

## Influenza B confirmed in Grey-Bruce

Grey Bruce Public Health received laboratory confirmation on Jan. 23, 2023, of the first local community case of Influenza B of the 2022-23 flu season.

This initial case comes earlier than usual, as Grey-Bruce typically sees Influenza B cases in the community in late February or into March.

It also comes amid an influenza season that got off to an earlier-than-usual start, with the first case of Influenza A reported on Sept. 16, 2022. Typically, Grey-Bruce records its first community case of Influenza A in November or December.

Overall, Influenza A activity in Ontario has been declining since late November, according to the latest data from Public Health Ontario. Influenza B rates remain stable.

There were 501 laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza in Ontario during the week of Jan. 1 to 7, according to PHO's [Respiratory Virus Overview](#) for the week ending Jan. 14, 2023. That number dropped to 201 cases for the week of Jan. 8 to 14, 2023.

The vast majority of those cases involved Influenza A, with only nine laboratory-confirmed cases of Influenza B reported in Ontario from Jan. 1-7, 2023, and seven cases of Influenza B from Jan. 8-14, 2023. Surveillance information is updated weekly. Follow [Public Health Ontario](#) for provincial information and [FluWatch](#) for national activity.