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Flu season swings into full force as Covid-19 cases tick back up

More than half of states across the country are recording “very high” influenza-like illness, or ILI, activity levels, according to the CDC. Covid-19 cases have also been slowly trending upward since early November. Health experts warn of a trifecta of respiratory illnesses ahead of the holidays: the flu, Covid, and respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV.

Influenza-like illness activity “very high” in 29 states

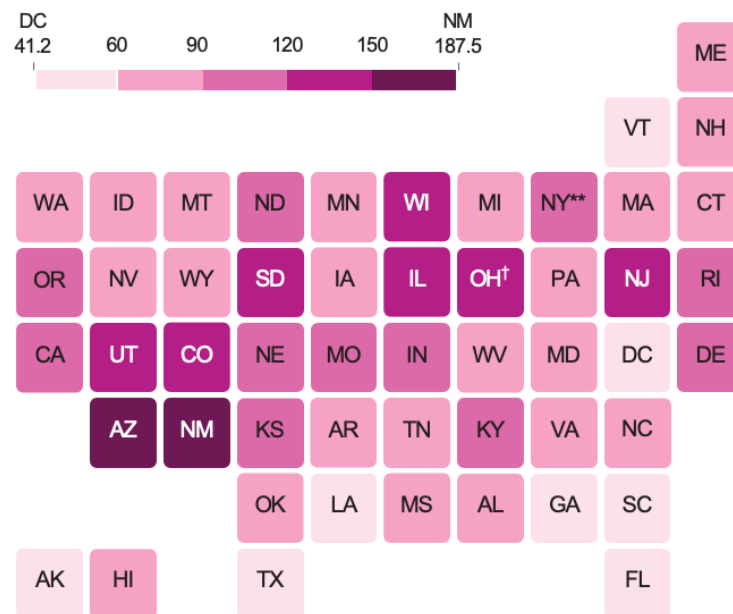
ILI ACTIVITY LEVEL BY STATE, AS OF DEC. 2



*ILI activity is “very high” in New York City and “high” in the rest of the state. The above chart shows ILI activity in New York state as “high.”

Covid cases highest per capita in New Mexico, Arizona

WEEKLY COVID-19 CASE RATE PER 100,000, AS OF DEC. 5



** The weekly case rate for New York City is 227 per 100,000. The rate for the rest of New York is 116.2 per 100,000 — as shown on the above chart.

† Data for Ohio is from the state's Department of Health and is as of Dec. 1.

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- If the final version of the National Defense Authorization Act is enacted, troops will no longer be required to be vaccinated against Covid-19. This would be a major win for Republican lawmakers, who made it a priority to repeal the Pentagon's policy. Although the vast majority of service members are vaccinated, thousands of troops were dismissed during the pandemic for refusing to get the shot.
- Pfizer and BioNTech asked the FDA on Dec. 5 to make their updated Covid-19 vaccine the third of a three-dose series for children under 5.
- 12.7% of Americans 5 and older have received a bivalent booster dose, as of Nov. 30.

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