

NEW MEXICO HEALTH ALERT NETWORK (HAN) ADVISORY

Increase in Severe Respiratory Illness Caused by Rhinovirus or Enterovirus – 2022

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As of the end of August 2022, national sentinel surveillance sites for respiratory pathogens are reporting increases in pediatric hospitalizations of patients with severe respiratory illness who also tested positive for rhinovirus (RV) and/or enterovirus (EV). New Mexico has also noted an increase in non-COVID respiratory disease outbreaks and positive test results for rhinovirus during July and August, even as other respiratory activity has declined or remained flat.

Clinicians should consider testing for RV/EV in addition to influenza and SARS-CoV-2 in patients with respiratory illness. Positive RV/EV results are **not** reportable to the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH), but large outbreaks of acute illness such as influenza or other respiratory diseases should be reported to NMDOH at 505-827-0006.

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