



Boston Wastewater Epidemiology Report

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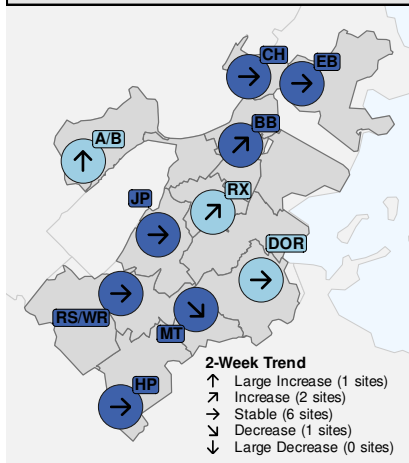
Level: **Low**

Level: **Very Low**

Neighborhood Levels and Trends



COVID-19 Wastewater Levels & Trends (21-Jan-2026)



BOSTON CITYWIDE COVID-19 LEVEL & TRENDS

COVID-19 LEVEL

Very Low

58 copies/mL
samples through 21-Jan-2026

2-WEEK TRENDS



Stable
+6 copies/mL (+11%)

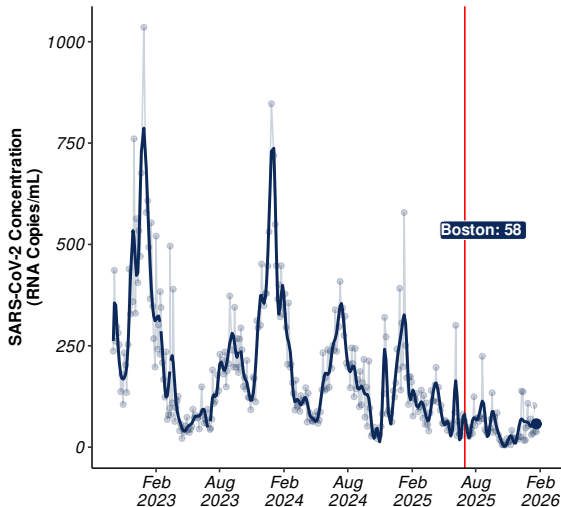
NEIGHBORHOOD SITES COVID-19 LEVEL & TRENDS

Level	Neighborhood/Site	Trend
Low	Allston/Brighton (A/B)	↑ Large Increase
	Roxbury (RX)	↗ Increase
	Dorchester (DOR 2224)	→ Stable
Very Low	Back Bay (BB)	↗ Increase
	Jamaica Plain (JP)	→ Stable
	Hyde Park (HP)	→ Stable
	Roslindale/West Roxbury (RS/WR)	→ Stable
	East Boston (EB)	→ Stable
	Mattapan (MT)	↘ Decrease
	Charlestown (CH)	→ Stable

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COVID-19 Citywide Overview and Trends



Updated: 26-Jan-2026 | Samples through: 21-Jan-2026

CITYWIDE
AVERAGE

58

RNA copies/mL

RANGE ACROSS 10
NEIGHBORHOOD SITES

1-103

RNA copies/mL

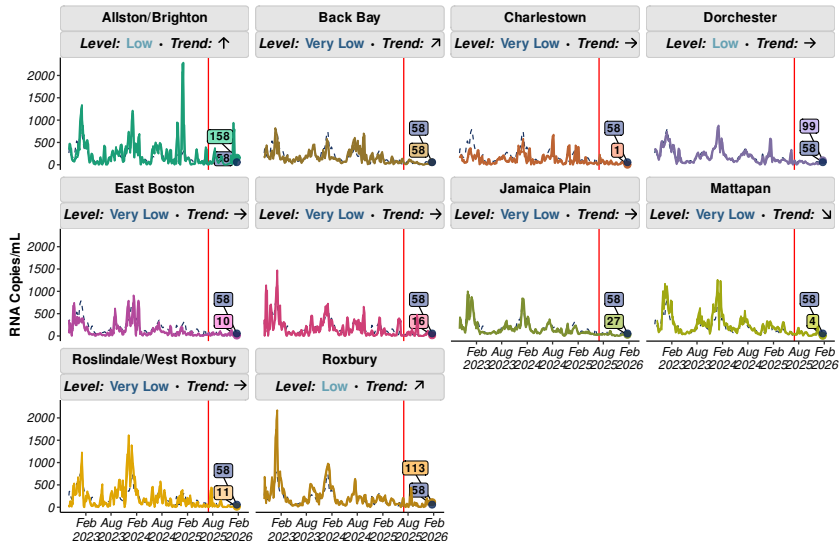
Data through: **21-Jan-2026**

2-WEEK TRENDS

Boston
Stable

+11%
over the past 14 days

BPHC Trend Overview by Neighborhood



For each neighborhood, colored line and textbox shows the smoothed trend and most recent value in that neighborhood;

The dotted blue line and dark blue text box in each panel shows the trend and most recent value across **all Boston sites** weighted by population.

The vertical red line marks the date of August 1, 2024, when the laboratory that tests Boston's wastewater changed.

To see details and interpretation of these results for an individual neighborhood see [Results by Neighborhood](#).

Results by Neighborhood



- Allston-Brighton (A/B)
- Back Bay (BB)
- Charlestown (CH)
- Dorchester (DOR)
- East Boston (EB)
- Hyde Park (HP)
- Jamaica Plain (JP)
- Mattapan (MT)
- Roslindale/West Roxbury (RS/WR)
- Roxbury (RX)

Allston/Brighton

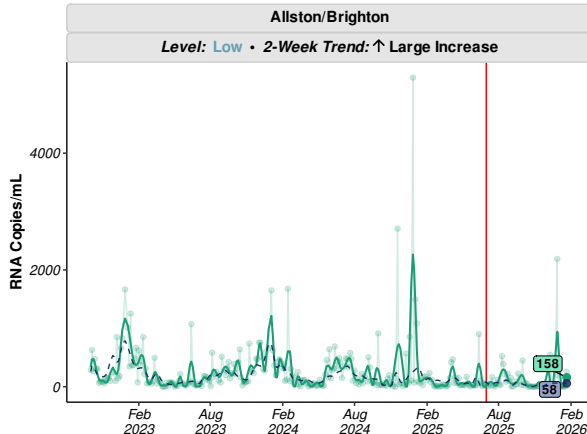


Level: **Low**

- Average value in **A/B** over the past week: **158** copies/mL.
- This value is **low** compared to past values and **similar** than the citywide average (**58** copies/mL).

Trend: **↑ Large Increase**

- Over the past two weeks, values in **A/B** are **increasing**.
- Change compared to two weeks ago: **+157** copies/mL (**+15,740%**).



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See [recommended actions and resources](#) based on levels and trends in this neighborhood.

Back Bay

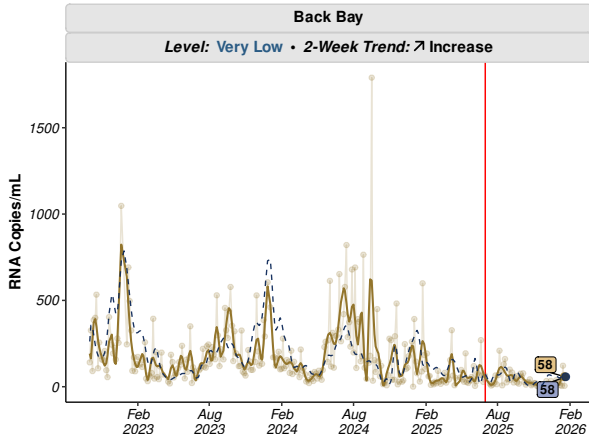


Level: **Very Low**

- Average value in **BB** over the past week: **58** copies/mL.
- This value is **very low** compared to past values and **similar** than the citywide average (**58** copies/mL).

Trend: **↗ Increase**

- Over the past two weeks, values in **BB** are **increasing**.
- Change compared to two weeks ago: **+47** copies/mL (**+407%**).



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Charlestown

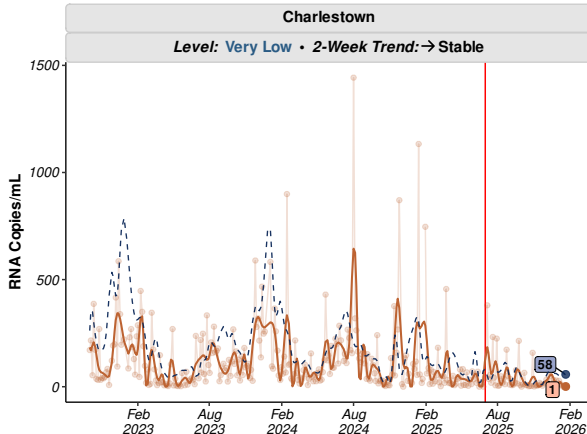


Level: **Very Low**

- Average value in **CH** over the past week: **1** copies/mL.
- This value is **very low** compared to past values and **similar** than the citywide average (**58** copies/mL).

Trend: → **Stable**

- Over the past two weeks, values in **CH** are **stable**.
- Change compared to two weeks ago: **-21** copies/mL (**-95%**).



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Dorchester

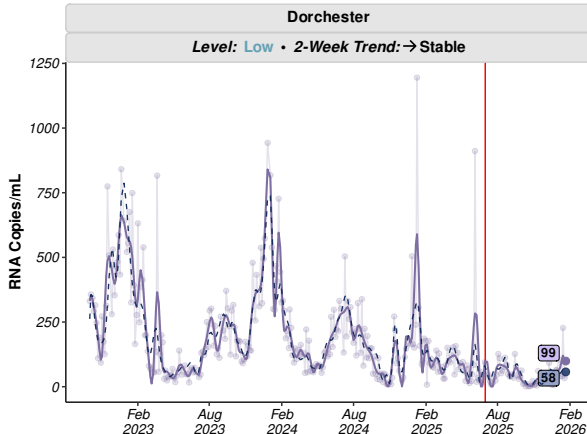


Level: **Low**

- Average value in **DOR 2224** over the past week: **99** copies/mL.
- This value is **low** compared to past values and **similar** than the citywide average (**58** copies/mL).

Trend: → **Stable**

- Over the past two weeks, values in **DOR 2224** are **stable**.
- Change compared to two weeks ago: **+25** copies/mL (**+34%**).



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East Boston

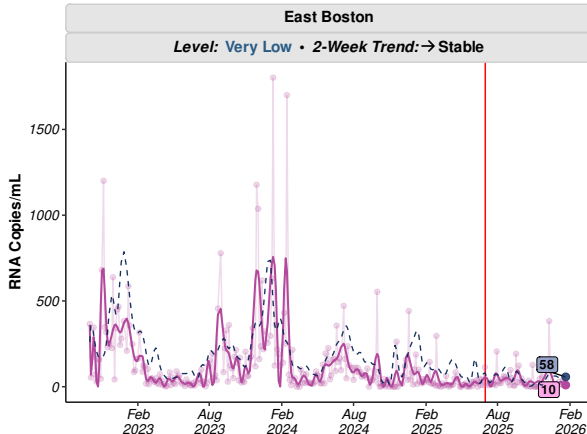


Level: **Very Low**

- Average value in **EB** over the past week: **10** copies/mL.
- This value is **very low** compared to past values and **similar** than the citywide average (**58** copies/mL).

Trend: **→ Stable**

- Over the past two weeks, values in **EB** are **stable**.
- Change compared to two weeks ago: **-19** copies/mL (**-66%**).



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Hyde Park

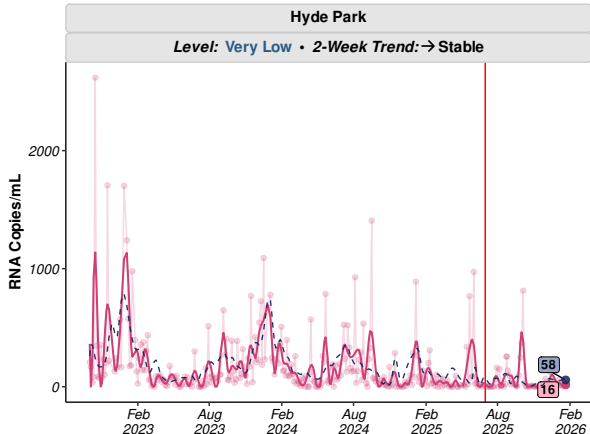


Level: **Very Low**

- Average value in **HP** over the past week: **16** copies/mL.
- This value is **very low** compared to past values and **similar** than the citywide average (**58** copies/mL).

Trend: → **Stable**

- Over the past two weeks, values in **HP** are **stable**.
- Change compared to two weeks ago: **-11** copies/mL (**-42%**).



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Jamaica Plain

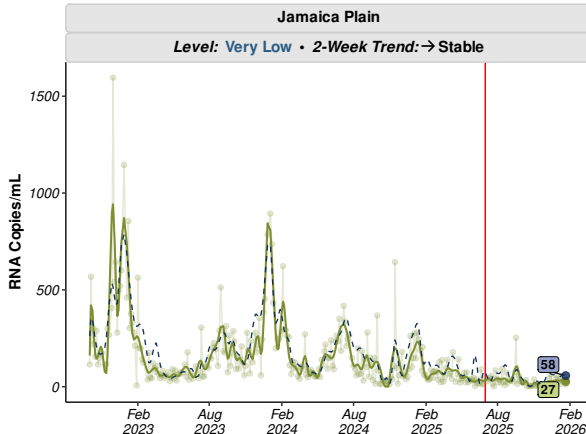


Level: **Very Low**

- Average value in **JP** over the past week: **27** copies/mL.
- This value is **very low** compared to past values and **similar** than the citywide average (**58** copies/mL).

Trend: → **Stable**

- Over the past two weeks, values in **JP** are **stable**.
- Change compared to two weeks ago: **-4** copies/mL (**-14%**).



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Mattapan

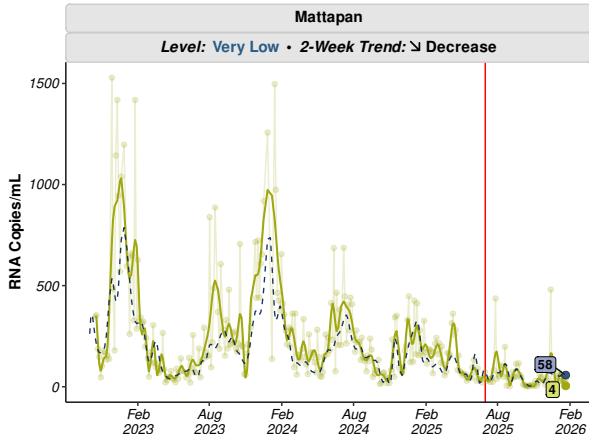


Level: **Very Low**

- Average value in **MT** over the past week: **4** copies/mL.
- This value is **very low** compared to past values and **similar** than the citywide average (**58** copies/mL).

Trend: **Decrease**

- Over the past two weeks, values in **MT** are **decreasing**.
- Change compared to two weeks ago: **-67** copies/mL (**-94%**).



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Roslindale/West Roxbury

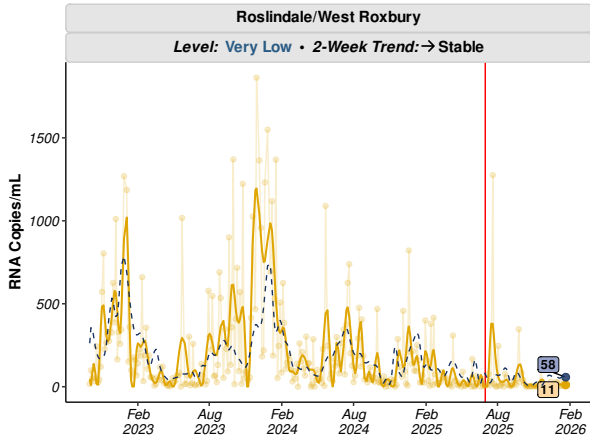


Level: **Very Low**

- Average value in **RS/WR** over the past week: **11** copies/mL.
- This value is **very low** compared to past values and **similar** than the citywide average (**58** copies/mL).

Trend: **→ Stable**

- Over the past two weeks, values in **RS/WR** are **stable**.
- Change compared to two weeks ago: **-2** copies/mL (**-16%**).



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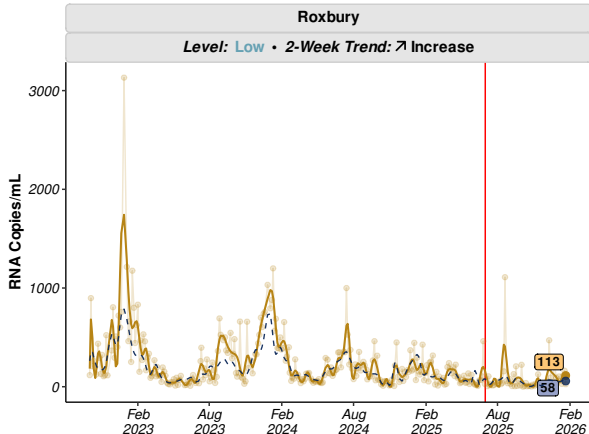
See [recommended actions and resources](#) based on levels and trends in this neighborhood.

Level: **Low**

- Average value in **RX** over the past week: **113** copies/mL.
- This value is **low** compared to past values and **similar** than the citywide average (**58** copies/mL).

Trend: **↗ Increase**

- Over the past two weeks, values in **RX** are **increasing**.
- Change compared to two weeks ago: **+65** copies/mL (+132%).



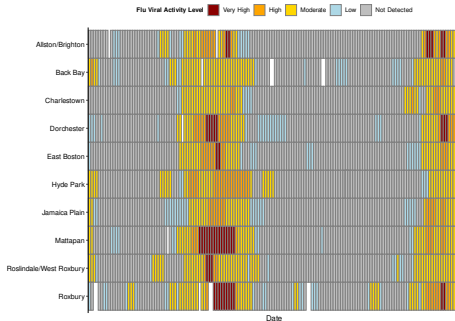
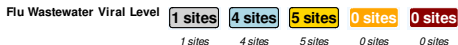
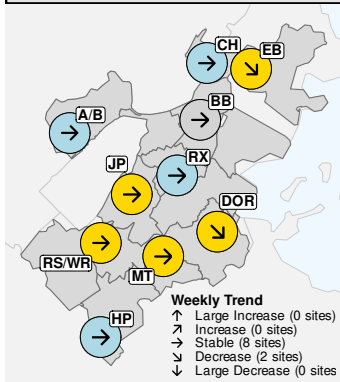
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Influenza Detections in Wastewater



Influenza Wastewater Viral Activity Levels & Trends (21-Jan-2026)

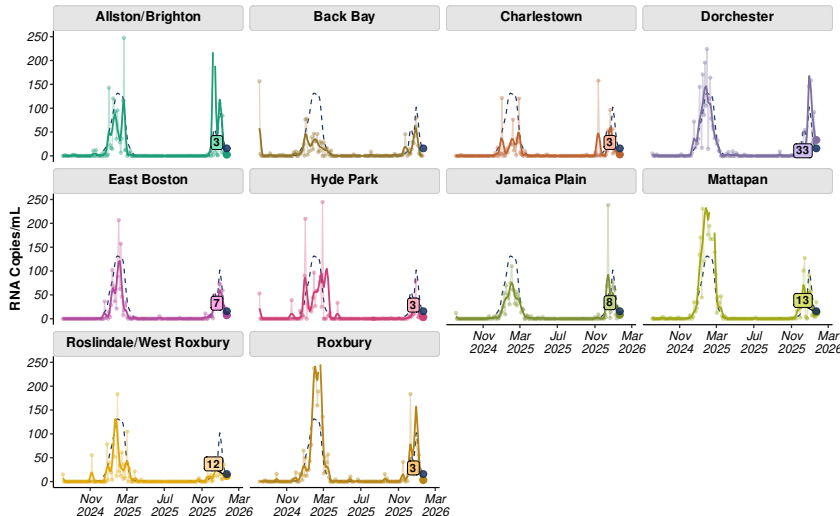


This map depicts the number of times influenza virus was detected in wastewater at the 3 most-recent samples (approximately the past week) at each of the neighborhood sampling locations.

Influenza Trends in Wastewater by Neighborhood



Influenza Trends in Wastewater



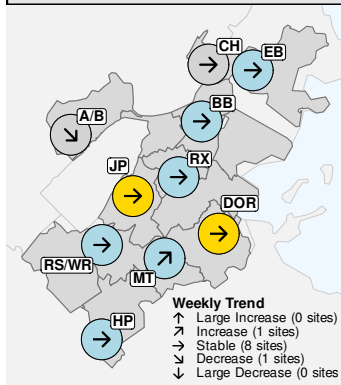
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RSV Detections in Wastewater

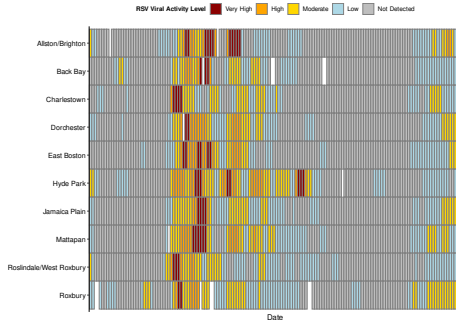


RSV Wastewater Viral Activity Levels & Trends (21-Jan-2026)

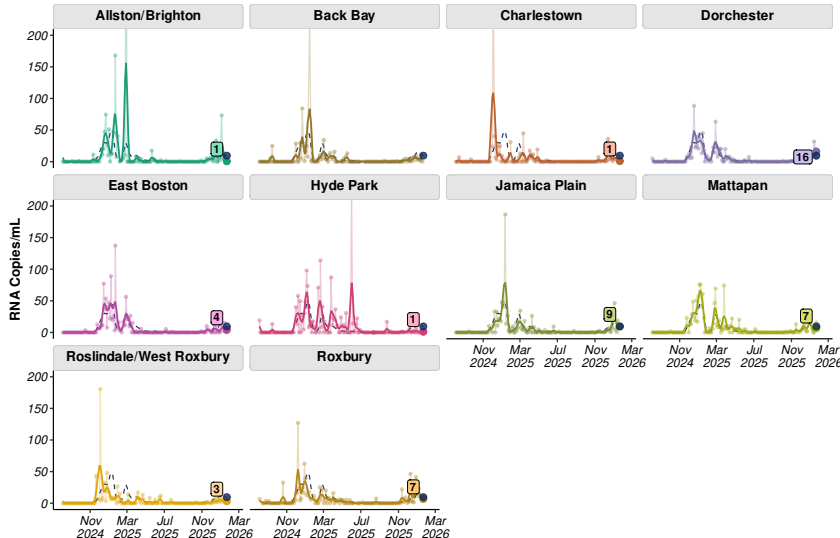


RSV = Respiratory Syncytial Virus

This map depicts the number of times RSV was detected in wastewater at the 3 most-recent samples (approximately the past week) at each of the neighborhood sampling locations.



RSV Trends in Wastewater by Neighborhood



For each neighborhood, colored line and textbox shows the smoothed trend and most recent value in that neighborhood;

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COVID-19 Wastewater Level and Trend Category Definitions



Concentration Levels

Concentration Level	Concentration Value (Copies/mL)
Very High	>320
High	240-320
Moderate	160-240
Low	80-160
Very Low	≤80

2-Week Trend Categories

Trend Category		Trend Value (Copies/mL)
↑	Large Increase	>+175
↗	Increase	+50 to +175
→	Stable	-50 to +50
↘	Decrease	-175 to -50
↓	Large Decrease	≤-175



Wastewater viral levels in your neighborhood indicate **very high risk** of COVID-19 infection.

Based on this level, BPHC urgently recommends the following practices to prevent COVID-19 in your community:

- Wear a [high-quality mask or respirator](#)
- If you are at [high risk of getting very sick](#), consider limiting non-essential indoor activities in large groups or in public where you could be exposed.
- If you have close contact with someone at [high risk of getting very sick](#), consider self-testing to detect infection before contact, and consider wearing a high-quality mask when indoors with them
- Stay up-to-date on [vaccinations](#).
- Seek testing and possible treatment if you get sick
- [Stay home when you are sick](#) and avoid contact with others who are sick
- Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces
- Improve [indoor airflow and ventilation](#)
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and cover coughs and sneezes

RESOURCES

- Find a [vaccination clinic](#) in your neighborhood
- Call or visit the [Mayor's Health Line](#)
- [Learn more](#) about respiratory illnesses like [COVID-19](#), [the flu](#), and [RSV](#)



Wastewater viral levels in your neighborhood indicate **high risk** of COVID-19 infection.

Based on this level, BPHC strongly recommends the following practices to prevent COVID-19 in your community:

- Wear a [high-quality mask or respirator](#)
- If you have close contact with someone at [high risk of getting very sick](#), consider self-testing to detect infection before contact, and consider wearing a high-quality mask when indoors with them
- Stay up-to-date on [vaccinations](#).
- Seek testing and possible treatment if you get sick
- [Stay home when you are sick](#) and avoid contact with others who are sick
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Level: **Moderate**



Wastewater viral levels in your neighborhood indicate **moderate risk** of COVID-19 infection.

Based on this level, BPHC recommends the following practices to prevent COVID-19 in your community:

- If you are at [high risk of getting very sick](#), wear a [high-quality mask or respirator](#) in public indoor spaces
- If you have close contact with someone at [high risk of getting very sick](#), consider self-testing to detect infection before contact, and consider wearing a high-quality mask when indoors with them
- Stay up-to-date on [vaccinations](#).
- Seek testing and possible treatment if you get sick
- [Stay home when you are sick](#) and avoid contact with others who are sick
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Wastewater viral levels in your neighborhood indicate **low risk** of COVID-19 infection.

Based on this level, BPHC recommends the following practices to prevent COVID-19 in your community:

- **Continue to monitor wastewater levels and trends**
- Stay up-to-date on [vaccinations](#).
- Seek testing and possible treatment if you get sick
- [Stay home when you are sick](#) and avoid contact with others who are sick
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Level: **Very Low**



Wastewater viral levels in your neighborhood indicate **very low risk** of COVID-19 infection.

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