Flu Cases Double in Feb

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According to Franklin County health officials the weekly influenza case count has increased every week since Christmas, rising to 524 to date.

In the past two weeks totals have doubled with 252 cases reported in the month of February thus far.

Last week, 143 new cases appeared in Franklin County, the highest since the official flu season began in September.

Health officials urge that it is not too late to get the flu vaccine and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend everyone age 6 months and older should receive a flu vaccine.

Groups

School-age children 5 to 14 now make up one-third of the total flu cases in this season with 165 cases.

Adults ages 25 to 49 also have been especially hard hit with 128 cases making up 24 percent of the cases.

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