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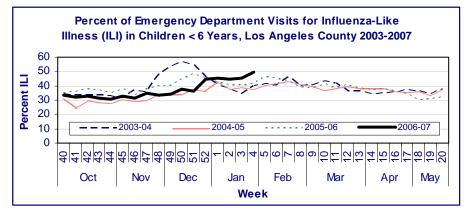
INFLUENZA WATCH
Los Angeles County
http://lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*	Week 4	To Date
Positive Influenza Tests±	1	7
Positive RSV Tests±	41	117
Hospitalized Influenza Cases±	1	4
Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases	0 (0)[†]	2 (0)[†]
Influenza Vaccines Administered (PH)	--	101,993

*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).

Number of Positive Influenza and RSV Tests by Week, 2005-07

Percent of Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-Like Illness (ILI), Los Angeles County 2003-2007

Percent of Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) in Children < 6 Years, Los Angeles County 2003-2007

Important Information

- **RSV activity significantly increased from 11 to 41 positive tests from Week 3 to Week 4.**

- **Influenza-like illness is increasing in Los Angeles County.**

- **While influenza activity remains low in Los Angeles County, it is increasing in California.**

Announcements

- **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VACCINATE YOUR PATIENTS!**

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

In the News

IDSA Calls for Mandatory Flu Shots for Health Care Workers
The Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) is issuing the call to Congress and the Administration as part of a new set of recommendations to better prepare for an inevitable influenza pandemic, as well to improve responses to seasonal influenza.

For more information, visit: http://www.idsociety.org/

Influenza Activity: CA & USA

From 1/14/07-1/20/07 (week 3), influenza activity in the United States remained at approximately the same level as week 2 and influenza-like illness (ILI) was above baseline level.

Influenza activity in California was upgraded to **regional** (outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI and recent laboratory confirmed influenza in at least 2 but less than half the regions of the state), primarily due to activity in Northern California.

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