Snapshot as of October 22, 2026

SUMMARY

CDPHE UPDATED 10/21 | SARS-COV-2 WASTEWATER RISING 10 OF 22 (WAS 14) | RV/EV 18.7% ▼ (STILL HIGH)

Changed today: CDPHE posted its weekly update (10/21) and El Paso County updated seasonal respiratory data (10/21); no new NREVSS week (latest still 10/10). Influenza is the mover: sentinel positivity 4.30% (▲0.81) and ED visits 0.57% (▲0.1); El Paso County influenza hospitalizations ~11 for the week ending 10/17 (~16 prior week). COVID sentinel positivity fell to 2.51% (▼0.77), ED flat at 0.26%; SARS-CoV-2 wastewater is rising in 10 of 22 utilities (down from 14, no longer a majority but still rising in nearly half — ED/positivity could follow). Flu wastewater detected in 4 of 22 (was 3), RSV 1 of 22; RSV positivity 0.32% (▲0.13). CDPHE labels overall activity Very Low, but **Region 8 rhinovirus/enterovirus is 18.7%** (week ending 10/10, down from 22.4%) — still high circulation, the type behind her September admission. Parainfluenza 2.81% (up from 1.44%); HMPV 0.23% and adenovirus 0.94% low. El Paso County COVID ~3, RSV ~1 hospitalizations (approximate, week ending 10/17). “What’s Going Around” bulletin still discontinued (last issue 9/20/2025).

OTHER RESPIRATORY VIRUSES — HHS REGION 8 (CDC NREVSS)

VIRUS	WK ENDING 10/10	WK ENDING 10/3	TREND
Rhinovirus/enterovirus (RV/EV)	18.71%	22.36%	Falling, –3.7 pts; still high (25.4% on 9/19)
HMPV	0.23%	0.24%	Flat / negligible
Parainfluenza (PIV)	2.81%	1.44%	Rising, +1.4 pts
Adenovirus	0.94%	0.84%	Flat

Regional lab test positivity (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY), not Colorado Springs-specific. Week ending 10/10/2026, posted 10/16/2026 (prior weeks re-posted with revisions). RV/EV has run ~17–25% since late August.

COLORADO STATEWIDE — CDPHE VIRAL RESPIRATORY REPORT

Overall activity: VERY LOW

PATHOGEN	ED VISITS	SENTINEL LAB POSITIVITY
COVID-19	0.26%	2.51%

PATHOGEN	ED VISITS	SENTINEL LAB POSITIVITY
Influenza	0.57%	4.30%
RSV	0.01%	0.32%

WASTEWATER	UTILITIES DETECTED	MONITORED
SARS-CoV-2 (rising)	10	22
Influenza	4	22
RSV	1	22

Read 10/22 from the embedded Tableau dashboard (weekly update of 10/21). Changes vs. prior week: COVID ED flat, flu ED ▲0.1, RSV ED flat; positivity COVID ▼0.77, flu ▲0.81, RSV ▲0.13. SARS-CoV-2 wastewater 10/22 (was 14/22). Colorado Springs utility not listed individually on the home page. Next weekly update expected 10/28 after 4pm MT.

EL PASO COUNTY — LOCAL DATA

Communicable Disease Data Dashboard: main data and animal bite/exposure updated 10/14/2026; seasonal respiratory data updated 10/21/2026. Respiratory hospitalizations, week ending 10/17/2026: influenza ~11 (~16 prior week), COVID-19 ~3 (~5 prior), RSV ~1 (0 prior) — read from chart, approximate. Next main update: second Wednesday of November.

"What's Going Around" bulletin: checked 10/22; archive still ends with the issue 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 · CDC NREVSS (Region 8)

Automated daily check for Chris — a full write-up is generated only when something material changes. Today's run (10/22/2026): CDPHE weekly update posted 10/21 (flu positivity ▲ to 4.30%; SARS-CoV-2 wastewater rising 10 of 22, down from 14); El Paso seasonal respiratory data updated 10/21; NREVSS latest week still 10/10 (RV/EV 18.71%, PIV 2.81%); “What’s Going Around” still discontinued (archive ends 9/20/2025).