



# INFLUENZA WATCH

Los Angeles County

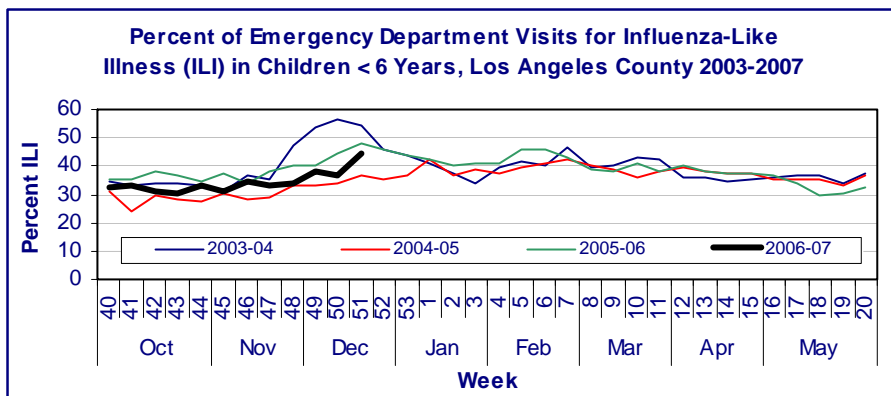
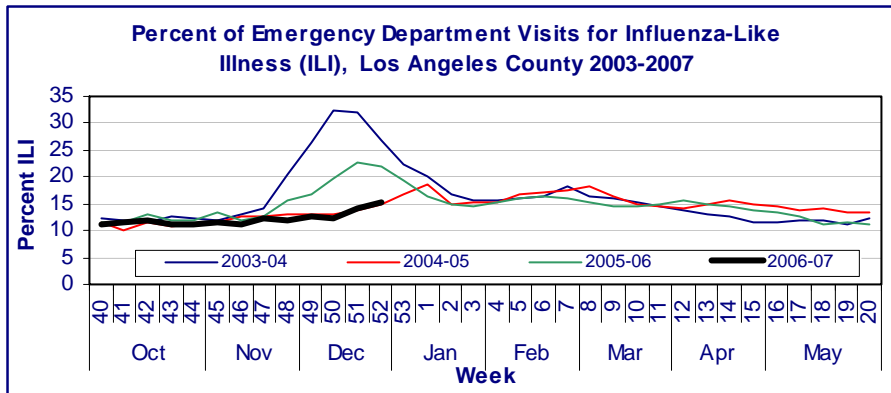
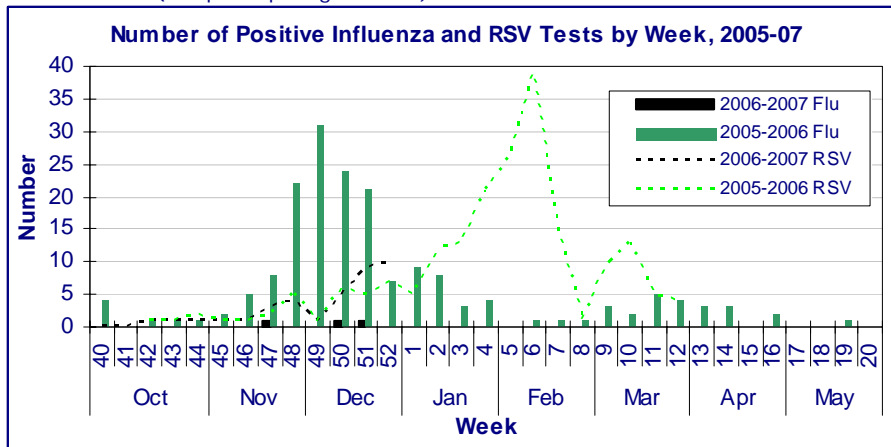
<http://lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm>

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*	Week 52	To Date
Positive Influenza Tests±	0	3
Positive RSV Tests±	10	37
Hospitalized Adult Influenza Cases±	0	1
Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases	0 (0) <sup>†</sup>	1 (0) <sup>†</sup>
Influenza Vaccines Administered (PH)	--	89,298

\*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

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

## Announcements

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

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

- **NEW JCAHO STANDARD**  
 Requires accredited organizations to provide influenza vaccine to staff (effective as of January 1, 2007).
- **NEW CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL INFLUENZA LAW: JULY 1, 2007**  
 Requires 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/izgrou/p/shared/hospital\\_influenza\\_law.htm](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/izgrou/p/shared/hospital_influenza_law.htm)

## In the News

### Oseltamivir (Tamiflu®) Warning:

The FDA has updated the oseltamivir label to include precautions about neuropsychiatric events. For more information:  
[http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2006/Tamiflu\\_dhcp\\_letter.pdf](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2006/Tamiflu_dhcp_letter.pdf)

## Influenza Activity: CA & USA

From 12/17-12/23/06 (week 51), influenza activity **increased** in the United States. Outpatient influenza-like illness (ILI) was above baseline for the second consecutive week.

Influenza activity in California during this week was low and **sporadic** (sporadically occurring ILI or laboratory-confirmed influenza with no outbreaks detected).

For more information see the weekly 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)