

# Influenza Summary 2006-2007

## Los Angeles County

Los Angeles County experienced a mild influenza season. Of reported cases, the majority had influenza type A (91%), consistent with state and national reports. However, influenza activity peaked later in the season than usual, at the end of January and beginning of February.

Laboratory-confirmed influenza cases from sentinel sites peaked in week 4, followed by severe cases of pediatric influenza in week 5 (see graph). In total, 24 cases of severe pediatric influenza were reported, including one death.

Influenza-like activity (ILI) in Los Angeles County peaked during week 6 (February) and remained above baseline for several weeks, especially in children aged five years and younger. In past seasons, ILI typically peaked at the end of December.

## California

Overall, influenza activity in California was moderate in severity. Influenza activity was comparable to previous years, roughly peaking during weeks 2-12 of the influenza season (January 21, 2006- March 17, 2007). Overall, Northern California experienced a higher level of activity compared to Southern California. Influenza A (H1 subtype) predominated, with the majority of strains characterized matching the components contained in the 2006-07 influenza vaccine.

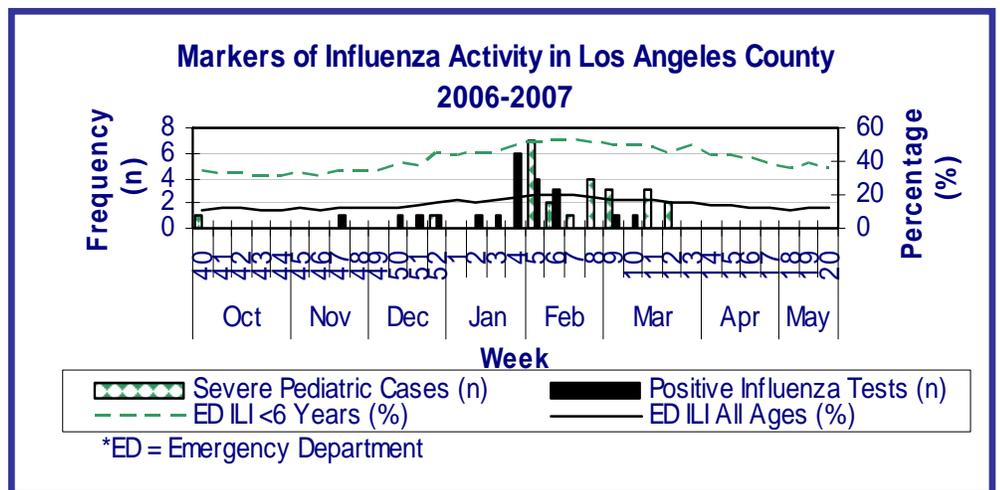
## United States

Influenza activity in the United States peaked in mid-February. Among the submitted influenza specimens, 79% were influenza A viruses and 21% were influenza B viruses. Of the viruses subtyped, the majority were H1 (64%). The percent of deaths due to pneumonia and influenza remained below baseline levels for the entire influenza season.

LA COUNTY INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*	2006-2007
Positive Influenza Tests	21
Positive RSV Tests	289
Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases**	24 (1)
Influenza Vaccines Administered by the Dept. of Public Health	115,665

\*See <http://lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm> for a description of surveillance methods.  
\*\* Deaths indicated by the parenthesis.

\* The number of reported cases does **not** reflect the total number of influenza cases that occurred in LA County. Surveillance for influenza is not population based and the data presented here include reported cases from sentinel surveillance sites only. However, trends in influenza activity are likely to be reflected accurately.



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