

U.S. health authorities encourage people wear masks amid surge of flu, RSV and COVID-19

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Rates of RSV, or respiratory syncytial virus, are also high in many regions, and U.S. hospitalizations from COVID-19 are once again climbing. In Illinois, 12 counties are recommending masks in public after reporting “high” levels of community spread, while in California, Los Angeles County officials are poised to restore a mask mandate after COVID cases reached their highest levels since August.

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