

ACT COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV Epidemiology Overview

Prepared by Health and Community Services Directorate (HCSD)

ACT Weekly Respiratory Surveillance Report

Reporting period Friday 02 October 2026 to Thursday 08 October 2026 inclusive.

Table 1: Notifications of COVID-19, influenza and RSV, ACT, between 02 October 2026 and 08 October 2026

	COVID-19			Influenza			Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)		
	Current reporting period ^a	2026 Total ^{bc}	Rate per 100,000 ^d for reporting period	Current reporting period ^a	2026 Total ^{bc}	Rate per 100,000 ^d for reporting period	Current reporting period ^a	2026 Total ^{bc}	Rate per 100,000 ^d for reporting period
Total Cases	19	1230	3.9	185	3364	38	28	2257	5.8
Age group (years)									
0-4				16	443	61.1			
5-19				27	1039	31.1			
20-64				94	1321	30.9			
65+				48	561	70			

^aCases notified to HCSD during the reporting period.

^bTotal cases since 1 January 2026.

^cDue to data cleaning, the total number of cases reported will not necessarily equal last week's total plus new cases reported this week.

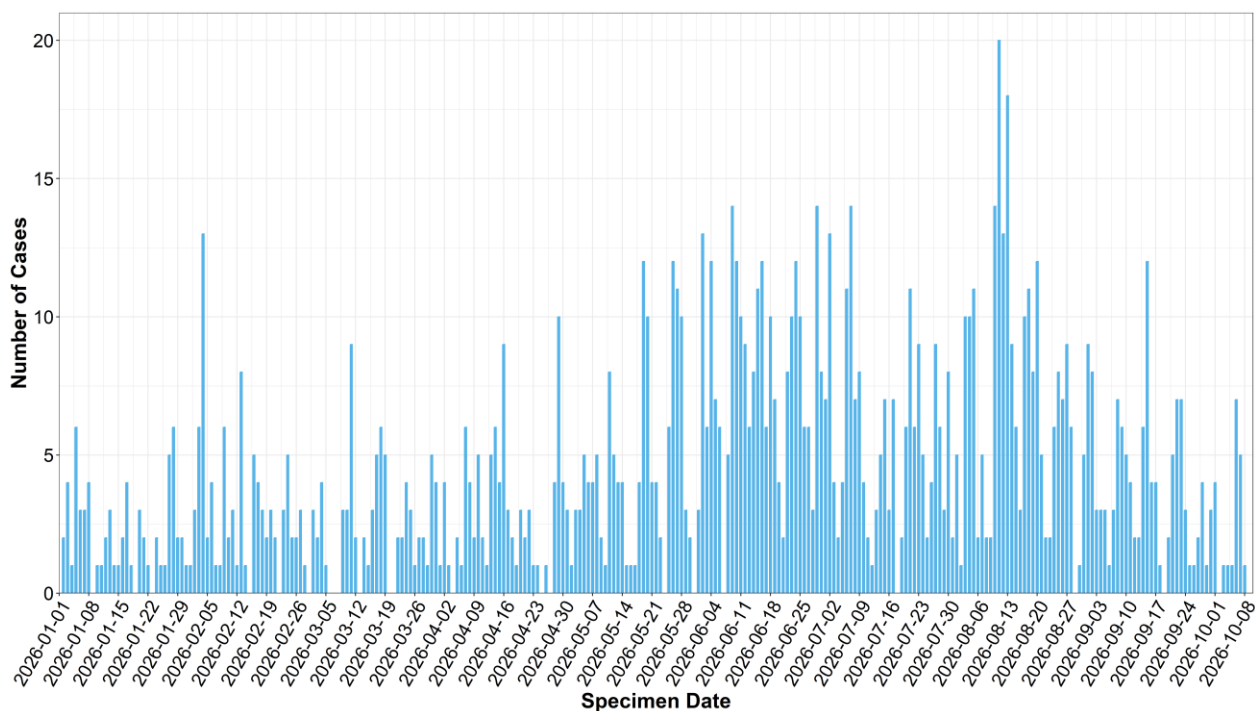
^dRate per 100,000 population for the given time period. Population data are based on the ABS Estimated Resident Population (ERP) as at Quarter 3 2025.

Note: Due to small numbers, the breakdown of notifications by age group for COVID-19 and RSV are not included in this report. This is to protect privacy and ensure that individuals cannot be identified.

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Figure 1: COVID-19 notifications since 1 January 2026 by specimen date^a



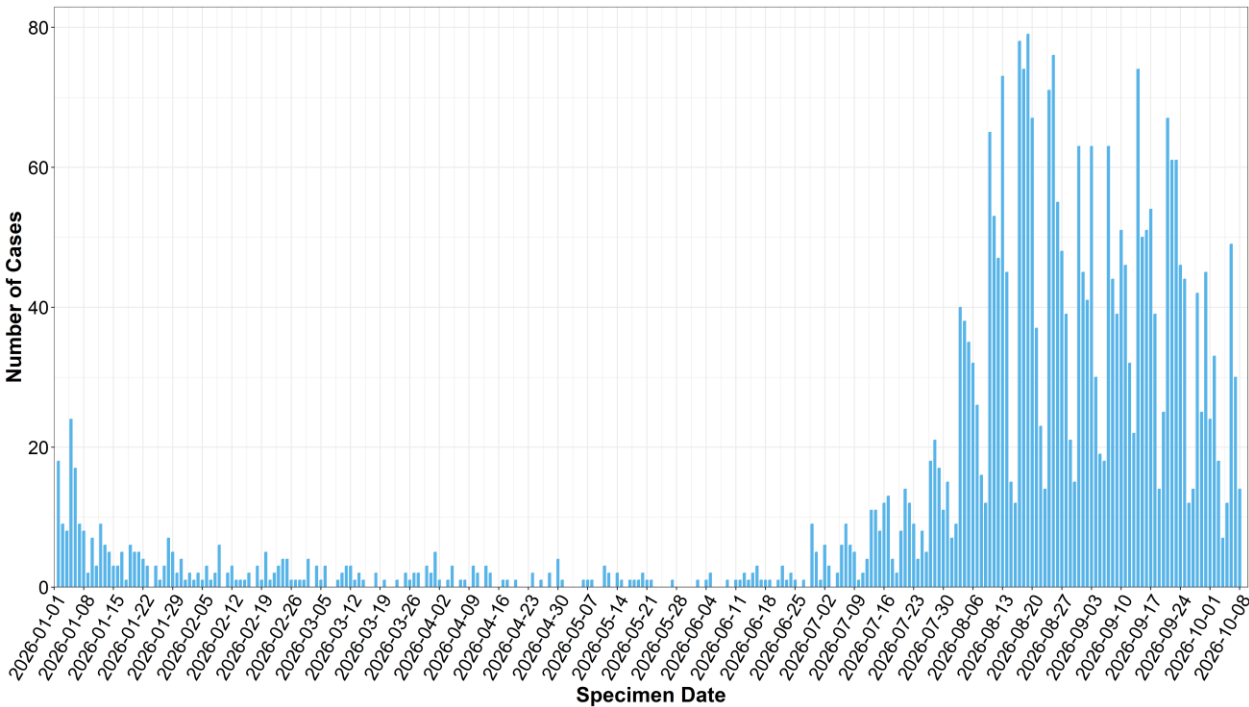
^aThe data includes laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported to HCSD. Due to the case processing system, there is a small proportion of cases that will not appear before the end of the cut-off period. This will result in an under-reporting of the case numbers for the 48 hours prior to the cut-off period.

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Figure 2: Influenza notifications since 1 January 2026 by specimen date^a



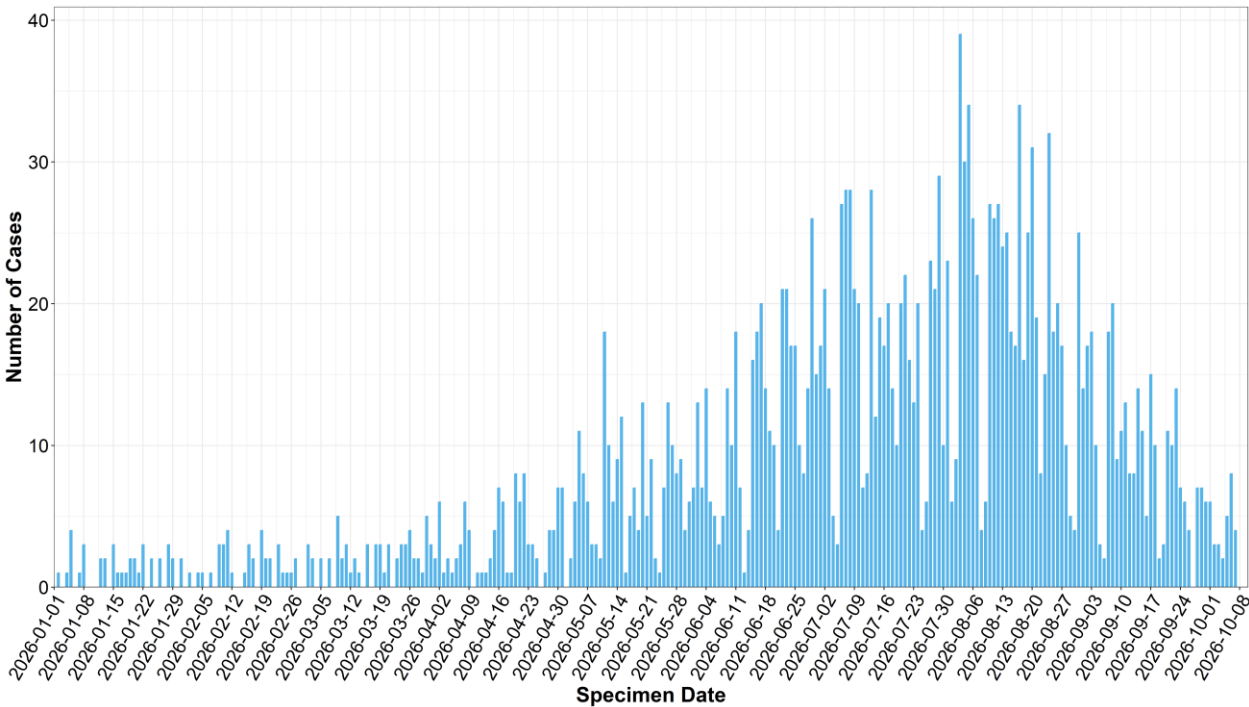
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Figure 3: RSV notifications since 1 January 2026 by specimen date^a



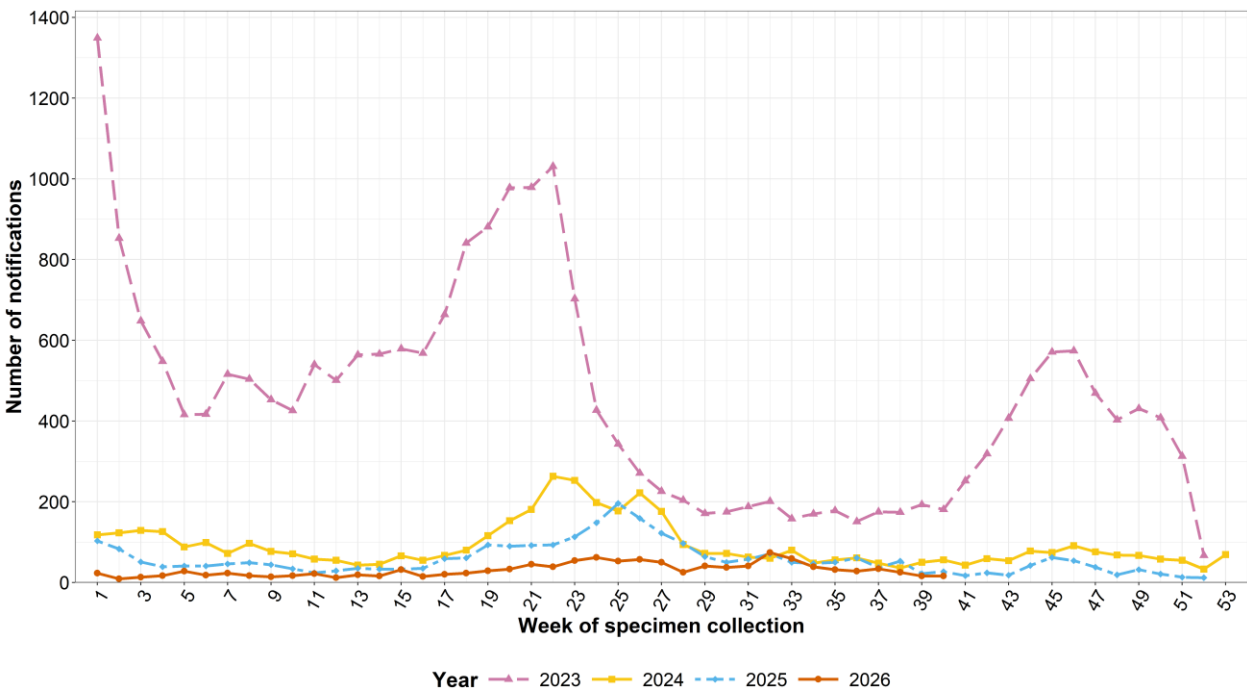
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Figure 4: Number of COVID-19 notifications, by week and year of specimen collection^{ab}



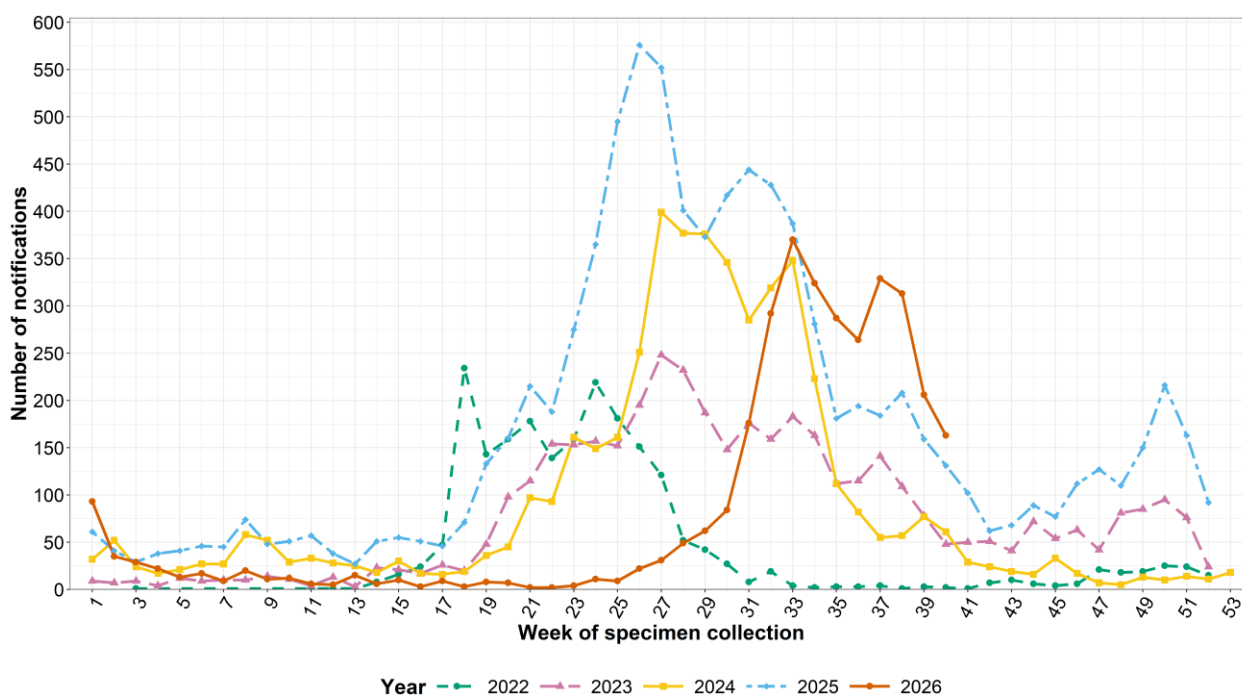
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^bData for 2022 have been removed to improve visibility of post-pandemic year notification numbers. The data for 2020 to 2022 are available in the Annual ACT Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report 2025 on the ACT Government website.

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Figure 5: Number of laboratory-confirmed influenza notifications, by week and year of specimen collection^a

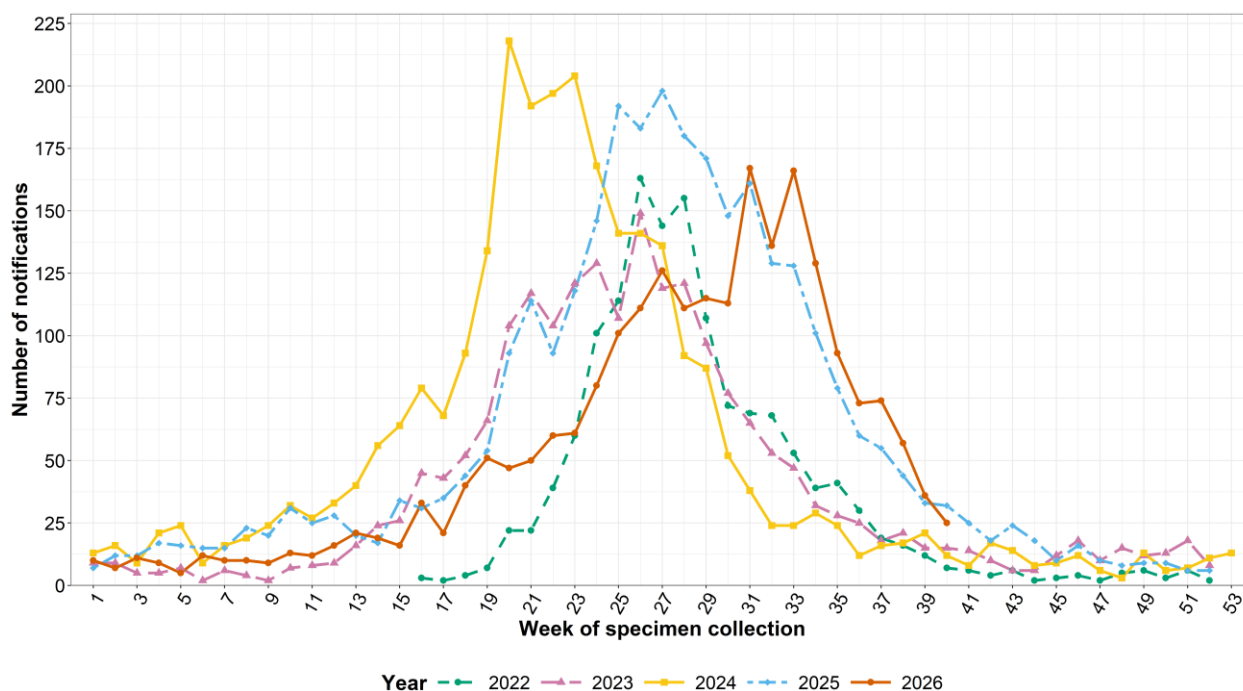


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Figure 6: Number of laboratory-confirmed RSV notifications, by week and year of specimen collection^{ab}



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^bRSV became a notifiable condition in the ACT from 21 February 2022.