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The European Respiratory Virus Surveillance Summary (ERVISS)¹ provides weekly epidemiological summaries for influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) for the European Union/European Economic Area (EU/EEA). The application is public and interactive, allowing the user to make selections of data presented in dashboards according to preferences. Selected aggregated data at EU/EEA country level is available for download². The main purpose of the tool is to inform policy decisions, but it may also inform personal health decisions, such as on vaccination.

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) Respiratory Diseases Forecasting Hub³ is an international collaboration platform for hosting and sharing forecasts for respiratory disease surveillance indicators. Its results are integrated into ERVISS and the ECDC weekly communicable disease threats reports, if applicable. Therefore, its use for making personal health decisions is rather limited.

The ECDC provides effective tools to healthcare professionals and citizens to promote lung health, such as recommendations to mitigate the impact of respiratory virus circulation during winter 2024/2025⁴, professional training programmes⁵ for diagnosis, detection, identification and characterisation of primarily influenza and SARS-CoV-2 viruses⁶, and public communication materials⁷ on hygiene and increasing vaccination uptake⁸.

ERVISS was presented to the Health Security Committee, to relevant ECDC disease networks and other panels, thus reaching national policy makers as the major stakeholders of the platforms.

¹ <https://erviss.org/>.

² https://github.com/EU-ECDC/Respiratory_viruses_weekly_data/tree/main/data.

³ RespiCast <https://respicast.ecdc.europa.eu/>.

⁴ <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/news-events/acute-respiratory-infections-eueea-epidemiological-update-and-current-public-health-0>.

⁵ <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/training>.

⁶ <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/training/professional-development>.

⁷ <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications-data/weekly-respiratory-virus-update-week-17-april-2025>.

⁸ <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/training-and-tools/communication-materials>.