

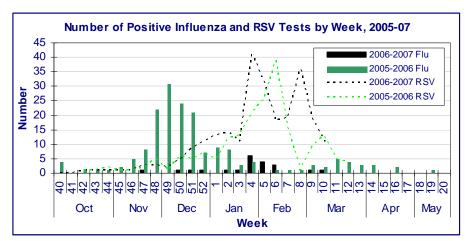
INFLUENZA WATCH

Los Angeles County

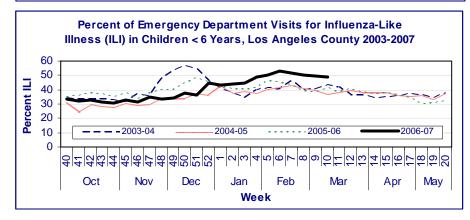
http://lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*	Week 10	To Date
Positive Influenza Tests±	1	21
Positive RSV Tests±	11	251
Hospitalized Influenza Cases±	1	10
Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases	0 (0) [†]	18 (1) [†]
Influenza Vaccines Administered (PH)		113,932

- *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

- ILI and RSV continue to decrease in LA County.
- Influenza Watch will now be issued every other week.

<u>Announcements</u>

 IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VACCINATE YOUR PATIENTS, INCLUDING CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED TWO DOSES!

In the News

Intervention Increases Influenza Vaccination in Long-Term Care Workers

An educational campaign and a "Vaccine Day" targeting health care workers at long-term care facilities can improve influenza vaccination rates, according to a new study in the American Journal of Public Health (April 2007).

For additional information, visit: http://mp.medscape.com/cgibin1/DM/y/eBKbk0N4vMR0F800IPt70E

BEGINNING JULY 1, 2007, A NEW LAW WILL REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO OFFER FREE VACCINE TO EMPLOYEES. EMPLOYEES MUST GET VACCINATED OR SIGN A WAIVER OF DECLINATION.

For more information visit:

http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/izgroup/shared/hospital_influenza_law.htm

Influenza Activity: CA & USA

California: Inpatient ILI data in Southern California decreased in Week 9 (3/4-3/10/07). Statewide, outpatient ILI also decreased and influenza activity remained regional.

United States: Influenza activity decreased slightly during week 9. Regional or widespread activity decreased from 44 states in week 8 to 41 states in week 9.

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