

Colorado Springs School Illness Watch

Snapshot as of September 12, 2026

SUMMARY

CDPHE: WASTEWATER UPTICK

EL PASO COUNTY UNCHANGED

Something changed today, though it's a mild signal, not a level jump. CDPHE's weekly illness data (ED visits, sentinel lab positivity) is still on its 9/9/2026 update and unchanged from the prior check, with overall respiratory activity in Colorado holding at **Very Low**. But wastewater surveillance — which updates more often, on Wednesdays and Fridays — ticked up: SARS-CoV-2 is now rising in **10 of 21** monitored utilities (up from 8), and RSV showed up in wastewater for the first time this check (**1 of 21** utilities, up from 0). El Paso County's dashboard is unchanged (still dated 9/9/2026), and the "What's Going Around" bulletin remains discontinued (no issue since Sept. 20, 2025).

COLORADO STATEWIDE — CDPHE VIRAL RESPIRATORY REPORT

Overall activity: **VERY LOW**

COVID-19

ED visits 0.25%
(▲0.02)
Sentinel lab positivity 3.05%
(▼0.24)

Influenza

ED visits 0.11%
(▲0.04)
Sentinel lab positivity 0.91%
(▲0.15)

RSV

ED visits 0.00% (no change)
Sentinel lab positivity 0.10%
(▼0.06)

Wastewater — SARS-CoV-2

10 / 21

utilities rising ▲ from 8/21

Wastewater — Influenza

0 / 21

utilities detected no change

Wastewater — RSV

1 / 21

utilities detected ▲ from 0/21

Verified today via browser render of the Tableau dashboard (zoomed in on the wastewater panel to confirm figures). Illness-data "Last Update" shown on the dashboard: 9/9/2026 (unchanged; next refresh due ~9/16). Wastewater data updates Wednesdays and Fridays, which explains the change here even though the illness-data date didn't move. Deltas above are compared to yesterday's check.

EL PASO COUNTY — LOCAL DATA

Communicable Disease Data Dashboard: reverified today. Last updated: September 9, 2026 (unchanged from yesterday's check). Updates the second

Wednesday of each month (next: Oct. 14). No headline case-count spikes surfaced on the dashboard's summary view.

Animal bite/exposure data: last updated September 9, 2026 (unchanged). Seasonal respiratory data last updated May 27, 2026 (unchanged; off-season).

"What's Going Around" bulletin: confirmed directly today via the archive page — still discontinued. Most recent issue covered Sept. 7–20, 2025 (published Sept. 20, 2025). No new issue has appeared.

Sources: [CDPHE Viral Respiratory Diseases Report](#) · [El Paso County Public Health Communicable Disease Data Dashboard](#) · [What's Going Around archive](#)

Automated daily check for Chris — a full write-up is generated only when something material changes. Today's run (9/12/2026): CDPHE wastewater data shows a mild uptick (SARS-CoV-2 and first RSV detection); illness-rate figures and El Paso County data are otherwise unchanged since yesterday.