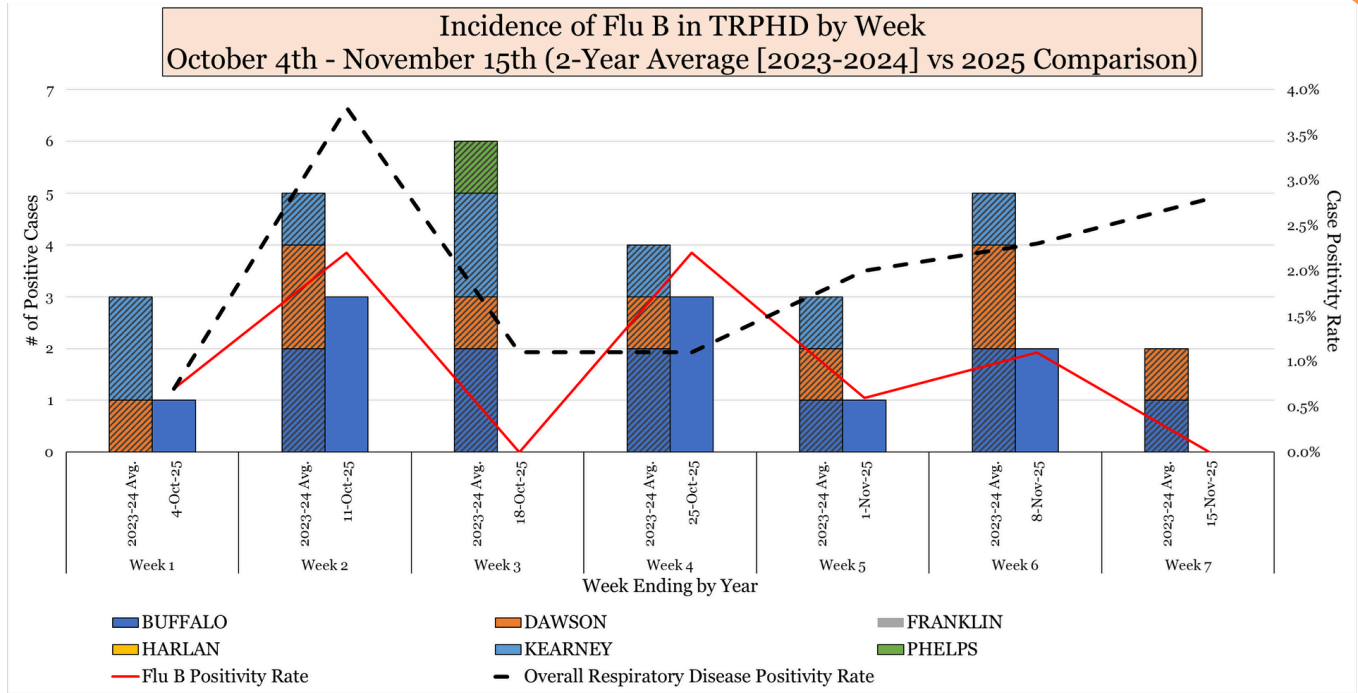
Influenza

- One new Influenza A case was reported from TRPHD in the previous week; no new flu B cases were reported, however.
- Following the brief disruption in routine federal reporting, 2 additional flu cases backdated to previous weeks have been added to the records. TRPHD will update the records to reflect the change.



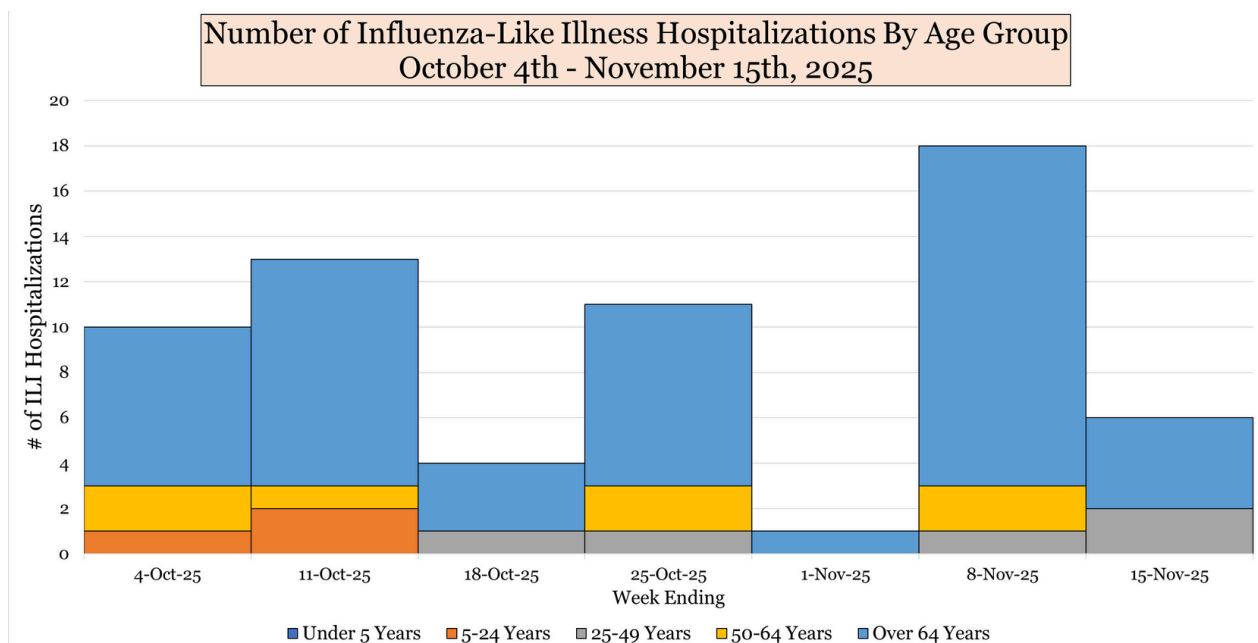
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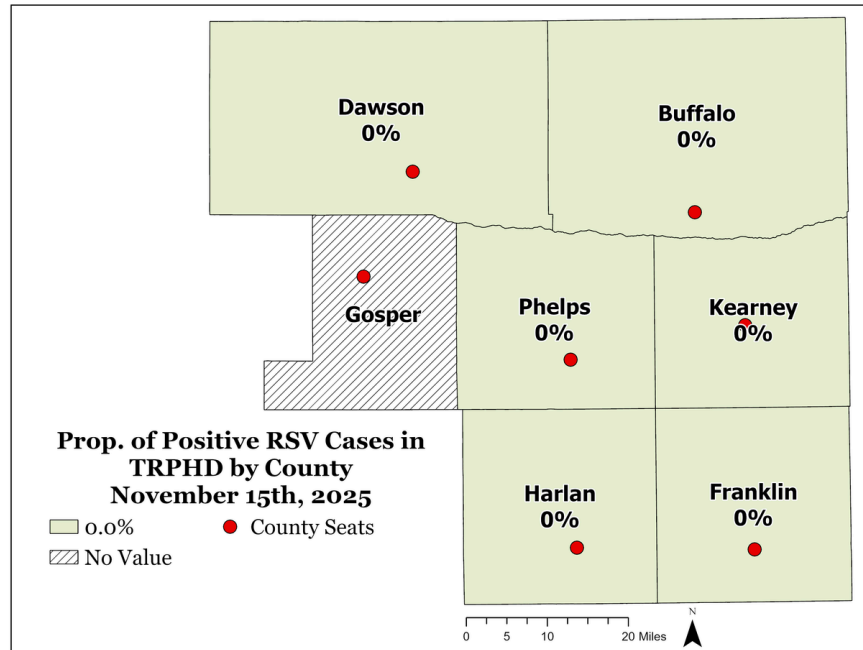
Influenza

- Weekly ILI hospitalizations for the 2025-26 respiratory season briefly peaked last week, before falling to a third of that level this week.



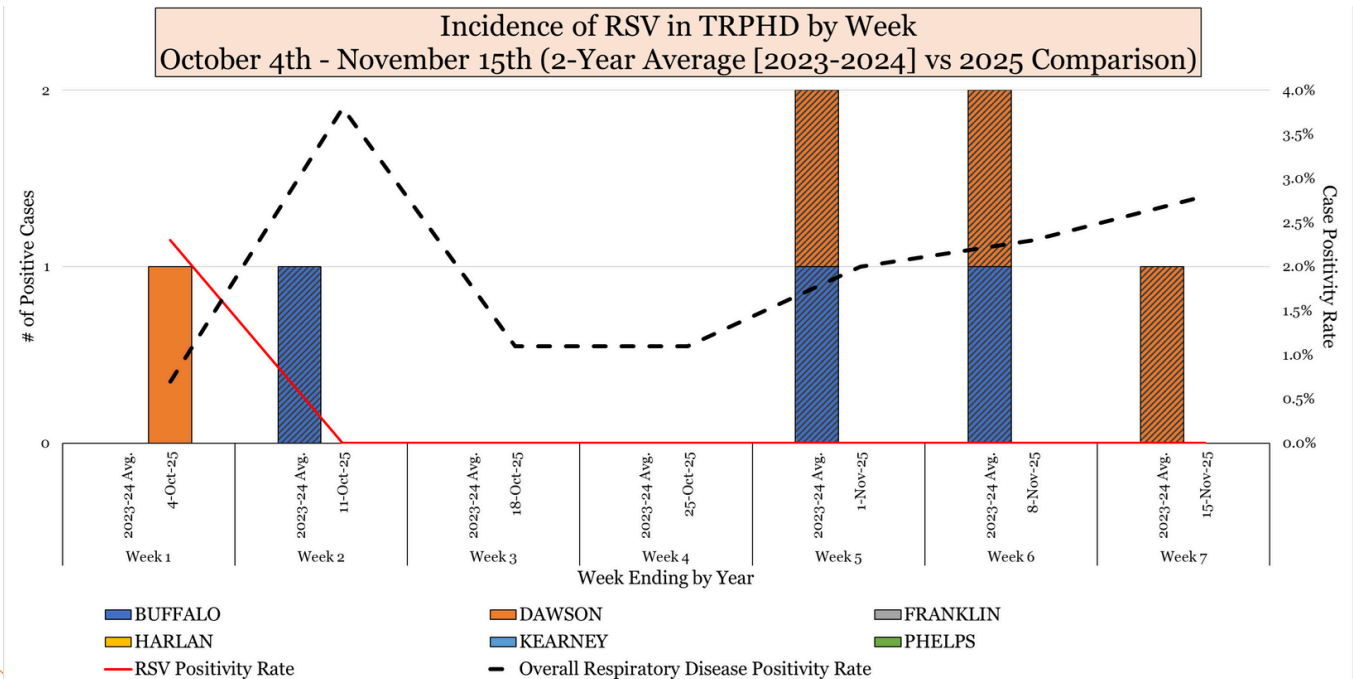
TRPHD RSV Cases

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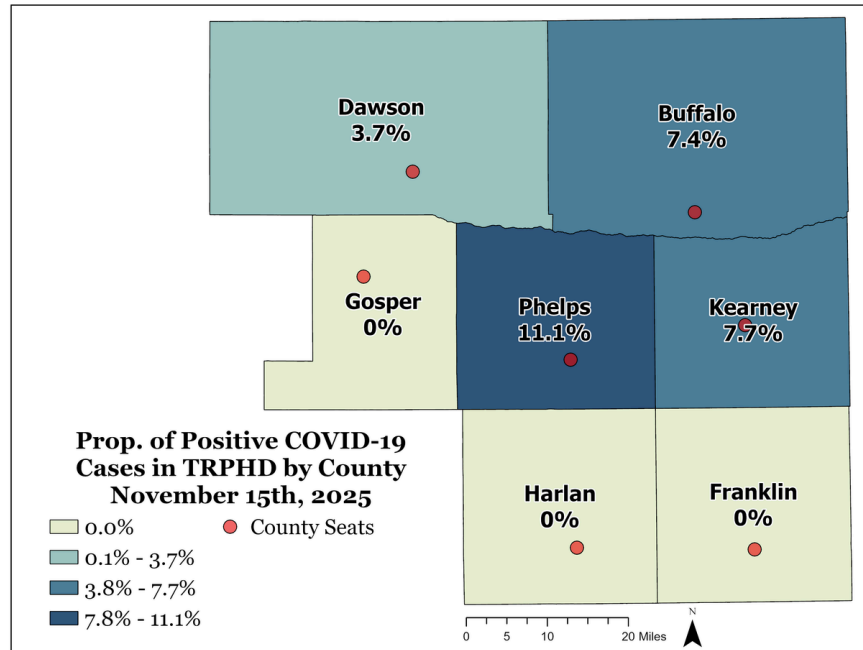
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

- No new cases of RSV were reported in the past week in TRPHD.



TRPHD COVID-19 Cases

November 15, 2025



COVID-19

- 8 new cases of COVID were recorded in the past week - 5 from Buffalo, and 1 each from Dawson, Kearney, and Phelps Counties.
- COVID incidence is considerably lower than the same time in the past 5 years.

