

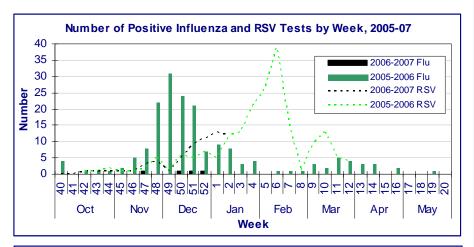
INFLUENZA WATCH

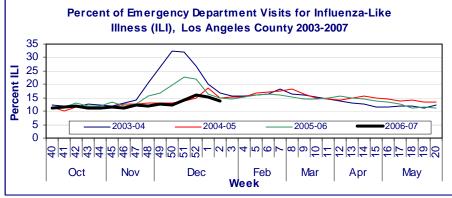
Los Angeles County

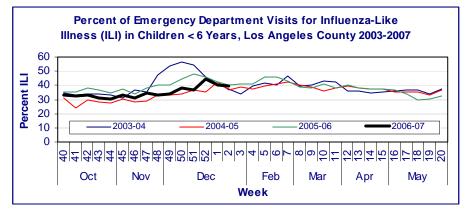
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| SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM* | Week 2 | To Date |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Positive Influenza Tests± | 0 | 4 |
| Positive RSV Tests± | 12 | 63 |
| Hospitalized Influenza Cases± | 1 | 3 |
| Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases | 0 (0) [†] | 2 (0) [†] |
| Influenza Vaccines Administered (PH) | | 93,153 |

- *See http://lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm for a description of surveillance methods.
- †The number of deaths is indicated by the parenthesis.
- ±Sentinel sites (5-7 participating facilities).







Important Information

- RSV is increasing in Los Angeles County.
- Fewer cases of influenza have been reported in Los Angeles County to date compared to last year.
- Influenza-like illness remains above baseline levels.

<u>Announcements</u>

• IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VACCINATE YOUR PATIENTS!

For more information visit: http://lapublichealth.org/ip/

 Flu Vaccine Effectiveness: Q & A for Health Professionals

Available at:

http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/effectivenessga.htm

In the News

FDA approves new refrigerated form of FluMist®

FluMist®, the live-attenuated seasonal influenza vaccine for use in persons aged 5 to 49 years, can be stored in the refrigerator rather than in the freezer. The new formulation will be available during the 2007-2008 influenza season.

Influenza Activity: CA & USA

From 12/31/06-1/6/07 (week 1), laboratory and outpatient influenza-like illness (ILI) surveillance data decreased in the United States, which may have been influenced by a reduction in healthcare visits during the holiday season. However, ILI remained above baseline for the fourth consecutive week this season.

Influenza activity in California has been upgraded to **local** (influenza outbreaks detected or an increase in ILI and recent laboratory-confirmed influenza in a single region of the state).

For more information see the weekly CA influenza report: www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/VRDL/html/FLU/Fluintro.htm