

# ACT COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV Epidemiology Overview

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## ACT Weekly Respiratory Surveillance Report

Reporting period Friday 14 August 2026 to Thursday 20 August 2026 inclusive.

**Table 1: Notifications of COVID-19, influenza and RSV, ACT, between 14 August 2026 and 20 August 2026**

|                          | COVID-19                              |                          |                                                    | Influenza                             |                          |                                                    | Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)     |                          |                                                    |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
|                          | Current reporting period <sup>a</sup> | 2026 Total <sup>bc</sup> | Rate per 100,000 <sup>d</sup> for reporting period | Current reporting period <sup>a</sup> | 2026 Total <sup>bc</sup> | Rate per 100,000 <sup>d</sup> for reporting period | Current reporting period <sup>a</sup> | 2026 Total <sup>bc</sup> | Rate per 100,000 <sup>d</sup> for reporting period |
| <b>Total Cases</b>       | <b>63</b>                             | <b>1031</b>              | <b>13</b>                                          | <b>367</b>                            | <b>1422</b>              | <b>75.5</b>                                        | <b>154</b>                            | <b>1742</b>              | <b>31.7</b>                                        |
| <b>Age group (years)</b> |                                       |                          |                                                    |                                       |                          |                                                    |                                       |                          |                                                    |
| <b>0-4</b>               | <b>10</b>                             | <b>222</b>               | <b>38.2</b>                                        | <b>50</b>                             | <b>207</b>               | <b>190.8</b>                                       | <b>57</b>                             | <b>873</b>               | <b>217.5</b>                                       |
| <b>5-19</b>              | <b>10</b>                             | <b>122</b>               | <b>11.5</b>                                        | <b>158</b>                            | <b>520</b>               | <b>181.9</b>                                       | <b>16</b>                             | <b>150</b>               | <b>18.4</b>                                        |
| <b>20-64</b>             | <b>29</b>                             | <b>447</b>               | <b>9.5</b>                                         | <b>129</b>                            | <b>549</b>               | <b>42.4</b>                                        | <b>38</b>                             | <b>428</b>               | <b>12.5</b>                                        |
| <b>65+</b>               | <b>14</b>                             | <b>240</b>               | <b>20.4</b>                                        | <b>30</b>                             | <b>146</b>               | <b>43.7</b>                                        | <b>43</b>                             | <b>291</b>               | <b>62.7</b>                                        |

<sup>a</sup>Cases notified to HCSD during the reporting period.

<sup>b</sup>Total cases since 1 January 2026.

<sup>c</sup>Due to data cleaning, the total number of cases reported will not necessarily equal last week's total plus new cases reported this week.

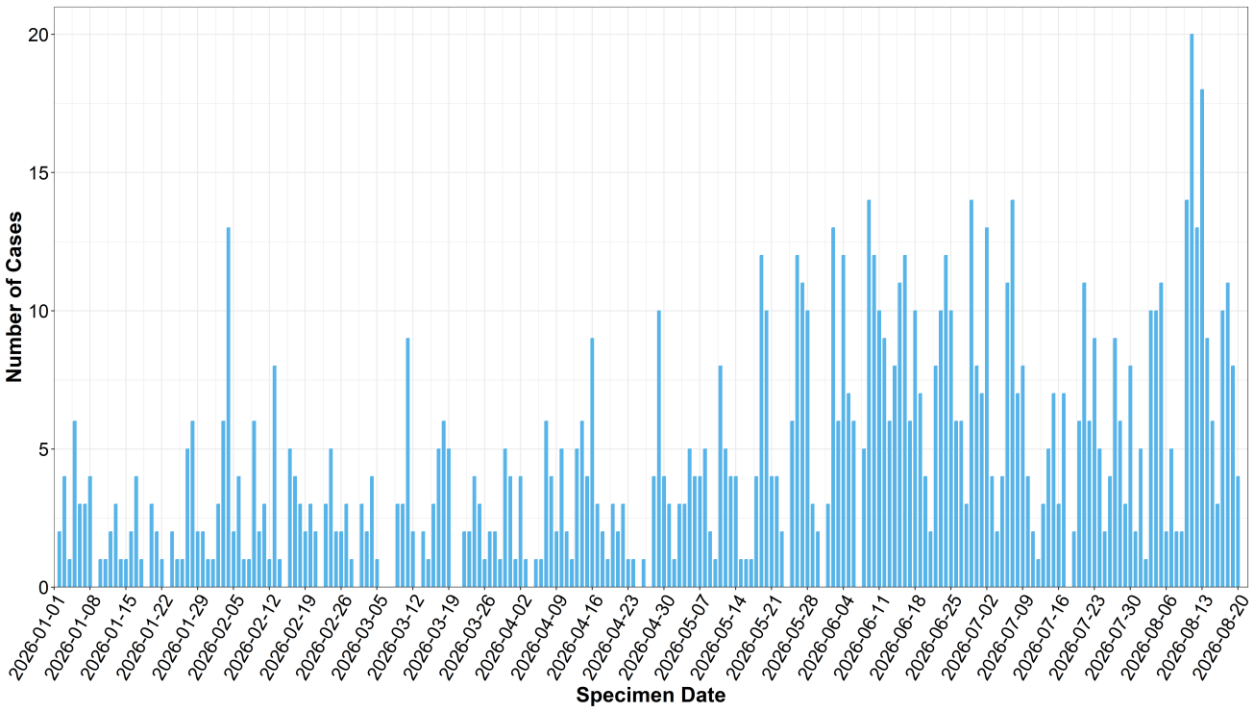
<sup>d</sup>Rate per 100,000 population for the given time period. Population data are based on the ABS Estimated Resident Population (ERP) as at Quarter 3 2025.

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Figure 1: COVID-19 notifications since 1 January 2026 by specimen date<sup>a</sup>



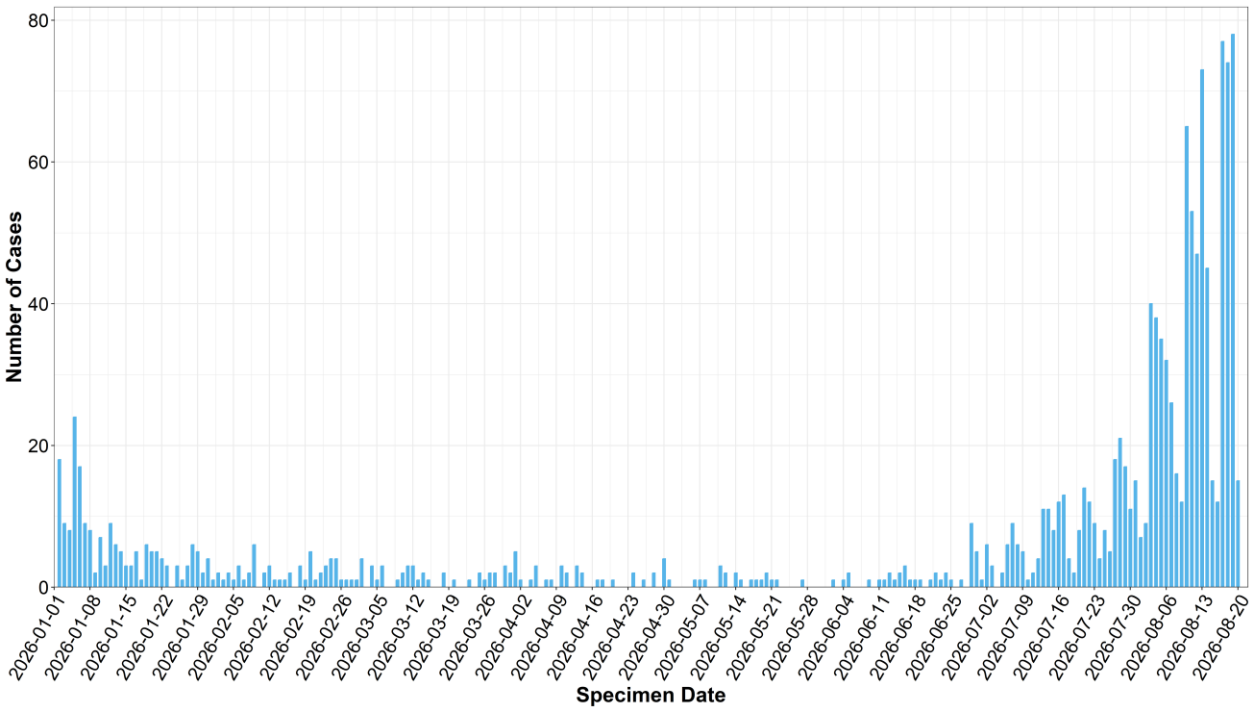
<sup>a</sup>The data includes laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported to HCSD. Due to the case processing system, there is a small proportion of cases that will not appear before the end of the cut-off period. This will result in an under-reporting of the case numbers for the 48 hours prior to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

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Figure 2: Influenza notifications since 1 January 2026 by specimen date<sup>a</sup>



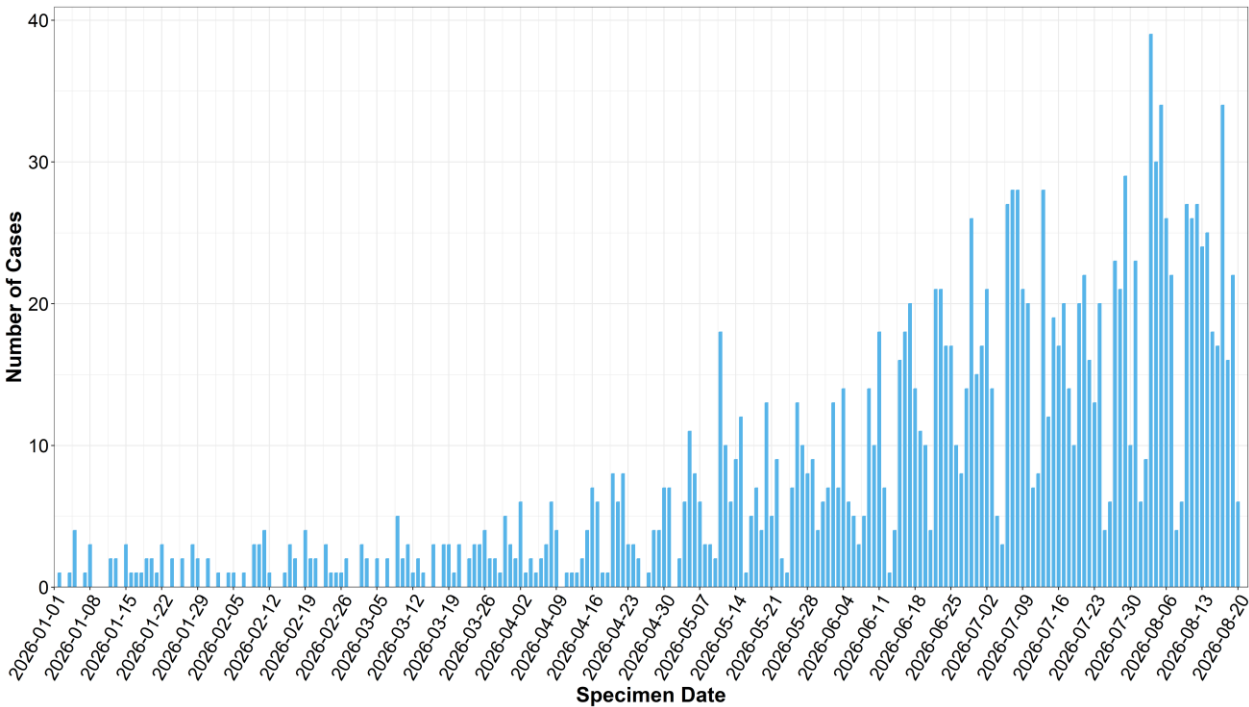
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Figure 3: RSV notifications since 1 January 2026 by specimen date<sup>a</sup>

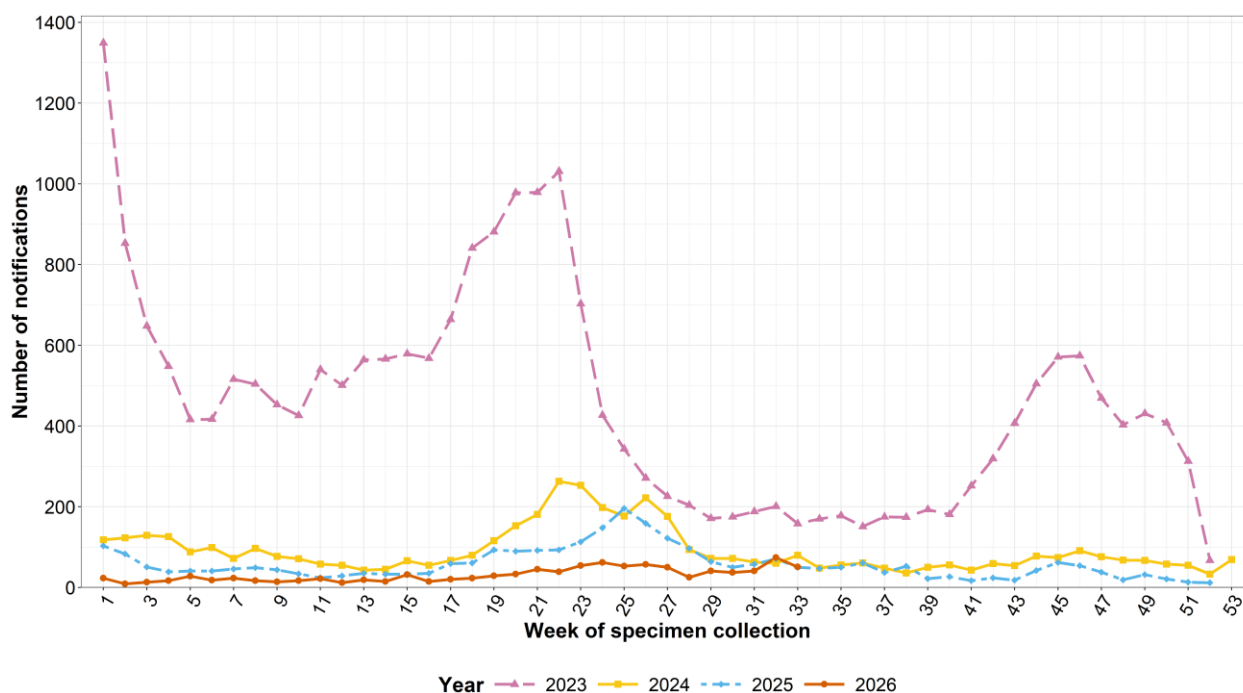


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**Figure 4: Number of COVID-19 notifications, by week and year of specimen collection<sup>ab</sup>**



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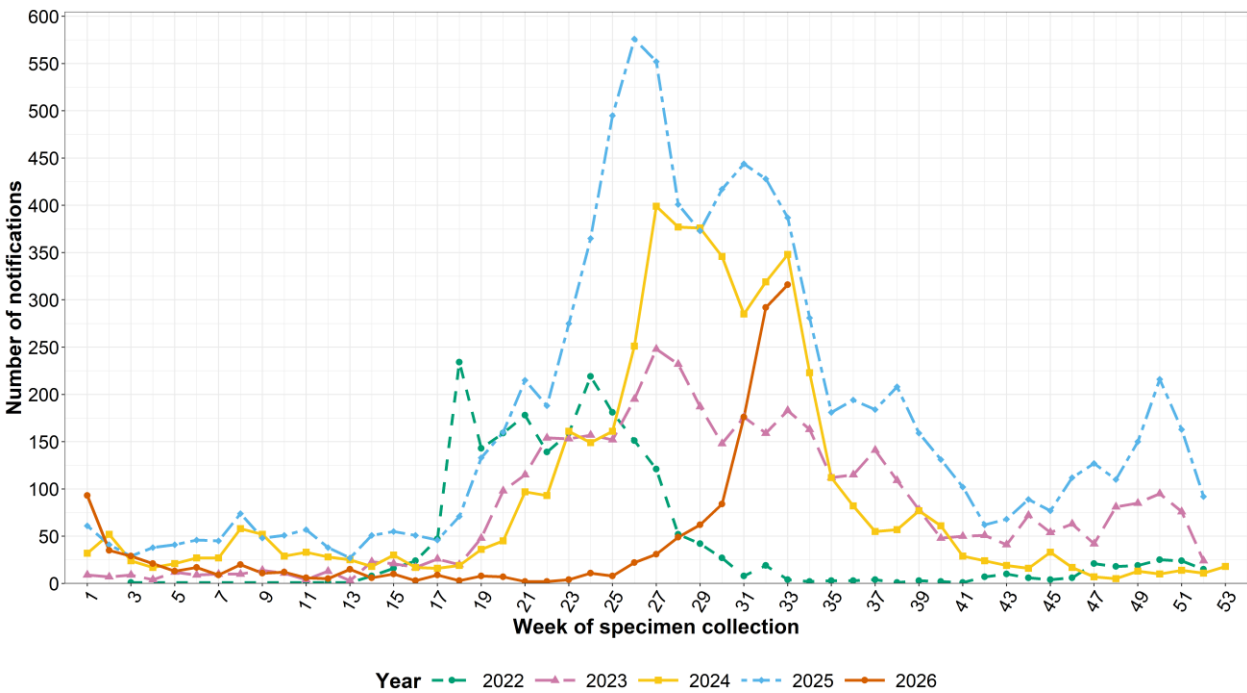
<sup>b</sup>Data for 2022 have been removed to improve visibility of post-pandemic year notification numbers. The data for 2020 to 2022 are available in the Annual ACT Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report 2025 on the ACT government website.

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**Figure 5: Number of laboratory-confirmed influenza notifications, by week and year of specimen collection<sup>a</sup>**

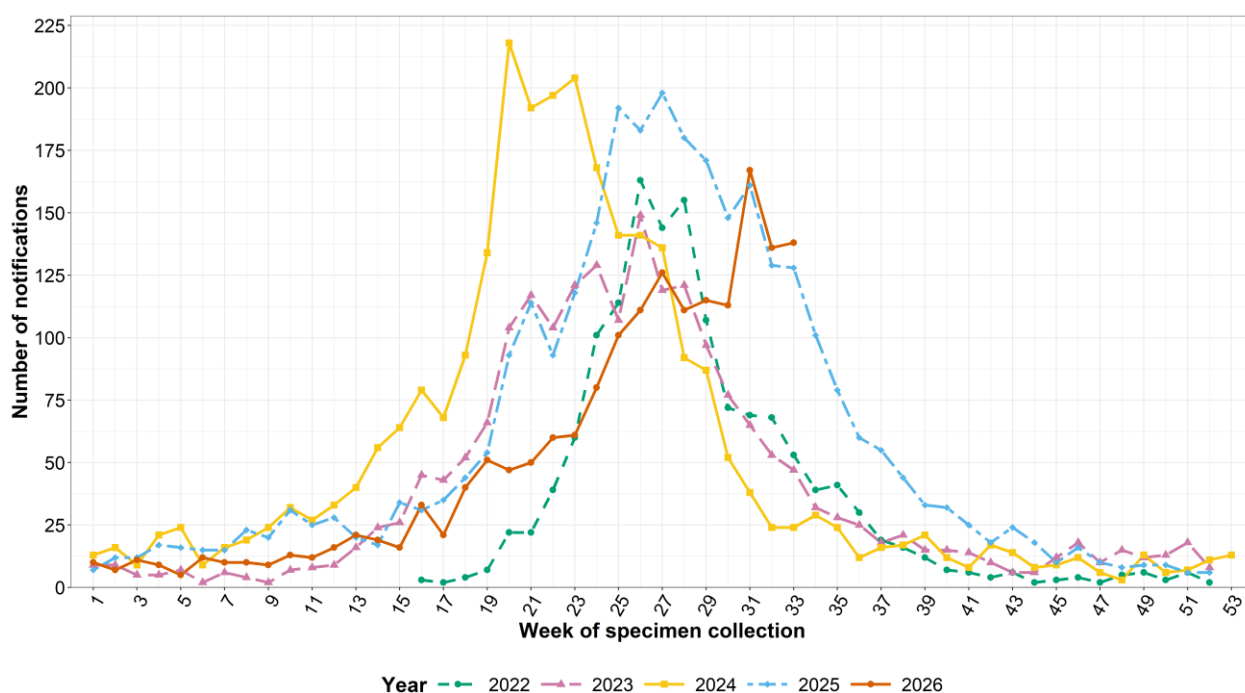


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**Figure 6: Number of laboratory-confirmed RSV notifications, by week and year of specimen collection<sup>ab</sup>**



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<sup>b</sup>RSV became a notifiable condition in the ACT from 21 February 2022.