



# INFLUENZA WATCH

Los Angeles County

<http://lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm>

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*	Week 8	To Date
Positive Influenza Tests±	0	19
Positive RSV Tests±	32	217
Hospitalized Influenza Cases±	1	8
Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases	3 (0) <sup>†</sup>	15 (1) <sup>†</sup>
Influenza Vaccines Administered (PH)	--	110,889

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

<sup>†</sup>The number of deaths is indicated by the parenthesis.

±Sentinel sites (5-7 participating facilities).

## Important Information

- RSV increased from 19 cases to 32 cases from week 7 to week 8.
- Influenza is still occurring in LA County – late season peaks are not uncommon.
- 2 out of the 3 pediatric cases during week 8 were positive for Influenza B.

## Announcements

- IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VACCINATE YOUR PATIENTS!
- CONSIDER INFLUENZA IN YOUR PATIENTS WITH FEVER AND/OR RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS.

## In the News

### New Recommendations for the 2007-2008 Influenza Vaccine

The WHO is recommending changing the influenza A/H1N1 strain in the vaccine for the first time since the 2000-01 season. The agency recommends replacing the New Caledonia strain with a Solomon Islands strain of H1N1. The other two recommended strains remain the same as last year (Wisconsin strain of influenza A/H3N2 and Malaysia strain of influenza B).

For additional information, visit:

<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/recommendations2007north/en/index.html>

## Influenza Activity: CA & USA

**California:** Inpatient ILI data in Southern California increased slightly in Week 7 (2/11-2/17/07). Statewide, outpatient ILI decreased and influenza activity remained regional.

**United States:** Influenza activity continued to increase during week 7. Regional or widespread activity increased from 33 states in week 6 to 38 states in week 7.

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

