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Virginia now lists seven-thousand 501 cases of flu and respiratory illness reported this week.

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47 persons have died of flu and pneumonia during ~~the~~ the State's ~~epidemic~~ epidemic. That includes ten elderly residents of the Bedford Elks Home. Bedford County Health Commissioner Dr. Rosemarie Morecock says there are now 71 cases of flu at the Elks Home Hospital but no new deaths. In Bedford ~~County~~ County Public Schools, 138 out of 860 students are reported absent. Dr. Morecock, who is also Health Commissioner of Franklin County, says no problem with such ailments has cropped up in Franklin yet. The wave of infection seems to be spreading South. In Roanoke, no deaths from respiratory illness are reported in any of the homes for the aged this week. Dr. Margaret Glendy says the number of flu cases has increased over last year. She will have more detailed information tomorrow especially in regard to high absenteeism in schools. The absentee rate in the city is running 410 ahead of last week. It's the same story in Roanoke County with 135 students reported out of school at Andrew Lewis High. Thus far no asian flu case has been confirmed in this area.